

## NEEDS OF THE POOREST AMONG US – 3/29/11

My name is Stuart Hersh, and like most in Austin, I rent.

Tonight I ask you to prioritize the scarce federal and local resources for housing for the poorest among us by posting the following items on next month's Community Development Commission's agenda and acting on these posted items at your next meeting:

1. Create a highest priority for allocation of CDBG and other local resources for the priorities identified in the Housing Repair Coalition Report.
2. Create a highest priority for allocation of federal and non-federal funds to implement the recommendations of the CHDO Roundtable Report.
3. Create a highest priority for the funding for the two rental housing developments that met RHDA scoring threshold in 2010/2011 but were not fully funded due to budget constraints.
4. Make all other housing and non-housing programs not referenced above lower funding priorities in FY 2011/2012.
5. Recommend restoring the Housing Trust Fund to \$1,000,000 in FY 2011/2012.
6. Recommend 30% MFI and 50% MFI rental housing goals in the Downtown Plan that can be achieved either on-site or on sites within two miles of Downtown and allocate infrastructure and other resources to underwrite these goals.
7. Recommend that the University Neighborhood Overlay ordinance be amended to include a Cost of Living Index and that the Planning Commission initiate stakeholder meetings and public hearing on code amendments that are impediments to deeper levels of housing affordability and longer term housing affordability in this neighborhood located west of IH 35 that meets the goals of geographic dispersion, deeper affordability, and longer term affordability first proposed by the Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force.
8. Recommend that the Planning Commission initiate stakeholder meetings and public hearings for Land Development Code amendments to promote the achievement of housing affordability in the Rainey Street district; Transit Oriented Districts; Vertical Mixed Use Development; potential single-family development sites that currently have improvements; potential multi-family sites that currently have improvements; the Community Preservation and Revitalization Zone; and the Homestead Preservation District.