



November 3, 2023

Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners
18500 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33950

Re: Live Local Act

Dear Commissioners,

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) has reviewed and discussed the Live Local Act in some detail and considered its impact on Charlotte County. At the most recent regular meeting held 10.25.2023, while reviewing affordable housing incentive strategies and considering recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners, the topic was raised again. The AHAC recommends that the County undertake advocacy efforts to have the Live Local Act amended to ensure the affordability of rental housing developed under its provisions.

Currently, the Live Local Act offers tax exemptions and other flexibilities and incentives for the development of rental properties dedicated to persons or households whose incomes are no more than 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The AHAC believes that strategy should be expanded to incentivize a mix of affordability, requiring the inclusion of units reserved for low-income (<80% AMI), very low-income (<50% AMI), and extremely low-income (<30% AMI) persons or households. While workforce housing is a need, affordable housing is a critical need. The current language of the Act does not address the critical need.

Thank you for the opportunity to review, discuss, and make a recommendation to the Board and County Administration on the Live Local Act as a legislative priority.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Pentelecuc".

Kurt Pentelecuc, Vice Chairperson
Charlotte County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee