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Subject: RE: Two Cents for Housing

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Hemminger, Council Members, Manager Jones and Director Vinas (and please forward to the Housing Advisory Board),

We are writing you on behalf of the [Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition](#) (OCAHC), an association of non-profit housing developers, service providers, advocacy groups, and other partners working together to provide housing opportunities for all in the community. Our mission is to advocate for the creation and preservation of safe, dignified,

affordable housing in Orange County. We know this is a mission many of you support regularly in your role as local government leaders, and we hope you will further the mission at this critical time of the year: the FY22-23 budget development process.

You can learn a lot about a community's priorities by seeing how its resources are allocated, and this is certainly true for affordable housing; government investments are essential to affordable housing creation and preservation. OCAHC asks each jurisdiction in Orange County to dedicate *at minimum two cents* of the property tax rate in the FY22-23 budget for funding affordable housing (not including funds spent on local government staffing). These two pennies of the tax rate should be spent on new housing development, preservation of existing units, owner-occupied repair programs, rental vouchers, and various other housing creation and preservation programs.

Some local jurisdictions have dedicated one penny or slightly more in past years, but to the best of our knowledge only Carrboro is providing even a full penny at present. Local funding is needed now more than ever given skyrocketing costs and the ongoing affordable housing crisis, for which ARPA and other federal funds are only part of the solution. We commend you for what you already do to support affordable housing in Orange County and look forward to your jurisdiction including *two cents for housing* in the FY22-23 budget.

In partnership,

Dan Levine, OCAHC 2021-22 Co-Chair
Kimberly Sanchez, OCAHC 2022-23 Co-Chair