



# Texas Housing Group

Big Texas City Legislative Housing Initiatives

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# Who is Texas Housing Group?

## Coalition of 6 Housing Departments & Affiliate Non-profits

*THG's mission is to conduct shared learning and create a **community of practice** to **develop a unified voice** and **collective advocacy** to meet the housing needs of Texans. The coalition will function as a peer network for affordable housing leaders in Texas with a vision of housing affordability for all Texans.*

- Houston
- Dallas
- San Antonio
- Austin
- Fort Worth
- El Paso
  
- TACDC
- LISC – Houston
- Housing Works Austin

# Shared Issues & Topics Relevant to THG Members & Affiliates

Large HUD  
entitlements &  
programs

Homelessness &  
extreme poverty

Transit-oriented  
development

Fast growing  
populations

Housing  
developer/CDC/  
CHDO  
capacity building

Local revenue  
sources for  
affordable  
housing

Building efficient  
City internal  
systems &  
processes



# Legislative Initiatives

Two Mile  
Same Year  
Rule

Limit  
"Foreign"  
HFCs

Prioritize  
Viable  
4% LIHTC  
Applications

# Two Mile – Same Year Rule

[Tex. Gov't Code](#)

[§2306.6711\(f\)](#) contains a rule that within the same year, no 9% tax credit award can be made to developments within two miles of each other.

# Limit "Foreign" HFCs

[Tex. Local Gov't Code §394.9035](#) does not include explicit language that prevents a local Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) from operating in the jurisdiction of another HFC.



# Prioritize Viable 4% Applications

Revisions are needed to [Texas Government Code §1372.0321](#) to require *additional* criteria for bond issuers or the Bond Review Board regarding annual lottery bond applications (4% tax credit development).

# Legislative Approach

- Meet & collaborate with the **Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)** to write effective legislation and understand impact;
  - Met with TDHCA in June to share our legislative priorities
- Gather support from statewide housing advocates like **TACDC, TAAHP, TALHFA**
  - Met with all groups and provided our legislative initiatives
- Ensure the **TML Big City Lobby Group** is aware of our concerns
  - Working on this!
- Track legislation & coordinate responses with our City Legislative/Governmental Affairs staff
- Work to be responsive to issues and legislation that impacts big cities



# Thank You!

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