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RE: Housing Programs Authorized by Texas Local Government Code Sec. 381.003

Dear Attorney General Paxton:

This letter serves as a request for your review of the ability of Texas counties to pursue housing programs. The specific questions we submit for your consideration are as follows:

- 1. Are counties prohibited from using property taxes to directly assist a homeowner in the rehabilitation of his/her home?
- 2. Are counties prohibited from using property taxes to directly subsidize the construction of single-family or multi-family housing?
- 3. What types of housing programs are authorized by Texas Local Government Code Sec. 381,003?

I would appreciate your assistance in providing legal guidance regarding the foregoing questions about Texas counties' participation in housing programs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact me or my office if you have any additional questions.

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