

Tonia Lediju
Acting Executive Director & Transition lead
Housing Authority of the City and County of San Francisco

Dear Tonia Lediju,

We are writing this letter in regards to a letter sent to the United Front Against Displacement on March 19th from SFHA, FacesSF, and Mercy Housing about our recent organizing efforts. This letter asked that organizers of the UFAD cease visiting our community and talking to tenants. The SFHA misrepresented recent efforts by tenants to organize against the redevelopment project, calling our efforts "harassment". This misrepresentation is particularly shocking given that tenants have sent your office a petition on February 15th, signed by over a hundred tenants, voicing opposition to the HOPE SF's privatization of Sunnydale that is destroying our homes and building private units we don't want to move into. We will continue to organize with our neighbors to demand what is in our best interests.

Signed,
Tenants of Sunnydale

Tonia Lediju
Director Ejecutivo Interino & Plomo de transición
Autoridad de Vivienda de la Ciudad y Condado de San Francisco

Tonia Lediju,

Escribimos esta carta con respecto a una carta enviada al Frente Unido contra el Desplazamiento en 19 de Marzo por SFHA, FacesSF, y Mercy Housing sobre nuestro reciente trabajo organizando. Esta carta solicitó que los organizadores de la UFAD dejen de visitar nuestra comunidad y de hablar con los inquilinos. La SFHA tergiversó los esfuerzos recientes de los inquilinos para organizarse en contra del proyecto de redesarrollo, llamando a nuestros esfuerzos "acoso". Esta tergiversación es particularmente impactante dado que los inquilinos enviaron una petición a su oficina el 15 de febrero, firmado por más de cien inquilinos, expresando oposición a la privatización de Sunnydale por parte de HOPE SF que está destruyendo nuestras casas y construyendo unidades privadas a las que no queremos mudarnos. Seguiremos organizándonos con nuestros vecinos para exigir lo que más nos conviene.

Firmado,
Los Residentes de Sunnydale



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Tonia Lediju, PhD
Acting Executive Director
Transition Lead

VIA E-MAIL

March 19, 2021

Attention: [REDACTED]
United Front Against Displacement
wewontgo@riseup.net

Re: Notice to Cease Harassing Housing Authority Residents and Service Providers

[REDACTED]

The Housing Authority of the City and County of San Francisco (Authority) has recently been contacted by residents and service providers of the Sunnydale Public Housing Development who informed the Authority that you and representatives of your organization have been knocking on tenants' doors approximately every other day for weeks, and have continued even after our tenants have repeatedly requested you to stop.

The Authority has also been informed that representatives affiliated with your organization have continuously harassed, badgered, disturbed, and annoyed both our tenants and service providers while they are in and around the Sunnydale public housing development. Moreover, we are receiving reports that your organization is interfering with the distribution of services from our providers to our residents who need these services that include but are not limited to food security.

As the owner of the property, the Authority has an affirmative obligation to ensure that no party interferes with a resident's right to quiet enjoyment of their home, as well as the common area owned by the Authority. Any actions by your organization which violates this covenant will not be permitted and the Authority will take necessary enforcement action.

The Authority is hereby demanding that your organization and its representatives immediately refrain from harassing residents and service providers. Failure to do so will result in the Authority contacting the San Francisco Police Department in compliance with California Penal Code section 602.

You may comply with this notice by:

- 1) Refraining from knocking on individual tenant doors in the Sunnydale or Potrero public housing developments once any member of the household has asked you to refrain from doing so or from returning to their unit.

- 2) Refraining from providing flyers to our residents participating in the food security program or any other resident events in the Sunnydale or Potrero public housing developments. This does not apply to activities conducted on public sidewalks, public streets, or other public areas owned by the City and County of San Francisco.
- 3) Refraining from following, harassing, badgering, disturbing, annoying, bothering, agitating, or pestering our residents or our service providers as they are entering or exiting their units or the common areas owned by the Authority.

Failure to comply with this notice will result in the Authority pursuing other remedies, including but not limited to contacting the San Francisco Police Department and instructing residents to do the same.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tonia Lediju', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tonia Lediju
Acting Executive Director and Transition Lead
Housing Authority of the City and County of San Francisco

CC: Mercy Housing California
Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Access Point



March 19th, 2021

Tonia Lediju
Acting Director
San Francisco Housing Authority
1815 Egbert Ave
San Francisco CA 94134

Dear Ms. Lediju,

We are writing to express our support for the Housing Authority's (SFHA) demand to the United Front Against Displacement and its representatives that they immediately refrain from harassing residents and service providers who live and/or work at the Sunnydale Public Housing Development, which is SFHA property.

Now in existence for over 130 years, FacesSF continues to strive to expand our programs and offerings to the community. It is our mission to "nurture, teach, and empower San Francisco's underserved children and families to transform their lives." FacesSF manages the Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Access Point (VVNAP). Job-training and job placement efforts are extremely effective ways to eradicate poverty, support healthy families, and create strong communities.

The VVNAP services the entire San Francisco area; and there has been specific focus on Sunnydale Housing Residents. The first phase of demolition of the Sunnydale Housing began in 2017. In preparation, a Sunnydale Collective Impact Group (CIG) was formed and comprised of 14 programs/partners. The CIG broke into 2 initial workgroups: Workforce and Mental Health. As the Workforce Director of the VVNAP, Susan Murphy became the Co-Chair for the Workforce workgroup under David Fernandez, Transformation Project Director of Mercy Housing. VVNAP took lead in the workforce component. Each partner in the collaborative provided their comprehensive scope of service to mitigate barriers for the residents (e.g. outreach/recruitment, assessment (behavioral health, economic workforce), training, data/reporting and individual planning/intensive case management.

In anticipation of the needs of the residents for housing sustainability, the CIG coordinated efforts and ramped up programs. It had been estimated that approximately 800 residents would need jobs but not necessarily job ready. VVNAP was responsible in creating a pipeline of work ready candidates before ground was broken. For example, 50 plus slots were designated specifically to Sunnydale Residents for First Source contracting for construction jobs. We made sure that those slots were filled by the residents. In order to do that, intensive case management was needed to be provided which included barrier mitigation (drivers license, obtain social security cards, initial/pay back union dues, work equipment – boots, tools, belts, etc...), certified job training and a data base compiled of current residents and their employment skill set.

In a continuous coordinated effort, there has been ongoing wrap around services provided with the best interest of the residents by the neighborhood Community Based Organizations in Sunnydale, most who hire from the community. Therefore, the resources and referrals are specific to the needs of the community as guided by the residents and on the ground -front line workers. Director Susan Murphy has been in planning stages for the ramp up since 10 years ago. The fruition of that planning was

activated 5 years ago. FacesSF is truly invested in our mission statement. It is very disheartening that UFAD has not taken into consideration all the pre and current work that has been done to ensure equity, respect for the residents with the goal of a less traumatic transition for housing and the number one goal to prevent displacement.

In Community,

Susan Murphy

Susan Murphy

Director of Workforce Development Program

Lawland Long

Lawland Long

Chief Executive Officer



March 17, 2021

Tonia Lediju
Acting Director
San Francisco Housing Authority
1815 Egbert Ave
San Francisco CA 94134

Dear Ms. Lediju:

I am writing to express our support for the Housing Authority's (SFHA) demand to the United Front Against Displacement and its representatives that they immediately refrain from harassing residents and service providers who live and/or work at the Sunnydale Public Housing Development, which is SFHA property.

Mercy Housing California staff working at Sunnydale since 2009, some of whom are Sunnydale residents, are committed to the principle that residents have the right to ask questions and obtain accurate information so that they can make the best decisions for their families. We are also committed to providing residents with the support they request and connecting them to services, including legal representation, so that they can retain their affordable housing and prepare for their move to a newly constructed apartment. We work in partnership with other community based organizations, service providers, legal and housing advocates to prevent resident displacement. This work has been interrupted by UFAD's harassment of residents, some of whom are deeply affected by this behavior in their residential community. We have heard reports from residents that UFAD has not respected the wishes of residents that have asked them not to come to their door, and instead UFAD has persisted despite those requests from residents.

Sincerely,

David Fernandez

David Fernandez
Transformation Project Director

Mercy Housing California

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