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From: Jack Johnson [mailto:writejacknow@yahoo.com]
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To: Marilyn R Marks; J.E. DeVilbiss
Subject: RE: Enforcement of Housing Qualifications+ 2 Suggestions

Ms. Marks

I apologize for the tardiness of my reply. I think I understood you perfectly well the first time round actually. I appreciate you think the system is in need of overhaul, I once thought the same and perhaps worse. Then I educated myself as to the process and learned of the real need for the program and I realized that, all in all and while certainly not perfect, it works well.

It was part of the shift in perspective I had to go through to understand the town that I'd moved to and its particular needs and circumstances. A shift that over time has made me realize that the commonplace understanding of how I thought the world works and how governments should function was of precious little value here--in certain instances-- and that either my ideology could change or I could remain ignorant of the real problems this community faces. I sacrificed the received wisdom as it was of less value to me.

I mean what I say, I once thought as you know think, but I do so no longer. So please forgive me for acting upon what I do now think--that **attempts to overhaul how the system is administered are veiled attempts to undermine the system and put council, the housing office and the program off course.** If you have specific names of those abusing the system, please alert the housing office, I know for a fact they will act on those claims quickly and fully and I'll see they do so and all under the process now in place.

Regards

Jack Johnson

Marilyn Marks <marilynrmarks@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack,
 Thanks for your note.

I suppose I didn't communicate that very well.

What you suggest is not at all the kind of example I would want to set, or be proud of, or the way I would want to see the system to work. Just the opposite.

I was trying to suggest a more effective, realistic and predictable system which could be administered fairly and consistently.

One where there is a fair process established, communicated in advance, and a diligent, consistent methodology for following up on tip line complaints. A system

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