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To whomever it may concern,

I, Darin Veale, would like to take an opportunity to make a comment/suggestion in regards to the 2013 QAP for the LHFA. It is my understanding that the following information has been drafted for the 2013 point scoring system for developers.

**6. Minimum Internet/Cable Capacity Requirements:** All units must be equipped with networks to provide cable television, telephone and internet access in the living area and each bedroom. The following networks (combined or distinct) must be capable of being accessed and activated by tenants: (i) telephone network installed for phones using CAT5e or better wiring, (ii) network for data installed using CAT5e or better, networked from the unit back to a central location or similar configured wireless network and (iii) TV services network using COAX cable. The wiring for such networks should be available to tenants free of charge but tenants may be charged the actual fee incurred by the Taxpayer for activating and making available any services provided directly by the Project or through third party providers. The equivalent of wireless network access is acceptable.

In regards to affordable housing, how can we give incentives for developers and owners to provide Internet to their tenants (not just make the community accessible with the cabling)? In today's world, there are multiple avenues available to the developers and owners that make supplying bulk Internet extremely affordable. **The Internet is no longer a luxury. It is a necessity.**

Benefits to the residents:

1. Levels the playing field
  - a. Most job openings are posted online. Newspaper is a dying medium
  - b. Children need access to the Internet for schooling. Better means of gathering information.
  - c. Time management
2. Affordability
  - a. Fractions of the cost of major providers
3. Convenience and ease of transition.
  - a. Many major providers require a deposit for service if credit is less than perfect. Usually between \$100 - \$200
  - b. No credit checks
  - c. No missed work waiting on the cable/internet provider

We also envision that this ruling will help local tech companies not only with the initial installation but with ongoing maintenance issues as well. Therefore helping support the local economy. Thank you for taking the time to review my consideration. Should anyone be interested in discussing the subject further, please feel free to contact me any time. My contact information is below.

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