



August 28, 2026

Dear Andrew Quinio,

Thank you for your letter dated July 20, 2026. This letter acknowledges that the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods has received your correspondence.

As part of the Department's ongoing review of its programs and application processes, the Department has reevaluated certain elements of its program materials and will be making adjustments to those processes. For example, as a result of that internal review, the Department will no longer assign priority status to program applicants based on race or ethnicity. This change will be reflected in the online application materials. The Department will also no longer require applicants to acknowledge the statements of principles referenced in your letter.

These adjustments reflect the Department's own internal review and deliberations regarding its program processes and communications.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Quynh Pham", written in a cursive style.

Quynh Pham

Director

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods