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From: Rochon, Jake PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 2:46 PM
To: OHCS Correspondence Unit OHCS:EX
Subject: PO log 682854 s.22
Attachments: FW: New submission from Contact Your Constituency Office

Hello Nikki! I have an email here about a renoviction/BC housing subsidy case... Would you be able to action this for a response, please? Thanks for your help!

Jake Rochon

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From: Clark.MLA, Christy LASS:EX
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 12:47 PM
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Subject: FW: New submission from Contact Your Constituency Office

From: s.22
Sent: March 1, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Clark.MLA, Christy
Subject: New submission from Contact Your Constituency Office

Name
s.22
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Comments & Feedback
<p>Hello;</p> <p>My name is s.22 and I live a s.22 s.22 was recently sold and went from being a non profit bldg. to for profit, privately owned. I am writing on behalf of a number of tenants living in the bldg. who are on Provincial Disability and were receiving BC Housing subsidies to help with their rent. When the bldg. was sold, they lost their subsidy. Why? These people are now faced with eviction. They are not eligible for SAFER. There are at least a dozen and maybe as high as 20 people affected. I can't believe a govt that would give a person a disability allowance would then let that person be turfed out to the street. That's a pretty big crack in the system. But that's the reality of it and things must change before the end of March 2017. I hope you will step up to the plate and help these people. Thank you.</p> <p>s.22</p>



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s.22

Dear s.22

Premier Christy Clark has asked me to respond to your March 1, 2017 email regarding s.22 located in Kelowna.

BC Housing is the provincial crown agency responsible for the delivery and administration of subsidized housing in the province. In this capacity, BC Housing has operating agreements with non-profit housing providers which sets out the amount, duration and conditions of the subsidy provided by the provincial or federal governments, or both.

Across Canada many of these projects have operating agreements that are expiring. In British Columbia, project operating agreements representing almost 30,000 units will expire by the year 2033, with 5,900 happening between March 2015 and March 2020.

To assist non-profits with expiring operating agreements, BC Housing developed a guide and has also been working closely with the boards to ensure the long-term viability of each development. I understand that your development, s.22 was sold to a for profit company when the operating agreement expired.

In your email you raise a concern that when the development sold, some tenants in the building lost their subsidy. I was pleased to hear that staff from BC Housing recently met with the tenants to provide them with options.

If you or any of your neighbours have any further questions or concerns, you may wish to contact the Housing Inquiry Line by calling 604-433-2218 or toll free at 1-800-257-7756.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Coleman
Minister and Deputy Premier

cc: Premier Christy Clark

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