



**Board of Commissioners – October 25, 2024
Public Comment Session**

1	Name/Organization	Mr. Jerry Galvin Guzman
	Comment	<p>My rent needs to be adjusted accurately. My rent and income don't match. I can't pay my light bill. I'll buy a generator and make my own light.</p> <p>CHA, please stop taking our social security increases. We are making money to support Lathrop Homes. It is not right</p>
	CHA Response	<p>Thank you for your comment. CHA's portfolio manager met with you again at the October Board meeting and explained that changes in income result in changes in how rent is calculated in an income-based rental assistance program. Related Midwest has also changed how it applies its utility allowance for the property. CHA staff also engaged our Resident Services support to assist you further.</p>
2	Name/Organization	Mr. Robert Davidson
	Comment	<p>We shouldn't be timed to speak. I used to be the president of Lathrop Homes about 3 or 4 years ago. I would like a copy of those meeting minutes. I want to know who signed Lathrop residents over to Related Midwest. What happened to all of the money, and the documents of the new people that took over. Related Management Co lied to us.</p> <p>People want to co-op; they want to buy their units. Rent is being raised a few times a year. I get an increase from Social Security, and then CHA takes it. Where is our money going, and we need to know what's happening to them. We don't have leadership over there. I want to be the spokesperson for Lathrop Homes.</p>
	CHA Response	<p>Thank you for your comment, Mr. Davison. Staff met you at the Board meeting and provided your written materials to the Board Secretary. Lathrop Homes does not plan to become a co-op. If you are interested in homeownership options, please get in touch with CHA's Resident Services department. Staff are meeting with you regarding the utility adjustments, and CHA is working to schedule a meeting with the residents of Lathrop Homes soon.</p>
3	Name/Organization	Juanita Stevenson



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	<p>Comment</p> <p>I filed a police report because my son had a locker here for 5 years. When I went down in September, everything was taken. Police told me to talk to management. Police said there’s nothing they can do because there are no cameras in the storage room. I told management what the police said, and if they would rewind to the date, I filed the police report, to the day I thought the burglary took place, but management said I couldn’t see the footage. I called CHA and talked to several people.</p> <p>I spoke to Lathrop management, but nobody knows anything about his belongings. We need an investigation of management at Lathrop Homes. Later that month, locks were cut off all storage units.</p>
	<p>CHA Response</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. CHA staff worked with Related Midwest management to conduct a storage room audit on October 31. Camera footage was not available to confirm how and who removed items from the locker. The final recommendation will be to offer a rent credit. CHA is requesting Related Midwest to adjust its storage locker policy to ensure clear instructions on how residents are notified and specific guidance to residents should they fail to respond.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Name/Organization</p> <p>Mr. Tony Stevenson</p>
	<p>Comment</p> <p>I’m a resident of Lathrop Homes. I’m here today because I received a termination letter because supposedly, I let a barred individual in my apartment. I never received a letter stating that my visitor was barred. I was told that management wanted to get rid of the Stevenson family.</p> <p>Related held my keys even though rent was paid along with security deposit by CHA on my behalf.</p>
	<p>CHA Response</p> <p>Thank you for your comment. CHA’s HCV staff explained that the property owner gave you a non-renewal, which is their right, and provided adequate notice. You can obtain housing outside of Lathrop Homes, and CHA staff is offering assistance locating another unit.</p>