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Dear Click or tap here to enter text.:

I write to request a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3604(f)(3)(B) and the Arizona Fair Housing Act (collectively, the “FHA”), and under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). Under the ADA and Section 504, the term reasonable modification is used.

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I have a disability as defined under the FHA, ADA, and Section 504 and because of my disability I need a reasonable accommodation of the public housing authority’s rules, practices, and policies. The disability is Click or tap here to enter text.. Choose an item.

Please approve the following reasonable accommodation(s) so that I may enjoy full enjoyment of the premise Choose an item. Click or tap here to enter text.

I need the requested accommodation because Click or tap here to enter text..

Here is the legal basis for my request. Under Title II of the ADA, “[n]o qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity. 28 C.F.R. § 35.130(a). Nor may “[a] public entity, in providing any aid, benefit, or service, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, on the basis of disability—[d]eny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service. 28 C.F.R. § 35.130(b)(1). Public entities, such as public housing authorities, must take appropriate steps to ensure that communications with applicants, participants, members of the public, and companions with disabilities are as effective as communications with others. 28 C.F.R. § 35.160(a)(1). Appropriate steps include providing appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford qualified individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, a service, program, or activity of the public housing authority. 28 C.F.R. § 35.160(b)(1). Section 504 has similar requirements.

The FHA makes it unlawful to either: (1) “discriminate in the sale or rental [of], or to otherwise make unavailable or deny, a dwelling” to a disabled person, 42 U.S.C. § 3604(f)(1); or (2) “discriminate against any [disabled] person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling.” 42 U.S.C. § 3604(f)(2). Discrimination includes “a refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford [a disabled] person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.” 42 U.S.C. § 3604(f)(3)(B). The Arizona FHA is substantially equivalent to the FHA.

Accommodations include providing auxiliary aids and services. Specifically, HUD states: “[t]he Fair Housing Act makes it illegal for housing providers to refuse to make reasonable accommodations, including taking steps that may be necessary to ensure effective communications with individuals with disabilities”. See [Effective Communication | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/effective_communication). Examples of taking steps to ensure effective communication can include providing real time captioning—with an in-person or remote captioner, offering sign language interpreters, providing written materials in large print or Braille, and other similar actions. It is unlawful to refuse to make a reasonable accommodation when the accommodation is necessary to afford a person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. See *Gamble v. City of Escondido,* 104 F.3d 300, 305 (9th Cir. 1997); *see also* 24 C.F.R § 100.204.

Please respond in writing to my reasonable accommodation request within seven calendar days. Prior to any decision to deny this reasonable accommodation request, please engage in the interactive process to discuss the request. If you need any additional information to consider my reasonable accommodation request, please inform me in writing.

I look forward to your response and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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