



Testimony on City Council Resolution #250221

**Condemning Cuts to HUD
Before City Council Stated Meeting
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Good morning Council President Johnson and members of City Council. My name is Garrett O'Dwyer and I am the Associate Policy Director for the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations (PACDC). Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Resolution #250221 condemning staffing and budget cuts at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PACDC is the leading voice of non-profit community development organizations in Philadelphia, and our members are responsible for addressing key affordable housing needs across the City.

We know the importance of having an adequately staffed and funded HUD, and the important role these professionals play in administering programs and funding. It is through partnerships with public servants at all levels of government that we have made significant progress towards building a more equitable Philadelphia. We share your outrage at these proposed cuts – they are cruel and senseless.

Now is a time for strong local leadership to defend our affordable housing gains, and protect our most vulnerable and at-risk residents. PACDC and our membership stand ready to work with you to ensure that the work continues whatever may come.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify,

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