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By mail
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Mr. Henry M. Williams
Chair
Charleston Housing Authority
550 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC, 29403

Re: Commissioner Mrs. Cynthia G. Hurd

Dear Mr. Williams:

I write on the sorrowful occasion of the racist and terrorist murder of nine people at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in your city of Charleston. The victims include Mrs. Cynthia G. Hurd. Among her many gifts to your community, we read that Mrs. Hurd was a Commissioner of the Charleston Housing Authority. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Tacoma Housing Authority, I write in sadness and solidarity to let you know that we are thinking of you.

We do not know each other, and we are far away. Yet from across the country we can recognize in you, the Charleston Housing Authority, and in Mrs. Hurd, a mission like our own. We engage in the same struggle to overcome the same history, and hold the same faith that this housing work we all share is part of that struggle, and critical to its chances.

Certainly, this is a hard time for you, your fellow commissioners, and the staff of the Charleston Housing Authority. To the extent that our assurance would be of any comfort to you all, please know that all of you stand clearly in the thoughts of your colleagues from Tacoma, Washington.

Cordially,

TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stanley Rumbaugh", is written over the printed name and title.

Stanley Rumbaugh
Chair