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H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone, Inc.) has received an actual, bona fide audit confirming that all state and federal taxpayer funds were properly accounted for, and that the allegations of Clerk of Courts Dwight Brock are wholly false.

MRW Consulting Group, Inc., a widely recognized and respected forensic accounting firm, has issued its audit report today. A copy is attached. It describes the assignment it undertook specifically:

MRW was engaged to complete an independent audit of program income and expenses related to the Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone, Inc. (HOME) purchase, rehabilitation and resale of foreclosed properties partially funded by federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds.

This complete audit was necessitated by malicious and politically motivated statements from Clerk of Court Dwight Brock made in 2014 concerning the affordable housing project successfully undertaken by H.O.M.E. in 2008 and 2009 to place low and very low income families into decent homes. H.O.M.E. used private funds, state grant funds (SHIP) and federal grant funds (CDBG) to achieve its goals. Clerk Brock wrongly suggested misuse of the state and federal funds, wrongly suggested withholding of documents and wrongly accused good citizens of misconduct in connection with the charitable efforts of H.O.M.E.

Specific findings of the one and only actual audit include:

H.O.M.E. invested a total of \$330,527 in private funds to purchase houses for the program. Therefore, any CDBG funds retained as a subsidy to buy down the mortgages at resale would have been offset.

H.O.M.E. incurred indirect costs in the execution of the program that are

eligible for reimbursement.

The project did not generate any program income.

Mr. Engel resigned from HOME's board prior to the award of SHIP funds to be utilized in the project. Mr. Engel rejoined the board in April 2010 after the project had been fully completed.

Conclusions reached in the audit include:

H.O.M.E. purchased a total of seven homes that were partially funded by CDBG. HOME purchased an additional six homes with private funds. HOME then rehabilitated and resold all 13 homes. Rehabilitation was funded in part by SHIP funds.

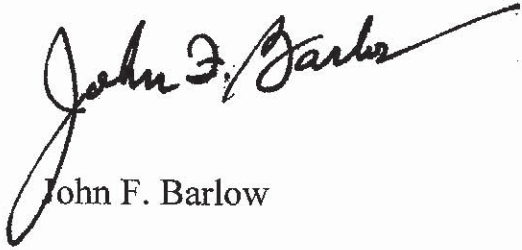
H.O.M.E. properly accounted for all CDBG and SHIP funds expended under the agreements.

H.O.M.E. provided all required documentation to Collier County HHVS to support expenses.

H.O.M.E. Vice-President, and major benefactor, John Barlow financed the MRW audit in order to clear the reputations of H.O.M.E.'s board members, and his own, all of which were seriously harmed by the false allegations emanating from Clerk Brock. According to Mr. Barlow:

“Mr. Brock’s false allegations are now fully exposed. He has been on this witch hunt ever since his superficial review of the Blocker settlement was brought to light back in April of 2013. I personally, as well as other members of the H.O.M.E. board, have been the victims of his vendetta. At great personal cost I now have confirmation by a reputable, independent accounting firm that H.O.M.E. properly spent state and federal funds, properly documented and accounted for those funds years ago, and no conflict of interest was ever present with respect to the use of SHIP funds or CDBG funds. Mr. Brock, after publically trashing our integrity, and threatening us with sending his false report to “law enforcement,” has instead done nothing, obviously satisfied that his damage to us in the press met his needs. H.O.M.E. will be sending the entirety of these circumstances to H.U.D. to further clear our names, and to see if Mr. Brock has himself

committed wrongdoing by unfairly and unjustly using his office to persecute H.O.M.E., its board and me.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature reads "John F. Barlow" and features a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

John F. Barlow