

## For Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 24-01, Household Living - Civic and Institutional Uses

To prevent abuse by faith communities when partnering with government to reduce homelessness, cities can implement several practical solutions:

1. **\*\*Clear Guidelines and Oversight\*\***: Establish clear guidelines and oversight mechanisms to ensure that public funds are not used for inherently religious activities. This can include strict delineation of allowable uses of funds and regular audits to ensure compliance.
2. **\*\*Transparent Selection Process\*\***: Implement a transparent selection process for partnering with faith communities, ensuring that all interested organizations have equal opportunities to participate. This can help prevent favoritism and ensure that partnerships are based on merit and capability.
3. **\*\*Capacity Building Support\*\***: Provide support and resources to faith communities to enhance their organizational capacity, including training in financial management, real estate finance, and project management. This can help faith communities effectively manage housing projects and compete for funding on equal footing with secular nonprofits.
4. **\*\*Community Engagement and Education\*\***: Engage with the community to address any misconceptions or concerns about faith community involvement in housing projects. Conduct outreach and educational campaigns to promote understanding and acceptance of the partnerships.
5. **\*\*Clear Mission Alignment\*\***: Ensure that the missions of both the government and faith communities are aligned and clearly communicated. This can help prevent conflicts and ensure that partnerships are focused on shared goals, such as reducing homelessness and providing affordable housing.
6. **\*\*Accountability Measures\*\***: Implement accountability measures to ensure that faith communities fulfill their commitments and deliver services effectively. This can include regular reporting requirements, performance evaluations, and mechanisms for addressing complaints or grievances.
7. **\*\*Adherence to Legal Boundaries\*\***: Enforce adherence to legal boundaries separating religious activities from publicly funded services. Provide training and guidance to faith communities on these boundaries to prevent inadvertent violations.
8. **\*\*Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion\*\***: Promote diversity and inclusion in housing projects to ensure that benefits are equitably distributed among all community members, regardless of religious affiliation.

By implementing these practical solutions, cities can foster productive collaborations with faith communities while safeguarding against potential abuse or misuse of public funds.