

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Open Communities Alliance, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
Development and Ben Carson,

Defendants.

Civ. Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION OF TIARA MOORE**

1. My name is Tiara Moore. I am a plaintiff in the above captioned case. I am renting a house at 5841 W. Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60644, where I live with my 11 month old daughter. My rent is \$400 per month, which I pay without government assistance. TM
2. I am African American. I am 32 years old.
3. I am currently employed part time as a Bus Aide at Chicago Public Schools. My monthly gross income is \$1,500. Paying my market-rate rent without government assistance has been a great hardship for my family.
4. I was issued a voucher on July 28th, 2017 from the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) for \$1,207. I was told that I had to find housing using that voucher by 12/13/17 or it would expire. TM
5. Although I currently live in Chicago, I do not want to stay there. My current neighborhood, Austin, has very high crime rates and I would like to move to a safer neighborhood with my daughter. I also want to move to an area that will provide my daughter better educational and other opportunities as she gets older.
6. I asked for my voucher to be transferred to DuPage County so that I could seek housing there. I wanted to live there not only because it is an area that has better schools and otherwise provides more opportunity, but also because my mom lives there. She takes

care of my baby so I can work. Right now I have to travel to DuPage County to drop off my daughter and then back into Chicago for my job every morning. It would make my life much easier if I lived closer to my mom.

7. When I looked in DuPage, I couldn't find a suitable two-bedroom apartment or house for the \$1,200 my voucher covers. Everything I saw was way more expensive than that. My understanding is that the new small area fair market rents would make the value of my voucher much higher in DuPage County, so I could obtain housing there.
8. I got frustrated with trying to find something in DuPage and didn't want my voucher to expire, so I called and asked to send my voucher back to CHA.
9. I would still like to live in DuPage if HUD changes the rents so I can afford to live there. I have been told that HUD is supposed to change the rents on January 1, 2018 but may not do so. If it does not, that will be a great hardship for me, since if I want to use my voucher I will be forced to sign a one-year lease in Chicago, where I do not want to stay.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: Juan M. S. M.

Date executed: 10/10/17