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**Subject:** Re: [External] Access to Zoom meeting

Good evening Ms. Lee.

First, please thank Ms. Watson, Mr. Hutto and all the team members for listening to our comments.

[REDACTED]. Hardeeville will donate the land, including a private landowner's contribution to a 70 unit project that can only succeed with a LITHC award. We need this housing for our downtown residents who still earn near or below the poverty rate. Averages do not tell the story. Our new residents over the past 10 years are retirees with more expensive homes and higher incomes. Overall our average age is 59.7. These averages do not tell the story of what we lovingly refer to as "old Hardeeville".

To summarize our comments:

1. Jasper County, despite being the fastest growing area in SC hasn't benefited from a tax credit allocation for new construction in 17 years. We ask that you make whatever changes to the scoring criteria that are necessary so that Jasper County has an opportunity to put forth projects that can be competitive in the scoring. Perhaps add points for each year without an award.
2. Remove the Distance to Drug Stores as a point scoring criteria or in lieu of this increase the distance for Group B Counties to 10 miles..
3. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Jasper County has the 2nd highest job growth rate in the state for the period of 2014 thru 2024. Please consider using this data set in lieu of the current one for job growth scoring.
4. Upon review of the recent awards in the "B" category, two went to Sumter with a population of 104,000 and 42,000 in the town of Sumter. One each went to Orangeburg (82,000 population), and Cherokee (56,000). Jasper is 35,000 and still so rural it is difficult to compete even in this category. Perhaps a "C" category would accomplish a more even distribution of awards across the state.

I will finish this as I began last Monday. I respectfully ask for your help.

Thank you again.

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