

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: March 3, 2009

TITLE: A Resolution Calling Upon President Obama To Issue An Executive Order That Would Prohibit Discrimination In Federally-Assisted Housing On The Basis Of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity Or Gender Expression

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| DEPARTMENT: MANAGER'S OFFICE | PUBLIC HEARING: NO |
| ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution | FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Alderman Dan Coleman |

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider a resolution calling upon President Obama to issue an Executive Order that would prohibit discrimination in Federally-assisted housing on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

INFORMATION

The Board of Aldermen passed a resolution on February 17, 2009 to request that the Town's legislative delegation introduce and support an amendment to the Town Charter that would add sexual orientation, gender identification and gender expression to the list of bases upon which the Board may, by ordinance, prohibit housing discrimination. This resolution would call on President Obama to include similar language in the Federal Fair Housing Act.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that the Board consider the attached resolution calling upon President Obama to issue an Executive Order that would prohibit discrimination in Federally-assisted housing on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.