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In its lengthy statement delivered after 5pm today, the Houston Housing Authority claims its TRANSPARENCY includes a “direct and exhaustive” response to the 13 Undercover investigation.

Let me share with you the whole story.

The Houston Housing Authority decided to use taxpayer funds to hire an outside law firm to respond to our requests for public information, and questions we had about the Scattered Sites program. Housing Chief of Staff Steve Mike Iman refused to speak with us during our first visit to their headquarters, and we were directed that he would not speak with us. We complained, both on the phone and in writing, that Mr. Mike Iman is paid \$117,000 in part to handle media relations. We further complained to the Office of Mayor White.

After our complaints, we were granted an interview with Horace Allison, the \$147,000 a year HHA Senior Vice President. We were not allowed to speak to Bill Ramey, who is directly responsible for the Scattered Sites program.

We also requested an on-camera interview with Ernie Etuk, the \$192,000 a year Chief Executive Officer of the Houston Housing Authority. That request was rejected by their lawyer.

And HUD, the federal agency responsible for this program? Well, they never called us back despite a full briefing on our investigation nearly four weeks ago.