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To whom it may concern,

I, Fiorella Badilla, wish to be considered for the vacancy on the Arlington Housing Authority Board.

I work as a nail technician one day a week at the South End MiniLuxe Salon location. I am passionate about finding affordable, sustainable ways to live everyday life. My favorite example of this is donating and collecting donations of clothing for myself and the homeless residing in the Central Sq. area.

As a resident of six years of AHA housing at Menotomy Manor, I have an understanding of the needs, struggles and aspirations of AHA tenants. I could make an important contribution to the work of the Board because of this knowledge and additionally bring to the Board the following:

- As a person from an Hispanic family, an understanding of the richness and challenges facing the immigrant community in AHA housing.
- My fluency in Spanish can expedite translation of policies, notices and other communications with Spanish speaking residents.
- Graduating from AHS in 2016, while an AHA tenant, allows me to inform the Board of ways to assist children at Menotomy Manor for advancing and achieving academic success.
- I am an organized and motivated worker. Being technologically comfortable and experienced has allowed me to excel in fast paced environments. This would be ideal for communication for all tenants.
- I am a fast and efficient learner. Retail experience for 10+ years has given me confidence to deal with many challenging people and situations, being aware that abeyance cannot ever be the answer.

While a member of the Board, I would like to improve communication between the board and AHA tenants; e.g., Email/mail notices of AHA Board Meetings and social events including Board members would be among the possibilities.

Even more critical would be to establish a structure where tenants can air their grievances, and receive a Board response within a timely manner. With this in mind, I am confident to continue to uphold the legacy of MassHousing recognition as one of the premier housing finance agencies in the country, along with the awards won for creativity and innovation. These are standards I would be proud to strive for on the Arlington Housing Authority Board.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. Please contact me if you wish additional information.

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