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These guidelines are designed to ensure the Forum is an enjoyable, beneficial and collaborative learning community for all our members. The Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation reserves the right to delete posts that do not comply with these guidelines, and block users who repeatedly violate them.

We want this to be a safe and informative place for everyone involved, please help us to keep it that way. By participating in the Forum, you are agreeing to comply with our guidelines, outlined below.

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Do:

- Advance learning by sharing your expertise and experiences in a thoughtful and informative manner.
- Be sincere in your contributions. Post with purpose - to inspire, enable or share with fellow professionals.
- Respect that other people have different points of view, styles and experiences. Don't take things personally.
- Welcome newcomers. We are grateful when another person joins the Forum and participates.
- Give feedback to your fellow members, and us, in a helpful and constructive manner.

- Lead by example. Add positive content that shares your opinion and experience, especially content that you think will be helpful to other members.
- Keep it legal. Don't get yourself into trouble by defaming others, plotting illegal activities, or posting other people's private information.
- Use common sense and balance when seeking advice.

Don'ts:

We do not allow content that contains any of the following:

- Rudeness, insults, personal attacks, threats or inflammatory comments
- Profanity
- Spam
- Promotion of violence, illegal or questionable activities
- Lewd comments, language or photos
- Misleading, off-topic or irrelevant information
- Disturbing material

What to Consider When Starting a Discussion

- Does my post spark conversation? The Discussions area is really for questions, sharing best practices and starting thoughtful conversation on issues.
- Do they know who I am? Introduce yourself. Forum members want to help fellow members. Starting your question with "Hi, this is [name] from [organization]" can go a long way.
- Am I giving enough information to react to? It's often most helpful when you can give a bit of background about the situation you're in. What have you tried so far? What's working or not working?

Reporting Abuse

Help us look after our members. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Sarah Ellinor at sellinor@tsahc.org.