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Subject: The last one bedroom at Beekman

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Hi Ms. Newman, hope you're having a good day! My name is [REDACTED] and my phone number is area code [REDACTED]. This email concerns the availability of apartment units at Beekman on Broadway in Ann arbor. You have always been very kind and straightforward with me, so I know you will in all honesty help clear up what is going on at Beekman on Broadway.

As you know, I applied for an apartment at Beekman on Broadway's phase 1 construction more than 2 years ago, but they were all taken. So I have been in waiting mode. Currently, I have been top of the affordable housing waiting list, and recently declined two available studio apartments at City Club Apartments in favor of the only one bedroom apartment available at Beekman on Broadway.

I have waited more than 5 months for this apartment to become available, and contacted Beekman numerous times questioning the ongoing construction process; it was my hope to at least get a viewing of the unit I would be renting, but month after month after month the availability and completion date of the apartment complex was changed.

Finally, I went in person to Beekman on Broadway (last Friday) and again requested if the second phase apartment building was complete enough to allow me to view the unit I would be renting. Amazingly, the community/leasing manager told me my unit had been rented out several days earlier to someone else!

I simply cannot express to you how stunned I was!

My question to you is WHEN or even IF you sent other people over to rent the apartment that I had stated was my choice. Who are they, and how did they obtain priority over me to even be allowed to rent the last and only Affordable Housing one-bedroom apartment that was available at Beekman on Broadway?

Please note, I expressed my interest in the apartment multiple times to the Beekman on Broadway staff; they were not waiting for me, I was waiting for THEM to began the leasing process and eventually make the apartment available to me. So I'm very puzzled as to how the apartment has been rented out from under me, while I have been in waiting mode for nearly half a year.

After I expressed my extreme displeasure with the leasing staff about the only one bedroom apartment being rented to another person, I was told that another Affordable Housing unit had suddenly become available.

Unfortunately, this unit was not a one-bedroom apartment, it was a studio. After viewing this studio I was extremely disappointed, because it was so tiny and incredibly small that it looked more like an infant child's nursery rather than an adult person's entire apartment home.

I told the staff I would consider renting this unit, (because I have nowhere else to go) and before close of business day I had been inundated with greetings and welcome emails from all three of the Beekman on Broadway rental staff.

I was told exactly what documentation they needed to complete the rental process, what financial requirements had to be met, and what to do if I did not meet their specific financial requirements. By the very next day I was receiving documentation and emails from them advising me the process was nearly complete, and they could actually send over a lease for me to sign to complete the rental process!

Please note: I questioned the leasing staff at the end of the day last Friday about my perceived discrepancies in their leasing procedures with respect to the Affordable Housing Program. Today is Wednesday, so we are currently only in day three of this business week, and yet the Beekman staff has communicated with me multiple times and believe it or not, they have made available and provided me with an actual lease to sign for the studio apartment they say suddenly became available.

Dealing with the Beekman on Broadway staff has been like a whirlwind of them trying to get me to sign a lease on the dotted line. So all of this helpful attitude and ability to get a tenant processed and approved for an apartment can happen in a matter of only a few days, right? Therefore, I wonder why all of this DID NOT happen 5 months ago or anytime in the interim since I originally stated to Beekman that I wished to rent the last one-bedroom apartment they had available.

I feel there is much more to this situation than meets the eye. In any case, I really need to speak with you prior, if it is your intent to contact Beekman on Broadway. You may reach me at [REDACTED]

Please give me a call whenever you're available, and help me understand what has happened here. Thank you so much and have a good day! Take care, [REDACTED]