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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & CIVIL JURISPRUDENCE

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Ashley Cavazos

Resident of Oak Forest Houston

Houston, TX

We have been working for a year to remove racial covenants from our deeds. It is a very expensive and cumbersome process requiring 4 attorneys to research and help us file paperwork and understand the work involved. Gathering notarized signatures from each homeowner and then sending certified mail notification is a step we haven't yet crossed due to logistical and covid challenges. It is time for these racist deeds to be changed. And that the process provided is simple and clear and attainable. While we cannot erase history and the impact of these deeds long term on the financial position of past generations, we can help future generations not question their value or worth as they make one of the biggest investments in their lives. Thank you.

Jonathan Lowe

Self - Teacher

Houston, TX

I have been working to fix the racist deed restrictions in Oak Forest (Houston). It is very important that we have the ability to fix entire neighborhoods at once. The existing process is extremely cumbersome. Having a simple fix for one house is good, but being able to easily fix a neighborhood is transformative. Thank you, Jonathan Lowe