Appendix 9-2-1

Sample Owner's Cover Letter

[Date]

[Owner's Name] [Owner's Address]

RCS Submittal Cover Letter for [Project Name]

- 1. I have reviewed the content of the RCS and concluded that the RCS includes all material required by Chapter Nine and the Owner's Checklist in Appendix 9-2-2.
- 2. The RCS appraiser's [insert appraiser's name] narratives and Rent Comparability Grid accurately describe the subject project and properly treat non-shelter services and their funding sources as required by Section 9-12 and Appendix 9-1-1.
- 3. There is no family relationship or identity-of-interest between the principals of the subject's Ownership or management agent entity and the principals that manage/ own the projects used as comparables. [Owners must identify and provide information if there is an identity-of-interest existing between principals. See Handbook 4381.5, Paragraph 2-3 for a definition of the term "identity-of-interest".]
- 4. I certify that: a) neither the selection of the RCS appraiser nor the RCS appraiser's compensation was/is contingent upon the RCS appraiser reporting a predetermined rent nor direction in rent; and b) to the best of the Owner's knowledge, the RCS appraiser meets Section 9-8. A.'s conditions regarding absence of financial, employment, and family relationships.
- 5. I certify that the fee paid for the RCS is the only compensation the RCS appraiser will receive for the RCS work and there is no side agreement or other consideration.
- 6. The following person is our point of contact for HUD/CA's Decision Letter, or to address any questions that the HUD/CA staff may have on the RCS:
- 7. [Provide a name, email and phone number for a point of contact at the agent/Owner's office]
- 8. HUD/CA may talk with the RCS appraiser directly and copy the RCS appraiser on written materials. The RCS appraiser's contact information is provided below

[Insert RCS appraiser's name, address, email and phone number]

- 9. I certify that if I discontinue any service to tenants at this property which forms the basis of a rent adjustment in this RCS, I will inform HUD in writing within 30 days of the termination of that service.
- 10. I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and

administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).

[Owner's Name & Signature] [Date] Encl: Owner's Checklist