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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – There have been reports of black mold, crumbling staircases, chronic garbage overflow, pests and severe rodent infestation in multiple Jacksonville affordable housing apartment complexes. Hilltop Village Apartments have not been inspected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since December 2, 2015. Eastside Gardens Apartments have not undergone a Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) inspection since November 13, 2018. On November 19, 2019, Eastside Terrace Apartments received a failing REAC inspection score of 51/100. A follow up inspection has not yet taken place.

Representative Tracie Davis (D-Jacksonville) issued the following statement regarding the deplorable conditions at Jacksonville's Hilltop Village Apartments, Eastside Terrace Apartments, and Eastside Gardens Apartments:

"The right to adequate housing is a human right. Floridians living in affordable and adequate housing deserve dignity and respect. The pest and garbage issues at this apartment complex have been going on far too long; action needs to be taken immediately to address these issues. It is severely unacceptable for our fellow Floridians to be subjugated to these unsafe and unsanitary conditions. It is outrageous that Hilltop Village Apartments, Eastside Terrace Apartments, and Eastside Gardens Apartments residents have waited this long for a safety and sanitation inspection."