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Fair housing is law in Jeff, too

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Re: "Jefferson's bouncer," Our Opinions, Feb. 17.

As a developer, I commend The Times-Picayune for its position. We must remember that we still live in America. This means that there are fair housing laws to protect all individuals. Hasty generalizations about any class or race of people are wrong. There are always good people and bad people in each segment of our society.

Jefferson Parish Councilman Chris Roberts' position seems to be that all poor people are criminals. Yes, crime in New Orleans is and has been an issue that needs to be resolved. Yet to assume that the all crime is from the poor is discrimination.

With regard to the failed senior citizens' housing development, I must ask, "Is there a seniors gang that is running the streets and breaking the laws? Are they baking crack cakes?"

I think because of our fear of crime, everyone is trying to place blame on one segment of society -- the lower income -- instead of just trying to solve a law enforcement problem.

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