Calderon challenges weaknesses in Denver affordable housing strategy in Christmas Eve tweet storm

As the Denver Housing Authority's decision to eliminate the City Affordability Housing Program (CAHP), a key program aimed at providing affordable housing for low-income residents, has sparked controversy, Mayor Michael Hancock has faced criticism.

In a tweet on Christmas Eve, Mayor Hancock said, "This is a huge, systemic issue with the City Affordability Housing Program that is taking place. We need to do better for our residents and our communities." Hancock's tweet was in response to a recent report that found the program had failed to reach its goals.

The report, released earlier this year, found that the program had not been successful in creating the number of affordable units promised, and that many of the units created were not truly affordable, with rents often exceeding market rates.

The tweet was met with a mix of support and criticism from local residents and advocates. Some praised the mayor for speaking out, while others accused him of not doing enough to address the issue.

In response to the criticism, Hancock said, "We are working on this issue, but it's a systemic challenge. We need to do better for our residents and our communities."