

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: December 11, 2020

Name of Responsible Entity County of Orange, OC Housing & Community Development

Address: 1501 E. St. Andrew Place

City, State, Zip Code: Santa Ana, CA 92705

Telephone Number: (714) 480-2991

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Orange.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 29, 2020, County of Orange, Housing & Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), to undertake a development known as Orchard View Gardens. A request will also be submitted to HUD, Office of Public and Indian Housing for the release of eight (8) Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) as authorized under Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA).

Orchard View Gardens is located on 3.2 acres of land at 8300 Valley View St, Buena Park, CA 90620. The proposed project is a new construction of 65 residential apartment homes for seniors aged 62 and older with low and moderate incomes and one exempt manager's unit for a total of 66 units. The project is designed with a mix of 62 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedrooms to meet the needs of the residents who are expected to occupy the property.

National Community Renaissance of California, the developers, have requested 8 OCHA PBV and \$453,600 HOME and/or Housing Successor Agency funding under the County of Orange 2020 Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Orange, Housing & Community Development has determined that the development will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to OC Housing & Community Development Attn Julia Bidwell, 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92705 or by email to jaclyn.canzone@occr.ocgov.com. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.occr.ocgov.com/hcd/community>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice is hereby further given to provide the public a 15-day review period beginning December 11, 2020 to December 28, 2020. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the OC Housing & Community Development Attn Julia Bidwell, 1501

E. St. Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92705. All comments received by December 28, 2020 will be considered by the County of Orange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Orange certifies to HUD that Julia Bidwell in her capacity as Director of OC Housing & Community Development, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Orange to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Orange certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Orange; (b) the County of Orange has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at CPDLA@hud.gov or to HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing at HUDLOSANGELESOPH@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD or HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Julia Bidwell, Director
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