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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

FROM: 3 / 7 / 2022

TO: 3 / 14 / 2022

**PREPARED BY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT.**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Monday, March 7, 2022
Los Angeles Housing Department
1200 W. 7th Street, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
DG David.Greenwood@lacity.org

This notice satisfies the procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), formerly known as HCIDLA.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 15, 2022, LAHD will authorize HACLA to submit a request to both the HUD for release of the HOME-ARP – HOME American Rescue Plan, and to the California Department of Housing & Community Development (CA HCD)'s office for the release of Homekey 2.0 Proceeds – State Homekey Grant Funds, to undertake the following project:

PROJECT: Homekey 6531 S. Sepulveda Extended Stay America Hotel

PURPOSE: The Housing Authority City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is proposing to purchase the existing Extended Stay America Hotel, located at 6531 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles, for use as interim or long-term housing for persons experiencing homelessness, and who are At Risk of Homelessness. The existing Extended Stay America Hotel is a 133-unit hotel built in 1999. The property includes a three story building with guest rooms, a lobby, office, family room, and laundry facilities, and is surrounded by a surface parking lot. Each guest room features a kitchenette with a range, sink, refrigerator, countertops and cabinets. The ground level spaces will be used for offices, supportive service delivery, and community space for residents and staff. Forty-six (46) units will be leased as Chronic Homelessness units, and eighty-five (85) will be targeted to persons who are At Risk of Homelessness.

LOCATION: 6531 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90045

FUNDING: Estimated: \$66,992,352

The activities proposed are Categorically Excluded, Subject to the Federal Laws and Authorities referenced under 24 CFR 58.5 for the above-mentioned project. LAHD has determined that this project 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 electronically. Please submit your request by email to the Los Angeles Housing Department, Environmental Services Unit, Attention: David Greenwood at email: david.greenwood@lacity.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to LAHD at david.greenwood@lacity.org and CA HCD at NEPAComments@hcd.ca.gov. All comments received by March 14, 2022 will be considered by LAHD and CA HCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and which project they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

LAHD certifies to HUD and CA HCD that Ann Sewill in her capacity as General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department 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 and CA HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows LAHD to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

HUD and CA HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and LAHD's 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 LAHD; (b) LAHD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by either HUD or CA HCD 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 CA HCD; 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 Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development Department via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Office of Community Planning and Development Department via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Furthermore, potential objectors shall also contact CA HCD at email: NEPAComments@hcd.ca.gov or address: California Department of Housing & Community Development 2020 W. El Camino Avenue, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833. Potential objectors should contact CA HCD via email or by address to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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