

PUBLIC NOTICE

November 24, 2020

County of Riverside
Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions
5555 Arlington Avenue
Riverside, California 92504

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Riverside. Any individual, group or agency submitting comments should specify in their comments which “notice” their comments address.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 15, 2020, the County of Riverside Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Los Angeles Field Office for the release of Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) to undertake the following project:

PROJECT NAME: Agave at Palm Canyon

PURPOSE: The project activity includes the allocation of 25 PBVs to be utilized by West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, an affordable housing developer, to serve as rental subsidy for Agave at Palm Canyon, an affordable apartment community for low income seniors age 62 and greater that will consist of approximately 71 total units, all one-bedroom units (600 square feet). The 25 PBVs are reserved for senior households with incomes at or below 30% of the Area Median Income. The remaining units will be restricted to Area Median Incomes between 30% and 80%. The overall project will include 2 three-story residential buildings. The ground floor will contain a community room, the building manager’s office, a fitness room, a laundry room, three offices for services, and trash and utility rooms.

LOCATION: The proposed project is located on approximately 1.75 acres of vacant land located at 1479 N. Palm Canyon Drive in the City of Palm Springs, more specifically Assessor Parcel Numbers 505-182-004 and 505-182-010.

This activity may be undertaken over multiple years.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Riverside has determined that the 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 Assessment (EA) on file at the Housing Authority of the County

of Riverside at 5555 Arlington Avenue, Riverside, California 92504. The EA may be downloaded at the following website address <https://www.harivco.org/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the EA and the Request for Release of Funds to the Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions, Attention: Mervyn Manalo at 5555 Arlington Avenue, Riverside, California 92504 or email comments to mmanalo@rivco.org. All comments received at the address specified above **on or before December 10, 2020** will be considered by the County of Riverside prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The County of Riverside certifies to the HUD Los Angeles Field Office that Supervisor V. Manuel Perez in his capacity as the Chairman of the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors 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 Housing Authority of the County of Riverside to allocate the Project Based Vouchers on behalf of the County of Riverside.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Riverside'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 the County of Riverside;
- b. the County of Riverside 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 the following HUD Los Angeles Field Offices: (1) Office of Public Housing at HUDLOSANGELESOPH@hud.gov, and (2) Community Planning and Development at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Field Offices via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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