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July 10, 2018

The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

2-H July 10, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO ISSUE MULTI FAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE
REVENUE BONDS FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE-
FIRESTONE
(DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board adopt a Resolution declaring the intent to issue Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds to finance the site acquisition, construction and development of Florence Apartments, a 109-unit multifamily rental housing development to be located at 1600-1616 East Florence Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90001 in unincorporated Florence-Firestone. This letter relates to another item on the agenda of the Board of Supervisors for approval of the issuance of bonds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the adoption of this resolution declaring intent to issue Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the proposed activity is not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign a Resolution, as required under Treasury Regulations, declaring an intent by AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc. (Developer), or an affiliate or assigned thereof, to undertake bond financing in an amount not exceeding \$26,000,000 to finance the site acquisition, construction and development of Florence Apartments, a 109-unit multifamily rental housing development to be located at 1600-1616 East Florence Avenue in unincorporated Florence-Firestone (Project).

3. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to submit an application to the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) for a private activity bond allocation on an aggregate amount not exceeding \$26,000,000 for the purposes described herein.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to declare the intent to issue of Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$26,000,000 (Bonds) to finance the site acquisition, construction and development of the Project.

The Project, to be located at 1600-1616 East Florence Avenue in unincorporated Florence-Firestone, will consist of a four-story apartment building, comprised of, 97 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedroom units, for a total of 109 units. Fifty-four of the units will be reserved for households with incomes that do not exceed 30% of the area median income and fifty-four units will be reserved for households with incomes that do not exceed 60% of the area median income for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Statistical Area, adjusted for household size, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The affordability requirements will remain in effect for 55 years. Fifty-four units will be occupied by homeless individuals and the remaining 54 units will be occupied by families. A two-bedroom unit will be set-aside for the property manager and will have no affordability requirements.

On June 6, 2018, the Housing Authority conducted a hearing at its office located at 700 West Main Street in Alhambra regarding the issuance of multifamily bonds to finance the Project, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code. No comments were received at the public hearing concerning the issuance of the bonds or the nature and location of the Project.

Adoption of the Resolution by your Board announcing the intent to undertake the financing of the Multifamily Housing Project and related actions is required to establish a base date after which costs incurred by the Developer may be included in the construction and permanent financing obtained pursuant to issuance of the tax-exempt bonds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Bonds will be repaid solely through rent revenues collected by the Developer. The Developer will pay all fees and related costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The attached Resolution was prepared by Kutak Rock, Housing Authority Bond Counsel, and approved as to form by County Counsel. On June 27, 2018, the Housing Commission recommended approval of the proposed action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is not a project pursuant to CEQA because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b) of the State CEQA guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

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The action is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34(a)(3) because it involves administrative activities that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed action is a necessary step to provide bond financing for the Project, which will increase the supply of affordable multifamily housing in the County with long-term affordability.

Respectfully submitted,



MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND

Executive Director

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Enclosures

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING
AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OFFICIAL
DECLARATION OF INTENT TO UNDERTAKE THE FINANCING OF A
MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECT AND RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (the “Authority”) is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California (the “Act”) to issue and sell mortgage revenue bonds or notes as part of a plan of financing for the purpose of making loans or otherwise providing funds to finance the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and development of multifamily residential rental housing projects, including units for households meeting the income limits set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, AMCAL Multi-Housing, INC. (or an affiliate or assign thereof) (the “Borrower”), has requested that the Authority issue and sell its mortgage revenue bonds or notes pursuant to the Act to provide financing (including reimbursement of Borrower’s expenditures) for the acquisition, construction, development and rehabilitation of a multifamily rental housing development consisting of 109 units located 1600-1616 East Florence Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90001 in unincorporated Los Angeles County (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners of the Authority (the “Board”) hereby finds and declares that it is necessary, essential and a public purpose for the Authority to finance multifamily housing projects pursuant to the Act, in order to increase the supply of multifamily housing in Los Angeles County available to persons and families within the income limitations established by the Act; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the Borrower to carry out the Project, this Board desires to adopt this resolution (this “Resolution”) and to authorize the issuance of mortgage revenue bonds by the Authority to finance the Project in a principal amount not to exceed \$26,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, in the course of assisting the Borrower in the financing of the Project expects that the Borrower has paid or may pay certain expenditures (the “Reimbursement Expenditures”) in connection with the Project within 60 days prior to the adoption of this Resolution and may incur additional Reimbursement Expenditures within 60 days prior to the adoption of this Resolution and prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.142-4 and Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations require the Authority to declare its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing; and

WHEREAS, Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 limits the amount of multifamily housing mortgage revenue bonds that may be issued in any calendar year by entities within a state and authorizes the governor or the legislature of a state to provide the method of allocation within the state; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 11.8 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code of the State of California (the "Government Code") governs the allocation of the state ceiling among governmental units in the State of California having the authority to issue multifamily housing mortgage revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 8869.85 of the Government Code requires a local agency to file an application with the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee ("CDLAC") prior to the issuance of multifamily housing mortgage revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, this Board hereby finds and declares that this resolution is being adopted pursuant to the powers granted by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals, and each of them, are true and correct.
2. This Board hereby determines that it is necessary and desirable to provide a plan of financing for the Project by the issuance and sale of mortgage revenue bonds or notes (herein "Bonds") pursuant to the Act and hereby authorizes the issuance and sale of the Bonds in one or more series from time to time by the Authority in aggregate principal amounts not to exceed \$26,000,000. This action is taken expressly for the purpose of inducing the Borrower to undertake the Project, provided that nothing contained herein shall be construed to signify that the Project complies with the planning, zoning, subdivision and building laws and ordinances applicable thereto or to suggest that the Authority or any officer, agent or employee of the Authority will grant any approval, consent or permit which may be required in connection with the acquisition and construction or rehabilitation of the Project or the issuance of the Bonds.
3. The issuance and sale of the Bonds shall be upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Authority and the Borrower and the initial purchasers of the Bonds; provided, however, that the Bonds shall not be sold or issued unless specifically authorized by the subsequent resolution of this Board.
4. This Resolution is being adopted by the Authority for purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.142-4 and Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. In that regard, the Authority hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this resolution does not bind the Authority to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.
5. The proper officers of the Authority are hereby authorized to file an application with CDLAC and directed to apply to CDLAC for a private activity bond allocation for application by the Authority to the issuance the Bonds in one or more series from time to time for the Project in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000, to collect from the Borrower an amount equal to the performance deposit required by CDLAC and to certify to CDLAC that such amount has been placed on deposit in an account in a financial institution.

6. The proper officers of the Authority are hereby authorized and directed to take whatever further action relating to the aforesaid financial assistance may be deemed reasonable and desirable provided that the terms and conditions under which the Bonds are to be issued and sold shall be approved by this Board in the manner provided by law prior to the sale thereof.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this 10th day of July, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Solis, Hahn, Barger and Kuehl

NOES: NONE

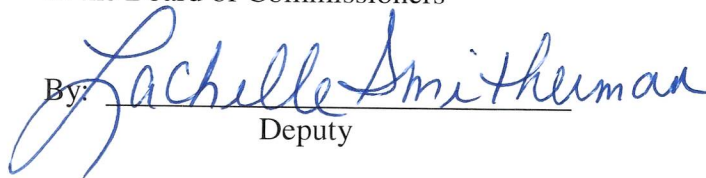
ABSENT: Supervisor Ridley-Thomas

ABSTAIN: NONE

By: 
Chair of the Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA,
Acting Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Commissioners

By: 
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM,
County Counsel

By: 
Deputy