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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

## ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES (DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)

# SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board adopt a Resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds to finance the site acquisition, construction and development of Whittier & Downey NW, a 42-unit multifamily rental housing development located in unincorporated East Los Angeles.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that adoption of this Resolution is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action will not have the potential of causing a significant effect on the environment.

2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign a Resolution, as required under Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds and Related Actions by the Housing Authority in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 to WDNW, L.P. (Borrower), or an affiliate or assign thereof, to finance the site acquisition, construction and development of a 42-unit multifamily rental housing development to be located at 4161 and 4169 Whittier Boulevard, in unincorporated East Los Angeles (Project).

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will authorize the issuance of tax-exempt Multifamily Housing Mortgage

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Revenue Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 (Bonds) in order to finance the site acquisition, construction and development of the Project.

The Project, to be located at 4161 and 4169 Whittier Boulevard, in unincorporated East Los Angeles, will consist of a two-story apartment building, comprised of 24 studio units, 13 one-bedroom units and 5 two-bedroom units for a total of 42 units. Forty one of the units will be reserved for households with incomes that do not exceed 30% 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. Twenty units will be occupied by homeless mentally ill individuals and families and the remaining 21 units will be occupied by special needs individual and families. A two-bedroom unit will be set-aside for the property manager and will have no affordability requirements. Meta Housing Corporation will be the developer for the Project. The Borrower is a limited partnership, which includes the developer as a partner.

# **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

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

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This action does not authorize the sale of the Bonds. The Housing Authority will return to the Board of Commissioners for this authorization at a later date.

On January 22, 2019, 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.

The attached Resolution was prepared by Hawkins Delafield & Wood, Housing Authority Bond Counsel, and approved as to form by County Counsel.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to CEQA because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b)(5) 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.

## **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.

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MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND Executive Director

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Enclosures

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS AND RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (the "Authority") intends to adopt a plan of financing to sell and issue multifamily housing revenue bonds in one or more series issued from time to time, and at no time to exceed \$20,000,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount (the "Bonds"), in order to assist in financing (including reimbursement of Borrower's expenditures) the acquisition, construction, development and rehabilitation of a multifamily rental housing development consisting of 42 units located at 4161 and 4169 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles 90023 in the County of Los Angeles (the "Project"), to be owned by WDNW L.P. (or an affiliate, assign or designee); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), the Bonds are required to be approved prior to their issuance by the applicable elected representative of the governmental unit on whose behalf the bonds are expected to be issued and by each governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which any facility financed by such bonds is to be located, after a public hearing held following reasonable public notice; and

WHEREAS, the interest on the Bonds may qualify for exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code, only if the Bonds are approved in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located wholly within the County of Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors ("Board") is the elected legislative body of the County of Los Angeles ("County") and is the applicable elected representative of the Authority within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, the Authority has, following notice duly given, held a public hearing regarding the plan of financing and the issuance of such Bonds on January 22, 2019, and now desires that the Board approve the issuance of such Bonds; and

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

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals, and each of them, are true and correct.

2. This Board hereby approves the plan of financing and the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority to finance costs of the Project. It is the purpose and intent of this Board that this Resolution constitute approval of the plan of financing and the Bonds by the applicable elected representative of the issuer of the Bonds and the applicable elected representative of the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which the Project is located, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Code.

3. The Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or a deputy thereof is directed to certify and deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Authority.

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

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this <u>19</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisoes Solis, Ridley-Thomas, Kuehl, Baeger and Hahn NOES: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

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Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM, County Counsel

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