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

JEFF LEVINSON INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Commissioners:

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO ISSUE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES (DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTE)

#### SUBJECT

This letter recommends that your Board adopt a resolution declaring the intent to issue Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds or Notes to finance the development and construction of the La Trinidad Apartments Project, a 66-unit affordable housing development to be located at 3565 E. 1st Street in unincorporated East Los Angeles (Project).

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that adoption of the 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 Treasury regulations declaring an intent by La Trinidad Senior Apartments, L.P. (Borrower), or an approved affiliate or assign thereof, to undertake bond financing in an amount not to exceed \$21,557,580 to finance the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and/or development of the Project.
- 3. Authorize the Executive Director or 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 \$21,557,580 for the purposes described herein and to take whatever further action relating to the aforesaid financial assistance may be deemed reasonable and desirable, provided

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that the terms and conditions under which the bonds or notes are to be issued and sold shall be approved by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) in the manner provided by law prior to the sale thereof.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to declare the intent to issue Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds or Notes in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$21,557,580 to finance the construction, rehabilitation, and/or development of the Project. The Project will be a mixed-use building consisting of 65 affordable units and one manager's unit at the corner of Hicks Avenue and 1st Street in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California.

The Project will be a five-story, L-shaped new construction consisting of resident and community serving spaces, a large courtyard and surface level parking. The Project will serve extremely low, very low-income seniors and seniors experiencing homelessness with income levels between 30% to 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The unit mix will consist of 46 studio units, 19 one-bedroom units, and one two-bedroom manager's unit. The ground floor of the Project, facing Hicks Avenue, will house the building's management offices, social service office and a community room that will open to the interior courtyard. The ground floor, facing 1st Street, will house a two-story chapel, church offices and lobby that opens to the entry plaza. The Project will feature an entry plaza that will service both the residential and church uses. The residential units will start on the second floor and will be serviced by an elevator. The Project's surface level parking will be gated and will consist of 24 flex spaces reserved for property management staff, social services staff, church staff, and visitors. The community room will be programmed by the social services provider and will feature activities and classes that will range from computer training, health and wellness, and financial planning. Residents will also benefit from a community computer lab and additional activities programmed by the church.

The development concept includes the demolition of the existing church structure and auxiliary building in order to reintegrate a new chapel and church offices into the new construction.

#### 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

Adoption of the resolution by the LACDA's Board of Commissioners expresses the intent to issue the bonds or notes and is required to establish a base date after which costs incurred by the Borrower may be included in the construction and permanent financing obtained pursuant to the issuance of the bonds or notes. California Government Code section 8869.85 requires the LACDA file an application with the CDLAC prior to the issuance of multifamily housing mortgage revenue bonds or notes, and the LACDA requires authorization from this Board prior to filing applications for the Project.

The developer for the project is Domus Development, LLC. The Borrower is a partnership consisting of Domus GP LLC as the General Partner, Spectrum GP LLC as the Managing General Partner, and Community Resident Services, Inc. as the Co-Managing General Partner.

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The attached Resolution was prepared by Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, LACDA Bond Counsel, and approved as to form by County Counsel.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are not a project pursuant to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b) of the State CEQA guidelines. The proposed actions are administrative activities of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The proposed actions are 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,

Emilio Salas

**Executive Director** 

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Enclosures

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

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (the "LACDA"), 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, development and rehabilitation of multifamily residential rental housing projects, including units for households meeting the income limits set forth in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Domus Development, LLC, which will form a limited partnership which is expected to be La Trinidad Senior Apartments, L.P. (or an LACDA approved affiliate or assign, the "Borrower"), has requested that the LACDA 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 or rehabilitation of a multifamily rental housing development consisting of 66 units to be located at 3565 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners of the LACDA (the "Board") hereby finds and declares that it is necessary, essential and a public purpose for the LACDA 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 or notes by the LACDA to finance the Project (the "Bonds") in a principal amount not to exceed \$21,557,580; and

WHEREAS, the LACDA, 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 LACDA 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 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 LACDA pursuant to a plan of financing, in aggregate principal amounts not to exceed \$21,557,580. 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 LACDA or any officer, agent or employee of the LACDA 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 LACDA, the Borrower, and the initial purchaser 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 LACDA 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 LACDA hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Resolution does not bind the LACDA to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.
- 5. The proper officers of the LACDA are hereby authorized and directed to apply to CDLAC for a private activity bond allocation for application by the LACDA to the issuance the Bonds in one or more series from time to time for the Project in an amount not to exceed \$21,557,580, 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 LACDA 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 matter provided by law prior to the sale thereof. All actions taken by officers of the LACDA in furtherance of the Project, the application to CDLAC for private activity

bond allocation for the Project, and otherwise as authorized by this Resolution are hereby ratified and approved.

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

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, State of California, this 19th day of March, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Solis, Mitchell, Hahn, Barger and Horvath

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

By:

Chair of the Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

JEFF LEVINSON
Intermim Executive Officer
of the Board of Commissioners

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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON,

County Counsel

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