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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles County
Development Authority
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Commissioners:

**APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL BUDGET AUTHORITY
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends approval to accept additional funds from the County of Los Angeles (County) and to incorporate these funds as needed into the Los Angeles County Development Authority's (LACDA) approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 budget.

The LACDA's FY 2024-2025 budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 8, 2024, and did not include additional funding provided by the County for housing and community development programs. The County's FY 2024-2025 Recommended Budget was approved after the LACDA's FY 2024-2025 budget, and the County's FY 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget will be submitted to the Board for approval on October 8, 2024. The LACDA's Board of Commissioners must approve the incorporation of these additional funds in the LACDA's budget.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute and/or amend the necessary funding agreements with the County for the following programs, and to incorporate the funds into the LACDA's approved FY 2024-2025 budget:

a. \$19,800,000 for Fair Housing Services and Open Doors Programs.

b. \$65,000,000 from the Affordable Housing Development Trust Fund (AHTF) for the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to provide capital funding for affordable housing developments and program administration.

c. \$10,000,000 in Los Angeles County Housing Innovation Fund – Revolving Loan Fund Program to provide low-cost financing to developers of special needs and affordable housing.

2. Find that acceptance of supplemental funds for the LACDA's FY 2024-2025 budget are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the actions are not defined as a project under CEQA.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will allow the LACDA to execute and/or amend the necessary funding agreements with the County in order to accept these funds and incorporate County funds into the LACDA's approved FY 2024-2025 budget.

The County's FY 2024-2025 Recommended Budget was adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on June 24, 2024, and the County's 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget is expected to be approved by the Board on October 8, 2024. The County's budget includes additional funding appropriations for various LACDA programs and activities. These funds are being provided to advance crucial Board priorities and initiatives such as fighting homelessness, supporting residents and communities, and increasing affordable housing.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The LACDA will execute funding agreements or amendments to existing funding agreements with the County and all required documents necessary to accept and incorporate, as needed, up to \$94,800,000 into the LACDA's approved FY 2024-2025 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 24, 2024, the Board approved the County's FY 2024-2025 Recommended Budget that includes new County funds allocated to various LACDA programs for FY 2024-2025. Furthermore, the County will be returning to the Board in October 2024 for approval of their 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget. Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Executive Director, or designee, to execute and/or amend funding agreements with the County for the following:

- \$19,800,000 for the Fair Housing Services (\$255,000) and Open Doors (\$19,545,000) Programs. The Open Doors Program provides an enhanced customer service experience for property owners and increase the number of families ability to utilize their Section 8 vouchers in a highly competitive rental market. The Fair Housing Services Program provides ongoing forums, materials, information, and workshops to educate the public about fair housing law/rights.
- \$65,000,000 in AHTF for NOFA projects to continue the development and administration of affordable housing projects located throughout Los Angeles County.
- \$10,000,000 in Los Angeles County Housing Innovation Fund – Revolving Loan Fund Program to provide low-cost financing to developers of special needs and affordable housing for costs typically incurred in the early stages of project formulation, and before other funding sources are

available.

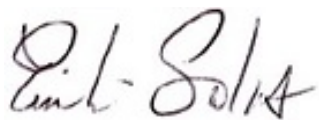
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of the additional funds is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34(a)(3) because they involve administrative activities that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes to the environment. The activities are not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b) because they are not defined as a project under CEQA and do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The requested actions provide additional funds that will enable the LACDA to conduct program activities to benefit homeless, low- and moderate-income residents of the County and participating cities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emilio Salas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emilio Salas

Executive Director

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