

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: June 30, 2021

Name of Responsible Entity County of Orange, OC Housing & Community Development

Address: 1501 E. St. Andrew Place

City, State, Zip Code: Santa Ana, CA 92705

Telephone Number: (714) 480-2991

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Orange.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Monday, July 19, 2021, County of Orange, Housing & Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Public and Indian Housing for the release of 59 Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Mainstream and/or Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers (PBVs) as authorized under Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA), to undertake a development known as **Tahiti Apartment Homes** (formerly Tahiti Motel) (Development).

The Development is a Conversion of Tahiti Motel, a 62-unit motel (currently being operated under the Homekey Program) into 59 permanent supportive housing efficiency/studio units (plus an unrestricted one bedroom manager's unit) located on an approximately 1.45 acres of land at 11850 Beach Boulevard, Stanton, CA 90680. The conversion activities include substantial rehabilitation work on the units, community rooms/offices, roofing, fire alarm/system upgrade, landscaping, and exterior work. A new community building on the adjacent City-owned lot will be built as part of the Tahiti Motel conversion.

Jamboree Housing Corporation, the developer, has requested 59 OCHA VASH, Mainstream and/or Housing Choice PBVs that will serve individuals experiencing homelessness earning 30% AMI or below and the County of Orange Board of Supervisors approved the commitment of \$2,400,000 Orange County Housing Successor Agency (HSA) funds for the project under the County of Orange 2020 Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Orange, Housing & Community Development has determined that the development 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 Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to OC Housing & Community Development, Attention: Julia Bidwell, 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92705 or by email to liza.santos@occr.ocgov.com. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.occr.ocgov.com/hcd/community>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice is hereby further given to provide the public a 15-day review period beginning June 30, 2021 to July 16, 2021. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the OC Housing & Community Development, Attention: Julia Bidwell, 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, 1st Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92705. All comments received by July 16, 2021 will be considered by the County of Orange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Orange certifies to HUD that Julia Bidwell in her capacity as Director of OC Housing & Community Development, 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 County of Orange to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Orange 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 Orange; (b) the County of Orange 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 or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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 HUD at CPDLA@hud.gov or to HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing at HUDLOSANGELESOPH@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD or HUD Los Angeles Office of Public Housing via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Julia Bidwell, Director
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