

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

Date of Notice July 24, 2020

City of Long Beach
Department of Development Services
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Long Beach.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 8, 2020 the City of Long Beach will authorize Mercy Housing to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Act, as amended to undertake a project known as Mercy Housing MLK/PCH Project for the purpose of providing affordable housing.

The project consists of a four-story, 100% affordable senior housing development consisting of 68 residential units and 4,000 square feet of commercial tenant space. Residential space located on levels two through four and a combination of community and residential related uses is located on the street level. The project includes 67 units to be 100-percent senior affordable housing units and one manager unit that would be rented at market rate. The development consists of seven (7) studio units, sixty (60) 1-bedroom units, and one 2-bedroom unit (manager unit). The building includes 38 parking spaces and 14 bicycle spaces. The entrance for the parking lot would be on the west side of the property from Myrtle Avenue and from the alley to the north. A Conditional Use Permit is requested to permit the operation of the senior housing development. The project site is currently zoned Regional Highway District (CHW) and the project includes a Zone Change to the Community R-4-N District (CCN) to allow the senior housing project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Long Beach has determined that the project 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. Due to the State of Emergency declared by local, state and federal authorities, the Environmental Assessment (EA) is being made available **only in an** electronic format. Physical copies are not available at libraries or offices due to those facilities currently being closed to the public. The EA can be viewed at the City of Long Beach website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Long Beach Department of Development Services, 411 West Ocean Boulevard – 3rd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802, Attn: Gina Casillas at gina.casillas@longbeach.gov. All comments received by August 7, 2020 will be considered by the City of Long Beach prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Long Beach certifies to HUD that Christopher Koontz, in his capacity as Deputy Director of Development Services, 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 Mercy Housing to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Long Beach's 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 City of Long Beach; (b) the City of Long Beach 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 the Office of Environment and Energy, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Office of Environment and Energy, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



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