

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

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 11, 2016, Harry Freitas, Director of Planning Building and Code Enforcement for the City of San José, will authorize the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara (HACSC) to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of HUD - Section 8 funds under Title I Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended by Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, to undertake a project known as Santa Clara Inn/Casa Novo. This activity is being undertaken by HACSC for the purpose of providing rental assistance for qualified extremely-low and very-low income residents living in 27 units of the project's 56 units.

HACSC will be providing assistance to Santa Clara Inn/Casa Novo in the form of Section 8 Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) for 27 units for chronically homeless individuals and families. Housing assistance payments to be made to Santa Clara Inn/Casa Novo on behalf of the residents of the 27 PBV units will be used for operating costs. Housing assistance will be provided for an initial contract term of 10 years with an automatic renewal for an additional 10 years, subject to annual appropriations from the Federal government and HACSC's determination that the owner is in compliance with the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract and other applicable HUD requirements, for a total of twenty (20) years. The estimated amount of total funding for rental subsidy is \$4,027,320 (\$402,732 annually) during the initial 10-year term of the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract, which is subject to rent reasonableness study prior to the execution of the HAP contract, and contingent upon the availability of Section 8 funds as allocated by the Federal government.

Santa Clara Inn/Casa Novo, is located on approximately 0.90 acres of two parcels (APNs 230-16-060 and 230-16-061) at 2188 The Alameda in San José. Aside from the 27 Section 8 PBVs to be used (described above), the Project will also include minor rehabilitation upgrades to include installation of security gates and cameras, and resurfacing/restripping parking lot.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Harry Freitas, Director of the City of San José's Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of San José Planning Division, 200 East Santa Clara Street, T-3, San José, CA 95113 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

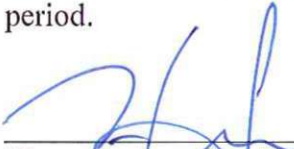
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of San José Housing Department (attention Eric L. Calleja), 200 East Santa Clara Street, T-12, San José, CA 95113. All comments received by October 8, 2016 will be considered by the City of San José Planning Division prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing (either the Finding of No Significance or the Request for Release of Funds).

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of San José certifies to HUD that Harry Freitas, in his capacity as Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, 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 Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS

HUD will accept objections to the Responsible Entity's (RE) Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date specified above or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the RE; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Planning Development at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104-4430. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Harry Freitas, Certifying Officer
City of San José Department of Planning Building and Code Enforcement

9/22/16
Date