

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

Date of Notice: May 1, 2017

Name of Responsible Entity County of Orange, Housing & Community
Development/Homeless Prevention

Address: 1300 S. Grand, Building B

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

Telephone Number: (714) 480-2820

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 May 17, 2017, the County of Orange, Housing & Community Development/Homeless Prevention will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (the HOME Investment Partnerships Act), as amended, to undertake a project known as Oakcrest Heights Housing Development Project.

The project will be located at the southeast corner of Old Canal Road and Eastpark Drive, Yorba Linda, Orange County, California 92887 and will include the new construction of three elevator-serviced three-story garden-style structures. State Route 91 (Riverside Freeway) is located approximately 350 feet south of the property. The proposed project total costs is \$26 million; \$1.7 million in HOME and/or Housing Successor funds and will utilize Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Orange, Housing & Community Development/Homeless Prevention 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 Housing & Community Development/Homeless Prevention, 1300 S. Grand. Building B, Santa Ana, CA 92705 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice is hereby further given to provide the public a 15-day review period beginning May 1, 2017 and ending May 16, 2017. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the OC Community Services, 1300 S. Grand, Building B, Santa Ana, CA 92705. All comments received by May 16, 2017 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 John Viafora in his capacity as Manager, Housing & Community Development/Homeless Prevention 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD, Los Angeles Area Field Office at 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Viafora, Manager
Housing and Community Development/Homeless Prevention