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

March 23, 2014 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development City and County of San Francisco One South Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94103 <u>Eugene.flannery@sfgov.org</u> 415-701-5598

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development of the City and County of San Francisco (MOHCD).

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about April 8, 2014 MOHCD will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development for the release of an estimated \$10,000,000 in Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grants under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake a project known as the Upper Yard Jurisdictional Transfer for the purpose of purchasing land for the development of up to 150 units of affordable housing at the intersection of Geneva and San Jose Avenues (APN 6973/038 & 039). MOHCD intends to supplement the Part 58 funding with local funds as well, for a total project cost of approximately \$35,000,000. In addition to the construction of affordable housing, development activities would include approximately 7,500 square feet of community, commercial and retail space on the ground floor; surface parking for up to ten vehicles and 15,000 square feet of open space.

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

MOHCD 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 Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the MOHCD, 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. It is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The ERR, including mitigation measures, is also available for review and downloading at http://sf-moh.org/index.aspx?page=155.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Eugene T. Flannery at MOHCD, 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. All comments received by midnight on April 7, 2014 will be considered by MOHCD prior to submitting a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

MOHCD certifies to the HUD that Olson Lee, in his capacity as Director of MOHCD, 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 MOHCD 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 undertaking activities not authorized by24 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 required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Office of Community Planning and Development, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development at 600 Harrison Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94107. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Olson Lee Director Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development City and County of San Francisco Certifying Officer