# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development City and County of San Francisco

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On or about December 2, 2017 the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) will authorize the San Francisco Housing Authority to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing for authority to convert Section 8 Operating Subsidies at 519 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA to funding under the federal Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended and/ or The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012, Public Law 112-55.

Community Housing Partnership, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, seeks to convert the Senator, located at 519 Ellis Street, San Francisco, to funding under the federal Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and/or The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012, Public Law 112-55. Conversion to RAD will create financially sustainable real estate assets with a minimum of 20-year useful life, improve resident experience, and ensure the sustainability of the Senator in order to preserve 89 units of housing for extremely low income, homeless individuals.

Under RAD, Community Housing Partnership will be able to leverage additional private resources and will convert its Mod Rehab Section 8 Contract subsidy payments to RAD project-based Section 8 vouchers (PBVs) for the existing Mod Rehab assisted units. The development will receive increased rent subsidies while continuing to be 100 percent affordable for low-income, homeless households. The requirements of the RAD program include completing physical upgrades

### The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. Because the MOHCD office is closed due to the COVID crisis the ERR is available on the MOHCD website at

### https://sfmohcd.org/environmental-reviews where the ERR can be examined and downloaded. If you do not have access to the internet or prefer a hard copy, a copy of the ERR can be mailed to you. Please request hard copies from Eugene Flannery at MOHCD, One South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 or eugene.flannery@sfgov.org

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the San Francisco Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. Because our offices are closed MOHCD is asking that written comments be submitted via email to eugene.flannery@sfgov.org. If you are unable to access email please send your comments to Eugene T. Flannery at MOHCD, 1 South Van Ness Avenue – 5th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103. All comments received by 5:00P.M. P.S.T December 1, 2020 will be considered by the San Francisco Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development

prior to authorizing submission of a request for the release of funds.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Eric D. Shaw in his capacity as Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and 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. The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the San Francisco Housing Authority to use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development’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 Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development; (b) the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development 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 the Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 emailed to the HUD grant administration office at: RROFSFRO@hud.gov and to todd.r.greene@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Director, Office of Indian and Public Housing, San Francisco Regional Office — Region IX via email at RROFSFRO@hud.gov and at todd.r.greene@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

## Eric D. Shaw

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