



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN that the City of Norwalk shall satisfy two separate, but related, procedural requirements for Home Investment Partnerships Program activities to be undertaken by the City of Norwalk to undertake a project known as The Walk Residences Project (Project). This notice shall also satisfy Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations found at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 10, 2024, the City of Norwalk (City) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$1,047,149 funds as part of the Home Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program and \$1,000,000 as part of the Home Investment Partnerships Program Community Housing Development Organization (HOME CHDO) under U.S. Code Title 42, Chapter 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) as amended, to undertake the Project.

The Project would construct a new six-story, 56-unit housing building on the southeast corner of Imperial Highway and Norwalk Boulevard in the City of Norwalk's Norwalk Entertainment District – Civic Center Specific Plan area. The 56 residential units would be restricted to a target population of special needs homeless veterans. The Project would provide 32 one-bedroom units, 7 two-bedroom units of which one unit would be for the building manager, and 17 three-bedroom units, a total of 56 units. The Project would provide 28 parking spaces (0.5 spaces per unit). The Project would be American Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant including for its bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and would provide accessible paths of travel from the parking area to the main lobby, common areas, ADA-compliant elevator, and throughout the Project site.

The total project cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) is estimated at approximately \$40,000,000 with a total estimated HUD-funded amount of \$2,047,149

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED

The City 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. Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act set forth in 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), the City of Norwalk finds that the Project would have a finding of No Historic Properties Affected. Additional project information including concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City that can be accessed online at the following website: www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/community-development/housing-neighborhood-development.

By request, the ERR will also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. For mailed copies, please submit your request by U.S. mail to: 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650, Attention: Rosio Medina, Senior Management Analyst, or by email at: rmedina@norwalkca.gov. Please specify which Notice you are addressing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Rosio Medina, Senior Management Analyst, at the email listed above or by U.S. mail at the address listed above. All comments received by September 9, 2024, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Norwalk certifies to HUD that Alex Hamilton in his capacity as Interim Community Development Director 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 City of Norwalk to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City's environmental 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; (b) the City 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 must be emailed to HUD's grant administration office at CPDLA@hud.gov. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be emailed to the HUD grant administration office at: CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Please contact the City of Norwalk Community Development Block Grant program at (562) 929-5951 for additional information.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2024.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk