NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 13, 2018

City of Gary, Indiana Division of Community Development 839 Broadway, Suite 302N Gary, IN 46402 (219)881-5075

On or about March 21, 2018 the City of Gary will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds (M-17-MC-18-0203) under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana (Field of Dreams) for the purpose of constructing 3 single family housing units. The units are located at 1818, 1829, and 1843 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana. Estimated funding - \$225,000.

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 at the City of Gary Division of Community Development, 839 Broadway, Suite 302N, Gary, IN 46402 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 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 Gary Division of Community Development. All comments received by March 20, 2018 will be considered by the City of Gary prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gary certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Karen Freeman-Wilson in her capacity as Mayor 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Gary to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Gary'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 City of Gary; (b) the City of Gary 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 U.S. 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 addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Indianapolis Field Office, 575 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2526. Potential objectors should contact U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor