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

September 10, 2019

City of Gary Community Development Division

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gary Community Development Division.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 26, 2019 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-19-MC-18-0203) under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Broadway Lofts for the purpose of constructing a multi-family residential rental project consisting of 38 housing units to be sold to low-to-moderate income households between 30-80% Median Family Income (MFI). The project is located at 701-735 Broadway, Gary, Indiana 46407. Estimated funding – HOME funds \$1,000,000; PNC Tax Credit Equity \$8,648,135; and IHCDA Development Fund \$500,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Gary Community Development Division 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 the Community Development Division, 839 Broadway Suite 302 N, Gary, Indiana and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Director of the Community Development Division. All comments received by September 25, 2019 will be considered by the City of Gary prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gary certifies to HUD that Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson in her capacity as Mayor of the City of Gary 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 Gary Community Development Division to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development at 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Minton-Capehart Federal Building, Room 655, Indianapolis, IN 46204-1555. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor City of Gary, Indiana