

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to identify two separate but related actions to be taken by the County of San Bernardino.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **August 5, 2020** San Bernardino County will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$ 2,000,000 of Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the project known as: Liberty Lane. The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development will contribute additional funds required to complete this project. The purpose of the project is to construct 80 units of affordable housing in Redlands, CA.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment and accordingly the County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The Environmental Review Record concerning the above project has been made by San Bernardino County which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record for Liberty Lane is on file and may be examined by the public between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the County Department of Community Development and Housing, located at the following address:

County of San Bernardino
Department of Community Development and Housing
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Third Floor
San Bernardino, California 92415-0043
Attention: Liberty Lane
Or emailed to: dvandiest@cdh.sbcounty.gov

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with either of the two proposed actions may submit written comments for consideration. All written comments received on or before **July 31, 2020** at the above address will be considered by San Bernardino County prior to the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which of the proposed actions is being addressed.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The County of San Bernardino will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The County of San Bernardino is certifying to HUD that the County of San Bernardino and Gary Hallen, in his official capacity as Director of San Bernardino County Department of Community Development and Housing, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Block Grant funds may be used and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept an objection to its release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: a) that the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the applicant approved by HUD; or b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the Environmental Review process under 24 CFR Part 58; or c) the County of San Bernardino has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by Environmental Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or 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 under 24 CFR Part 58.75-76 of the Environmental Review regulations found in the Federal Register. These regulations are available at the above address. Objections must be emailed to:

CPDLA@hud.gov

and

Loren.V.Ponce@hud.gov

Objections to HUD on the release of funds on basis other than those stated in the previous paragraph will not be considered by HUD. Objections received after **August 20, 2020** may not be considered by HUD. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the last day of the objection period.