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

March 20, 2025

City of Houston,
Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 7, 2025, the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.), regulations at 24 CFR part 92, to undertake the new construction multifamily project known as **Bissonnet Living**.

Project Location: Northeast Side of Bissonnet St. and W Sam Houston Parkway S, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77036. HCAD numbers 1279820010003, 1279820010002, 1279820010006 and 1279820010004.

Project Description: The proposed project includes land acquisition and new construction of a 121-unit affordable multifamily development. The complex will comprise two (2) four-story buildings on approximately 5.112 acres of undeveloped land. The new complex will include a mix of one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom units with full kitchens and private entrances from the interior hallway. The project is intended to serve residents earning 30% to 80% AMI for 98 of the units and market rate for the remaining 23 units. Additional amenities will include a clubhouse with management/leasing and maintenance offices, swimming pool, dog park, playground, and flat-surface parking. New infrastructure will include an onsite stormwater detention pond and underground utilities. Access points for egress/ingress will be from a primary entrance drive along Bissonnet Street.

The project is proposing to use up to \$4,000,000 in HOME Multifamily New Construction, HUD Grant No. M-22-MC48-0206, funds. The total project is estimated to cost \$37,904,958.00.

The City of Houston has classified the project as an Environmental Assessment (24 CFR 58.36, subpart E) subject to laws and authorities at 24 CFR 58.5, 24 CFR 58.6, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, and the additional EA Factors discussed by HUD.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

HCD 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 Housing and Community Development Department, 2100 Travis

St., 9th floor Houston, TX 77002, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. The ERR will also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the above address or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews. All comments received by the close of business on April 4, 2025, will be considered by HCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston, HCD, certifies to HUD that John Whitmire in his 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Houston, HCD, to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston'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 Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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 (CPD), 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010 or e-mail at cpdrrofhou@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period and may do so via email or calling (713) 718-3199.

John Whitmire, Mayor City of Houston