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

August 5, 2017

City of Alexandria, VA, Office of Housing
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 23, 2017 the City of Alexandria will authorize the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) District of Columbia Office, Public and Indian Housing Program Center for the release of Replacement Housing Factor funds under Section 9(d) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Ramsey Housing Mixed-Income Redevelopment Project at 699 North Patrick Street. The proposed project seeks to demolish the existing 4 buildings, consisting of 15 two-bedroom rental units, and constructing a 3 to 4 story, multifamily building, consisting of 52 one-, two-, and three-bedroom rental units. The Project will include 31 spaces of underground parking. The estimated funding for this project is $18,778,995, including grant funds of $855,428, along with the proposed use of tax credits.

The Project would be available to the extremely low-income households that currently reside at Ramsey Homes through the anticipated use of Tenant Protection Vouchers, under FY 2016 Omnibus; Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law No. 114-113, enacted December 18, 2015) or Housing Choice Vouchers, under Section 8(o) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 for rent and utility support, as well as to households with incomes at and up to 60% of the area median income limits. Based on the current payment standards, the estimated funding for the vouchers is $314,280 for a year.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Alexandria 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 City of Alexandria, Office of Housing located at 421 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA or at the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority located at 401 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Alexandria, Office of Housing. All comments received by Monday, August 22, 2017 will be considered by the City of Alexandria prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Alexandria, VA certifies to HUD that Mark B. Jinks in his capacity as City Manager 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 Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Alexandria 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 Alexandria; (b) the City of Alexandria 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 HUD, 820 First Street, NE Suite 300, Washington D.C. 20002, Attention Ms. Christine Jenkins, Director, District of Columbia Public and Indian Housing Program Center. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (202) 275-6306, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mark B. Jinks, City Manager