## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about December 25, 2024 the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (SF MOHCD) will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as The Normandy Apartments, which, in conjunction with the project sponsor, the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, will consist of the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Normandy Apartments located at 1155 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109.

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 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 where the ERR can be examined and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. The ERR is also available at the MOHCD website at https://www.sf.gov/reports/april-2024/environmental-review.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to SF MOHCD. All comments received by December 25, 2024, will be considered by SF MOHCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City and County of San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development certifies to HUD that Brian Cheu in his capacity as the Director of Community Development 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 MOHCD to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and SF MOHCD'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 SF MOHCD; (b) SF MOHCD 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 emailed to the HUD grant administration office at: RROFSFRO@hud.gov and to Alice.Walkup@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, San Francisco Regional Office – Region IX via email at RROFSFRO@hud.gov and Alice.Walkup@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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