



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

Date of Notice: November 3, 2022

Responsible Entity (RE): City of Santa Cruz

Address: City of Santa Cruz Economic Development Department
337 Locust Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
ATTN: Jessica de Witt; Telephone Number: (831) 420-5108

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Santa Cruz Economic Development Department (City of Santa Cruz) and the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about at least one day after the end of the comment period the City of Santa Cruz will authorize the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Project-Based Vouchers program funds under Section 8(o)(13) of the Housing Act of 1937, (42 USC 1437f), as amended, to undertake a project known as 415 Natural Bridges Drive Project for the purpose of developing a 100% affordable, 20-unit single room occupancy residential project, estimated funding (\$15,086,400 including construction costs), located at 415 Natural Bridges Drive in the city of Santa Cruz.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Santa Cruz 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), including Environmental Assessment (EA), on file at 337 Locust Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 and may be examined or copied weekdays between 1 PM to 4 PM on Monday through Thursday. The documents are also available on the City's website at: <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/economic-development/housing-assistance-information/public-notices>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Santa Cruz at the address above or by email to Jessica de Wit at jdewit@cityofsantacruz.com. All comments received by November 18, 2022 will be considered by the City of Santa Cruz prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Santa Cruz certifies to HUD that Jessica de Wit in her capacity as the Certifying Officer 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 Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Santa Cruz'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 Santa Cruz; (b) the City of Santa Cruz 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 Region 9, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 or emailed to todd.r.greene@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jessica de Wit, Housing and Community Development Division Manager, RE Certifying Officer
City of Santa Cruz Economic Development Department