

**CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Project Staff Report**  
**2016 Second Round**  
**September 21, 2016**

Vista del Puente, located at 1510 South 40th Street in San Diego, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$850,395 in annual federal tax credits and \$2,180,499 in total state tax credits to finance the new construction of 51 units of housing serving special needs tenants with rents affordable to households earning 30-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by National Community Renaissance of California and will be located in Senate District 40 and Assembly District 80.

The project will be receiving rental assistance in the form of a HUD Section 8 Project-based Contract. The project financing includes state funding from the VHHP program of HCD.

**Project Number** CA-16-140

**Project Name** Vista del Puente  
**Site Address:** 1510 South 40th Street  
 San Diego, CA 92113 County: San Diego  
**Census Tract:** 36.020

<b>Tax Credit Amounts</b>	<b>Federal/Annual</b>	<b>State/Total</b>
Requested:	\$850,395	\$2,180,499
Recommended:	\$850,395	\$2,180,499

**Applicant Information**

**Applicant:** Vista del Puente, L.P.  
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**General Partner(s) / Principal Owner(s):** National Community Renaissance of California (NCRC)  
 Townspeople  
**General Partner Type:** Nonprofit  
**Parent Company(ies):** NCRC  
 Townspeople  
**Developer:** NCRC  
**Investor/Consultant:** California Housing Partnership Corporation  
**Management Agent(s):** NCRC

**Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction  
 Total # Residential Buildings: 4  
 Total # of Units: 52  
 No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 51 100%  
 Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%  
 Federal Subsidy: HOME / HUD Section 8 Project-Based Contract (38 Units - 74%)  
 Average Targeted Affordability of Special Needs/SRO Project Units: 40.00%  
 Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):  
     30% AMI: 12 20 %  
     40% AMI: 19 35 %  
     50% AMI: 12 20 %

**Information**

Set-Aside: Nonprofit (homeless assistance)  
 Housing Type: Special Needs  
 Type of Special Needs: Homeless/Formerly Homeless  
 % of Special Need Units: 38 units 75%  
 Geographic Area: San Diego County  
 TCAC Project Analyst: DC Navarrette

**Unit Mix**

6 1-Bedroom Units  
 30 2-Bedroom Units  
 16 3-Bedroom Units  


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 52 Total Units

<u>Unit Type &amp; Number</u>	<u>2016 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2016 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
1 1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$478
5 1 Bedroom	40%	40%	\$637
6 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$573
14 2 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$765
9 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$956
5 3 Bedrooms	30%	29%	\$638
3 3 Bedrooms	50%	48%	\$1,063
8 3 Bedrooms	60%	58%	\$1,275
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

**Project Cost Summary at Application**

Land and Acquisition	\$1,464,058
Construction Costs	\$12,453,414
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$623,000
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$697,840
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$1,336,375
Legal Fees, Appraisals	\$90,000
Reserves	\$497,156
Other Costs	\$2,089,464
Developer Fee	\$1,400,000
Commercial Costs	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,651,307</b>

**Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$20,651,307
Estimated Residential Project Cost:	\$20,651,307
Estimated Commercial Project Cost:	\$0

**Residential**

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$203
Per Unit Cost:	\$397,141
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$392,301

**Construction Financing**

Source	Amount
Wells Fargo	\$14,935,428
San Diego Housing Commission	\$3,000,000
AHP	\$510,000
Funders Together to End Homelessness	\$100,000
Fee Waiver	\$139,932
Deferred Costs	\$877,156
Deferred Developer Fee	\$111,732
Tax Credit Equity	\$977,059

**Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount
Wells Fargo	\$2,780,000
San Diego Housing Commission	\$3,000,000
HCD - VHHP	\$3,339,054
AHP	\$510,000
Funders Together to End Homelessness	\$100,000
Fee Waiver	\$139,932
Deferred Developer Fee	\$111,732
Tax Credit Equity	\$10,670,589
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,651,307</b>

\*Less Donated Land, Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee

**Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$7,268,331
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$9,448,830
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$850,395
Total State Credit:	\$2,180,499
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$1,400,000
Investor/Consultant:	California Housing Partnership Corporation
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$1.08811
State Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.65000

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), The “as if vacant” land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

**Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$7,268,331
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$17,497,099
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$13,663,868
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$17,497,098

**Adjustments to Basis Limit**

Required to Pay State or Federal Prevailing Wages/Financed by labor-affiliated organization employing construction workers paid at least state or federal prevailing wages  
Local Development Impact Fees

**Tie-Breaker Information**

First:	<b>Special Needs</b>
Final:	<b>65.774%</b>

**Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC’s underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 9.0% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.21%. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information**

The applicant requested and was granted a waiver of the 10% vacancy requirement under TCAC Regulation Section 10325(g)(4)(H).

**Legal Status**

Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

**Local Reviewing Agency**

The Local Reviewing Agency, the San Diego Housing Commission, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

<b>Federal Tax Credits/Annual</b>	<b>State Tax Credits/Total</b>
<b>\$850,395</b>	<b>\$2,180,499</b>

**Standard Conditions**

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation and any Readiness to Proceed Requirements elected. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a performance deposit and allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements of the proposed project. If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of fifteen years and at no cost to the tenants. Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(6) at project completion. Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2) at project completion.

**Additional Conditions:** None.

<b>Points System</b>	<b>Max. Possible Points</b>	<b>Requested Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
<b>Cost Efficiency / Credit Reduction / Public Funds</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
Public Funds	20	20	20
<b>Owner / Management Characteristics</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
<b>Housing Needs</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Site Amenities</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Within 1/8 mile of transit, service every 30 minutes in rush hours	6	6	6
Within 1/2 mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
Within 1 mile of public library	2	2	2
Within 1/2 mile of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	5	5	5
Within 1/4 mile of a public elementary school	3	3	3
Within 1 mile of medical clinic or hospital	2	2	2
Within 1/2 mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
<b>Service Amenities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS AND SRO HOUSING TYPES</b>			
Case Manager, minimum ratio of 1 FTE to 100 bedrooms	5	5	5
Service Coordinator/Other Services Specialist, min. ratio 1 FTE to 360 bdrm	5	5	5
<b>Sustainable Building Methods</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADAPTIVE REUSE</b>			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: LEED	5	5	5
<b>Lowest Income</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
<b>Readiness to Proceed</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
State Credit Substitution	2	2	2
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>138</b>

**Please Note:** If more than the maximum Site Amenity points were requested, not all amenities may have been scored and/or verified.

**DO NOT RELY ON SCORING IN THIS COMPETITIVE CYCLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS. ALL RE-APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON PAST SCORING.**