THE CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE July 17, 2019

Staff Report

REQUEST FOR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION FOR A **OUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECT**

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Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Allocation Amount Requested:

\$5,525,000 Tax-exempt:

Project Information:

PATH Villas Montclair-Gramercy (Site 2) Name:

Project Address: 3317 W. Washington Blvd.

Project City, County, Zip Code: Los Angeles, Los Angeles, 90018

Project Sponsor Information:

Montclair LA LP (Montclair GP LLC) Name:

Principals: Joel Roberts and Amy Anderson

The John Stewart Company **Property Management Company:**

Project Financing Information:

Bond Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP

Private Placement Purchaser: Citibank, N.A. **Cash Flow Permanent Bond:** Not Applicable

> Not Applicable Public Sale: Not Applicable **Underwriter:**

Credit Enhancement Provider: Not Applicable

> Not Applicable Rating:

May 9, 2019 **TEFRA Noticing Date:** June 5, 2019 **TEFRA Adoption Date:**

Description of Proposed Project:

State Ceiling Pool: General 17 **Total Number of Units:**

> **Manager's Units:** 1 Unrestricted

> > Acquisition and Rehabilitation Type:

Family/Special Needs **Population Served:**

PATH Villas Montclair-Gramercy (Site 2) Apartments is an existing project located in Los Angeles on a .43-acre site. The project consists of 16 restricted rental units and 1 unrestricted manager unit. There will be a total of 16 studio units in the project and 1 two-bedroom unit. The renovations will include building (exterior/interior) upgrades. Building exterior renovations will consist of new accessible entrance doors to the lobby and ground floor accessible units, minor maintenance work on the existing storefront windows and doors (including changing hardware sets and weather striping), replacement of roofing, provide a new fire sprinkler system, patch and repair damaged exterior brick walls, and new roller shades on the existing storefront. Interior renovations will include replacing the existing childcare facility with a two-bedroom unit for the property manager, management office, two case manager offices and an ground floor laundry room. Individual apartment units will be updated with expansion of bathrooms for some units, new plumbing fixtures and new kitchen. The rehabilitation is expected to begin in January 2020 and be completed in January 2021.

Description of Public Benefits:

Percent of Restricted Rental Units in the Project: 100%

100% (16 units) restricted to 50% or less of area median income households.

Unit Mix: Studio

The proposed project will not be receiving service amenity points.

Term of Restrictions:

Income and Rent Restrictions: 55 years

Details of Project Financing:

| Estimated Total Development Cost: | \$ | 10,517,078 |
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Estimated Hard Costs per Unit: \$ 162,818 \$2,767,908 /17 units including mgr. unit)

Estimated per Unit Cost: \$ 618,652 (\$10,517,078 /17 units including mgr. unit)

Allocation per Unit: \$ 325,000 (\$5,525,000 /17 units including mgr. unit)

Allocation per Restricted Rental Unit: \$ 345,313 (\$5,525,000 /16 restricted units)

| Sources of Funds: | | Construction | Permanent | |
|---------------------------|----|--------------|------------------|--|
| Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds | \$ | 5,525,000 | \$ 270,882 | |
| LIH Tax Credit Equity | \$ | 353,412 | \$ 2,869,134 | |
| Developer Equity | \$ | 23 | \$ 23 | |
| Developer Fee | \$ | 0 | \$ 375,467 | |
| Deferred Costs | \$ | 601,198 | \$ 0 | |
| Seller Carryback Loan | \$ | 1,333,722 | \$ 1,333,722 | |
| HCD Home Funds (Existing) | \$ | 1,466,278 | \$ 1,466,278 | |
| Cash Reserves from Seller | \$ | 0 | \$ 58,736 | |
| HCD HOME & HOPWA | \$ | 1,237,445 | \$ 0 | |
| HCID HTF | \$ | 0 | \$ 1,600,000 | |
| HCD MHP Supportive Hsg | \$ | 0 | \$ 2,542,836 | |
| Total Sources | \$ | 10,517,078 | \$ 10,517,078 | |

Uses of Funds:

| Land Cost/Acquisition | \$ 3,015,325 |
|---|------------------|
| Rehabilitation | \$ 3,111,681 |
| Relocation | \$ 791,896 |
| Contractor Overhead & Profit | \$ 138,396 |
| Architectural Fees | \$ 459,867 |
| Survey and Engineering | \$ 125,000 |
| Construction Interest and Fees | \$ 575,790 |
| Permanent Financing | \$ 2,462 |
| Legal Fees | \$ 25,260 |
| Reserves | \$ 297,406 |
| Appraisal | \$ 8,000 |
| Hard Cost Contingency | \$ 485,882 |
| Local Development Impact Fees | \$ 600 |
| Other Project Costs (Soft Costs, Marketing, etc.) | \$ 521,028 |
| Developer Costs | \$ 958,485 |
| Total Uses | \$ 10,517,078 |

Analyst Comments:

This project is considered a high cost per unit project. The Applicant states that the factors contributing to the high cost are: small project (17 total units); a gut rehabilitation of PATH's Family Solutions Center (community services facility approximately 4,000 square feet; and construction of a two-bedroom apartment.

Legal Questionnaire:

The Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the application. No information was disclosed to question the financial viability or legal integrity of the Applicant.

Total Points:

out of 140 [See Attachment A]

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approves \$5,525,000 in tax-exempt bond allocation on a carryforward basis.

ATTACHMENT A

EVALUATION SCORING:

| Point Criteria | Maximum Points Allowed for Non- Mixed Income Projects | Maximum Points Allowed for Mixed Income Projects | Points Scored |
|---|---|--|---------------|
| Preservation Project | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Exceeding Minimum Income Restrictions: | 35 | 15 | 35 |
| Exceeding Minimum Rent Restrictions | | | |
| [Allowed if 10 pts not awarded above in Preservation Project] | [10] | [10] | 10 |
| Large Family Units | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Leveraging | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Community Revitalization Area | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Site Amenities | 10 | 10 | 5 |
| Service Amenities | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| New Construction or Substantial Renovation | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Sustainable Building Methods | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Forgone Eligible Developer Fee (Competitive Allocation Process Only) | 10 | 10 | N/A |
| Minimum Term of Restrictions (Competitive Allocation Process Only) | 10 | 10 | N/A |
| Negative Points (No Maximum) | -10 | -10 | -10 |
| Total Points | 140 | 120 | 50 |