

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

**Project Staff Report
2008 First Round Cycle
June 20, 2008**

Project Number CA-2008-051

Project Name Casa Dominguez
Site Address: 15711 -15729 South Atlantic Avenue
East Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221 County: Los Angeles
Census Tract: 5421.02

Applicant Information

Applicant: Casa Dominguez, L.P.
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General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Information

Set-Aside: Nonprofit
Housing Type: Large Family
Geographic Area: N/A

Eligible Basis

Requested: \$16,594,633
Actual: \$21,999,772
Maximum Permitted: \$17,433,864

Adjustments to Threshold Basis Limit:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages **95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced**
Local Development Impact Fees **Day Care Center**

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$1,754,750	\$0
Recommended:	\$1,754,750	\$0

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Federal Subsidy: HOME
Total # of Units: 70
Total # Residential Buildings: 2

Income/Rent Targeting

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
% & No. of Tax Credit Units: 100% - 69 units
Breakdown by %: 10% @ 30%, 15% @ 45%, 50% @ 50%

Selection Criteria	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
<i>Cost Efficiency/Credit Reduction/Public Funds</i> Maximum of 20 points	20	20	20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit Reduction	20	2	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Funds	18	18	18
<i>Owner / Management Characteristics</i> Maximum of 9 points	9	9	9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Partner Experience	6	6	6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management Experience	3	3	3
Negative Points			
<i>Housing Needs</i> Maximum of 10 points	10	10	10
<i>Site Amenities</i> Maximum of 15 points	15	15	15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of transit stop with service every 30 minutes	6	6	6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ½ mile of public library	2	2	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ½ mile of a full-scale grocery store with staples, fresh meat and fresh produce	3	3	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Family project within ¼ mile of public school that project children may attend	3	3	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within 1 mile of medical clinic or hospital	2	2	2
<i>Service Amenities</i> Maximum of 10 points	10	10	10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After school programs of an ongoing nature for school age children	5	5	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licensed child care providing 20 hours or more per week (Monday-Friday) to residents	5	5	5
<i>Neighborhood Revitalization</i> Maximum of 9 points	9	9	9
<i>Sustainable Building Methods</i> Maximum of 8 points	8	8	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New construction/adaptive reuse increases energy efficiency 10% above Title 24	4	4	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy star rated ceiling fans in bedroom/living room; whole house fan; economizer	2	2	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRI Green-label, low-VOC carpet and pad	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rainwater retention at ½ inch rainfall per 24-hour period	1	1	1
<i>Lowest Income</i> Maximum of 52 points	52	52	52
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Targeting	50	50	50
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
<i>Readiness to Proceed</i> Maximum of 20 points	20	20	20
<i>State credit substitution</i> Maximum of 2 points	2	2	2
Total Points	155	155	155

Tie-Breaker Information

Tie-Breaker Categories Apply to this Project: **Yes**

First: Housing Type **Large Family**

Second: Maximum Neighborhood Revitalization Points/Federal Designated Area **Yes**

Third: Calculated Ratio per Regulation 10325(c)(12) **59.732%**

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2008 Rents % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
1 One-Bedroom	30%	\$426
2 One-Bedroom	45%	\$639
6 One-Bedroom	50%	\$710
3 Two-Bedroom	30%	\$511
5 Two-Bedroom	45%	\$767
23 Two-Bedroom	50%	\$852
2 Three-Bedroom	30%	\$591
3 Three-Bedroom	45%	\$887
17 Three-Bedroom	50%	\$985
1 Four-Bedroom	30%	\$659
1 Four-Bedroom	45%	\$988
5 Four-Bedroom	50%	\$1,098
1 Three-Bedroom	Manager's Unit	\$0

The general partner or principal owner is Los Angeles Community Design Center.

The project developer is Los Angeles Community Design Center.

The management agent is Design Center Housing Services.

The market analyst is Laurin Associates.

The Local Reviewing Agency, the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$33,478,838 Per Unit Cost: \$438,909 Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$358
 Estimated Residential Costs: \$30,723,601
 Estimated Commercial Costs: \$2,755,237

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Citibank	\$19,000,000	Citibank	\$4,503,000
L.A. County CDC – CDBG	\$1,685,000	L.A. County CDC – CDBG	\$1,685,000
HACOLA – City of Industry	\$2,900,000	HACOLA – City of Industry	\$2,900,000
HACOLA – Condo Conversion Fund	\$1,100,000	HACOLA–Condo Conversion Fund	\$1,100,000
L.A. County CDC – HOME	\$5,959,411	L.A. County CDC – HOME	\$5,959,411
L.A. County CDC – TIF	\$300,000	L.A. County CDC – TIF	\$300,000
General Partner Equity	\$100	AHP	\$700,000
Deferred Costs	\$1,310,743	General Partner Equity	\$100
Investor Equity	\$1,223,584	Deferred Developer Fee	\$765,027
		Investor Equity	\$15,566,300
		TOTAL	\$33,478,838

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$16,594,633
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100%
Qualified Basis Credit Reduction (2%)	\$431,460
Qualified Basis:	\$21,141,562
Applicable Rate:	8.30%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,754,750
Total State Credit:	\$0
Approved Total Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$1,530,055
Approved Residential Dev. Fee in Project Cost:	\$1,400,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Tax Credit Factor: CA Housing Partnership	\$0.88709

Applicant requests and staff recommends annual federal credits of \$1,754,750 based on a qualified basis of \$21,141,562 and a funding shortfall of \$15,566,300.

Cost Analysis and Line Item Review

The requested eligible basis \$16,594,633 is below TCAC's threshold basis limit \$17,433,864. The basis limit was increased by the following extraordinary features: projects where 95% of upper floor units are elevator-serviced, projects that are required to pay state or federal prevailing wages, projects with day care center, and local development impact fees. Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations.

Annual operating expenses **equal** 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 **8.30%** of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition Credit or Credit combined with federal subsidies, **3.60%**. 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: None

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.

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:

Federal/Annual	State/Total
\$1,754,750	\$0

Standard Conditions

An application for a carryover allocation must be submitted by **October 31, 2008**, as required by regulation section 10328(d), together with the applicable allocation fee and all required documentation. The time for meeting the "10%" test and submitting related documentation will be no later than six (6) months after the date of the executed carryover allocation (as defined by IRC Section 42 and IRS Notices). The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements for the housing type of the proposed project.

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Final Reservation no later than February 1 of the year that the building(s) must be placed in service pursuant to Section 42(h)(E)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The applicant shall provide the Committee a Final Reservation application providing the documentation for the project set forth in Section 10322(i)(1) of these regulations. 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. The performance deposit must be paid by cashier's check within 20 calendar days of any preliminary reservation. The allocation fee must be paid within a time period specified in the preliminary reservation letter. The allocation fee will be due prior to execution of a carryover allocation or issuance of tax forms, whichever comes first. 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 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.

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 ten 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)(8) 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)(P) at project completion.

Additional Conditions:

Applicants that received 20 points for readiness to proceed must meet ALL of the following requirements. The applicant must be ready to begin construction within 150 days of the Credit Reservation which is **November 17, 2008**, as evidenced by submission, within that time of, recorded deeds of trust for all construction financing, payment of all construction lender fees, issuance of building permits and notice to proceed delivered to the contractor. Failure to meet this timeline will result in rescission of the Credit Reservation.

Project Analyst: Jack Waegell