

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report

2014 Second Round

September 24, 2014

Project Number CA-14-152

Project Name Washington 722 TOD
Site Address: 722, 726, 732, 736 E. Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90021 County: Los Angeles
Census Tract: 2260.010

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$1,727,004	\$0
Recommended:	\$1,727,004	\$0

Applicant Information

Applicant: Washington 722, L.P.
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General Partner(s) / Principal Owner(s): WCH Affordable IX, LLC
Washington 722 TOD, LLC

General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): Western Community Housing, Inc.
Meta Housing Corporation

Developer: Meta Housing Corporation

Investor/Consultant: Red Stone Equity Partners

Management Agent(s): Solari Enterprises, Inc.

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 1

Total # of Units: 55

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 54 100%

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

Federal Subsidy: HOME

Utility Allowance: CUAC

Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):

30% AMI:	6	10 %
45% AMI:	14	25 %
50% AMI:	22	40 %

Information

Set-Aside: N/A
 Housing Type: Large Family
 Geographic Area: City of Los Angeles
 TCAC Project Analyst: Jack Waegell

Unit Mix

18 1-Bedroom Units
 20 2-Bedroom Units
 17 3-Bedroom Units

 55 Total Units

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2014 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2014 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
2 1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$458
12 1 Bedroom	45%	45%	\$687
4 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$764
2 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$550
2 2 Bedrooms	45%	45%	\$825
15 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$917
2 3 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$636
3 3 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$1,060
12 3 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,272
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$24,396,208
 Estimated Residential Project Cost: \$24,184,439
 Estimated Commercial Project Cost \$211,769

Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$167
 Per Unit Cost: \$439,717

Construction Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wells Fargo Bank	\$15,441,000
HCID/LA - HOME	\$2,280,000
HCD - IIG	\$1,537,920
AHP	\$540,000
Deferred Costs	\$1,143,281
Tax Credit Equity	\$3,454,007

Permanent Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wells Fargo Bank	\$1,767,700
HCID/LA - HOME	\$2,280,000
HCD - IIG	\$1,537,920
HCD - TOD	\$400,000
AHP	\$540,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$600,551
Tax Credit Equity	\$17,270,037
TOTAL	\$24,396,208

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$17,252,784
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$22,428,619
Applicable Rate:	7.70%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,727,004
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Investor/Consultant:	Red Stone Equity Partners
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$1.00000

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:	\$17,252,784
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$17,254,124
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$12,968,838
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$18,364,387

Adjustments to Basis Limit:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages
 Parking Beneath Residential Units
 Local Development Impact Fees
 95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

Tie-Breaker Information

Initial:	Formal Letter of Support
First:	Large Family
Second:	28.920%

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 expense 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 7.70% of the qualified basis. 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.

Local Reviewing Agency:

The Local Reviewing Agency, the City of Los Angeles Housing & Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), 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:

Federal Tax Credits/Annual	State Tax Credits/Total
\$1,727,004	\$0

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 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)(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.

Points System	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Cost Efficiency / Credit Reduction / Public Funds	20	20	20
Cost Efficiency	20	1	1
Public Funds	20	19	19
Owner / Management Characteristics	9	9	9
General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs	10	10	10
Site Amenities	15	15	15
Within ¼ mile of transit stop, service every 30 min, 25 units/acre density	7	7	7
Within ½ mile of public park or community center open to general public	2	2	2
Within ½ mile of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	4	4	4
Within 1/4 mile of a public elementary school that project children may attend	3	3	3
Within 1 mile of medical clinic or hospital	2	2	2
Within ¼ mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
Service Amenities	10	10	10
LARGE FAMILY HOUSING TYPE			
Adult ed/health & wellness/skill bldg classes, minimum 60 hrs/yr instruction	5	5	5
After school program for school age children, minimum of 10 hours/week	5	5	5
Sustainable Building Methods	10	10	10
NEW CONSTRUCTION			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: LEED	5	5	5
Develop project to requirements of: LEED Gold	5	5	5
Lowest Income	52	52	52
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed	20	20	20
Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies	2	2	2
Smoke Free Residence	2	2	2
Qualified Census Tract	2	2	0
Total Points	148	148	148

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.