

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2011

Adopted February 16, 2011

AUTHORIZING A HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$950,000, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 120 UNITS OF VERY LOW-INCOME SUPPORTIVE RENTAL HOUSING, THE RENE CAZENAVE APARTMENTS, 25 ESSEX STREET, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF FOLSOM AND ESSEX STREETS, AND MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; TRANSBAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq., the "Law"), the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Agency") undertakes programs for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of blighted areas in the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") and has adopted a redevelopment project area known as the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project Area").
2. In accordance with the Law, the City acting through its Board of Supervisors, approved a Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area by Ordinance No. 124-05, adopted on June 21, 2005 and by Ordinance No. 99-06, adopted on May 9, 2006. In cooperation with the City, the Agency is responsible for implementing the Transbay Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan").
3. The Agency is authorized under a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ("HOPWA") Loan Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), executed pursuant to the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12901 to 12912), to provide qualifying sponsors with resources for meeting the housing needs of persons living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus and/or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome ("HIV/AIDS").
4. The Redevelopment Plan has a significant affordable housing component. State law requires that at least 35% of all new housing units developed within the Project Area must be affordable housing, or approximately 950 of the 2,650 units. In order to meet the various housing needs of very low-, low- and moderate-income residents, the Agency supports the development of a wide variety of affordable housing types including family rental housing, senior housing, first-time homeowner housing, and supportive housing.

5. On October 27, 2008, the Agency, in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health Housing and Urban Health Unit ("DPH-HUH"), issued a Housing Development with Intensive Supportive Services Request for Proposals for applicants to develop, own, and operate (including the provision of intensive supportive services), approximately 100-120 studio and one-bedroom units of supportive housing for extremely low-income and formerly homeless individuals referred by DPH-HUH (the "Project"). The Project will be located at the southeast corner of Folsom and Essex Streets in the Project Area (the "Property" or the "Site").
6. The Agency selected the applicant team consisting of BRIDGE Housing Corporation ("BRIDGE"), Community Housing Partnership ("CHP"), LeddyMaytum Stacy Architects, and the University of California San Francisco's Citywide Case Management Program. MCB Family Housing, Inc., an affiliate of BRIDGE and CHP, has formed Folsom Essex LLC, a California limited liability corporation (the "Developer"), to act as Developer for the Project.
7. Beginning on August 4, 2009 through October 19, 2010, the Agency Commission has authorized the following actions related to the Project: (1) an Exclusive Negotiations Agreement ("ENA") and a Predevelopment Loan with the Developer to enable the Developer to pursue predevelopment activities for the construction and management of the Project; (2) approval of the Project's Schematic Design along with an amendment to the ENA to update the Project's Schedule of Performance; and (3) approval of a Disposition and Development Agreement ("DDA") to establish the terms and preconditions to be met in order for the Agency and Developer to enter into a Ground Lease at the close of construction financing for the Project and approval of the proposed Ground Lease.
8. The Developer is now requesting a HOPWA Loan in an amount not to exceed \$950,000. The HOPWA/Citywide Affordable Housing Loan Committee recommended approval of this request on February 4, 2011.
9. Concurrently with this Resolution, the Developer has requested approval of a Permanent Loan Agreement for the Project including Transbay Jobs/Housing Linkage fee loan funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,576,646, in addition to the existing Tax Increment loan funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,181,995 for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,758,641, not including the HOPWA funds, as well as a conditional amount of \$10,550,000, to enable the Developer to seek additional funding and complete the development of the Project.
10. The HOPWA Loan Agreement will require that 9 of the 120 units in the Project be set aside for people living with disabling HIV/AIDS.
11. HUD regulations for HOPWA at 24 CFR §574 et seq. ("Regulations") permit use of the funds for new construction as "eligible activities" pursuant to 24 CFR § 574.300 (b)(4).

12. On April 20, 2004, the Agency Commission adopted Resolution No. 45-2004, certifying the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (the "Final EIS/EIR") for the Transbay Redevelopment Project, and on January 25, 2005 adopted Resolution No. 11-2005, adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in connection with the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan. The Board of Supervisors and the City Planning Commission adopted similar findings. Because the Final EIS/EIR includes evaluation of the proposed Transbay Terminal, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority ("TJPA") also adopted environmental findings.
13. The Final EIS/EIR includes by reference a number of addenda. The addenda include the following:
 - a. Addendum #1 – adopted by the TJPA on June 2, 2006, assessed the additional use of the temporary Transbay Terminal by Greyhound, another transit carrier.
 - b. Addendum #2 – adopted by the TJPA on April 19, 2007, assessed modifications of the rail tracks and underground tunnels leading to the Transbay Terminal.
 - c. Addendum #3 – adopted by the TJPA on January 17, 2008, evaluated the addition of 546 Howard Street to the Transbay Terminal project.
 - d. Addendum #4 – adopted by the TJPA on October 17, 2008, evaluated the configuration, boarding platforms and passenger waiting areas, and bus staging areas of the Temporary Terminal, and associated modifications to bus lanes on surrounding streets.
 - e. Addendum #5 – adopted by the TJPA on April 9, 2009, evaluated the building design of the new Transit Center.
14. In adopting each Addendum, TJPA determined that modifications to the Project would not require subsequent environmental review and would not require major revisions to the Final EIS/EIR.
15. The Final EIS/EIR is a program EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15168 and a redevelopment plan EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15180. The Final EIS/EIR is also a project EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15161 for certain structures and facilities, including the Temporary Terminal. The development of approximately 120 units of very low-income supportive housing on Transbay Block 11A is an undertaking pursuant to and in furtherance of the Redevelopment Plan in conformance with CEQA Sections 15180 and 15168.
16. Agency staff has reviewed the HOPWA Loan Agreement and related actions for Rene Cazenave Apartments and finds the proposed actions to be other Implementing Actions to facilitate construction of supportive housing on

Transbay Block 11A and within the scope of the Project analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR and subsequent addenda and no additional environmental review is required pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15180 and 15168.

17. Agency staff, in making the necessary findings for the Implementing Actions contemplated herein, considered and reviewed the Final EIS/EIR and addenda, has made documents related to the Implementing Actions, the Final EIS/EIR, and addenda available for review by the Agency Commission and the public, and these files are part of the record before the Agency Commission.
18. The Final EIS/EIR findings and statement of overriding considerations adopted in accordance with CEQA by the Agency Commission by Resolution No. 11-2005 dated January 25, 2005 were and remain adequate, accurate and objective and are incorporated herein by reference as applicable to the Implementing Actions.

FINDINGS

The Agency finds and determines that HOPWA Loan Agreement and related actions are Implementing Actions within the scope of the project analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR and Addenda and requires no additional environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15180, 15168, 15162 and 15163 for the following reasons:


1. The Implementing Actions are within the scope of the project analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR and Addenda and no major revisions are required due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the Final EIS/EIR;
2. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR and Addenda was undertaken that would require major revisions to the Final EIS/EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of effects identified in the Final EIS/EIR; and,
3. No new information of substantial importance to the project analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR and Addenda has become available which would indicate that (a) the Implementing Actions will have significant effects not discussed in the Final EIS/EIR; (b) significant environmental effects will be substantially more severe; (c) mitigation measures or alternatives found not feasible which would reduce one or more significant effects have become feasible; or (d) mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those in the Final EIS/EIR will substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that:

1. It has reviewed and considered the Final EIS/EIR findings and statement of overriding considerations and hereby adopts the CEQA findings set forth in Resolution No. 11-2005 incorporated herein and those set forth above; and
2. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into a HOPWA Loan Agreement with Community Housing Partnership, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, for the development of Rene Cazenave Apartments, approximately 120 units of very low-income supportive rental housing on Transbay Block 11A, located at the southeast corner of Folsom and Essex Streets, in the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area, substantially in the form lodged with the Agency General Counsel; and enter into any and all ancillary documents or take any additional actions necessary to consummate the transaction.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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Agency General Counsel