

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice: December 15, 2023

Department of Housing  
County of San Mateo  
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of San Mateo Department of Housing.

The two notices are published in The San Mateo County Times and on the public notices section of the San Mateo County Department of Housing website at <https://www.smcgov.org/housing/doh-public-notice>. The direct weblink to these notices for the proposed Project is <https://www.smcgov.org/housing/environmental-review-ridge-ralston-678-ralston-avenue-belmont-ca-94002>

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 10, 2024, the County of San Mateo will authorize the County of San Mateo Department of Housing to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$4,403,263 in HOME-ARP funds, for an affordable housing project known as The Ridge at Ralston (the “Project”).

The Project would replace an existing dry-cleaning business located at 678 Ralston Avenue in the City of Belmont, California 94002 (APN 040-313-280), with a 65-unit affordable housing project. The building would be a total of eight stories, consisting of seven residential stories above the ground level. The ground level would be devoted to podium parking, lobby, leasing office, bike room and additional common spaces. An outdoor courtyard would be located on the second level. Of the 65 units, 30 units would be one-bedroom averaging 560 square feet, 18 units would be two-bedrooms averaging 694 square feet and 17 units would be three-bedrooms averaging 982 square feet. A total of 19 automobile parking spaces and 62 long term and two short term bicycle parking spaces will be provided onsite. The Project shall be 100% affordable housing with rent and income-restricted affordable rental units for 55 years. The total project cost is estimated to be \$61,272,000. Seventeen units will be funded by HOME-ARP, with preference for housing Homeless Households as defined by HUD. The Project is expected to receive \$4,403,263 in HOME-ARP funds.

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

An Environmental Assessment under 24 CFR Part 58 was conducted for the Project. The County of San Mateo has determined that with mitigation, the Project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at <https://housing.smcgov.org/doh-public-notice>. The direct link to the ERR for the proposed Project is <https://www.smcgov.org/housing/environmental-review-ridge-ralston-678-ralston-avenue-belmont-ca-94002>.

If you are unable to access to the internet or prefer a hard copy, a copy of the ERR can be mailed to you. Please request a hard copy from Van Diggans at the Department of Housing, 264 Harbor Blvd, Building A, Belmont, CA 94002 or telephone (650) 802-5050 or via email at [vdiggans@smcgov.org](mailto:vdiggans@smcgov.org).

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of San Mateo Department of Housing, Attention: Van Diggans, HCD Specialist, 264 Harbor Blvd., Bldg. A, Belmont, CA 94002 or electronically to [vdiggans@smcgov.org](mailto:vdiggans@smcgov.org). All comments received by 5 P.M. on January 9, 2024 will be considered by the County of San Mateo Certifying Officer, prior to authorizing submission of a request for Release of Funds (RROF). Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing: the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact *or* the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The County of San Mateo certifies to HUD that Rose Cade, Deputy Director, Department of Housing, in her capacity as Certifying Officer of the County of San Mateo consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of San Mateo Department of Housing to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to the Responsible Entity's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of San Mateo Department of Housing; (b) the County of San Mateo has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, if applicable; (c) the Responsible Entity has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F, or G of Part 58 as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD and the environmental certification; or (e) another Federal, State or local agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to the HUD grant administration office by email to [RROFSFRO@hud.gov](mailto:RROFSFRO@hud.gov) and to [stanley.w.toal@hud.gov](mailto:stanley.w.toal@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Rose Cade, Deputy Director  
San Mateo County Department of Housing  
Certifying Officer for the County of San Mateo