NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: November 4, 2025

Name of Responsible Entity: <u>City of El Paso</u>

City of El Paso, Department of Community + Human Development

801 Texas Ave., 3rd Floor El Paso, Texas 79901 915.212.0138

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the <u>City of El Paso</u>

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 24, 2025 the City of El Paso on behalf of Housing Authority of the City of El Paso dba HOME will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Ft. Worth, Texas for the release of Public Based Vouchers (PBV) and Public Housing funds under Section 9 of the 1937 Housing Act to undertake a project known as HACEP dba HOME's CHAI Manor II for the purpose of New construction consisting of 40 1-bedroom units for households 62-years of age and older. The site, owned by HOME's development entity, PHRC, is vacant and undeveloped, meaning site work, subsurface utilities and surface improvements will be constructed prior to the construction of the single multiunit building. Funding Amount: \$5,267,001.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The <u>City of El Paso</u> has determined that 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 <u>City of El Paso</u>, <u>Department of Community and Human Development</u>, 801 Texas Ave., 3rd Floor (CITY 3), El <u>Paso</u>, Texas 79901 and may be examined or copied weekdays _8_A.M to _5_P.M. The ERR is also available online at <u>City of El Paso</u>, <u>Department of Community and Human Development</u> website: https://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-and-human-development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the <u>City of El Paso</u>, <u>Department of Community and Human Development</u>, <u>801 Texas Ave.</u>, <u>3rd Floor (City 3)</u>, <u>El Paso</u>, <u>Texas 79901</u> or submitted via email to <u>DCHDCompliance@elpasotexas.gov.</u> All comments received by <u>November 24, 2025</u> will be considered by the <u>City of El Paso</u>, <u>Department of Community and Human Development</u> prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The <u>City of El Paso</u> on behalf the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso certifies to <u>Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</u>, Ft. Worth, Texas that <u>Elda Rodriguez-Hefner</u>, <u>Grant Administrator for City Manager</u>, <u>Dionne Mack</u>, in <u>her capacity as <u>Grant Administrator</u> 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. <u>Department of Housing and Urban Development</u> (<u>HUD</u>), Ft. Worth, Texas approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the <u>City of El Paso</u> to use Program funds.</u>

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Ft. Worth, Texas will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of El Paso certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date 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 <u>City of El Paso</u>; (b) the <u>City of El Paso on behalf</u> of Housing Authority of the City of El Paso has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Ft. Worth, Texas; or (d) another Federal 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 addressed to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 801 Cherry St., Unit #456, Ste. 2500, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102 or via email to: <u>CPDRROFFTW@.hud.gov</u>. Potential objectors should contact Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Ft. Worth, Texas to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Elda Rodriguez-Hefner, Grants Administrator, Office of the Comptroller, City of El Paso Dionne Mack, City Manager 300 N. Campbell (city 1), El Paso, Texas 79901 915.212.1170