SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.16 (ID # 23876) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

FROM : HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS:

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (HWS): Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-025, Approving Funding Allocation and Support for Application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee for the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments (formerly known as Murrieta Apartments Phase II) Multifamily Housing Project, Located in the City of Murrieta; Reapprove up to \$6,000,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to National Community Renaissance of California, or its Affiliate, for the Development of Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments Multifamily Housing Project; District 3. [\$6,000,000 - 100% American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- Adopt Resolution No. 2024-025, Approving Funding Allocation and Support for Application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee for the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments (formerly known as Murrieta Apartments Phase II) Multifamily Housing Project, Located in the City of Murrieta; and
- Reapprove up to \$6,000,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to National Community Renaissance of California, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, or its affiliate, for the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments Multifamily Housing Project, subject to the conditions set forth in Resolution No. 2024-025.

ACTION:Policy

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:	Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Date:	January 30, 2024
xc:	HWS

Kimberly A. Rector Clerk of the Board By: Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS Funds (100%)	3: American Resc	ue Plan Act (ARP	A) Budget Adj	ustment: No
			For Fiscal Y 24/25	'ear: 23/24 –

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

<u>Summary</u>

On October 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$50,000,000 in ARPA funds (Minute Order 3.5), further divided into five \$10,000,000 investments to each Supervisorial District for the purpose of addressing homelessness through the development of affordable housing and providing shelter. Of this first ARPA allocation, \$4,000,000 is the remaining amount for District 3 that will be allocated to fund the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments. On October 4, 2022 (Minute Order 3.44), the Board approved the 2nd installment allocation of ARPA funding. Of this 2nd ARPA allocation, \$33,000,000 was equally distributed to each district. The remaining amount of \$2,000,000 needed for this Proposed Project will come from the 2nd installment allocation. The funding allocated by the Board was the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) that the County was allocated as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (Pub. L 117-2). These ARPA funds are to focus on projects and/or programs that serve as a pathway to create affordable housing with necessary supporting infrastructure to assist low-income communities disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the eligible uses of ARPA funds include the increase in the supply of permanent supportive housing which is critical to addressing homelessness.

On March 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2023-068, approving \$6,000,000 in ARPA funds to National Community Renaissance of California, also known as National CORE, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and an affordable housing developer, for the development and construction of a multi-family affordable rental housing project referred to as Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments (formerly known as Murrieta Apartments Phase II), an 81-unit affordable multi-family development (80 rentable units + 1 manager unit) constructed on 1.47-acres of the 6.22-acre site of vacant land owned by the City of Murrieta which is located at 24960 Adams Avenue, (APN 906-080-018) in the City of Murrieta for low- income households at risk of homelessness and special needs (Proposed Project).

National CORE was unsuccessful in obtaining funding from the oversubscribed application round for the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee in year 2023. The County ARPA funding under Resolution 2023-068 expired on December 31, 2023, so National CORE has requested County to renew its resolution for support and approval for ARPA funding for the

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Proposed Project. To enhance its competitiveness in the forthcoming round of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee for tax credits, National CORE is designating units specifically for homeless seniors. This strategic allocation of units for this population positions the Proposed Project to participate in a dedicated set-aside, significantly increasing its chances of securing low-income housing tax credits. Furthermore, the Proposed Project boasts a competitive tiebreaker score for low-income housing tax credits, due to the County's ARPA funding commitment.

The Proposed Project remains unchanged, and affordable multifamily rental housing project consisting of one building comprised of 72 one-bedroom units, 8 two-bedroom units, and 1 three-bedroom unit. The Proposed Project is Phase II of a two-phase development consisting of a total 200-unit multi-family housing development. The Oak View Ranch Family Apartments (formerly known as Murrieta Apartments Phase I) consists of 119-units and the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments (formerly known as Murrieta Apartments Phase I) as stated herein consists of the balance of 81-units. A total of 40 units will be restricted under ARPA of which 19 units will be restricted to households whose incomes do not exceed 40% AMI, and 13 units will be restricted to households whose incomes do not exceed 30% AMI and which may have overlap with the above referenced units.

The Proposed Project will be financed using low-income housing tax credits and owned by a limited partnership to be formed by the Developer at a later date upon award of tax credits. The Proposed Project has a funding gap of \$6,000,000 which Developer applied to the County requesting assistance in the form of ARPA funds. Other financing sources for the Proposed Project are anticipated to include \$19,627,773 in investor equity, \$2,254,000 from Bank of America Financing, City grant of \$1,500,000 in ARPA funds from City of Murrieta (including a \$1,188,000 land loan), and \$780,000 in General Partnership Equity. The total cost of development during the permanent financing period is approximately \$31,349,773.

In order to complete the Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) application for an allocation of low-income housing tax credits, Developer must provide resolutions from the local jurisdiction providing support for the Proposed Project and proposed funding commitment.

The attached proposed Resolution No. 2024-025 provides Board support for the Proposed Project and recommends reapproval of an allocation of up to \$6,000,000 in ARPA funds to be used as a loan to Developer to pay a portion of the development and construction costs for the Proposed Project. Staff recommends that the allocation of the ARPA funds be valid until December 31, 2024.

The attached proposed Resolution No. 2024-025, allocating up to \$6,000,000 in ARPA funds to the Proposed Project, subject to Developer's satisfaction of the conditions specifically set forth in the attached Resolution No. 2024-025, which includes but are not limited to, the following:

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- 1. Securing any, and all land use entitlements, permits and approvals which may be required for development and construction of the Proposed Project, including, but not limited to, compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- Obtaining sufficient equity capital or firm and binding commitments for construction and permanent financing necessary to undertake the development and completion of the Proposed Project; and
- 3. Successful negotiation of an agreement requiring compliance with the ARPA Rules approved by the Board of Supervisors and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2024-025. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached Resolution No. 2024-025 as to form.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Approving this item will have a positive impact on the citizens and businesses in southwestern Riverside County. The Proposed Project is expected to generate construction, permanent maintenance and property management jobs, and provide affordable housing for residents of the County of Riverside.

SUPPLEMENTAL: Additional Fiscal Information

No impact upon the County's General Fund; the County's contribution will be fully funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Attachment:

• Resolution No. 2024-025

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-025 APPROVING FUNDING ALLOCATION AND SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS TO THE CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE OAK VIEW RANCH SENIOR APARTMENTS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MURRIETA APARTMENTS PHASE II) MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECT, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MURRIETA

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (Pub. L. 117-2) (Title VI of the Social Security Act Section 602 et seq.), hereinafter "ARPA", was signed into law providing federal funding relief for American workers, families, industries, and state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, via Minute Order 3.5, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside allocated \$50,000,000 in ARPA funds to increase shelter capacity, permanent supportive housing units, and affordable housing to help address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2022 (Minute Order 3.44), the Board approved the second installment allocation of APRA funds to focus on projects and programs that serve as a pathway to create affordable housing with necessary supporting infrastructure to assist low-income communities disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, National Community Renaissance of California, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and an affordable housing developer ("Developer"), proposes to develop and construct a multi-family affordable rental housing project currently referred to as Oak View Ranch Family Apartments (formerly known as Murrieta Apartments Phase I), as well as a senior housing project, Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments (formerly known as Murrieta Apartments Phase II), for low-income family households. Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments is expected to be financed with 9% or 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC"). The proposed project, Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments, will consist of a total of eighty one (81) affordable rental units (one of which is a set-aside manager unit); of those, forty (40) units will be set aside for the at-risk senior population (homeless/special needs) that is to be developed and constructed on 1.47-acres of the 6.22-acre site of the entire project. The site is currently owned

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by the Murrieta Housing Authority and is located at 24960 Adams Avenue in the City of Murrieta, County of Riverside, State of California, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 906-080-018 ("Property"). Following subdivision of the Property, the City will ground lease portions of the Property for each phase or subphase; and

WHEREAS, in connection with this award of ARPA funds, 19 of the total units will be restricted to households whose incomes do not exceed 60% of the Riverside County Area Median Income, and 8 of the total units will be restricted to households whose incomes do not exceed 40% of the Riverside County Area Median Income, and 13 of the total units will be restricted to households whose incomes do not exceed 30% of the Riverside County Area Median Income, and whose incomes do not exceed 30% of the Riverside County Area Median Income, and whose incomes do not exceed 30% of the Riverside County Area Median Income and which may have overlap with the above referenced units; and

WHEREAS, Developer has submitted an application to the County requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$6,000,000 in ARPA funds ("County Allocation") to develop Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments. The County Allocation is needed to fill an existing financing gap in the amount of \$6,000,000 for Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments; and

WHEREAS, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee ("TCAC") facilitates the investment of private capital into the development of affordable rental housing for low-income households through the allocation of federal and state tax credits to affordable housing developers; and

WHEREAS, corporations provide equity to build the projects in return for the tax credits in which TCAC verifies that the developers have met all the requirements of the program and ensures the continued affordability and habitability of the developments for the succeeding 55 years; and

WHEREAS, Developer intends to submit an application to TCAC for an allocation of low-income housing tax credits and the proceeds from the sale of such tax credits will be used to finance project costs; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline to be considered for a 2024 allocation of tax credits through TCAC is anticipated in February or April 2024; and

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WHEREAS, to complete the TCAC application process, the Developer must provide a resolution from the local jurisdictions, including the County, supporting the project; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has successfully completed several affordable housing complexes in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to approve an allocation of funding in the approximate amount of \$6,000,000 in ARPA funds, to be used to pay a portion of the costs to develop and construct the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments of the proposed project on the Property, subject to Developer's satisfaction of certain conditions precedent for the benefit of the County;

WHEREAS, the County desires to support the Developer's application to TCAC for an allocation of low-income housing tax credits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ("Board"), in regular session assembled on January 30, 2024 in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located on the 1st floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, as follows:

- The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and declares that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated as though set forth herein.
- 2) The Board of Supervisors supports the Developer's application to TCAC for an allocation of low-income housing tax credits, the sale proceeds of which will be used to finance the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments of the proposed project to construct 81 affordable rental units, on real property located on a to-be-subdivided portion of approximately 6.22 acres of land located at 24960 Adams Avenue, in the City of Murrieta, County of Riverside, State of California, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 906-080-018.
- 3) Subject to any and all restrictions on the use of ARPA funds, the Board of Supervisors agrees to provide financial assistance to the Developer in the maximum amount of \$6,000,000 of ARPA funds, for construction of affordable housing and the conduct of eligible activities on the Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments of the project, subject to

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the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
a. Borrower shall be: National Community Renaissance of California, a nonprofit public benefit corporation and an affordable housing developer, or a limited partnership controlled by National Community Renaissance of California for the specific purpose of attracting investor equity and developing, constructing, and owning the project where National Community Renaissance of California, or a single purpose entity affiliate of National Community Renaissance of California, is the general partner/managing member;
b. Project Name shall be: Oak View Ranch Senior Apartments;
c. ARPA Loan Amount: Not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000);

- d. Interest shall be: Three percent (3%) simple interest;
- e. Affordability Period shall be: 55 years from recordation of the Notice of Completion in the official records of the County of Riverside, subject to an affordability covenant agreement recorded in senior lien position to all deeds of trust;
 - f. ARPA Loan Term: 55 years;
 - g. Repayment shall be from loan payments derived from the project's residual receipts;
- h. Entitlements and Governmental Approvals: Developer shall secure any and all required land use entitlements, permits and approvals which may be required for construction of the project, including, but not limited to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act;
- Other Financing: The ARPA loan is expressly conditioned upon the Developer's ability to secure sufficient equity capital or firm and binding commitments for financing necessary to undertake the development and construction of the project. All financing contemplated or projected with respect to the project shall be, or have been, approved in form and substance by the Board of Supervisors. Other

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project permanent financing sources in addition to the ARPA funds are expected 1 2 to include \$19,627,773 in investor equity, \$2,254,000 of Bank of America Financing, City grant of \$1,500,000 in ARPA funds from City of Murrieta 3 4 (including a \$1,188,000 land loan), and \$780,000 in National Community 5 Renaissance of California General Partnership Equity; provided, however, that these numbers are estimates subject to ongoing underwriting as well as an 6 evolving cost environment. The total cost of development, during the permanent 7 financing period, is currently projected to be approximately \$31,349,773; 8 9 Monitoring Fee: Payment of annual compliance monitoring fee to the County in i. 10 the amount of \$8,100. Monitoring fee to be adjusted annually, not to exceed an increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"); and 11 12 k. Successful negotiation of a loan agreement evidencing the loan of the ARPA funds in the amounts approved herein, approved as to form by County Counsel 13 and approved by the Board of Supervisors and executed by all required parties. 14 4) 15 The Board of Supervisors' commitment to provide the ARPA funds is subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth herein, is valid until December 31, 2024. 16 17 and shall thereafter have no force or effect, unless a ARPA loan agreement related to the financing of the project (approved as to form by County Counsel) has been approved and 18 executed by the Board of Supervisors and the Developer. 19 20 11 21 11 22 111 23 11 24 11 25 26 27 28 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-025** Murrieta Apartments Phase 11 PAGE 5 of 5

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