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

April 17, 2025 Sumter County, South Carolina 13 E Canal Street Sumter, SC 29150 803-436-2102

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Sumter County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 2, 2025, Sumter County will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Davis Pointe New Construction for the purpose of increasing access to affordable housing. The proposed project includes the construction of a new multifamily rental structure. The structure will have approximately 58 units. The lot is currently developed but vacant. Project Location: 70 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC

Estimated HUD Funding: \$464,000 Total Estimated Amount: \$19.393.148

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Sumter County 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 3219 Broad St., Sumter, SC 29150. A copy can be obtained by emailing Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Government Jeff Parkey at jparkey@slcog.org or by calling 803-607-3637 between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the 3219 Borad St., Sumter, SC 29150 or by emailing Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Government Jeff Parkey at jparkey@slcog.org. All comments received by May 1, 2025, will be considered by Sumter County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Sumter County certifies to HUD that James T. McCain Jr. in their capacity as County Chair 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 Sumter County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Sumter County's 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 Sumter County; (b) Sumter County 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 HUD; 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

Columbia HUD Office 1835 Assembly Street, 13th Floor Columbia, SC 29201

Or contacted via email Field Office Director Kristine Foye at Kristine.Foye@hud.gov

Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.