## Analysis of PAH Proposal in Context of NOFA Goals and Housing Priorities

## Project Goals

- 1. Housing units will remain affordable for at least 55 years.
  - PAH has stated that they are committed to keeping the development affordable for 55 years as required by the City of Mountain View.
- 2. The project's management plan promotes a healthy living environment for tenants and a compatible relationship with neighbors.
  - PAH has stated that they will incorporate energy efficiency to meet Title 24, but specific green building features will be decided upon as the project progresses.
- 3. The project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City's Housing Element and General Plan.
  - The project will be consistent with the goals of the City Housing Element to provide additional affordable units in the City of Mountain View. The site is located in the El Camino Real Precise Plan and it appears the development will be consistent with the Plan goals.
- 4. The project has reasonable costs, is structured to compete well in securing competitive funding sources, and is soundly underwritten.
  - PAH intends to apply for 4 percent non-competitive tax credits. In Scenario One, PAH would request nearly \$11.8 million from the City and the County of Santa Clara.

Land and construction costs factor into the cost to develop affordable units. Perunit construction costs are generally going to vary based on the land and development costs, which are specific to each project, and the size and number of units. The table below shows a comparison of overall construction costs for the four most recent affordable developments and both Scenario One and Two of PAH's NOFA proposal.

| Project   | No. of Units/<br>No. of Bedrooms   | Project<br>Cost | Project Cost<br>Per Unit | City<br>Subsidy<br>Cost | City<br>Subsidy<br>Per Unit |
|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Studio 819  | 48 workforce studios 1 one-bedroom manager unit 49 units total   | \$17,396,762    | \$355,036                | \$9,000,000             | \$183,673                   |
| 1585 Studios  | 26 studios 1 one-bedroom manager unit 27 units total   | \$10,468,465    | \$387,721                | \$4,652,000             | \$172,296                   |
| 779 East Evelyn<br>Avenue                                 | 11 studios 45 one-bedroom units 44 two-bedroom units 15 three-bedroom units 1 manager unit 116 units total           | \$62,405,964    | \$537,982                | \$21,700,000            | \$187,069                   |
| PAH Project<br>1701 West El<br>Camino Real                | 62 studios 4 one-bedroom units 1 one-bedroom manager unit 67 units total   | \$28,408,189    | \$424,002                | \$8,000,000             | \$119,403                   |
| Shorebreeze<br>Expansion Project                          | 21 studios 20 one-bedroom units 8 two-bedroom units 12 three-bedroom units 1 one-bedroom manager unit 62 units total | \$37,715,299    | \$608,311                | \$7,902,691             | \$127,463                   |
| Scenario One<br>PAH Project<br>950 West El<br>Camino Real | 68 studios 2 one-bedroom units 1 two-bedroom manager unit 71 units total   | \$41,309,030    | \$581,817                | \$11,755,850            | \$165,575                   |
| Scenario Two<br>PAH Project<br>950 West El<br>Camino Real | 68 studios 2 one-bedroom units 1 two-bedroom manager unit 71 units total   | \$40,854,657    | \$575,418                | \$22,772,844            | \$320,744                   |

## 5. The project will allow the City to spend housing funds expeditiously.

The City has not had concerns spending the housing funds expeditiously in recent years. Recently the concern has been ensuring that there is an adequate revenue stream to fund all the pipeline projects. Currently, the City has nearly \$31 million in affordable housing funds that could be used in the development of affordable housing. The City has also received three additional NOFA applications for new development and is exploring the purchase of additional property on Evelyn

Avenue. Total funding requests for all four projects is nearly \$69 million. Staff anticipates that if the economy remains strong, the revenue generated will be enough to fund the pipeline projects.

6. The project site is near transit and services and is convenient for the target population.

The site is within ½ mile of major transit lines and very close to services including a shopping center with a grocery store and restaurants.

7. The project site would allow for a development to achieve maximum density.

As mentioned earlier, the site is located within the El Camino Real Precise Plan. The proposal will take advantage of the bonus FAR allowed in the precise plan and a density bonus.

8. The building design/construction will incorporate "green" building practices and material.

PAH has stated that the apartments will be energy efficient, but they have not decided on what level of green building standard will be achieved.

9. The project is compatible with the zoning and neighborhood setting.

The project is consistent with other residential projects along the El Camino Real corridor and will be consistent with the El Camino Real Precise Plan.

10. The project incorporates appropriate community spaces, amenities, and services for the target population.

The development will have sufficient community space for the new units including a community room, computer room, laundry facility and fitness center.

11. The development team has demonstrated experience with successful affordable housing projects and the capacity to work cooperatively with the community in the design and development of the project.

PAH has demonstrated that it is an experienced affordable housing developer that has the capacity to work cooperatively with the community and be responsive to community comments.

12. The development team has a demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and effectively with City staff during the initial evaluation and subsequent entitlement process.

PAH has acquired considerable experience working with City staff through its previous development projects. Staff anticipated that PAH will be able to build on the experience and work cooperatively with City staff through the entitlement and financing process.

## **Housing Priorities**

The following two priorities have been listed in the NOFA as part of the NOFA selection criteria. Below is the evaluation of how the proposal has addressed each priority.

1. Housing targeted to households earning less than 80 percent area median income (AMI), with preference to projects serving very low- and extremely low-income households.

The proposed affordable units will be targeted at households at 60 percent AMI or less.

2. Housing providing the dual benefit of developing affordable housing and creating a substantial improvement of a blighted property and/or neighborhood.

Although the proposed site is not considered blighted the proposed residential use on this site will provide additional affordable residential units to the community and is seen as a site improvement.