



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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October 23, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive supporting documentation into the record regarding the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) public hearing, and adopt the attached Resolution approving the issuance of revenue bonds by the California Statewide Community Development Authority (CSCDA) to benefit Hunt Capital Partners, LLC, or its affiliates, Belwood Arms Apartments, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000. (District 9)

### **DISCUSSION**

Hunt Capital Partners, LLC, Western Community Housing, Inc., Davila Properties, LLC, and Ashwood Construction, Inc., formed a limited partnership and have requested the CSCDA to issue bonds on its behalf in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,500,000. The CSCDA is a joint exercise of powers authority consisting of over 500 California cities, counties and special districts, including the City of Long Beach.

The CSCDA will issue tax-exempt debt to help finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of an apartment building located at 6301 Atlantic Avenue, which is referred to as Belwood Arms Apartments. The development provides housing for low- and very low-income residents and includes 34 apartment units. The rehabilitation will include the replacement kitchens and bathrooms in all the units; replacement of floor coverings, appliances, and lighting; an upgrade of the roof-mounted solar and auxiliary hot water systems; an upgrade of the plumbing and electrical systems; replacement of the roof; installation of new energy efficient windows; and, extensive exterior improvements, including new siding, architectural treatments, landscaping and lighting.

The project is being financed with tax-exempt bond proceeds, low-income housing tax credits, deferred developer fee, and a loan from The Long Beach Housing Development Company (LBHDC), which was approved on June 15, 2011.

The original TEFRA hearing was held on July 14, 2011, and the City Council originally adopted a Resolution approving the issuance of revenue bonds by CSCDA for this project on August 16, 2011. The project was delayed, and affordable housing funding from the

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LBHDC was put on hold due to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in California, as a result of AB 1X26.

The recent passage of AB 1484 clarified that certain remaining unspent housing funds (2005 redevelopment bond proceeds) could be used for their intended purpose, affordable housing. As a result, the project is now able to move forward with an affordable housing loan from the LBHDC. In addition, the Successor Agency took action to support the previous LBHDC loan approval on August 21, 2012, and the Oversight Board approved the deal structure on August 27, 2012. Lastly, the California State Department of Finance did not challenge this expenditure of housing funds.

The expected bond issuance date is January 15, 2013. Under applicable Federal tax law the public hearing must be held no earlier than one year from the date of issuance of the bonds, and because the bonds were not issued before July 14th, a new public hearing is needed for the bonds to be tax-exempt.

The Internal Revenue Service Code requires that CSCDA seek approval from the City Council in order for the bonds to be issued, which will benefit facilities within the City. A TEFRA public hearing notification was published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on September 4, 2012. The TEFRA hearing was held on September 18, 2012. The public hearing, required by Federal tax law regulations, was conducted by the City Treasurer. No public comment was presented.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Charles Parkin on September 28, 2012 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 2, 2012.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on October 23, 2012 to facilitate CSCDA's forthcoming debt issuance.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The requested action has no fiscal impact to the General Fund or the Housing Development Fund (SR 135). The bonds are issued as limited obligations of CSCDA, not the City, payable solely out of the revenues and receipts derived from the benefiting project. As a result, no City interest or taxing authority is pledged in support of this financing, and the City has no financial obligation or liability associated with this taxexempt bond financing.

This project will provide up to 150 jobs during the construction of the project.

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## SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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ATTACHMENT - CSCDA BELWOOD APARTMENT RESOLUTION

APPROVED:

CITY MANAGER

# OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802-4664

#### RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY
THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MULTIFAMILY
HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BELWOOD ARMS
APARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (the "Authority") is authorized pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 6500 et seq. and the terms of an Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1988 (the "Agreement"), among certain local agencies throughout the State of California, including the City of Long Beach (the "City"), to issue revenue bonds in accordance with Chapter 7 of Part 5 of Division 31 of the California Health and Safety Code for the purpose of financing multifamily rental housing projects; and

WHEREAS, a partnership to be formed by Hunt Capital Partners LLC, a limited partnership or related entities, has requested that the Authority adopt a plan of financing providing for the issuance of multifamily housing revenue bonds (the "Bonds") in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such revenue bonds in one or more series from time to time, and at no time to exceed \$7,500,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount, to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 34-unit multifamily rental housing project located at 6301 Atlantic Boulevard, Long Beach, California, generally known as Belwood Arms Apartments (the "Project") and operated by Barker Management Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds or a portion thereof will be "private activity bonds" for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"); and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, prior to their issuance, private activity bonds are required to be approved by the "applicable elected representative" of the governmental units on whose behalf such bonds are expected to be issued and by a governmental unit having jurisdiction over the entire area in which any facility financed by such bonds is to be located, after a public hearing held following reasonable public notice; and

WHEREAS, the members of this City Council (this "City Council") are the applicable elected representatives of the City; and

WHEREAS, there has been published, at least 14 days prior to the date hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, a notice that a public hearing regarding the Bonds would be held on a date specified in such notice; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was conducted on such date, at which time an opportunity was provided to interested parties to present arguments both for and against the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is also requesting that the City Council approve the issuance of any refunding bonds hereafter issued by the Authority for the purpose of refinancing the Bonds which financed the Project (the "Refunding Bonds"), but only in such cases where federal tax laws would not require additional consideration or approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that this resolution shall constitute the approval of the issuance of the Bonds required by Section 147(f) of the Code and Section 9 of the Agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

- Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- Section 2. The City Council hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds and the Refunding Bonds by the Authority. It is the purpose and intent of the City Council that this resolution constitutes approval of the Bonds for the purposes of (a) Section

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