













Cities & Towns Advisory Committee

Sonoma County Community Development Commission

Regular Meeting **DRAFT** Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 141 Stony Circle, Suite 210, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Streeter called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Community Development Commission (CDC) staff initiated the roll call:

Committee Members

Jenna Garcia – City of Rohnert Park

Jennifer Gates – City of Sonoma

Present

VACANT – City of Sebastopol

Vacant

Derrick Montanye – City of Cloverdale

Noah Housh – City of Cotati

Patrick Streeter – Town of Windsor

Stephen Sotomayor – City of Healdsburg

Absent

CDC and Sonoma County Housing Authority Staff

Michelle Whitman, Executive Director Rhonda Coffman, Deputy Director Martha Cheever, Deputy Director Valerie Johnson, Community Development Program Coordinator Jenna Schmidt, Community Development Program Technician II Matthew Burns, Administrative Aide

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2024 and February 26, 2025 Meeting

Public comments: None.

Action: The committee moved to approve the meeting minutes.

Motion: Housh Second: Streeter

Ayes: Gates, Montanye, Housh, Streeter

Noes: None Abstain: None

Absent: Garcia, Sotomayor

4. Executive Director's Report

Michelle Whitman provided a report to the committee regarding recent agency business. Director Whitman touched on a few different housing projects and noted any recent, significant progress, and she also invited the committees to a grand opening ceremony that will be held on Thursday, April 17th. Director Whitman concluded her presentation by sharing some recent photos of the ongoing construction at the Tierra de Rosas project site, and she then explained that a number of Sonoma County projects recently received funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Public comments: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment Valerie Johnson, Community Development Program Coordinator, presented a proposed substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. Staff explained that one of the funding awards for the previous fiscal year has been rescinded, primarily due to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements associated with federal funds. In order to meet spending requirements stipulated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), these funds will be reprogrammed and awarded to the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program of the Sonoma County Housing Authority.

Chair Streeter opened the public hearing.

Public comments: None.

Chair Streeter closed the public hearing

<u>Action</u>: The committee moved to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed substantial amendment to the FY 2024-2025 Action Plan.

Motion: Housh Second: Gates

Ayes: Gates, Montanye, Housh, Streeter

Noes: None Abstain: None

Absent: Garcia, Sotomayor

Motion Passed.

6. Election of Officers – Cities and Towns Advisory Committee

The Cities and Towns Advisory Committee held an election for a new chairperson and vice chairperson. Patrick Streeter volunteered to serve as the chairperson for the committee, and Noah Housh volunteered to serve as the vice chairperson – all members voted unanimously in favor of both candidates.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.