

THE CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE  
September 26, 2012  
Staff Report  
*REQUEST FOR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION FOR A  
QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECT*

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**Applicant:** Housing Authority of the City of San Diego

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**Allocation Amount Requested:**  
**Tax-exempt:** \$28,000,000

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**Project Information:**  
**Name:** COMM22 Family Housing Apartments  
**Project Address:** SE Corner, Commercial Street and 22nd Street  
**Project City, County, Zip Code:** San Diego, San Diego, 92113

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**Project Sponsor Information:**  
**Name:** COMM22 Family Housing, LP (COMM22 Housing GP, LLC)  
**Principals:** For COMM22 Housing GP, LLC: Cynthia Parker, Susan M. Johnson, Kemp Valentine, Rebecca V. Hlebasko, Rick Holliday, and Ronald Nahas  
**Property Management Company:** BRIDGE Property Management Company

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**Project Financing Information:**  
**Bond Counsel:** Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth  
**Underwriter:** Not Applicable  
**Credit Enhancement Provider:** Not Applicable  
**Private Placement Purchaser:** Bank of America, N.A.  
**TEFRA Hearing Date:** July 10, 2012

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**Description of Proposed Project:**  
**State Ceiling Pool:** General  
**Total Number of Units:** 128, plus 2 manager units  
**Type:** New Construction  
**Type of Units:** Family

The COMM22 Family Housing Apartments is a mixed-use transit oriented development combining family and senior rental housing. The Project is situated on 4.04 acres of land on the southern side of Commercial Street, between 21st Street and Harrison Avenue. There will be 2 buildings, each containing 4 levels of housing over a two-level subterranean parking garage. There will be 128 affordable rental units and 2 manager units. Thirteen (13) of the total units will be special needs units reserved for the Transition Age Youth population. All units will feature a stove, range, dishwasher, and full size refrigerator. Community amenities include shared laundry, secure access, a community room with kitchen, underground parking, and a courtyard for resident use.

**Description of Public Benefits:**

**Percent of Restricted Rental Units in the Project:** 100%  
78% (100 units) restricted to 50% or less of area median income households.  
22% (28 units) restricted to 60% or less of area median income households.  
**Unit Mix:** 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms

Service amenities will not be offered.

**Term of Restrictions:**

**Income and Rent Restrictions:** 55 years

**Details of Project Financing:**

**Estimated Total Development Cost:** \$ 57,811,477  
**Estimated Hard Costs per Unit:** \$ 319,073 (\$40,841,336 /128 units)  
**Estimated per Unit Cost:** \$ 451,652 (\$57,811,477 /128 units)  
**Allocation per Unit:** \$ 218,750 (\$28,000,000 /128 units)  
**Allocation per Restricted Rental Unit:** \$ 218,750 (\$28,000,000 /128 restricted units)

The Project has total project costs that appear high for the geographic area in which it is located. According to the Project sponsor, the high cost is due to infrastructure improvements. The Project will be built on an urban infill, brownfield site in San Diego. The site is a former school district maintenance yard. In order to make the site suitable for development, a street will be closed to join two separate parcels, requiring the relocation of various utilities (sewer, storm drain, water, electric, gas, and phone). In addition, removal of contaminated soils is required and the project includes two levels of subterranean parking. The project was approved by the City of San Diego conditioned upon making these infrastructure improvements. The addition of these costs is the reason the project's overall cost exceeds the CDLAC threshold.

<b>Sources of Funds:</b>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds	\$ 28,000,000	\$ 3,915,000
Developer Equity	\$ 0	\$ 488,000
LIH Tax Credit Equity	\$ 129,980	\$ 20,234,432
Direct & Indirect Public Funds	\$ 26,024,065	\$ 33,174,065
Total Sources	<u>\$ 54,154,045</u>	<u>\$ 57,811,497</u>
 <b>Uses of Funds:</b>		
Acquisition/Land Purchase	\$ 240,449	
On & Off Site Costs	\$ 11,875,749	
Hard Construction Costs	\$ 28,965,587	
Architect & Engineering Fees	\$ 2,470,250	
Contractor Overhead & Profit	\$ 2,243,252	
Developer Fee	\$ 2,500,000	
Cost of Issuance	\$ 454,800	
Capitalized Interest	\$ 1,558,956	
Other Soft Costs (Marketing, etc.)	\$ 7,502,454	
Total Uses	<u>\$ 57,811,497</u>	

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**Description of Financial Structure and Bond Issuance:**

The tax exempt bond allocation will be privately placed with Bank of America, N.A. The construction period fund loan will carry a fluctuating rate of interest equal to the BBA LIBOR Daily Floating Rate plus 1.55% per annum if the Bank is the tax credit equity investor. The rate if determined today would be 1.78%. The construction terms is for 24 months. The permanent period loan rate will be calculated on a 30/360 day basis. If the Bank is the tax credit investor, the fixed rate will be based upon the 30 Year Interest Rate Swap Rate, as provided by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, plus 247 basis points. The rate if determined today would be 4.90%. The amortization period and maturity date of the bonds is 25 years.

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**Analyst Comments:**

Not Applicable

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**Legal Questionnaire:**

The Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the application. No information was disclosed to question the financial viability or legal integrity of the Applicant.

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**Total Points:** 83 out of 130

[See Attachment A]

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**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Committee approve \$28,000,000 in tax exempt bond allocation.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**EVALUATION SCORING:**

Point Criteria	Maximum Points Allowed for Non-Mixed Income Projects	Maximum Points Allowed for Mixed Income Projects	Points Scored
Federally Assisted At-Risk Project or HOPE VI Project	20	20	0
Exceeding Minimum Income Restrictions:	35	15	35
Exceeding Minimum Rent Restrictions [Allowed if 10 pts not awarded above in Federally Assisted At-Risk Project or HOPE VI Project]	[10]	[10]	10
Gross Rents	5	5	5
Large Family Units	5	5	0
Leveraging	10	10	10
Community Revitalization Area	15	15	0
Site Amenities	10	10	5
Service Amenities	10	10	0
New Construction	10	10	10
Sustainable Building Methods	10	10	8
Negative Points	-10	-10	0
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>83</b>

The criteria for which points are awarded will also be incorporated into the Resolution transferring Allocation to the Applicant as well as the appropriate bond documents and loan and finance agreements.