

## REPORT

**DATE ISSUED:** July 5, 2023

**REPORT NO:** HDPM23-004

**ATTENTION:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors of  
HDP Mason Housing Corporation  
For the Agenda of July 12, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Elect the HDP Mason Board Secretary

### **CHAIR OF THE BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

That the HDP Mason Housing Corporation (HDP Mason) Board of Directors (Board) take the following actions:

- 1) Elect the Secretary of the HDP Mason Board of Directors.
- 2) Find that the foregoing action is just and reasonable as to HDP for purposes of California Corporations Code 5234.

*Please note a Conflict Disclosure Statement at the end of this report has been included because HDP is the Housing Commission's nonprofit affiliate and these transactions otherwise involve the Housing Commission.*

### **SUMMARY**

Section 8.01 of HDP Mason's Amended and Restated Bylaws provides that one of the officers of the corporation shall be a Secretary. Section 8.01 of the bylaws further provides that the same person may hold any number of offices with the corporation, except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve concurrently as either the President or Chairperson of the Board. Section 8.02 of the Bylaws provides that the President/Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Housing Commission shall be the President of HDP. The position of Secretary is currently vacant.

### **FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed action has no fiscal impact.

### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS and PROJECTED IMPACTS**

The key stakeholders of this action are the Housing Commission Board of Commissioners, the Board of Directors of HDP, the Board of Directors of HDP Mason Housing Corporation, the ownership partners and residents of HDP affordable housing developments, including residents of the Mason Hotel, participants in Housing Commission collaborative programs and developments, and the individuals Housing Commission collaborative developments and programs assist.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

This activity is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as it is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Processing under the National Environmental Policy Act is not required as no federal funds are involved in this action.

**CONFLICT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:**

Two San Diego Housing Commissioners (Commissioners), Eugene “Mitch” Mitchell and Ryan Clumpner, and Interim President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the San Diego Housing Commission, Jeff Davis, are each directors of Housing Development Partners (HDP), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation qualified as an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) corporation for federal purposes. Any Commissioner, who is also a director of HDP as of the date of this staff report, and Interim CEO Davis have no conflict of interest as discussed below.

The Commissioners and Interim CEO Davis receive no compensation for their service on HDP’s Board of Directors and/or as officers of HDP. Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Sections 1091.5(a)(7) and 1091.5(a)(8), the Commissioners and Interim CEO Davis each have a “non-interest” as described in Government Code Section 1091.5 for purposes of their action on Housing Commission matters associated with this matter, if any. This disclosure shall be incorporated into the record of the San Diego Housing Commission, if and when this matter is heard by the Commission.

Further, as members of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Commission, the Commissioners are legally entitled to vote and be counted for quorum purposes in this HDP matter. Further, Mr. Davis is not compensated by HDP and he sits on the Board of Directors of HDP. He is legally entitled to vote and to be counted for quorum purposes for this HDP matter.

None of HDP’s Board members has a financial interest in this action item that would legally preclude their participation under the provisions of Government Code Sections 1090 and/or 87100 et. seq. Further, the Housing Commission is a public agency, and the Commissioners are not compensated for their service as Commissioners of the Housing Commission. Further, Mr. Davis’s compensation from a public agency, the San Diego Housing Commission, is a non-interest under the provisions of Government Code Section 1091.5(a)(9) as well as for the purposes of Government Code Section 87100 et. seq. Mr. Davis’s compensation with the Housing Commission is not a financial interest that would, in any way, preclude him being counted for quorum purposes or voting on these matters before HDP.

Further, to the extent that HDP is a public agency for local Ethics Ordinance purposes, neither the Commissioners nor Director Davis have any conflicts of interest under the local ethics ordinance that would preclude their, or any of their, actions in this matter or from being counted for quorum purposes. This disclosure shall be and is hereby documented in the official records of the HDP. Similar disclosures will be made in the records of the San Diego Housing Commission, if and when this matter is heard by the Housing Commission.

**MUTUAL DIRECTORS STATEMENT:**

To the extent that Commissioners may be considered to be “directors” of the San Diego Housing Commission for purposes of California Corporations Code Section 5234 and, hence, common directors

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with HDP, a vote on this matter should incorporate a finding that these transactions are just and reasonable as to HDP.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Davis  
Chair of the Board  
HDP Mason

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