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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
*CORRECTION TO NOTICE POSTED AND MAILED MAY 17, 2024***

June 13, 2024

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Central Falls. This is a corrected and updated notice to the notice initially posted and mailed on May 17, 2024. Therefore, the public comment period on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and the time period for objections to the release of funds are being combined. The expiration date for the public comment period on the Environmental Review Record to the City of Central Falls is June 28 and the submission of objections to the Release of Funds to HUD will be on or about June 28 (fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request, whichever is later).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

As noted above, the public comment period on the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and the time period for objections to the release of funds are being combined. Therefore, on or about June 13, 2024, the City of Central Falls will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Project Funding Program funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, (P.L. 117-328) to undertake a project known as Repurposing the Former Osram-Sylvania Site for the purpose of meeting Central Falls' economic and housing needs. The initial project scope is acquisition of a portion of the former Osram-Sylvania manufacturing facility (85 Hunt Street, 1154 Broad Street, and 1228 High Street). The full project scope includes revitalizing the site to provide much-needed affordable and market-rate housing and street-level commercial space as part of the City's overall efforts to address the housing crisis and promote economic development. This notice and the corresponding environmental review record addresses site acquisition only. A separate Environmental Assessment will be conducted, and a corresponding public notice published, after the design and engineering for the project has been finalized. The cost of the acquisition is \$2,600,000, which will be funded in its entirety by the Community Project Funding Grant. The cost of the revitalization project and the funding sources will be determined after design and engineering are complete and will be included in the public notice for the revitalization project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Central Falls has determined that the site acquisition will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Central Falls Planning Department, 1280 High Street, Central Falls, RI 02863 and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Planning Department. All comments received by June 28, 2024, will be considered by the City of Central Falls. At least one day after the conclusion of the public comment period the City of Central Falls will notify HUD whether they have received any public comments. The City will respond to any public comments it receives prior to notifying HUD. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Central Falls certifies to HUD that Maria Rivera in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Central Falls to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Central Falls' certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later), only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Central Falls; (b) the City of Central Falls has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to CPDRROFBOS@HUD.GOV. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Maria Rivera, Mayor