

**LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC)**

*Guiding the development of an integrated network of home, community-based, and institutional long term care services for older adults and adults with disabilities in San Francisco.*

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Theresa Ritta

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Re: Notice for Surplus Determination – Mission Street Parking at 1064 and 1068 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103; GSA Control No. 9-G-CA-1704-AB; HUD Property No. 5421710008

Dear Ms. Ritta,

This letter is written to convey the Long Term Care Coordinating Council of San Francisco's (LTCCC) strong support for the application by the San Francisco's Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to acquire and develop the surplus property located at 1064-68 Mission Street as roughly 250 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and seniors. The LTCCC is the single body in San Francisco that advises the Mayor on policy, planning and service delivery issues for older adults and people with disabilities. It was established in 2004 to advise, implement and evaluate issues related to long term care and supportive services, and make policy recommendations about how to improve coordination within different settings. A primary area of focus of the LTCCC is to support efforts to increase the availability of a range of safe, affordable, accessible and adaptable housing options. We view affordable and accessible housing as a key component of health care, which is especially critical for the large numbers of homeless seniors and people with disabilities on our streets.

We applaud the investment that the City and County of San Francisco has made over the last decade in partnership with nonprofit developers and service providers to create permanent supportive housing through capital, services and operating subsidies, yet clearly more supportive housing is needed. We support targeting of one of the buildings for formerly homeless seniors and believe that both sites will serve people with disabilities who are underserved and face multiple barriers. The *2016 Assessment of the Needs of San Francisco Seniors and Adults with Disabilities* prepared by the San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, found that older persons are an increasing proportion of the homeless population in San Francisco, creating new challenges for service providers. The 2015 Homeless Count found that about 30% of homeless persons were 50 or over and 9% were 60 years of age or over. We know that homelessness hastens aging, chronic health conditions and mental health issues, making this senior population particularly vulnerable. This central location, with excellent access to public transportation and proximity to service providers, would be an ideal spot for new supportive housing.

San Francisco has supported the development of design award-winning 100% permanent supportive housing developments for the chronically homeless, with wrap around support services that help residents stabilize and reduce public health costs, such as Rene Cazenave Apartments, Drs. Julian and Raye Richardson Apartments and Kelly Cullen Community. Zygmunt Arendt House is a wonderful example of 100% permanent supportive housing for homeless seniors. San Francisco should build on these successful models to create more permanent supportive housing to address the needs of the most vulnerable people on the streets of San Francisco. Similar to the above mentioned sites, this future development would become an asset to the surrounding neighborhood with high quality design that enhances its urban context. Most importantly, the proposed housing would address the crisis of homelessness that is unfolding on San Francisco streets with a proven model of success.

Sincerely,



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