

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 4

SUBJECT:

Consideration of a Resolution of No Objection for Palladium San Antonio, Ltd.'s application for 2023 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the construction of a multifamily rental housing development named Palladium San Antonio.

SUMMARY:

Palladium San Antonio, Ltd. is seeking a Resolution of No Objection for its application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the 2023 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) program for the construction of a 288-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Palladium San Antonio, located at 4770 Military Drive West in Council District 4.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' (TDHCA) Housing Tax Credit (HTC) program is one of the primary means of directing private capital toward the development and preservation of affordable rental housing for low-income households in the state of Texas. HTC are awarded to eligible participants to offset a portion of their federal tax liability in exchange for the production or preservation of affordable rental housing.

The TDHCA administers two HTC programs: a Competitive 9% and a Non-Competitive 4%. This application is for the Non-Competitive 4% HTC program which is available year-round and requires a Resolution of No Objection from the local governing body to satisfy requirements of the TDHCA's Uniform Multifamily Rules.

On November 18, 2021, City Council updated the Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Policy for the issuance of Resolutions of Support and Resolutions of No Objection. The new policy included an increased focus on deeper affordability, proximity to transit, inclusion of sustainable or green features, and working with local businesses. Under the City's application process, Developers submit applications for Resolutions of Support or Resolutions of No Objection to the City on behalf of their affiliated entity that will apply to TDHCA for HTC's. Applications for 2023 Competitive 9% HTC applications to TDHCA must score 75 points on their City application to be recommended for a Resolution of Support by staff. Applications must score 60 out of 100 points for a Resolution of No Objection, including four from the ownership/management experience category.

ISSUE:

Palladium San Antonio, Ltd. is applying for 2023 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the construction of a 288-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Palladium San Antonio, located at 4770 Military Drive West in Council District 4.

The applicant has provided the Council Office with all pertinent information per the HTC Policy.

Any 4% HTC application earning between 60 and 100 points shall be eligible to receive a staff recommendation for a Resolution of No Objection, provided the application receives at least 4 of 7 experience points under the ownership/management experience category. The application received 7 experience points, and 74 points in total and is eligible to receive a Resolution of No Objection.

The applicant received no public engagement points on their application.

The value of the TDHCA tax credit award to the Palladium San Antonio would be approximately \$27.9 million over a ten-year period. The total cost for this development will be approximately \$66.8 million. The deal will have units for families between 30% and 80% of the area median income. Two hundred thirty-one of the units will be rent restricted to 60% and below of area median income as defined by TDHCA's Rent and Income Limit tool using HUD data (e.g., a family of three will have a maximum income of \$44,820).

The 4% HTC application is anticipated to be considered by the TDHCA Governing Board in May 2023. If approved, the estimated start date will be in October 2023 and the estimated completion is June 2025.

This development would help achieve the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP)'s

production goals for families with incomes at 30% area median income (AMI) and 60% AMI. Palladium San Antonio is being developed in partnership with the San Antonio Housing Trust.

The development is projected to contain the following unit mix:

Unit Mix	Number of Units	Monthly Rent	AMI Served
One Bedroom	54	\$466	19 units at 30% and below
		\$933	27 units at 60% and below
		\$1,089	4 units at 70% and below
		\$1,245	4 units at 80% and below
Two Bedroom	144	\$560	10 units at 30% and below
		\$1,120	109 units at 60% and below
		\$1,307	13 units at 70% and below
		\$1,494	12 units at 80% and below
Three Bedroom	90	\$646	3 units at 30% and below
		\$1,293	63 units at 60% and below
		\$1,509	12 units at 70% and below
		\$1,725	12 units at 80% and below

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may elect not to provide the Resolution of No Objection which would adversely impact the ability of the developer to proceed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This application is for a Resolution of No Objection for Palladium San Antonio, Ltd.'s application for 2023 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the construction of a 288-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Palladium San Antonio, located at 4770 Military Drive West in Council District 4. There is no fiscal impact to the FY 2023 general fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approval of a Resolution of No Objection for Palladium San Antonio, Ltd.'s application for 2023 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the construction of a 288-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Palladium San Antonio, located at 4770 Military Drive West in Council District 4.