

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: 8/17/2021
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Nicole Ferrini, 915-212-1659

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 8 – Nurture and promote a healthy, sustainable community

SUBGOAL: 8.1 – Deliver prevention, intervention and mobilization services to promote a healthy, productive and safe community

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

That the Mayor of the City of El Paso, Texas be authorized to sign a resolution acknowledging that the census tract within which the 2021 4% Non-Competitive, Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) application submitted by EP Pooley, LP to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the rehabilitation of 123 affordable rental housing units at 201 Cortez Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905 (aka Cielo Tower) contains more than 20% Housing Tax Credit units per total household; and further affirming that the proposed development is consistent with the City of El Paso's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Pursuant to 10 TAC §§11.3(e) and 10 TAC §11.4(c)(1), applicants applying for Competitive Housing Tax Credits and/or Private Activity Bonds that propose the New Construction or Adaptive Reuse of a Development located in a census tract that has more than 20% Housing Tax Credit Units per total households shall be considered ineligible unless the Governing Body of the appropriate municipality or county containing the Development has adopted a resolution stating the proposed Development is consistent with the City of El Paso's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and that the Governing Body of the appropriate municipality or county containing the Development has no objection to the Application.

The proposed project will rehabilitate 123 affordable housing units in the City's MCA Housing Priority Area, a Tier 1 LIHTC area as established by City Council, and is therefore consistent with the City of El Paso's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Department of Community + Human Development

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, EP Pooley, LP has proposed a development for affordable rental housing at **201 Cortez Drive** named **Cielo Tower** in the **City of El Paso**; and

WHEREAS, EP Pooley, LP has advised that it intends to submit an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (“TDHCA”) for 2021 **Housing Tax Credits** for **Cielo Tower**.

It is hereby

RESOLVED, that as provided for in 10 TAC §11.3(e) and §11.4(c)(1), it is hereby acknowledged that the proposed New Construction or Adaptive Reuse Development is located in a census tract that has more than 20% Housing Tax Credit Units per total households and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **City of El Paso** hereby confirms that its Governing Body has voted specifically to allow the construction of the Development pursuant to 10 TAC §11.3(e) and §11.4(c)(1) of the Qualified Allocation Plan and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body affirms that the proposed Development is consistent with the jurisdiction’s obligation to affirmatively further fair housing; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that for and on behalf of the Governing Body, **Laura Prine, City Clerk** is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to certify these resolutions to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2021.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Wendi N. Vineyard
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nicole M. Ferrini, Director
Community and Human Development