NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Santa Cruz County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 11/16/2026, Santa Cruz County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of $1,666,279 in funding to undertake a project known as the Cabrillo College Childcare Center Project in the unincorporated community of Aptos, Santa Cruz County, California.

The project entails the construction of an approximately 5,800-square-foot childcare center within a four-story student housing facility that has yet to be constructed. The larger facility would include up to 246 units and 686 beds providing affordable housing options for students from Cabrillo College and the University of California, Santa Cruz. Other components of the project include the relocation of a high school and a sheriff's substation located near the project site to other facilities on campus. The project site is approximately 3.6 acres and is located on the southern end of the Cabrillo College campus near Cabrillo College Drive. The childcare center would provide care for up to 64 children and would serve both residents and non-residents. Only the childcare center component of the project is to receive HUD funding.

The project site is designated Public Facility/Institutional in the County's General Plan and is zoned Public and Community Facilities (PF). The site is currently a turf athletic field with a flat to gently sloping grade, ruderal vegetation and perimeter trees. No existing permanent structures are located within the development footprint of the proposed structure.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Santa Cruz County has determined that the project 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 Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development and Infrastructure at 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The ERR can also be viewed at the Department's website at https://cdi.santacruzcountyca.gov/.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development and Infrastructure, 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, attention Stephanie Hanson, Assistant Director. All comments received by 5:00 p.m. on 11/30/2026 will be considered by the Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development and Infrastructure prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing (Cabrillo College Student Housing FONSI).

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Santa Cruz County certifies to HUD that Stephanie Hanson, in her capacity as Assistant Director of the Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development and Infrastructure, 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 Santa Cruz County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Santa Cruz County's 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 Santa Cruz County; (b) the Santa Cruz County 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 addressed to the HUD San Francisco Regional Office at RROFSFRO@hud.gov and Alison.M.Brokke@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD or HUD San Francisco Regional Office via email ~~Director, Public and Indian Housing, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104. Potential objectors should contact Director, Public and Indian Housing, San Francisco Regional Office – Region IX, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200 San Francisco, California, 94104-4430~~ to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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