

**CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

**Project Staff Report**

**2015 First Round**

**June 10, 2015**

**REVISED**

**Project Number** CA-15-057

**Project Name** Cielito Lindo Apartments  
Site Address: 2407-2421 East 1st Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90033 County: Los Angeles  
Census Tract: 2042.000

<b>Tax Credit Amounts</b>	<b>Federal/Annual</b>	<b>State/Total</b>
Requested:	\$1,630,222	\$0
Recommended:	\$1,630,222	\$0

**Applicant Information**

Applicant: East LA Community Corporation  
Contact: Ernesto Espinoza  
Address: 530 South Boyle Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90033  
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General Partner(s) / Principal Owner(s): East LA Community Corporation  
General Partner Type: Nonprofit  
Parent Company(ies): East LA Community Corporation  
Developer: East LA Community Corporation  
Investor/Consultant: California Housing Partnership Corp.  
Management Agent(s): John Stewart Company

**Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction  
Total # Residential Buildings: 1  
Total # of Units: 50  
No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 49 100%  
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%  
Federal Subsidy: HOME  
Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):  
30% AMI: 20 40 %  
40% AMI: 13 25 %  
50% AMI: 16 30 %

**Information**

Set-Aside: N/A  
 Housing Type: Large Family  
 Geographic Area: City of Los Angeles  
 TCAC Project Analyst: Marisol Parks

**Unit Mix**

30 1-Bedroom Units  
 4 2-Bedroom Units  
 16 3-Bedroom Units  


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 50 Total Units

<u>Unit Type &amp; Number</u>	<u>2014 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2014 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
17 1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$458
1 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$550
2 3 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$636
7 1 Bedroom	40%	40%	\$611
1 2 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$734
5 3 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$848
6 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$764
1 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$917
9 3 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$1,060
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

**Project Cost Summary at Application**

Land and Acquisition	\$1,391,797
Construction Costs	\$12,872,722
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$1,163,452
Relocation	\$766,367
Architectural/Engineering	\$929,264
Construction Interest, Perm Financing	\$1,020,139
Legal Fees, Appraisals	\$156,939
Reserves	\$88,317
Other Costs	\$1,085,438
Developer Fee	\$2,000,000
Commercial Costs	\$1,609,219
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,083,654</b>

**Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$23,083,654
Estimated Residential Project Cost:	\$21,320,769
Estimated Commercial Project Cost:	\$1,762,885

**Residential**

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$242
Per Unit Cost:	\$426,415

**Construction Financing**

Source	Amount
Wells Fargo Bank	\$16,902,351
HCIDLA - HOME	\$959,600
HCD - IIG	\$2,262,136
General Partner Contribution	\$100
Deferred Costs	\$834,807
Deferred Developer Fee	\$600,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$1,524,660

**Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount
CCRC	\$336,000
HCIDLA - HOME	\$959,600
HCD - IIG	\$2,262,136
HCD - TOD	\$2,437,214
General Partner Contribution	\$100
Deferred Developer Fee	\$600,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$16,488,604
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,083,654</b>

**Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$16,307,115
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$21,199,250
Applicable Rate:	7.69%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,630,222
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$2,000,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Investor/Consultant:	California Housing Partnership Corp.
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$1.01143

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), The “as if vacant” land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

**Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$16,307,115
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$18,113,233
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$11,725,548
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$16,307,115

**Adjustments to Basis Limit:**

- Required to Pay Prevailing Wages
- Parking Beneath Residential Units
- Local Development Impact Fees
- 95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

**Tie-Breaker Information**

Initial: **Letter of Support**  
First: **Large Family**  
Second: **32.230%**

**Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC’s underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 7.69% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.30%. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** None.

**Legal Status:** Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

**Local Reviewing Agency:**

The Local Reviewing Agency, the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

<b>Federal Tax Credits/Annual</b>	<b>State Tax Credits/Total</b>
<b>\$1,630,222</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Standard Conditions**

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation and any Readiness to Proceed Requirements elected. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a performance deposit and allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements of the proposed project. If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of ten years and at no cost to the tenants. Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(6) at project completion. Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2) at project completion.

**Additional Conditions:** None.

<b>Points System</b>	<b>Max. Possible Points</b>	<b>Requested Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
<b>Cost Efficiency / Credit Reduction / Public Funds</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
Public Funds	20	20	20
<b>Owner / Management Characteristics</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
<b>Housing Needs</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Site Amenities</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Within ¼ mile of transit stop, service every 30 min, 25 units/acre density	7	7	7
Within ¼ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
Within ¼ mile of public library	3	3	3
Within ½ mile of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	4	4	4
Within ¼ mile of a public elementary school	3	3	3
Within ½ mile of a pharmacy	1	1	1
<b>Service Amenities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
LARGE FAMILY, SENIOR, AT-RISK HOUSING TYPES			
Service Coordinator, minimum ratio of 1 FTE to 600 bedrooms	5	5	5
After school program for school age children, minimum of 10 hours/week	5	5	5
<b>Sustainable Building Methods</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADAPTIVE REUSE			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: LEED	5	5	5
Develop project to requirements of: LEED GOLD	5	5	5
<b>Lowest Income</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
<b>Readiness to Proceed</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Enhanced Accessibility and Visitability	2	2	2
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>138</b>

**Please Note:** If more than the maximum Site Amenity points were requested, not all amenities may have been scored and/or verified.

**DO NOT RELY ON SCORING IN THIS COMPETITIVE CYCLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS. ALL RE-APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON PAST SCORING.**