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RE: Changing Homelessness Organization Community Tax Credit Program Participation consistency with the City of Jacksonville 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Christopher O'Kelley:

This letter is confirmation that participation of Changing Homelessness in the Florida Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP) is consistent with the City of Jacksonville 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The mission of Changing Homelessness, a 501(c)3 organization, is to act as the lead agency in support of ending homelessness in Northeast Florida. As the lead agency, they work with more than 40 agencies in the homeless sector to provide a holistic approach to advocacy, leadership, and training and serve as a resource for the community. They will be using the State of Florida's CCTCP to receive contributions of goods and cash to support their programs. For example, a business may want to donate office equipment to Changing Homelessness. No funds will be used to cover administrative functions.

The proposed activities that will be enabled by Changing Homelessness participating in the State of Florida's Community Contribution Tax Credit Program are consistent with the following policies of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, Housing Element.

- Policy 1.2.4 The Housing Services Division of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department shall work with for profit and non-profit groups to help provide affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income families.

- Policy 1.2.8 The Jacksonville Housing Authority shall immediately pursue means of leveraging funds and marshaling resources for the creation of additional affordable housing for very low, low, and moderate income households,

- Policy 1.2.11 The City shall continue to work with local lenders and corporations to leverage funds for affordable housing.

- Policy 1.2.15 The City shall participate with private and nonprofit groups seeking to leverage or obtain new funding sources aimed at solving housing problems by supporting or jointly pursuing foundation funds and social investment by corporations, and by assisting with grant writing and with completing applications for available federal and State funds.

- Policy 1.2.16 The City shall continue to pursue all existing resources provided by federal and State agencies, nonprofit, or private organizations, and create new funding sources to assist with the provision of affordable housing.

- Policy 1.3.4 The City shall ensure that all available programs provided by the state and federal government which provide sites for affordable housing are being utilized.

- Objective 1.8 Homelessness. Assist the private sector and concerned public agencies to find shelter for homeless families and individuals through the implementation of the following policies.

- Policies 1.8.1 The Homeless Coalition shall continue to participate in a combined public/private partnership for the development of transitional housing for homeless families, and educational opportunities for their children.

Based on the information noted above, the Planning and Development Department finds that the proposal by the Changing Homelessness organization is consistent with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you for inquiring with the City of Jacksonville. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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