

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the County of San Mateo has determined that the following proposed action by MidPen Housing Corporation (MidPen) under the Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the County of San Mateo will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

MidPen will apply for HUD Project-Based Vouchers for a proposed new 110-unit supportive housing development on the 1.5-acre parcel (APN 052-532-020) located at 1580 Maple Street, Redwood City in San Mateo County, California, 94063. The project site is in Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Zone AE, based on Flood Insurance Rate Map No. 06081C0301F, effective April 5, 2019. The Zone AE designation is a Special Flood Hazard Area subject to inundation by the 1-percent annual-chance flood event (also known as a 100-year flood) with an established base flood elevation. The base flood elevation of the project site is 10 feet. The proposed project would include a new 3-4 story, approximately 50,939 square foot residential building and up to 79 surface level parking spaces for 108 extremely low-income households and 2 resident managers. The unit mix is 108 studios, and 2 two-bedroom manager units. The proposed project will also include a single-story approximately 1,500 square feet community building which will include a communal kitchen and flexible spaces for classes, workshops, and events for resident use.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the County of San Mateo at the following address on or before Thursday, **July 6, 2023**: San Mateo County, Department of Housing, 264 Harbor Blvd., Building A, Belmont, CA 94002, Attention: Raymond Hodges, Director. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the address above. Comments may also be submitted via email at rhodges@smchousing.org.

Date: June 21, 2023