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## BLOSSOM HILL ROAD DEVELOPMENT

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WILL CHARITIES HOUSING COMMISSION A TRAFFIC / ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY?

To obtain entitlements (planning approvals), the development must be found to be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Control Act (CEQA). Part of the CEQA process/analysis is the completion of a Traffic Impact Analysis Report.

The Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) report ensures developers comply with the City of San Jose's transportation policies and regulations by identifying the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding neighborhood and any required mitigation measures. The developer will engage a traffic consultant to study factors including: trip generation during weekday morning and evening peak hours, traffic volume in scenarios with and without the development, site access, and parking availability. Mitigation measure are then identified to reduce the development impact to a less than significant level. The transportation report becomes part of the environmental documentation needed for entitlement approval.

### WHAT POPULATION IS INTENDED TO BE HOUSED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT?

This development is intended to target older frail seniors (mainly 62 and over), the residents will be extremely low and very-low income adults and adults with disabilities who have difficulties living in their homes without services.

Extremely low and very-low income households are defined as those whose income falls within 30%-50% of area median income. Currently a 1-person household at 30% of area median income takes in no more than \$25,080 annually; and a 1-person household at 50% of area median income takes in no more than \$41,800 annually.



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The development intends to incorporate the Long Term Supportive Services (LTSS) housing model which includes multipurpose services and design features that enables older adults to maintain independence (prevent institutionalization). The elderly frail population may need assistance related to functional impairments or limitations that make it difficult to live independently without assistance to preform activities of daily living (ADLs). ADLs can be defined as dressing, toileting, bathing, walking, transferring and eating. LTSS housing also supports residents in need of assistance with instrumental activities of living (IADLs) which can include managing medications, money management, meal preparation, grocery shopping, house cleaning etc.

One third of the units will be set aside for senior, homeless households/individuals referred by the County of Santa Clara. Residents in these Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units will be referred by the County of Santa Clara from their Coordinated Care Program, Nursing Homes or other County supported residential options.

#### WHAT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS?

Resident services will be provided through a combination of service providers whose expertise is focused on senior health, socialization and support, with the goal of prolonging senior independence. The three service providers that have been initially identified include On Lok Lifeways, the County of Santa Clara, and Catholic Charities or a service provider identified and paid for by the County.

On Lok Lifeways is proposing to provide an Adult Day Health Program and Clinic on-site, in approximately 19,000 square feet of commercial space. On Lok participants receive senior care services based on their individual needs which can include but is not limited to; primary medical care, nursing services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, mental health counseling, speech therapy, podiatry, recreation services, nutrition services, exercise maintenance programs, and hold regular recreational and social events at their sites. On Lok's services will be available to qualified residents and the greater community.

The County of Santa Clara will provide intensive Case Management for the one third of the population that they will be referring to the property. Using the standard County model for wrap around services in their Permanent Supportive Housing, the County will



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provide Case Managers at a ratio of 1 case manager for every 20 participants. Services will be tailored to the needs of the individual.

Catholic Charities will utilize approximately 6,000 square feet of the commercial space. They intend to provide senior focused programs that will serve residents and the neighboring community. Under a contract with Charities Housing, Catholic Charities will also provide Service Coordination services to the entire resident population. Service Coordination encompasses a wide range of activities that may be provided on or off site. Resident service coordinator responsibilities include linking the residents with the support services that exist in the community.

# WHAT IS THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT SIZE BEING PROPOSED AND WHAT ARE YOUR OCCUPANCY LIMITS PER UNIT?

Charities is proposing to develop a 150-unit development for the senior population (62+), the unit size break-down would be 80% studio apartments, 10% 1-bedroom, and 10% 2-bedroom.

Occupancy per unit is dependent on unit size, Charities Housing abides by HUD occupancy standards which are as follows:

Studio 1-2 persons

- 1-bedroom 1-3 persons
- 2-bedroom 2-5 persons
- 3-bedroom 4-7 persons

# WHAT ARE THE ANTICIPATED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT STAFFING LEVELS FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT?

Staff will be available during business hours Monday – Friday. Additionally, there will be two staff residing at the property to address property needs after business hours and on weekends.

During the week swing and graveyard hours, front desk clerks are posted at the front entry to provide assistants to residents, verify and check-in guests, conduct physical



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inspections of the property, and monitor the security cameras that will be located throughout the interior and exterior of the building.

#### WHAT WILL THE VETTING PROCESS LOOK LIKE FOR APPLICANTS?

Prior to occupied tenancy every applicant will be screened and either approved or denied based on our tenant selection criteria for the property/population. This process includes but is not limited to the following verifications:

- Income Verification
- Criminal
- Sex Offender Registry
- Landlord
- Credit
- Eviction History

#### IS THERE AN EVICTION PROCESS IN PLACE IF RESIDENTS ARE NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES?

Prior to occupancy every resident must review and sign the Lease and House Rules. The House Rules clearly explain the rules that residents must comply with and the consequences of not complying. Depending on the severity of a Lease or House Rule infraction, the resident could face a lease violation (warning) or eviction.

# HOW MUCH PARKING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL SPACE OCCUPANTS?

Charities is evaluating how much parking will be needed for the Blossom Hill development. Charities is required to provide one parking space per four hundred square feet of floor area for the commercial portion of the development.

A .68 parking ratio is being considered for the residential portion of the development. Given that a significant amount of the residents will be frail elderly we are confident that the parking ratio that we are considering will be adequate.

Given that this will be a development targeted towards frail seniors aging in place there are no exact analogous in Charities' portfolio; in Charities' experience owning and



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managing both studio and senior housing, less than one parking space per unit has been more than adequate.

Listed below are examples of parking usage in some of our studio developments:

<u>San Antonio Place, Mountain View – 118 studio apartments completed in 2006</u> San Antonio serves a mixed population which includes:

- 12 apartments designated for homeless,
- 11 apartments designated for participants in the MHSA Program (MHSA stands for Mental Health Services Act which are folks who receive services from the County of Santa Clara's mental health department and are homeless or at risk of being homeless)
   In addition to the 23 apartments listed above, there are approximately an additional 15 residents that live at San Antonio who were previously homeless, which results in a total homeless population of roughly 30%.

<u>Parkside Studios, Sunnyvale – 58 studio apartments completed in 2015</u>. Parkside Studios serves a mixed population which includes:

- 11 apartments designated for participants in the MHSA Program (see explanation above for MHSA)
- 8 apartments designated as Permanent Supportive Housing for the Chronic Homeless (PSH) who were referred through the County's centralized referral system.

The percentage of homeless and MHSA program participants at Parkside is 30%.

### Pensione Esperanza, San Jose -108 SRO apartments completed in 1999

Pension Esperanza has been in operation for 17 years. No units were officially set aside for the homeless. However, because of the deep affordability in this development, staff estimates that 36 current residents were formerly homeless which equates to 32% of the population being previously homeless.

#### WHO WILL BE OCCUPYING THE COMMERCIAL SPACE?

Charities Housing is collaborating with On Lok to utilize a great portion of the commercial space that will be available (approximately 19,000 square feet). On Lok is a well-respected and established senior service provider. On Lok anticipates providing



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their senior services not only to the Blossom Hill residents but the surrounding community. We are excited that On Lok has agreed to serve from this location, their 46 years of experience will be a great asset to the community.

Additionally, Charities Housing is also partnering with Catholic Charities to use another portion of the commercial space available (6,000 square feet). Catholic Charities will be offering their services to our residents and the community that may include but is not limited to the following: behavioral health, in home and long-term care, and older adult services.

#### WILL THE SITE SIT VACANT WHILE YOU GO THROUGH THE ENTITLEMENT PROCESS?

Charities is committed to keeping the site activated. Charities is actively contributing to maintaining a healthy and safe community. To date we have lined up two users for the site. One is renowned artist, Pavel and Peter Mester who will be utilizing some of the space as an art studio. The other is a local and very well-known and reputable non-profit, the Family Giving Tree. The Family Giving Tree fulfills the exact holiday wishes and provides backpacks filled with school supplies to those children in the most need in our communities while inspiring the values of kindness, philanthropy, and volunteerism.

Charities has been in touch with other local non-profits, sports clubs & teams, schools, public service officers, and others to help keep the site active.

In addition, we have a contract with a security patrol agency that patrols the site during the hours of 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. daily.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

Charities is working on our design process, with community input, and plans to submit an application to the planning department at the City of San Jose by September 2018.

## THE BLOSSOM HILL ROAD DEVELOPMENT IS STILL IN THE CONCEPT STAGE. CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS TO ANY PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION MAY OCCUR