

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY ADOPTING AMENDED PREFERENCES FOR SELECTION OF TENANTS OF EXISTING UNIT PURCHASE PROGRAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND FINDING THE AMENDMENT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

WHEREAS, the Existing Unit Purchase Program was created in 1997 pursuant to the Community Development Agency's Affordable Housing Strategic Plan to acquire existing residential units to provide affordable rental housing for larger families and address neighborhood property maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, the City owns six units that are included in the Existing Unit Purchase Program that are currently rented to lower income households; and

WHEREAS, the City has established preferences for tenants of the Existing Unit Purchase Program, as contained in Community Development Agency Minute Order No. 18 adopted on October 20, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Housing Element has identified a need for supportive housing, especially for persons with disabilities due to compounding issues such as low income, racial discrimination, need for supportive services, and/or other factors; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to amend the preferences for tenants of the Existing Unit Purchase Program to include supportive housing is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the proposed amendment of the tenant preferences for the Existing Unit Purchase Program on December 1, 2022 and adopted Resolution P-20-22 recommending approval of the proposed amendment and finding that the amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the proposed amendment of the tenant preferences and the finding that the amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act at a Special Meeting on January 9, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Foster City hereby amends the housing preferences for the Existing Unit Purchase Program to be applied as units become vacant as follows:

It shall be the policy of the City of Foster City that when residential units in the Existing Unit Purchase Program are available for tenancy, the tenants shall be selected based on the following preferences:

1. A non-profit supportive housing provider that will operate the unit for persons requiring supportive housing (as defined by FCMC Section 17.04.544).
2. Very low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50105) living and working in Foster City.
3. Low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5) living and working in Foster City.
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5. Low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5) living in Foster City.
6. Very low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50105) who are employees of the City of Foster City.
7. Low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5) who are employees of the City of Foster City.
8. Very low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50105) who are classroom teachers employed by the San Mateo-Foster City School District, the San Mateo Union High School District or the San Mateo County Community College District.
9. Low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5) who are classroom teachers employed by the San Mateo-Foster City School District, the San Mateo Union High School District or the San Mateo County Community College District.
10. Very low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50105) who work in Foster City.
11. Low income tenants (as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5) who work in Foster City.
12. Very low income tenants (as defined by California Health and Safety Code Section 50105) – all others who are income qualified.
13. Low income tenants (as defined by California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5) – all others who are income qualified

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PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the City Council of the City of Foster City at a Special Meeting held on January 9, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hindi, Jimenez, Kiesel, Sullivan and Mayor Froomin

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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JON FROOMIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PRISCILLA SCHAUS, CITY CLERK