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Angie Sellers, Chief Financial Officer Florida Housing Finance Corporation 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000 Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329

## Re: Civitas of Cape Coral, 2022 Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Notes Method of Sale Recommendation

Dear Angie,

At the request of the staff of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation ("Florida Housing") and pursuant to our Contract for Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services with Florida Housing, I have reviewed the Credit Underwriting Report dated as of October 11, 2022, relating to Civitas of Cape Coral (the "Credit Underwriting Report"), and herein provide my recommendation for a negotiated private placement method of sale.

This recommendation is consistent with the procedures established for evaluating proposed multifamily transactions and is based upon the project information contained in the Credit Underwriting Report. The required factors considered in my evaluation of the proposed project are:

- Prevailing interest rates and financing costs for multifamily notes,
- The anticipated credit and security structure,
- The proposed financing and issue structure,
- The experience of the developer in financing affordable housing,
- Florida Housing's known programmatic objectives,
- Probable near term market conditions,
- The timing of the transaction, and
- Other information provided by Florida Housing staff and the working group for this transaction, as applicable

The Credit Underwriting Report outlines a plan of finance for affordable multifamily housing involving taxexempt notes that are privately placed with a bank. The notes will bear interest at a variable rate during the construction phase and a fixed rate during the permanent phase.

The Credit Underwriting Report proposes a negotiated private placement to be an effective method of sale for the tax-exempt notes.

The following is a summary concerning this project and financing:

Project Name: Civitas of Cape Coral

Construction Note Purchaser: Fifth Third Commercial Funding, Inc.

Permanent Note Purchaser: Freddie Mac / Grandbridge Real Estate Capital, LLC

Developer / Key Representative: DDR Development, LLC / Domingo Sanchez

Co-Developer / Key Representative: LCHA Developer, LLC / Lee County Housing Authority

## Co-Developer / Key Representative: Revital Development Group, LLC / Michael Allan

## Recommended Method of Sale: Negotiated private placement

Based on the structure of the note issue and prevailing market conditions, a negotiated private placement will be an effective method of sale for the tax-exempt notes. Based on Florida Housing's experience with similar offerings, current market conditions, and other recent housing finance agency multifamily transactions, this method can be expected to achieve the borrower's objectives based on the facts presented.

Should there be any substantial changes in the market, the proposed credit structure, or development team, a further review of the above recommendation should be undertaken. It is expected, consistent with Chapter 67-21.0045 of Florida Administrative Code that a final term sheet for the project will be provided to Caine Mitter & Associates Incorporated at the appropriate time to allow for any required final recommendation if necessary. If you have any questions or require any discussion please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Victor Chiang

**Caine Mitter & Associates Incorporated** Victor Chiang Vice President

cc: Tim Kennedy, Assistant Director of Multifamily Programs