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Refer to HUD_2019_1226_001

Mr. Philip Brennan
Associate Planner
Community Development Department
City of San Mateo
330 West 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

Re: MidPen Affordable Housing Development Project at 480 East 4th Avenue & 400 East 5th Avenue, San Mateo, CA

Dear Mr. Brennan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer received your submittal for the above referenced undertaking for review and comment pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800. The regulations and advisory materials are located at www.achp.gov.

Undertaking

You have informed us that the City of San Mateo and MidPen Housing propose to use funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop the multifamily affordable housing and a parking structure at 480 East 4th Avenue and 400 East 5th Avenue in San Mateo. The undertaking includes the construction 164 affordable family apartments on the 1.16-acre site located at 480 East 4th Avenue and a 700-space parking garage on the 1.25-acre site at 400 East 5th Avenue.

Area of Potential Effects (APE)

The City has defined the APE as the subject parcel and all adjacent parcels. We agree that this is an adequate definition of the APE for the work associated with this undertaking.

Identification of Historic Properties

In an effort to identify potential historic properties within the APE the City and their consultants obtained a records search for the project area from the Northwest Information Center (NWIC) of the CHRIS located at Sonoma State. The City also obtained a Sacred Lands File search with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and contacted recommended tribes. Finally, the City hired consultants, Holman & Associates and Architectural Resources Group (ARG), to conduct field surveys of the APE. The City and consultants' efforts identified two

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properties previously determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places through an earlier Section 106 consultation. Both 415 South Claremont Street and 503 East 5th Avenue are historic properties and treated as such for this consultation.

Though the direct APE is considered to have low sensitivity for potential archeological historic properties, based on the recommendations of consultants, Holman & Associates, the City has included an archeological monitoring condition on the development of this undertaking.

Our office believes that the City made reasonable and good faith identification efforts.

Finding of Effects

The City finds that the undertaking will have "No Adverse Effect" on the historic properties within the APE. Based on the information provided for our review, pursuant to 36 CFR §800.5(c)(1), the California Office of Historic Preservation does not object to a *Finding of no adverse effect* for the undertaking. However, the City may have additional Section 106 responsibilities under certain circumstances set forth at 36 CFR Part 800 in the event that historic properties are discovered during implementation of the undertaking your agency is required to consult further pursuant to §800.13(b).

We appreciate the City of San Mateo's consideration of historic properties in the project planning process. If you have questions please contact Shannon Lauchner Pries, Historian II, with the Local Government & Environmental Compliance Unit at (916)445-7013 or by email at shannon.pries@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line.

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer