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A RESOLUTION

Approving the City of Evanston's 2020-2024 HUD Consolidated Plan

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States did pass Public Law 93-383, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (which established the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program); Public Law 101-625, the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (which established the HOME Investment Partnerships Program); and H.R. 205, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as amended by S.896, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing ("HEARTH") Act of 2009, which re-authorized the Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston is an "Entitlement City" by definition in said Acts and, as such, is eligible to make application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for said grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston, as a HUD entitlement community, is required to periodically (every three to five years) submit its Consolidated Plan to HUD that states in one document its plan and specific strategies to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Said plan is to detail community planning and development programs, as well as housing programs, against whose goals the plan and the jurisdiction's performance under the plan will be evaluated by HUD; and
WHEREAS, HUD requires jurisdictions to encourage citizen participation in the development of any Consolidated Plan, Substantial Amendment to that plan, as well as One Year Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports relating to that Plan, particularly by low- and moderate-income persons living in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used. In order to achieve such requirement, jurisdictions shall apply and adopt a Citizen Participation Plan which must afford citizens a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Consolidated Plan and any amendments thereafter, and make said Plan or subsequent amendments publicly accessible, as well as fulfill any and all requirements set forth in 24 C.F.R § 91.105 (2014), as amended.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department of the City of Evanston, as the lead agency for the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, developed said plan in accordance with the Consolidated Plan Regulation 24 C.F.R § 91.1-600 (2014), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan includes the required Citizen Participation Plan and consultation; detailed analysis of housing and community development needs; priority needs of the community and strategies to address those priority needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s Housing and Community Development Act Committee is charged with oversight of the City’s Consolidated Planning process and CDBG program; the Evanston Housing and Homelessness Commission is charged with oversight of the City’s HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City published a draft of the 2020-2024 Consolidated
Plan, including the Citizen Participation Plan, for public comment from November 18, 2019 to December 17, 2019; and the Housing and Community Development Act Committee conducted a public hearing to receive input on the plan on December 17, 2019, and recommends approval by the Evanston City Council of the aforementioned 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, including the Citizen Participation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: That the City’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, including its Citizen Participation Plan, (attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference) is approved.

SECTION 2: That the City Manager of the City of Evanston is hereby authorized to transmit said 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to provide any additional information as may be required by HUD.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Attest:
Eduardo Gomez

Devon Reid, City Clerk
Eduardo Gomez, Deputy City Clerk
Adopted: April 13, 2020, 2020

Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Kelley A. Gahurski, Corporation Counsel