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**OPINION OF PHA COUNSEL**

**[LAW FIRM LETTERHEAD]**

[DATE]

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
451 Seventh Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20410

Re [Covered Project Name, with  
Converting Project PIC Numbers identified in RCC and  
DDA Number identified in RCC]

Ladies and Gentleman:

We represent [**NAME OF PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**] (“PHA”), a [public body corporate and politic], organized and existing under the laws of [**NAME OF STATE OR COMMONWEALTH**] in connection with the conversion of assistance pursuant to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (“RAD”) and provision of rental assistance to the project located at [**ADDRESS OF THE COVERED PROJECT**] and commonly known as [**COVERED PROJECT NAME**] (the “Covered Project”).

We have been requested by the PHA to deliver this opinion in accordance with and pursuant to RAD requirements by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and the associated RAD Conversion Commitment entered into by and between HUD, the PHA and [**NAME OF THE PROJECT OWNER**] (said document is hereafter referred to as the “RCC”).

Instruments and Loan Documents Examined

In preparing this opinion, we have prepared or reviewed executed originals or true and complete copies of the instruments and documents, all of which are dated the date hereof (unless otherwise indicated), as set forth in Schedule 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Items under Heading A [and B (if conversion of a mixed finance public housing property)] of Schedule 1 are collectively referred to as the “PHA Documents” and all of the items listed on Schedule 1 are collectively referred to as the “Documents.” The Documents represent all of the material, legally binding agreements entered into by PHA in association with the RAD conversion of public housing units approved by HUD pursuant to its execution of the RCC.

### Assumptions

The Opinions expressed herein are subject to the following Assumptions, in addition to the Assumptions and Qualifications set forth elsewhere herein:

1. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic, and all copies of the Documents, and all records and letters examined by us are accurate, true, complete, and correct copies of the originals thereof and all factual warranties, representations, and statements made by the parties in the Documents are accurate, true, and correct.
2. Each of the individuals executing the PHA Documents has the requisite legal capacity and all the signatures, other than those of the PHA on PHA Documents, are genuine.
3. The PHA Documents have been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by all parties other than the PHA and constitute legal, valid, and binding obligations of each such other party enforceable in accordance with their terms.
4. Each PHA Document or other document submitted for review is accurate and complete. Each PHA Document that is an original is authentic, each PHA Document that is a copy conforms to an authentic original, and all signatures on each such document are genuine. The form and content of any PHA Document submitted as an unexecuted copy does not differ in any respect relevant to this Opinion Letter from the form and content of such PHA Document as executed and delivered.
5. Each party to any of the PHA Documents, other than the PHA, is a duly organized corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, national banking association, authority, agent, public body, branch of the government of the United States of America, or other duly organized entity, as the case may be, under and pursuant to the laws of each such party’s organizational jurisdiction and, to the extent necessary for the delivery of the opinions set forth herein, is in good standing under the laws of, and authorized to transact business in, the State or Commonwealth in which the Covered Project is located (“State”).
6. Each party to any of the PHA Documents, other than the PHA, has all requisite certifications of authority, licenses, permits, consents, qualifications, and documentation, and all requisite organizational power and authority, to execute such of the PHA Documents to which it is a party, to perform its obligations under such of the PHA Documents to which it is a party, and to enforce such of the PHA Documents to which it is a party.

7. There are no oral or written modifications or amendments to the Documents and there has been no waiver of any of the provisions of the Documents by actions or conduct of the parties or otherwise.

**[ENTER ALL HUD-APPROVED ADDITIONAL ASSUMPTIONS HERE OR MARK N/A**

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We have made no investigation of the facts of law underlying the foregoing Assumptions. We have made no investigation regarding the accuracy or completeness of any documents, records, instruments, letters, or other writings examined by us, or the accuracy of any warranties, representations, and statements of fact contained therein, and we express no opinion regarding the same. No opinion is expressed regarding the existence or nonexistence of, or the effect of, any form of fraud, misrepresentation, mistake duress, or criminal activity upon the legality, validity, binding effect, or enforceability of the PHA Documents, and we have made no investigation of the facts or law pertaining to such conduct.

### Opinions

Based upon, and subject to, the Assumptions set forth above and subject to the Assumptions, Qualifications, exceptions, and limitations set forth in this opinion, we are of the opinion that:

1. Based on the [Certificate of Existence or Certificate of Good Standing], the PHA is a [State] [public body, corporate and politic] validly existing under the laws of the [State]. The PHA has the requisite power and authority to execute and deliver the PHA Documents to which it is a party and to perform its obligations thereunder.
2. The PHA Documents have been duly executed and delivered by the PHA. In addition, those parties executing the PHA Documents on behalf of the PHA, and the consummation by the PHA of the transactions contemplated thereby, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or organizational actions, as applicable.
3. Based upon the certification of PHA attached hereto as Exhibit A, there is no litigation or other claims pending or threatened against the PHA or the Covered Project which would have a materially adverse effect on PHA's ability to comply with the requirements of the RCC [if applicable: other than as disclosed to HUD on Exhibit A, Schedule A-1].
4. The PHA Documents constitute valid and legally enforceable agreements and/or contracts of the PHA, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms under the laws of the State and local law, subject to the Qualifications that the enforceability of any PHA Document may be limited or affected by customary principles governing equitable relief generally and by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, rearrangement,

moratorium, liquidation, fraudulent conveyance, receivership, conservatorship, and other laws affecting the rights of creditors or the collection of debtors' obligations generally and a court may refuse to grant an order for specific performance or any other principles of equity which may limit the availability of certain equitable remedies.

5. Based on the foregoing and subject to the Assumptions and Qualifications set forth in this letter, it is our opinion that each of the PHA Documents conforms to the legal requirements of the RCC and that there is nothing in any of such PHA Documents that conflicts with, or is inconsistent with, the legal requirements of the RCC or exhibits thereto.

### Qualifications

The Foregoing opinion is subject to the following Qualifications:

1. To the extent that we have relied upon the certifications of other persons in preparing this opinion, or the written statements or opinions of other counsel, we have attached to this opinion a copy of each such certification, statement, or opinion.
2. We express no opinion as to the truth or accuracy of any warranties, representations, or statements of fact contained in any documents examined by us, including, but not limited to, the PHA Documents listed in Heading A of Schedule 1.
3. We express no opinion as to:
  - a. The effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, fraudulent transfer, conveyance, and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally; or
  - b. The effect of general principles of equity, whether applied by a court of law or equity.
4. We express no opinion as to the enforceability of any provisions in any of the Documents purporting to:
  - a. Preclude the modification thereof through conduct, custom or course of performance, action, or dealing;
  - b. Waive equitable, statutory, or constitutional rights or remedies;
  - c. Require the payment or reimbursement of fees, costs, expenses or other amount which are unreasonable in nature or amount;
  - d. Limit the liability of the recipient of this opinion, or require indemnification of recipient of this opinion, for its own action or inaction; or
  - e. Specify the forum or venue where disputes shall be settled

5. No opinion is given herein as to any laws regulating the business of any the parties other than the PHA, including without limitation: (a) the types of investments that can be made by any of the parties other than the PHA; or (b) the legal lending limit of any of the parties other than the PHA.
6. Whenever our opinion herein is qualified by the phrases “to our knowledge,” “known to us,” “our attention,” or words of similar import, it is intended to indicate that the current actual knowledge of the attorneys within this firm engaged in the representations of the PHA (and not to the knowledge of the firm generally) is not inconsistent with that portion of the opinion which such phrases qualify. We have made no independent investigation with respect to such matters.
7. The opinions set forth are based solely upon the laws and regulations of the State and federal law, and the state of facts in effect on the date hereof. Nothing herein shall be construed to be an opinion as to the applicability or effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction.
8. This opinion speaks only as of the date of its delivery. We have no obligation to advise the recipients of this opinion, or anyone else, of any matter of fact or law thereafter occurring, whether or not brought to our attention, even though that matter affects any analysis or conclusion of this opinion.
9. The opinion is limited to the matters expressly set forth herein, and no opinion is to be inferred or may be implied beyond the matters expressly so stated.

**[ENTER ALL HUD-APPROVED QUALIFICATIONS HERE OR MARK N/A**

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This opinion letter has been provided solely for the benefit of the addressee, at its request, and no other person or entity shall be entitled to rely hereon without the express written consent of **[LAW FIRM PROVIDING OPINION]**. This opinion letter shall not be quoted in whole or in part, used, published, or otherwise referred to or relied upon in any manner, including, without limitation, in any financial statement or other document.

Sincerely,

**[LAW FIRM PROVIDING OPINION]**

cc: [Name of attorney at the law firm providing the opinion for HUD reference purposes]

**Schedule 1**

A. PHA Documents:

1. [RAD Conversion Commitment]
2. [RAD Use Agreement]
3. [HAP Contract]
4. [Ground Lease, if applicable]
5. [Full Release or Partial Release of Declaration of Trust or Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, if applicable and executed by PHA]
6. [List all other documents executed by the PHA and submitted to HUD for review as part of the RAD conversion]

B. Mixed Finance Documents (if applicable):

1. [Termination of Mixed-Finance ACC, if applicable]
2. [Full Release or Partial Release from the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants if applicable and executed by PHA]
3. [Termination of the Regulatory and Operating Agreement, if applicable]
4. [Omnibus Amendment to Loan Documents, if applicable]
5. [List all other Mixed Finance Documents executed by the PHA and submitted to HUD for review as part of the RAD conversion]

C. Other Documents

1. [HAP Contract, if PBRA]
2. [Pro Forma Title Insurance Policy]
3. [Certification and Assurances]
4. [Consolidated Owner's Certification]
5. [Other documents used to support the opinions with respect to the PHA documents (e.g. bylaws and articles of incorporation,)]

**Exhibit A**

**CERTIFICATION OF PHA**

This Certification of PHA (“Certification”) is made the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by PHA for reliance upon by **[LAW FIRM PROVIDING OPINION]** (“Counsel”) in connection with the issuance of an opinion letter dated of even date herewith as a condition for conversion of assistance pursuant to the Rental Assistance Demonstration by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”). In connection with the opinion letter, PHA hereby certifies to the best of its knowledge to Counsel for its reliance, the truth, accuracy and completeness of the following matter:

- There is no litigation or other claims pending or threatened against PHA or the Covered Project, the resolution of which would have a materially adverse effect on the PHA’s ability to comply with the requirements of the RCC, except for: **[LIST on ATTACHED SCHEDULE A-1 OR IF NONE, STATE “NONE” HERE].**

The PHA and its authorized representative who executes this Certification, each certifies that the statements and representations contained in this Certification and all supporting documentation hereto are true, accurate, and complete. This Certification has been made, presented, and delivered for the purpose of influencing an official action of HUD, and may be relied upon by HUD and Counsel as a true statement of the facts contained therein.

[INSERT SIGNATURE BLOCK]



**SCHEDULE A-1**

**Litigation or other Claims Pending or Threatened Against PHA or the Covered Project,  
the Resolution of Which Would Have a Materially Adverse Effect  
On the Project Owner's Ability to Comply with the Requirements of the RCC**