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Karla Hill Bridge Partners Walnut Creek, California hill@bridgepartners.com

RE: Echo Baytown

Dear Ms. Hill:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Department) has reviewed the Public Facility Corporation (PFC) Audit Report submitted by Auxano Development LLC on December 16, 2024. This review was performed as required by Section 303.042 (c) of Chapter 303, the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 10, Subchapter I, and the Regulatory Agreement/Deed Restriction for Baytown Apartments.

Events of noncompliance have been identified and corrective action is required. The attached Findings Report details the event(s) of noncompliance and the required corrective action. This notice begins the corrective action period. Please supply all requested documentation no later than **March 31, 2025**, the last day of the corrective action period.

If clarification is necessary to complete the corrective action, contact us as soon as possible. If it is not possible to provide the requested documentation by the corrective action period, correct as much as you can and submit a corrective action plan detailing how and when the remaining issue(s) of noncompliance will be corrected.

The Department recommends submitting a cover letter explaining the documentation submitted to address each event of noncompliance. Submit corrective action to <u>pfc.monitoring@tdhca.texas.gov</u>.



If you have any questions about this monitoring report, please contact Christina Thompson toll free in Texas at (800) 643-8204, directly at (512) 475-3907, or email: christina.thompson@tdhca.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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Christina Thompson PFC Monitor

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DETAIL FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PFC PROGRAM

PFC User: Bridge-Baytown L.P Property Name: Echo Baytown Address: 1600 Santavy Street Baytown, Texas 77521 RA Date: June 30, 2022

Audit Report Date: 12/16/2024 Program: PFC

Corrective Action Due Date: 3/31/2025

Audit Report Review Date: 1/28/2025

PROGRAM: PFC

PROPERTY FINDINGS

Unit # 2107 Finding Noncompliance Date	Failure to comply with the Public Facility Corporation Regulatory Agreement 12/2/2023 Correction Date:
Reason	In accordance with the Regulatory Agreement, Section 3(c), annual Income Certification with verification of income must be obtained by the household's anniversary date (occupancy date of the unit) and no less than once in a 12-month period. Unit number 2107 moved in 12/2/2022, and a new Income Certification with verifications has not been completed as required.
Corrective Action	To correct, complete annual Income Certification with verifications and submit to the Department for review. Submit the following documentation for review: application, verification of income/assets and an executed Income Certification form.
Unit # 12305	
Finding	Failure to comply with the Public Facility Corporation Regulatory Agreement
Noncompliance Date	10/1/2023 Correction Date:
Reason	In accordance with Section 3(c) of the Regulatory Agreement, the following items are acceptable to determine income eligibility: (1) pay stubs for the most recent four-week period; (2) income tax returns for the most recent two tax years; (3) an income verification from the applicant's current employer; (4) an income verification from the Social Security Administration; or (5) if applicant is unemployed, does not have tax returns or is otherwise unable to provide other forms of verification as required, another form of independent verification as would be satisfactory.
	Department unable to establish eligibility. Auditor reports the tenant file for unit 12305 did not contain verification of income documents.

Corrective Action	To correct, submit for Department review the income from the time of initial occupancy, and an updated Income Certification, if needed. If unable to verify income from the time of initial occupancy, the household may be certified under current circumstances using current income limits. If verifying under current circumstances, please provide the following for Department review: application, verification of income/assets, and executed Income Certification. If the household remains ineligible, when the unit becomes available lease to a qualified household and submit the following for Department review: application and the lease contract.
Finding Noncompliance Date	Failure to comply with the Public Facility Corporation Regulatory Agreement 12/16/2024 Correction Date:
Reason	The Regulatory Agreement states units should be reserved for low income households. In addition, the Continuing Program Compliance Certificate indicates that, no unit reserved for Low-Income Households shall be rented to a market rate renter, unless another unit has been reserved in its place.
	The Audit Report submitted indicated that four (4) of the reserved units are occupied by market households and have move-in dates that are post the acquisition date.
Corrective Action	Submit the following documentation for four (4) low-income units to meet the requirements in the Regulatory Agreement: application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification or Exhibit D, Lease Contract and any required Lease Addenda. If a vacant unit has been reserved for a low income tenant, but not yet occupied please submit documentation that the unit is vacant and a statement that it will not be occupied by a non low-income household. If the vacant unit is occupied for with a non-program unit, please submit documentation to evidence which new vacant unit has been reserved in it's place.
Unit # 2203 Finding Noncompliance Date Reason	Household above the income limit upon initial occupancy. 12/13/2023 Household's annual gross income of \$50,234.38 which exceeds the applicable 60% AMI income limit of \$44,760.
Corrective Action	When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following documentation to the Department for review: application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circumstances have changed they may be qualified using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the following for Department review: application, verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.
Unit # 4103 Finding Noncompliance Date Reason	Household above the income limit upon initial occupancy. 12/13/2023 Household's annual gross income of \$68,055.78 which exceeds the applicable 80% AMI income limit of \$52,160.

Corrective Action	When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following docur application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circ using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.	umstances have changed they may be qualified
Unit # 4116 Finding Noncompliance Date Reason	Household above the income limit upon annual renewal income certification 1/26/2023 Household's annual gross income of \$44,675.92 which exceeds the applicable 60% AMI income lin	Correction Date: hit of \$43,260.
Corrective Action	When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following documentation to the Department for review: application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circumstances have changed they may be qualified using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the following for Department review: application, verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.	
Unit # 6104 Finding Noncompliance Date Reason	Household above the income limit upon annual renewal income certification 3/23/2023 Household's annual gross income of \$53,937.87 which exceeds the applicable 60% AMI income lin	Correction Date: nit of \$37,860.
Corrective Action	When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following docur application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circ using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.	umstances have changed they may be qualified
Unit # 6108		
Finding Noncompliance Date Reason	Household above the income limit upon annual renewal income certification 3/8/2023 Household's annual gross income of \$79,502.28 which exceeds the applicable 80% AMI income lin	Correction Date: nit of \$57,680.
Corrective Action	When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following docur application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circ using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.	umstances have changed they may be qualified
Unit # 9112 Finding Noncompliance Date	Household above the income limit upon initial occupancy. 2/3/2023	Correction Date:

Reason	Household's annual gross income of \$79,090.83 which exceeds the applicable 80% AMI income limit of \$64,880.	
Corrective Action	When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following documentation to the Department for review: application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circumstances have changed they may be qualified using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the following for Department review: application, verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.	
Unit # 9211 Finding Noncompliance Date Reason	Household above the income limit upon initial occupancy. 7/5/2023 Household's annual gross income of \$40,240.72 which exceeds the applicable 60% AMI income limit of \$39,120.	
Corrective Action	When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following documentation to the Department for review: application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circumstances have changed they may be qualified using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the following for Department review: application, verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.	
Unit # 9312 Finding Noncompliance Date Reason Corrective Action	Household above the income limit upon initial occupancy. 9/12/2023 Household's annual gross income of \$40,360.32 which exceeds the applicable 60% AMI income limit of \$39,120. When the unit becomes available occupy with an eligible household and submit the following documentation to the Department for review:	
	application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification. If the households circumstances have changed they may be qualified using current income limits. If qualifing the household under current circumstances please submit the following for Department review: application, verification of income and assets, and executed Income Certification.	
Finding Noncompliance Date	Failure to comply with the Public Facility Corporation Regulatory Agreement 12/16/2024 Correction Date:	
Reason	Section 3(f) of the Development's Regulatory Agreement states, each lease or rental agreement pertaining to a Low-Income Unit shall contain a provision to the effect that the Development has relied on the Income Certification and supporting information supplied by the Low Income Household in determining qualification for occupancy of the Low Income Unit and that any material misstatement in such certification (whether or not intentional) may be cause for immediate termination of such lease or rental agreement. Each lease or rental agreement shall also disclose that the tenant's income is subject to annual certification.	
Corrective Action	Submit to the Department for review an owner's statement of compliance with the Regulatory Agreement moving forward, along with a blank template of the Lease or Lease Addenda that includes the required language.	