

**JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT
RELATING TO THE CMFA SPECIAL FINANCE AGENCY VIII**

THIS AGREEMENT, dated as of _____, 2021, among the parties executing this Agreement (all such parties, except those which have withdrawn as provided herein, are referred to as the "Members" and those parties initially executing this Agreement are referred to as the "Charter Members");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5 of the California Government Code (in effect as of the date hereof and as the same may from time to time be amended or supplemented, the "Joint Exercise of Powers Act"), two or more public agencies may by agreement jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, each of the Members is a "public agency" as that term is defined in Section 6500 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act; and

WHEREAS, each of the Members is empowered by law to promote economic, cultural and community development, including, without limitation, the promotion of opportunities for the creation or retention of employment, the stimulation of economic activity, the increase of the tax base, and the promotion of opportunities for education, cultural improvement and public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, each of the Members may accomplish the purposes and objectives described in the preceding preamble by various means; and

WHEREAS, each Member is also empowered by law to acquire, construct, improve, operate and dispose of real property for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes the Members to create a joint exercise of powers entity with the authority to exercise any powers common to the Members, as specified in this Agreement, and to exercise the additional powers granted to it in the Joint Exercise of Powers Act and any other applicable provisions of the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, a public entity established pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act is empowered to issue or execute bonds, notes, commercial paper or any other evidences of indebtedness, leases, installment sale or other financing agreements, obligations or certificates of participation therein (each and all herein referred to as "Bonds"), and to otherwise undertake financing programs under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act or other applicable provisions of the laws of the State of California to accomplish its public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Members have determined to specifically authorize a public entity authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act to issue Bonds pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act or other applicable provisions of the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Members to use a public entity established pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act to undertake the financing and/or refinancing of projects of the acquisition, construction, development and certain related costs of a middle-income multifamily rental housing development within the City located at 18504 Beach Boulevard, known as "Elan Huntington Beach" (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, by this Agreement, each Member desires to create and establish the "CMFA Special Finance Agency VIII" for the purposes set forth herein and to exercise the powers provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, do agree as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

This Agreement is made pursuant to the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a public entity for the joint exercise of powers common to the Members and for the exercise of additional powers given to a joint powers entity under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act or any other applicable law, including, but not limited to, the issuance of Bonds, , solely to finance or refinance the Project. Such purpose will be accomplished and said power exercised in the manner hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. Term.

This Agreement shall become effective in accordance with Section 17 as of the date hereof and shall continue in full force and effect until such time as it is terminated in writing by all the Members; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not terminate or be terminated until all Bonds issued or caused to be issued by the Agency (defined below) shall no longer be outstanding under the terms of the indenture, trust agreement, resolution or other instrument pursuant to which such Bonds are issued.

Section 3. Authority.

A. CREATION AND POWERS OF AUTHORITY.

There is hereby created pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act a joint exercise of powers authority and public entity to be known as the "CMFA Special Finance Agency VIII." As provided in the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, the Agency shall be a public entity separate and apart from the Members. The Bonds or any other debts, liabilities and obligations of the Agency shall not constitute debts, liabilities or obligations of any Member, and Bonds issued by the Agency shall be non-recourse to the Agency except only as and to the extent moneys or other assets are pledged by the Agency to the Bonds by the indenture, trust agreement, resolution or other instrument pursuant to which such Bonds are issued. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Agency shall not have the power to incur any debt, liability or obligation that is not subject to the preceding sentence and shall not have the power to and shall not enter into any retirement contract with any public retirement system (as defined in Section 6508.2 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act) for any reason. The provision in this paragraph is intended to benefit Members and to be a confirming irrevocable obligation of the Agency which may be enforced by Members individually or collectively.

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreement or any amendment hereto, the Agency will cause a notice of this Agreement or amendment to be prepared and filed with the office of the Secretary of State of the State in the manner set forth in Section 6503.5 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act. Such notice shall also be filed with the office of the Finance Director of the State.

The Board shall be the administering agency of this Agreement and, as such, shall be vested with the powers set forth herein, and shall administer this Agreement in accordance with the purposes and functions provided herein.

B. BOARD.

The Agency shall be administered by the Board of Directors (the "Board," or the "Directors" and each a "Director") consisting of, ex officio, the board of directors of the California Municipal Finance Authority (the "CMFA"). Any alternate members of the board of directors of the CMFA shall be, ex officio, alternate members of the Board, and may act as a member of the Board on the same terms as such alternate member may act as a voting member of the board of directors of the CMFA. The term of office as a member of the Board shall terminate when such member of the Board shall cease to hold his or her respective office as a regular or alternate member of the board of directors of the CMFA, and the successor to such member of the board of directors of CMFA shall become a member of the Board, upon assuming such office.

Members of the Board shall not receive any compensation for serving as such but shall be entitled to reimbursement for any expenses actually incurred in connection with serving as a member if the Board shall determine that such expenses shall be reimbursed and there are unencumbered funds available for such purpose.

Notwithstanding the preceding two paragraphs, the Board may by resolution or bylaws provide for changes in the qualifications, composition and number of directors on the Board, the appointment of successors, their respective terms of office and any other provisions relating to the qualification and office of the Board.

C. OFFICERS; DUTIES; OFFICIAL BONDS.

The officers of the Agency shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer, and one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. The Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers of the CMFA, respectively, shall be such officers of the Agency, ex officio.

The Chair of the Agency shall be the chair of the board of directors of the CMFA, ex officio. The term of office of the Chair shall be the same as the term of the chair of the board of directors of the CMFA. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Agency and shall submit such information and recommendations to the Board as he or she may consider proper concerning the business, policies and affairs of the Agency.

The Vice Chair shall be the vice chair of the board of directors of the CMFA, ex officio. The term of office of the Vice Chair shall be the same as the term of the vice chair of the board of directors of the CMFA. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair

in the absence or incapacity of the Chair. In case of the absence, unavailability, resignation or death of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform such duties as are imposed on the Chair, until such time as a new Chair is selected or appointed.

The executive director of the CMFA is hereby designated as the Executive Director of the Agency, ex officio, and shall be responsible for execution and supervision of the affairs of the Agency. Except as otherwise authorized by resolution of the Board, any member of the Board, the Executive Director or any designee thereof shall sign all contracts, deeds and other instruments executed by the Agency.

The secretary of the CMFA is hereby designated as the Secretary of the Agency, ex officio. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Agency, shall act as Secretary at the meetings of the Agency and record all votes, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Agency in a journal of proceedings to be kept for such purpose, and shall perform all duties incident to the office.

The treasurer of the CMFA is hereby designated, ex officio, as the Treasurer of the Agency.

Subject to the applicable provisions of any resolution, indenture, trust agreement or other instrument or proceeding authorizing or securing Bonds (each such resolution, indenture, trust agreement, instrument and proceeding being herein referred to as an "Indenture") providing for a trustee or other fiscal agent, and except as may otherwise be specified by resolution of the Board, the Treasurer is designated as the depository of the Agency to have custody of all money of the Agency, from whatever source derived and shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities specified in Sections 6505, 6505.5 and 6509.5 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

The Treasurer of the Agency is designated as the public officer or person who has charge of, handles, or has access to any property of the Agency, and such officer shall file an official bond with the Secretary of the Agency in the amount specified by resolution of the Board but in no event less than \$1,000.

The Board shall have the power to appoint such other officers and employees as it may deem necessary and to retain independent counsel, consultants and accountants.

The Board shall have the power, by resolution, to the extent permitted by the Joint Exercise of Power Act or any other applicable law, to delegate any of its functions to one or more of the Directors or officers, employees or agents of the Agency and to cause any of said Directors, officers, employees or agents to take any actions and execute any documents or instruments for and in the name and on behalf of the Board or the Agency.

D. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

(1) Ralph M. Brown Act.

All meetings of the Board, including, without limitation, regular, adjourned regular, special, and adjourned special meetings shall be called, noticed, held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (commencing with Section 54950 of the Government Code of the State of California), or any successor legislation hereinafter enacted

(the "Brown Act").

(2) Regular Meetings.

The Board shall provide for its regular meetings; provided, however, it shall hold at least one regular meeting each year. The date, hour and place of the holding of the regular meetings shall be fixed by resolution of the Board. To the extent permitted by the Brown Act, such meetings may be held by telephone conference.

(3) Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California. To the extent permitted by the Brown Act, such meetings may be held by telephone conference.

(4) Minutes.

The Secretary of the Agency shall cause to be kept minutes of the regular, adjourned regular, special, and adjourned special meetings of the Board and shall, as soon as possible after each meeting, cause a copy of the minutes to be forwarded to each Director.

(5) Quorum.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No action may be taken by the Board except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at the meeting, except that less than a quorum may adjourn a meeting to another time and place.

E. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Agency may adopt, from time to time, by resolution of the Board such bylaws, policies or rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and affairs as may be required. In the absence of such a resolution, the conflict of interest code, investment policy, and debt management policy of CMFA shall be the conflict of interest code, investment policy and debt management policy of the Agency, to the extent required or permitted by law to be adopted by the Agency.

Section 4. Powers.

In order to achieve the purpose described in section 1 hereof, the Agency shall have the power, in its own name, to exercise the common powers of the Members and to exercise all additional powers given to a joint powers entity under any of the laws of the State of California, including, but not limited to, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, for any purpose authorized under this Agreement. Such powers shall include the common powers specified in this Agreement and may be exercised in the manner and according to the method provided in this Agreement. The Agency is hereby authorized to do all acts necessary for the exercise of such power, including, but not limited to, any of all of the following: to make and enter into contracts; to employ agents and employees; to acquire, construct, improve, own, maintain and operate, or provide for

maintenance and operation, and sell, lease, pledge, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose, of any property, improvements, commodities, leases, contracts, receivables, bonds or other revenue streams or assets of any kind; to exercise the power of condemnation; to incur debts, liabilities or obligations; to receive gifts, contributions and donations of property, funds, services, and other forms of assistance from person, firms, corporations and any governmental entity; to sue and be sued in its own name; to establish and collect fees; to form public benefit nonprofit corporations or other affiliate entities to accomplish any of its purposes; to make grants, loans or provide other financial assistance to governmental, nonprofit and for profit organizations to accomplish any of its purposes; and generally to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish its purposes. The boundaries of the Agency shall encompass the boundaries of all the Members and the powers of the Agency may be exercised anywhere within those boundaries or to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of California, including, but not limited to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, outside of those boundaries, which may be outside of the State of California, provided that the power of condemnation may only be exercised within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Charter Members.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agency may issue or cause to be issued Bonds (including Bonds that refund Bonds previously issued by the Agency) for the Project, and pledge any property or revenues as security to the extent permitted under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, or any other applicable provision of law.

The manner in which the Agency shall exercise its powers and perform its duties is and shall be subject to the restrictions upon the manner in which a California city could exercise such powers and perform such duties. The manner in which the Agency shall exercise its powers and perform its duties shall not be subject to any restrictions applicable to the manner in which any other public agency could exercise such powers or perform such duties, whether such agency is a party to this Agreement or not.

Section 5. Fiscal Year.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Fiscal Year" shall mean the fiscal year as established from time to time by resolution of the Board, being, at the date of this Agreement, the period from July 1 to and including the following June 30, except for the first Fiscal Year which shall be the period from the date of this Agreement to June 30, 2022.

Section 6. Disposition of Assets.

At the end of the term hereof or upon the earlier termination of this Agreement as set forth in Section 2, after payment of all expenses and liabilities of the Agency, all property of the Agency both real and personal shall automatically vest in the Members in the manner and amount determined by the Board in its sole discretion and shall thereafter remain the sole property of the Members; provided, however, that any surplus money on hand shall be returned in proportion to the contributions made by the Members.

Section 7. Bonds.

From time to time the Agency shall issue Bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of financing or refinancing the Project.

The services of bond counsel, financing consultants and other consultants and advisors working on the projects and/or their financing or refinancing or on post-issuance compliance or

administration may be used by the Agency. The expenses of the Board shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds, payments made by Bond obligors or other third parties, project revenues, or any other unencumbered funds of the Agency available for such purpose.

Section 8. Bonds Only Limited and Special Obligations of Agency.

The Bonds, together with the interest and premium, if any, thereon, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of any Member or pledge of the faith and credit of the Members or the Agency. The Bonds shall be only special obligations of the Agency, and the Agency shall under no circumstances be obligated to pay the Bonds except from revenues and other funds pledged therefor. Neither the Members nor the Agency shall be obligated to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, or other costs incidental thereto or related to any project or program financed or refinanced with Bonds, except the Agency from the assets, revenues and funds pledged and available therefor, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Members nor the faith and credit of the Agency shall be pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, or any costs related thereto or to any project or program financed or refinanced thereby, nor shall the Members or the Agency in any manner be obligated to make any appropriation for such payment.

No covenant or agreement contained in any Bond or related document shall be deemed to be a covenant or agreement of any Director, or any officer, employee or agent of the Agency in his or her individual capacity, and neither the Board of the Agency nor any Director or officer thereof executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on any Bond or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of any Bonds or by reason of any project or program financed or refinanced with Bonds.

Section 9. Accounts and Reports.

All funds of the Agency shall be strictly accounted for. The Agency shall establish and maintain such funds and accounts as may be required by good accounting practice and by any provision of any Indenture (to the extent such duties are not assigned to a trustee of Bonds). The books and records of the Agency shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by each Member.

The Treasurer of the Agency shall cause an independent audit to be made of the books of accounts and financial records of the Agency by a certified public accountant or public accountant in compliance with the provisions of Section 6505 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act. In each case the minimum requirements of the audit shall be those prescribed by the State Controller for special districts under Section 26909 of the Government Code of the State of California and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards. When such an audit of accounts and records is made by a certified public accountant or public accountant, a report thereof shall be filed as a public record with each Member and also with the county auditor of each county in which a Member is located; provided, however, that to the extent permitted by law, the Agency may, instead of filing such report with each Member and such county auditor, elect to post such report as a public record electronically on a website designated by the Agency. Such report if made shall be filed within 12 months of the end of the Fiscal Year or Years under examination.

The Treasurer is hereby directed to report in writing on the first day of July, October, January, and April of each year to the Board and the Charter Members which report shall describe the amount of money held by the Treasurer for the Agency, the amount of receipts since the last such report, and the amount paid out since the last such report (which may exclude amounts held

by a trustee or other fiduciary in connection with any Bonds to the extent that such trustee or other fiduciary provided regular reports covering such amounts.)

Any costs of the audit, including contracts with, or employment of, certified public accountants or public accountants in making an audit pursuant to this Section, shall be borne by the Agency and shall be a charge against any unencumbered funds of the Agency available for that purpose.

In any Fiscal Year the Board may, by resolution adopted by unanimous vote, replace the annual special audit with an audit covering a two-year period.

Section 10. Funds.

Subject to the applicable provisions of any Indenture, which may provide for a trustee or other fiduciary to receive, have custody of and disburse Agency funds, the Treasurer of the Agency shall receive, have the custody of and disburse Agency funds pursuant to the accounting procedures developed under Sections 3C and 9, and shall make the disbursements required by this Agreement or otherwise necessary to carry out any of the provisions of purposes of this Agreement.

Section 11. Notices.

Notices and other communications hereunder to the Members shall be sufficient if delivered to the clerk of the governing body of each Member; provided that, to the extent permitted by law, the Agency may provide notices and other communications and postings electronically (including, without limitation, through email or by posting to a website).

Section 12. Additional Members/Withdrawal of Members.

Qualifying public agencies may be added as parties to this Agreement and become Charter Members upon: (1) the filing by such public agency with the Agency of an executed counterpart of this Agreement, together with a copy of the resolution of the governing body of such public agency approving this Agreement and the execution and delivery hereof; and (2) adoption of a resolution of the Board approving the addition of such public agency as a Charter Member. Upon satisfaction of such conditions, the Board shall file such executed counterpart of this Agreement as an amendment hereto, effective upon such filing.

Qualifying public agencies may also be added as non-Charter Members ("Additional Members") of the Agency upon: (1) the filing by such public agency with the Agency of a resolution of the governing body of such public agency requesting to be added as an Additional Member of the Agency, and (2) adoption of a resolution of the Board approving the addition of such public agency as an Additional Member. An Additional Member may limit in the aforementioned resolution the scope of its Additional Membership to what is necessary or appropriate to facilitate the financing or refinancing of one or more specified projects or programs.

A Member may withdraw from this Agreement upon written notice to the Board; provided, however, that (i) at least one Member shall be a Charter Member, (ii) no such withdrawal shall result in the dissolution of the Agency so long as any Bonds remain outstanding and (iii) no such withdrawal shall cause the loss of the property tax exemption of the Project. Any such withdrawal shall be effective only upon receipt of the notice of withdrawal by the Board, which shall acknowledge receipt of such notice of withdrawal in writing and shall file such notice as an amendment to this Agreement effective upon such filing.

Section 13. Indemnification.

To the full extent permitted by law, the Board may authorize indemnification by the Agency of any person who is or was a Director or an officer, employee or other agent of the Agency, and who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was such a Director or an officer, employee or other agent of the Agency, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding, if such person acted in good faith in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Agency and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of such person was unlawful and, in the case of an action by or in the right of the Agency, acted with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. The Board may purchase a policy or policies of insurance in furtherance of any indemnification obligation created or otherwise in protection of Directors, officers, employees or other agents.

Section 14. Contributions and Advances.

Contributions or advances of public funds and of the use of personnel, equipment or property may be made to the Agency by the Members for any of the purposes of this Agreement. Payment of public funds may be made to defray the cost of any such contribution or advance. Any such advance may be made subject to repayment, and in such case shall be repaid, in the manner agreed upon by the Agency and the Member making such advance at the time of such advance. It is mutually understood and agreed to that no Member has any obligation to make advances or contributions to the Agency to provide for the costs and expenses of administration of the Agency, even though any Member may do so. The Members understand and agree that a portion of the funds of the Agency that otherwise may be allocated or distributed to the Members and the funds of the Agency constituting fee or other revenues with respect to Bonds or Projects may instead be used to make grants, loans or provide other financial assistance to governmental units and to nonprofit organizations to accomplish any of the governmental unit's or nonprofit organization's purposes.

Section 15. Immunities.

All of the privileges and immunities from liabilities, exemptions from laws, ordinances and rules, and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents or employees of Members when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits of their respective public agencies, shall apply to the same degree and extent to the Directors, officers, employees, agents or other representatives of the Agency while engaged in the performance of any of their functions or duties under the provisions of this Agreement.

None of the officers, agents or employees, if any, directly employed or engaged by the Agency shall be deemed, by reason of their employment or engagement by the Agency, to be employed or engaged by any Member or, by reason of their employment or engagement by the Agency, to be subject to any of the requirements of any Member.

Section 16. Amendments.

Except as provided in Sections 3B and 12 above, this Agreement shall not be amended, modified, or altered, unless the written consent of each of the Charter Members is obtained; provided that no amendment shall materially adversely affect the interests of any Additional Member unless the negative consent of that Additional Member is also obtained. To obtain the negative consent of each such Additional Member, the following negative consent procedure shall be followed: (a) the Agency shall provide each such Additional Member with a notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the date such proposed amendment is to become effective explaining the nature of such proposed amendment and this negative consent procedure; (b) the Agency shall provide each such Additional Member who did not respond a reminder notice with a notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date such proposed amendment is to become effective; and (c) if no such Additional Member objects to the proposed amendment in writing within sixty (60) days after the initial notice, the proposed amendment shall become effective with respect to all Members.

Section 17. Effectiveness.

This Agreement shall become effective and be in full force and effect and a legal, valid and binding obligation of each of the Members on the date that the Board shall have received from two of the Charter Members an executed counterpart of this Agreement, together with a certified copy of a resolution of the governing body of each such Charter Member approving this Agreement and the execution and delivery hereof.

Section 18. Partial Invalidity.

If any one or more of the terms, provisions, promises, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall to any extent be adjudged invalid, unenforceable, void or voidable for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction, each and all of the remaining terms, provisions, promises, covenants and conditions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 19. Successors.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors of the parties hereto. Except to the extent expressly provided herein, no Member may assign any right or obligation hereunder without the consent of the other Members.

Section 20. Miscellaneous.

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

The section headings herein are for convenience only and are not to be construed as modifying or governing the language in the section referred to.

Wherever in this Agreement any consent or approval is required, the same shall not be unreasonably withheld.

This Agreement shall be governed under the laws of the State of California.

This Agreement, including its recitals which are incorporated herein, is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement among the Members, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, and other agreements, whether oral, written, or implied in conduct, between and among the Members relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and attested by their duly authorized representatives as of the day and year first above written.

Charter Member:

California Municipal Finance Authority

By _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Charter Member:

City of Huntington Beach

By _____

Name: Kim Carr

Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk