

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

SUMMERSET APARTMENTS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,

Petitioner,

CASE NO.: 2013-047BP

vs.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION,

Respondent.

FOREST RIDGE'S NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AS A RECOMMENDED AWARDEE

Pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes and Forest Ridge at Beverly Hills, Ltd (“Forest Ridge” or the “Intervenor”) hereby submits this Notice of Appearance as a Recommended Awardee in this matter and in support thereof states:

1. As alleged in the Formal Written Protest and Petition for Administrative Hearing filed by Petitioner, Summerset Apartments Limited Partnership (“Petitioner”), Respondent, Florida Housing Finance Corporation (“Respondent” or “FHFC”) issued Request for Applications 2013-001 seeking applications for tax credit funding of affordable housing projects in Florida (the “Request for Applications”).

2. The FHFC Board of Directors approved a preliminary allocation of tax credits on the Request for Applications. Forest Ridge was among the responders to the Request for Applications which was recommended for tax credit funding for a project in Citrus County, Florida.

3. In the formal written Protest and Petition for Administrative Hearing, Petitioner alleges “Forest Ridge Application No. 3004-038C does not appear to contain an original signature of the applicant on page 10 as required under the [Request for Applications]. ... The

failure to include the original signature results in the application being ineligible for funding. Consequently, Forest Ridge's application should not have been allocated funding. Summerset would be eligible for funding if the Forst Ridge allocation is deemed ineligible."

4. As a result of the foregoing allegations and argument made by Petitioner, Forest Ridge's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding.

5. Forest Ridge desires to become a party to this proceeding as an recommended awardee to protect its substantial interest.

6. The undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Petitioner and Respondent and neither have expressed any objection to Forest Ridge's appearance in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Forest Ridge hereby gives notice to all parties to this proceeding of its that undersigned counsel have appeared on its behalf as a Recommended Awardee and requests that all further copies of pleadings and filings be served on them at the mailing and email address below.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished on this 21st day of January, 2014 via electronic and U.S. Mail to Ashley Black, Florida Housing Finance Corporation Agency Clerk (ashley.black@floridahousing.org); J. Stephen Menton, Counsel for Summerset Apartments Limited Partnership (smenton@rutledge-ecenia.com); and Wellington Meffert, Florida Housing Finance Corporation General Counsel (wellington.meffert@floridahousing.org).

/s/ Derek Bruce

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