BEFORE THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

CHAMPIONS LANDING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLC,

Petitioner,

vs.

FHFC Case No. 2015-044BP RFA 2015-112 Petitioner's App. No. 2015-166BS

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION,

Respondent.

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF A SPECIFICALLY-NAMED PARTY

Pursuant to rules 28-106.205(3) and 67-60.009, Florida Administrative Code, Intervenor West Lake I, Ltd. ("West Lake") files this Notice of Appearance of a Specifically-Named Party and states:

- 1. West Lake filed an application in connection with Respondent Florida Housing Finance Corporation's Request for Applications ("RFA") 2015-112, which proposed to award funding to qualified applicants seeking to develop low-income rental housing. West Lake (2016-184BS) sought State Apartment Incentive Loan ("SAIL") funding through the RFA to construct a new 100-unit apartment complex in Polk County called West Lake Apartments. The complex is proposed to serve elderly residents.
- 2. On December 11, 2015, West Lake and other applicants were advised that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation ("FHFC") Board of Directors proposed to select nine

The RFA required that the SAIL funding offered be used in conjunction with tax-exempt bonds and non-competitive housing credits.

applicants for funding. West Lake was among five applicants selected to serve low income residents in the medium county geographic category. Of those five applicants, West Lake was one of two in the medium county category that proposed to serve elderly residents. A copy of FHFC's proposed funding awards is attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 3. On December 28, 2015, Applicant Champions Landing Development Partners, LLC ("Champions Landing") (2015-166BS) filed a Formal Written Protest and Petition for Formal Administrative Proceedings challenging the proposed funding and eligibility decisions of FHFC in connection with RFA 2015-112. Champions Landing, which also proposed to build an apartment complex in the medium county geographic category to serve elderly residents, specifically challenges the proposed decision to fund West Lake Apartments and argues that Champions Landing should be funded instead of West Lake. Champions Landing argues that West Lake was not entitled to local government contribution points and therefore did not achieve the application score of 23 points necessary to be competitive in the medium county funding category. West Lake strongly disputes Champions Landing's allegations.
- 4. As a specifically-named person whose substantial interests will be determined in the resolution of Champion Landing's case, Westlake is entitled to participate in this proceeding. *See* R. 28-106.205(3), Fla. Admin. Code ("Specifically-named persons, whose substantial interests are being determined in this proceeding, may become a party by entering an appearance and need not request leave to intervene.").
- 5. Because West Lake's substantial interests will be determined by resolution of Champions Landing's protest proceeding, West Lake hereby appears and intervenes as a specifically-named party. West Lake specifically requests to participate in the conference that

FHFC is required to schedule with Champions Landing pursuant to section 120.57(3)(d), Florida Statutes.

For the reasons expressed, West Lake respectfully requests to be granted party status in this proceeding. The undersigned should be served with all pleadings filed in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that the original of this Notice was filed by hand-delivery with the Agency Clerk and that a copy was provided by hand-delivery to Hugh Brown, General Counsel, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301. I also certify that a copy was provided to M. Christopher Bryant, Oertel, Fernandez, Bryant and Atkinson, P.A., 2060 Delta Way, Tallahassee, FL 32303, by email to cbryant@ohfc.com on this 30th day of December, 2015.

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On Descenber 11, 2015, the Board of Directors of Florida Housing Finance Corporation approved the Review Committee's motion and staff recommendation to select the above Applications for funding and invite the Applicants to enter credit underwriting

Any unsuccessful Applicant may file a notice of protect and a formal written protest in accordance with Section 120.57(3), File Scat., Rule Chapter 120. File, C., and Rule 67-60.0CS, F.A.C. Failure to file a protect within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), File Scat., shall consider of protecting varieties and a formal written protest in accordance with Section 120.57(3), File Scat., Rule Chapter 120. File Scat.