

City of Tacoma

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COPY: City Council and City Clerk

SUBJECT: Request for resolution—October 7, 2014

DATE: September 23, 2014

SUMMARY:

Authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute a 12 Year Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Agreement with David Foster for the development of 4 multifamily affordable rental units at 1302 South J Street in the MLK Mixed Use Center.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

This project will foster neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability by providing 4 affordable housing units within a designated mixed use center.

BACKGROUND:

David Foster is proposing to develop 4 new affordable rental units in the MLK Mixed use Center as described in Exhibit "A" to the Resolution. The Community and Economic Development Department has determined that the proposed project qualifies for the 12 year multi-family housing property tax exemption. David Foster will enter into an agreement prepared by the City to develop the site as described in the plans on file with the City.

ISSUE:

This action would approve the tax exemption through the attached proposed agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the resolution is not adopted, the tax exemption will not be granted and the developer has stated that the exemption is necessary to make the project feasible.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has reviewed the application and has determined that the proposed project qualifies for the 12 Year Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption. Staff recommends the Council approve the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The value of the land would continue to be taxed. The City's portion of the current tax for land is approximately \$120 annually. The City's portion of the tax to be exempted for the proposed structure is estimated at \$1,870 annually. The project will generate higher revenues for the City at the end of the twelve year agreement.