NOTICE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CITY OF HICKORY

The City of Hickory ("City") is a participating jurisdiction in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community CDBG program that allows funding to nonprofits through Public Service Activities. The City has received an application for funding from a nonprofit, Exodus Homes, who has a current Citizens Advisory Committee Member, Wesley Christopher, who sits on its Board of Directors. The City has also received an application for funding from another nonprofit, The Catawba County Council on Adolescents, who has two current City Staff members, Kari Dunlap and Mark Seaman, who sit on its Board of Directors. Federal regulations governing the CDBG program require that in order for the applicant to be eligible for any benefit for Public Service Activities funding, the City, as the participating jurisdiction, must provide disclosure of the potential conflicts associated with this application.

The public will take notice that Pursuant to the CDBG Program's Conflict of Interest Regulations (24 C.F.R. §570.611), the City, as a participating jurisdiction in the CDBG Program, is hereby providing public notice of the potential conflicts of interest raised by the nonprofit's application to the City's CDBG Program. This publication of notice of a conflict of interest stemming from a nonprofit's application for funding from the City's Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG") will be acknowledged at the August 20th Hickory City Council Meeting.

Persons wishing to comment on this notice must do so in writing to the Community Development Department, Office of Business Development, City of Hickory, at 76 North Center Street, PO Box 398, Hickory, NC 28603.

The City of Hickory does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of its services as charged by the City Council of the City of Hickory. All meetings are held in accessible facilities. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations should contact the Community Development Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Non-English speaking persons who require translation services should also make their request 48 hours in advance. If you have a question about the meetings or would like to request assistance, please call the Community Development Specialist at (828)323-7414 (voice) or (828)323-7438 (TDD).

The notice is posted on the City's website and at the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and the Ridgeview Library as well as City Hall beginning August 6th, 2024.