



## **County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors**

### **Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** Human Services Department

**Subject:** Ratification of the Recordation of the Freedom House Draft Regulatory Agreement

**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2025

**Formal Title:** Ratify draft regulatory agreement for the Freedom House project

### **Recommended Actions**

Ratify the draft regulatory agreement for the Freedom House project following recordation against the real property.

### **Executive Summary**

During the December 17th Board meeting, the Board authorized the Human Services Department (HSD) to record the draft regulatory agreement for the Freedom House project and return for ratification. HSD is now returning to the Board with the recorded regulatory agreement for ratification.

### **Discussion**

During the May 9th, 2023, meeting, the Board authorized submittal of a joint application for the State of California's Project Homekey Program for the Freedom House housing project. On December 19, 2023, HSD and CFSC Inc. received a conditional award of \$3,577,362. The terms of the Homekey Standard Agreement informed the final terms of a locally developed Project Agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved in implementing the Freedom House project.

As a requirement milestone of the State Homekey Standard Agreement, the award recipients must comply with providing the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) with a draft copy of the regulatory agreement for the Freedom House project. Upon approval, the State requires that the regulatory agreement be recorded against the project real property. The recordation of the draft regulatory agreement occurred on April 10, 2025, and is being brought to the Board for ratification.

### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact resulting from the recordation of the draft regulatory agreement for the Freedom House project.

### **Strategic Initiatives**

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Attainable Housing

### **Submitted By:**

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### **Recommended By:**

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### **Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this

agenda item.