

September 3, 2019

Dana Hertfelder, Director of Public Works County of Merced Public Works Department 715 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Merced, CA 95341-6041

Subject: Acquisition of 1137 B Street – Lease Agreement Option to Purchase

Dear Merced County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the City of Merced, we thank you for the continued partnership between the Merced County Board of Supervisors and County Executive staff for partnering with the City of Merced in the execution of Contract Number 2018115 (Lease Agreement) for the property located at 1137 B Street. Due in part to this partnership, the City and the Richman Group LLC (Developer) submitted a successful Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) application for the Child's & B TOD Affordable Housing Project. With this announcement, the City is committed to the project and to building affordable housing within our community.

City of Merced

The Lease Agreement between the County of Merced and City of Merced was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 5, 2018, in which Section 6 of the agreement (Option to Purchase) stated that the City had until September 30, 2019, to notify the County regarding the City's intent to purchase and open escrow for the property sale. As reference above and described in Section 6 of the contract, the City has met the conditions and now desires to exercise its option to purchase the property located at 1137 B Street. Please take this letter as the City's formal request. With the announcement of the successful application from AHSC, the City is formally submitting our interest to purchase the property.

If you have any additional questions, I can be reached by email at <u>carrigans@cityofmerced.org</u> or by phone at (209) 385-6834.

Sincerely,

Steven S. Carrigan City Manager

Cc: Chairperson of the Board for County of Merced Board of Supervisors Jim Brown, Executive Officer for County of Merced