

June 24, 2019

Re: Borrower's Minimum Required Investment

To Whom It May Concern:

CalHFA states that it has, at or before closing, incurred a legally enforceable obligation to provide the funds towards the borrower's Minimum Required Investment (MRI) through the above-referenced loan(s). Such funds are/will be provided by CalHFA in its governmental capacity in the State of California.

Attached is a legal opinion documenting CalHFA is a type of entity authorized by FHA to provide downpayment assistance funds for use toward the borrower's MRI.

As provided by CalHFA's Lender Program manual, and Program Bulletins, as applicable, the above-referenced loans are to be closed in the name of the originating lender, on forms of promissory note and deed of trust provided by CalHFA for such loans.

Any questions regarding this letter should be addressed to Single Family Lending Division by telephone at 916-326-8000, or fax to 916-326-6424, or email to SFPPrograms@calhfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Tia Boatman-Patterson
Executive Director

June 24, 2019

**Re: California Housing Finance Agency Downpayment Assistance Program
HUD Mortgagee Letter 19-06**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the General Counsel of the California Housing Finance Agency ("CalHFA"). In that capacity I have been asked to provide an opinion to satisfy certain requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Mortgagee Letter 19-06, dated April 18, 2018 (the "Letter"), regarding CalHFA's operation of its downpayment assistance program in its capacity as a "Governmental Entity" as that term is used in the Letter.

I have reviewed CalHFA's downpayment assistance program, created by Part 3 of Division 31 of the California Health and Safety Code, and I am of the opinion that that CalHFA is a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of California, the jurisdiction within which it operates its downpayment assistance program, and consistent with the definition of "state" as defined in the National Housing Act (at 12 U.S.C. § 1707(d)).

This opinion may be distributed to and used by mortgage lenders participating in CalHFA's homeownership programs to satisfy the requirements of the Letter for the collection of information from Governmental Entities who are providing downpayment assistance to borrowers. The opinion expressed in this letter is limited to the matters stated herein, and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated.

Sincerely,



Claire Tauriainen
General Counsel