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VIA Email

In reply, refer to: NASA_2021_0428_001

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Subject: NASA Research Park Housing Lease and the Mountain View Housing Ventures LLC Housing Project, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Mr. Ikan:

The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has received the September 1, 2022, letter continuing consultation regarding an undertaking at NASA Ames Research Center (ARC). NASA is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. §306108), as amended, and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.

Along with the letter, NASA submitted 40-50% Design documents dated December 18, 2020, for the Ames – Mountain View Apartments and prepared by Torti Gallas + Partners.

The proposed undertaking, as previously described, involves a long-term enhanced use lease between NASA as Landlord and Mountain View Housing Ventures LLC (MVHV) as Tenant for development of approximately 46 acres of land, where MVHV will have the right to design, construct, manage, and operate new housing, retail, and related facilities.

NASA's September 1 submittal provides responses to comments from the SHPO dated March 11, 2022. In particular, the SHPO disagreed with NASA that further consultation regarding project design was not necessary and proposed a Finding of No Adverse Effect with Conditions, where NASA would provide design documents at some point prior to final construction documents, possibly at 90 or 95%, for a 30-day comment period, when those drawings became available. This would allow the SHPO to verify

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that design continued according to the scope of work and conceptual design as presented in the consultation to date.

Rather than agree to the SHPO's proposed approach, NASA submitted 40-50% Design documents dated December 18, 2020, for the Ames – Mountain View Apartments and prepared by Torti Gallas + Partners. NASA stated that these drawings "for the first phase of the project design that are representative of the architectural language, and typology of the entire project" and that the "remaining parcels will be developed sharing the same architectural language, and typology as illustrated for Parcels 1 and 7." Based upon these drawings and analysis contained in previous correspondence, NASA resubmits its proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect.

Provided that the design of the remaining phases of the undertaking follow the "architectural language, and typology as illustrated for Parcels 1 and 7," the SHPO has no objection to the proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect. If future design phases do not follow the "architectural language, and typology as illustrated for Parcels 1 and 7," then NASA will have further consultation obligations under Section 106.

If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact SHPO staff historian Mark Beason at (916) 445-7047 or Mark.Beason@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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