TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA COUNTY OF ATLANTIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF FAIRNESS HEARING FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP")
REGARDING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE
TOWNSHIP'S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
TO LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

DOCKET NO. ATL-L-1534-15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 14, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m., there will be a Fairness Hearing (the "Hearing") before the Honorable Nelson C. Johnson, J.S.C. at the Atlantic City Civil Courts Building, Superior Court of New Jersey, 1201 Bacharach Boulevard, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401, Courtroom 3B.

The purpose of the Hearing is for the Court to consider whether the terms of a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") between the Township of Mullica ("Township") and the Fair Share Housing Center will meet the Township's obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy the Township's rehabilitation, Prior Round and Third Round "fair share" of the regional need for housing affordable to low-income and moderate-income households pursuant to the Mount Laurel decisions and their progeny, the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq., the substantive, applicable regulations of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, the New Jersey Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 decision in the matter of In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 & N.J.A.C. 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015), and other applicable laws.

The Settlement Agreement fully addresses the existing components of the Township's affordable housing obligations for the period 1987-2025, including the Township's Present Need Obligation (or rehabilitation obligation) of 0 units, its Prior Round obligation of 40 housing units and its Third Round Prospective Need obligation of 98 units. The proposed Settlement Agreement provides a detailed list of the Township's compliance with those affordable housing obligations. The full text of the Settlement Agreement is available for public inspection and/or photocopying (at requestor's expense) during normal business hours at the office of the Township Clerk, Township of Mullica, 4528 White Horse Pike, Elwood, New Jersey 08037 and is posted on the Township's website at http://www.mullicatownship.org

On the date of the Hearing, the Court will conduct a Fairness Hearing to determine whether the Settlement Agreement is fair to low- and moderate-income households and creates a realistic opportunity for satisfaction of the Township's affordable housing obligations. The Township will seek an Order formally approving the Settlement Agreement, subject to appropriate conditions, if any, that may be imposed by the Court, which Order will entitle the Township to protection from any Mount Laurel builder's remedy lawsuits for a period to be determined by the Court.

Any interested person may seek to appear and be heard at the December 14, 2017 hearing on the Settlement Agreement and shall have the opportunity to present any position on the Settlement Agreement. Objections or comments by any interested person must be filed with the Court at the above address on or before November 30, 2017 with duplicate copies forwarded by mail and e-mail to the attention of the following:

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This Notice is provided pursuant to directive of the Court and is intended to inform interested parties of the proposed Settlement Agreement and inform such parties that they are able to comment on said Settlement Agreement before the Court reviews and evaluates whether to approve the Settlement Agreement. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court as to the fairness, reasonableness or adequacy of the Settlement Agreement or whether the Court will approve the Settlement Agreement.

Kimberly Johnson, RMC, CMR Township of Mullica