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NOTICE TO JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING

Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government North Carolina General Assembly 16 West Jones Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Attention Committee Chairs; Committee Assistant

Fiscal Research Division North Carolina General Assembly 300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 619 Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925 Attention: Interim Director

\$14,500,000 **Gastonia Housing Authority** Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Leonard Greene), Series 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are bond counsel for the Gastonia Housing Authority (the "Authority") in connection with the proposed issuance of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Leonard Greene), Series 2022 (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,500,000. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to Leonard Greene Limited Partnership, a North Carolina limited partnership, or an affiliated or related entity (the "Borrower"), for the purpose of providing all or part of the funds with which to pay the cost of the acquisition, construction and equipping of a low and moderate income multifamily housing development to be known as Leonard Greene (the "Project"). The Project will consist of approximately 120 units in three residential buildings and other related improvements, and will be located in Dallas, Gaston County, North Carolina.

The Bonds will be issued under the North Carolina Housing Authorities Law, Article 1 of Chapter 157 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended (the "Act"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower under a loan agreement with the Authority, pursuant to which the Borrower will promise to pay amounts sufficient to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due. The Borrower's obligation will be secured by a deed of trust on the Project. The Borrower and the Authority will file restrictive covenants requiring that the Project be operated as a "qualified residential rental facility," under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and as a facility that provides housing for persons of low or moderate income under the Act for the longer of the term of the Bonds or 15 years. The Borrower will be solely responsible for repaying the Bonds, and the Authority will have no financial liability whatsoever for their repayment. The Bonds do not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of the Authority, State of North Carolina, or any political subdivision thereof. Principal of and

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premium (if any) and interest on the Bonds are payable solely from the revenues received from the Borrower.

This notice is provided pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §120-157.2(a). The Authority expects that the North Carolina Local Government Commission (the "Commission") will consider the Authority's proposal to issue the Bonds for approval at the Commission's meeting scheduled for August 2, 2022. We are delivering this notice on behalf of the Authority and the Borrower in accordance with directions provided by the Commission in Memorandum No. 2012-02 dated July 25, 2011.

Very truly yours,

Kristen M. Kirby, Esq.

Bond Counsel

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