Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 36-136(C), the Arizona Department of Housing (“ADOH”) together with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (“AHCCCS”) and the Arizona Department of Health Services (“ADHS”), are holding a public hearing on February 24, 2020 at 2pm at 1110 W. Washington St., Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007, to receive community and provider input regarding the highest and best use of the Arizona State Hospital (“ASH”) property subject to the upcoming release of a request for proposal (“RFP”) as further described below.

ADOH has allocated up to $3 million to renovate the Birch Building located on the ASH grounds for the purpose of providing approximately fifty (50) units of transitional shelter for persons experiencing homelessness with mental health conditions including persons determined to be seriously mentally ill (SMI). Participants may have co-occurring disabilities or service needs in addition to mental health needs.

Anticipated to be released in late March 2020, ADOH, AHCCCS and ADHS will seek to identify a qualified developer partner, provider and operator for the renovation in conjunction and consultation with ADOH and continued operations of the Birch Building subject to the qualifications and requirements as stated in the RFP.

The Public Hearing provides the opportunity to offer comments regarding the highest and best use of the ASH property. ADOH is also accepting written comments regarding the change to the ASH Building through February 29, 2020. Direct questions and comments to: public-comment@azhousing.gov.

ADA and EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

If you need accommodations for physical mobility, sensory impairment of language needs to participate, please contact the ADOH at (602) 771-1000. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the ADOH to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.