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PART II: THE PURCHASE & SALE



FIRST STEPS | FIND A BUYER

Understand what you own using the Restrictions Memo

And what you will sell

Restrictions Memo can be a marketing tool for the sale of the property



WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF THE DEAL?

- / Assignment of partnership
 interests to 3rd party
- GP acquisition of LP's interest
- / Straight fee sale (i.e. deed transfer)
 of the Property

When determining structure, consider:

- / Transfer taxes
- / ROFRs and Purchase Options
- Consents req'd from lenders, investors, agencies
- / Distribution Waterfall & Purchase Price
- / Other Considerations



DRAFTING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

Depending on the structure of the deal you may need to draft

- / Purchase and Sale Agreement; or
- Assignment of Partnership Interests

Note:

- / This could vary depending on if you are selling 100% of the partnership interests or just the limited partnership interests
- / Are you selling to a third-party buyer or the GP?
- / Review the Restrictions Memo.... again and again



NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

Specific contract issues to be aware of with respect to the disposition of a low income housing property:

- **Notice** requirements
- **Time periods** for approvals and any required disposition process
- **Right to terminate** if approvals are not obtained within such time periods
- Ability of purchaser to execute both formally (i.e. 2530s and other disclosure processes) and based on reputation

- Who is responsible for obtaining the approvals?—Seller or Purchaser (and discretionary approvals)
- Assumption of regulatory agreements, loan documents, etc.
- / Reserves—Property- or entity-level
- / Existing Non-Compliance or other issues



NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

If sale is during the Compliance Period:

Existing Guarantor still on the hook after Closing. Seller needs to protect itself (and it's Guarantor)

- Indemnity from Purchaser and preferred practice is to get an indemnity from a creditworthy principal of Purchaser
- May want representation regarding net worth of guarantor and continuing liquidity requirement

- Transfer restrictions likely apply requiring more onerous **consents** and cannot resyndicate so more limited financing
- / **Property Manager** may be in contract and replacement will require agency approval



NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

Frequently negotiated issues:

- / **Rights to terminate** for failure to obtain approvals
- / When does the **Due Diligence** clock start running?
- How can **reserves** be used?
- Reps & Warranties
- / Indemnity survival periods;
 Seller creditworthy backstop and/or holdbacks

- Interim **Operating Covenants**
- Refundable and Nonrefundable **Deposits**
- Net worth of guarantor, transfer restrictions and property manager requirements in compliance period deals
- **Recapture Bond** requirement



CONTRACT TO CLOSING

- If Seller is obtaining approvals, need to secure approvals
- If Purchaser is obtaining approvals, need to monitor and cooperate.
 Be aware of Seller's decreasing leverage. Set timeframes.
- Need to make sure all **partnership/corporate consents** and authorizations are in place.

- Mortgage payoffs—what is the time period for notice?
 Are there prepayment penalties?
 If prepayment allowed?
 HUD prepayment process.
- Standard real estate closing issues



CLOSING AND POST CLOSING

- / In most cases, relatively typical real estate closing
- / If re-syndication, as complicated, if not more, than the initial closing and development
- / If interest transfer to existing partner, may not even be title involved
- / Keep an eye on notices that are required post-closing

And after you close—on to the next deal!





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