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## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES COUNTY PROJECT**

The County's Community Development Commission Selected to Receive HOME Program 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Door Knocker Award

LOS ANGELES – May 3, 2011. The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) has been selected as a recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Program 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Door Knocker Award for its Casa Dominguez project. HUD presented these awards to States and local governments for 14 exceptional projects or programs funded through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The County's project received recognition under the "Producing Sustainable Housing" category. HUD received over 100 applications from jurisdictions across the country.

Opened in January 2010, Casa Dominguez, located in unincorporated East Rancho Dominguez, with a small portion of the property located in the adjacent City of Compton, includes 70 affordable apartments as well as a Family Development Center with a 66-space child care facility, Federally Qualified Health Center and parent resource center. It also offers the first permanent supportive housing for Transition Age Youth, young adults



transitioning out of the foster care system, which is the first program of its kind in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Ten percent of the community's homes are set aside for this vulnerable population and supported through services.

The property also received a LEED® for Homes Platinum certification in July 2010, the highest national standard for green design and a first for Los Angeles County. The property was developed, and is currently managed by Abode Communities, a non-profit organization with a 41-year track record, whose specific strength is building sustainable, multifamily affordable housing to address the needs of Southern California's large workforce, low-income families, seniors, and individuals with special needs.

Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC stated, "I am proud to receive this award and distinction. Casa Dominguez extends affordability beyond rent through energy savings, while reducing the community's carbon footprint. It demonstrates that high-quality affordable housing plays a critical role in not just providing homes for people, but also revitalizing neighborhoods, creating jobs, building social safety nets, and helping to stabilize the lives of low-income families and individuals."

Casa Dominguez is located at 15729 South Atlantic Avenue, East Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221. For more information on the development, please contact Abode Communities at (213) 629-2702, or visit the website at [www.abodecommunities.org](http://www.abodecommunities.org). For information on the CDC, please call (323) 890-7001 or visit the website at [www.lacdc.org](http://www.lacdc.org).

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