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## **COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF ITS FIRST ENERGY EFFICIENCY REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Euclid Villa is HAcOLA's First Energy Efficiency Rehabilitation Project. Improvements Will Reduce Operating Costs and Lessen its Carbon Footprint



Pasadena, May 3, 2012 – The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HAcOLA) joined Union Station Homeless Services and 160 Euclid Partners, LP, for a “Greening Celebration” to mark the completion of more than \$1 million in rehabilitation and upgrades of two adjacent structures that comprise Euclid Villa Transitional Housing (Euclid Villa), one of which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Euclid Villa offers 14 housing units with supportive services to families transitioning out of homelessness. Residents pay 30% of their income for rent, while gaining the skills, stability and confidence they need to secure permanent housing.

HAcOLA is responsible for maintaining the longevity and economic viability of existing special needs housing in the County of Los Angeles. Dwindling federal and state resources demand that the rehabilitation and preservation of this housing is accomplished efficiently and cost effectively. In 2009, HAcOLA introduced the

Moderate Rehabilitation Program (Program), which allows owners of older housing units to make green building and energy efficiency improvements to extend the functional life of properties. To be eligible, 35% of the project's units must be set aside for special needs populations whose incomes are at or below 50% of the Area Median Income.

Union Station applied for, and was awarded, funds to rehabilitate Euclid Villa in 2009. Site improvements included the installation of a photovoltaic system (solar panels), replacement of the HVAC systems, lighting upgrades, installation of low-flow plumbing fixtures, replacement of older appliances with new Energy Star units, window replacements, drought tolerant landscaping, and upgraded irrigation systems.

Sean Rogan, HACoLA Executive Director stated, "Euclid Villa was a unique opportunity to incorporate green technology into a project while preserving the historical value of the structure. By incorporating the use of green technology in rehabilitation projects, the Program preserves Los Angeles County's housing stock, and helps to improve the environmental sustainability."



*Sean Rogan and Rabbi Gross,  
CEO, Union Station Homeless  
Services*

Euclid Villa set the bar for energy efficiency rehabilitation projects. Since being funded, the County has stepped up its efforts to improve energy efficiency by evolving the Program into the newer Sustainable Rehabilitation Program, which mandates a minimum 20% reduction in energy usage as a funding requirement. There are currently six Sustainable Rehabilitation projects that have improvements underway.

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