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## **COUNTY JOINS CITY OF EL MONTE IN CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF GARVEY COURT**

County Contributed \$2 Million for the Development of the New 4-Story Mixed Use Development Which Benefits Low-Income Seniors and Persons Who Frequently Use Mental and Other Health Services



El Monte, July 26, 2012 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Domus Development LLC (Developer), and the City of El Monte Officials to celebrate the grand opening of the \$22 million Garvey Court housing development. Garvey Court is the new construction of

a 4-story mixed use development with 68 residential units, 50 of which will be reserved for seniors with incomes at 50% Area Median Income (AMI) and below, and 17 will be reserved for frequent users of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health Services emergency facilities with incomes at 30% AMI and below, as well as one manager's unit.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina who represents El Monte, stated, "Garvey Court is a prime example of a project being developed in response to the needs of the community. At Garvey Court, seniors will be given the tools to remain healthy, independent, productive citizens, and I am proud to support this project in the City of El Monte and San Gabriel Valley."



Since 2004, the project site, which was previously used as a car sales lot/paved parking lot, has been mostly vacant due to a stalled market-rate apartment project that was foreclosed. The Developer, a California-based company specializing in helping communities transform abandoned and neglected properties, was able to secure the perfect mix of public and private funding to not only make Garvey Court possible, but a true success! The CDC provided \$2 million of its City of Industry funds, which were used for construction and permanent financing.

Garvey Court, the first of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley, is designed to provide seniors with wellness-focused housing through state-of-the-art housing units, a senior activity center, an onsite wellness center with an instructional kitchen, and exercise/dance room. The ground floor also includes commercial/retail space. Garvey Court is the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) “Platinum” building within the City of El Monte. Platinum is the highest rating possible.



*City of El Monte officials, developer, and CDC staff celebrate the grand opening of Garvey Court.*

The design enhances the commercial street edge with a lively play of color. Its "L" configuration creates a protected interior landscaped courtyard which provides residents an environment for quiet recreation and gardening. The project revitalizes a blighted commercial street while respectfully fitting in with an existing residential neighborhood to the rear.

For additional information on Garvey Court, please call (310) 948-9977. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (323) 890-7415.

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