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TERRA BELLA SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX OPENS TO GREAT FANFARE

**County Provides Pre-development, Construction, and Permanent
Ongoing Support for the Complex and its 65 Senior Residents**



Bell Gardens, May 29, 2013 –Officials from the Community Development Commission (CDC) and Housing Authority (Housing Authority) of the County of Los Angeles joined Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, state and local officials, and

the developer, Abode Communities, to celebrate the grand opening of Bell Gardens' newest senior affordable housing development, Terra Bella.

To make this project possible, Abode Communities made use of a variety of CDC and Housing Authority financing programs and resources for pre-development, construction, and permanent ongoing support for the complex and its residents. The project incorporates \$3 million in Federal HOME Investment Partnerships financing, as well as over \$2 million in City of Industry funds, both of which are administered by the

CDC. Additionally, all 64 units will be subsidized by the Housing Authority's Project Based Housing Vouchers requiring tenants to pay approximately 30% of their income for rent, with the voucher covering the balance. Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina said, "Ensuring that our seniors have access to safe, supportive housing is a necessity that is recognized universally. Terra Bella is a prime example of how to fit the perfect pieces together and make great ideas a reality."

Since construction began in the Summer of 2011, this complex has transformed a vacant, drug- and gang-infested complex that was prone to crime and littered with graffiti, into a beautiful new 64-unit development that will offer one- and two-bedroom apartments, ranging from 560 to 750 square feet, to low-income seniors. The site also includes one manager's unit.



Terra Bella Ribbon Cutting. From Left to Right, Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, and Robin Hughes, President and CEO of Abode Communities.

Terra Bella's location and services were built around the needs of its senior residents. The complex is located near shopping, dining, and public transportation. Residents of Terra Bella will receive assistance with daily living activities that will allow them to age in place. The property will also feature a community room, laundry facilities, a community garden and a "mind-body" fitness area.

The building incorporates environmentally conscious features that exceed state guidelines. All residential appliances, light fixtures, and HVAC equipment will be Energy Star certified, and the building will benefit from a photo-voltaic solar panel system.

For more information on Terra Bella, please call (213) 225-2746. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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