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## WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY LOOKING FORWARD TO 55 UNITS OF NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING

County to Subsidize the Supportive Housing Units Targeted for  
Adults and Families Whose Head of Households are Homeless with  
Mental Illness or Low-Income



*Officials break ground on Avalon Apartments.*

Willowbrook, May 1, 2013 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined A Community of Friends (Developer) to celebrate the groundbreaking for Avalon

Apartments. This new construction project will be built to LEED Silver standards. The CDC is providing \$3 million of its Federal HOME funds for construction and permanent financing.

Avalon Apartments will span across 1.72 acres located in the Willowbrook area of unincorporated Los Angeles County, and will feature adult and children recreation areas, a kitchen facility, laundry room, onsite satellite health services

provided by T.H.E. Clinic, Inc., and a garden. The Apartments will be constructed within one mile of three major bus routes, a nutritional center, a pharmacy, banks, and grocery/convenience stores, making it a prime location for residents without other modes of transportation.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said, “Over the years, I have worked closely with the CDC to ensure that affordable housing production remains steady. I am excited to bring more housing opportunities and supportive services to the residents of Willowbrook who would otherwise have limited options.”

The site currently has four vacant, dilapidated single-family homes which have been a perpetual target for vandalism and squatters. Development plans include demolition of the dilapidated homes, which will remove this blight from the neighborhood and replace it with a state-of-the-art supportive housing complex for adults and families whose head of households are homeless with mental illness or low-income. An onsite manager will ensure that residents receive the services they need to ease them into self-sufficiency. The supportive housing units will have a Project-Based rental subsidy, allowing tenants to pay 30% of their income for rent. A total of 15 Project-Based Vouchers and 22 Shelter + Care Vouchers are reserved for this development through the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles.

For additional information on Avalon Apartments, please call (213) 480-0809, extension 259. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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