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COUNTY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN DOWNEY

Downey View Apartments Offer 49 Units of Affordable Housing For
Extremely Low- and Very Low-Income Families



Downey, California, December 1,
2014 - The Community Development
Commission of the County of Los
Angeles (CDC) joined the Mayor of the
City of Downey Fernando Vasquez,
National Community Renaissance

(National CORE), new residents, and community members to celebrate the grand opening of Downey View Apartments. The newly-constructed multifamily affordable housing development provides 49 two- and three-bedroom units for extremely low- and very low-income families, and one unit for the onsite manager. The six-story residential building occupies a 22,700 square-foot parcel of land in the downtown neighborhood of the City of Downey.

The CDC supported the project with approximately \$2.4 million for construction and permanent financing, using former redevelopment funds. Downey View

Apartments features a community room, outdoor courtyard, tot lot, rooftop edible garden, and a rooftop terrace. The edible garden will be integral to the open space and will provide fresh and nutritious produce for the residents.

“A recent study found that Los Angeles residents spend the largest percentage of their income on rent in the country,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. “The County’s partnership in the Downey View Apartments illustrates our commitment to helping our 10 million residents find affordable and attractive



R-L: Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director, with Steve PonTell, President and CEO of National CORE

living options. This project is a terrific example of increasing our housing options, while boosting the local economy.”

In addition to the building’s energy efficient features, sustainable landscape elements include drought-tolerant plants, large box trees for shading, a planted green wall (instead of bare walls) around the sides and rear of the building, and a graywater irrigation system that re-uses water from the washing machines to maintain the landscaping. Downey View Apartments exceeds the standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council under its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, and is seeking LEED Silver certification.

National CORE has been developing affordable housing communities in California since 1992. For more information on the development from National CORE, please contact Christy Schroeder, at (909) 204-3423. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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