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AVALON APARTMENTS PROVIDES 55 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED WILLOWBROOK

Units are Reserved for Low-Income Households Earning
At or Below 50% of the Area Median Income

Los Angeles, April 2, 2015 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), together with A Community of Friends, the project's developer, Los Angeles County Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority), residents, and community members celebrated the grand opening of Avalon Apartments, a new 55-unit affordable housing development located in the unincorporated Willowbrook neighborhood of Los Angeles County.



Avalon Apartments includes 13 one-bedroom, 22 two-bedroom, and 20 three-bedroom units. A total of 54 units are reserved for low-income households earning at or below 50% of the area median income, with one unit reserved for the onsite manager. The CDC provided \$3 million for construction and permanent financing, while the Housing Authority provided rental assistance via 22 Shelter + Care certificates, and 15 Project Based Vouchers to ensure the units' affordability for residents.



“Everyone deserves to live in housing that is safe and affordable,” Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said. “This housing development is a shining example of public and private collaboration at its best. Tenants will not only have a safe place to call home but they will also

be able to receive medical, social and recreational services on site.” Avalon Apartments not only gives 54 families shelter, but access to the necessary support to establish and maintain their independence such as mental health services, health care through an onsite clinic, legal services for special needs tenants, educational programs through Schools on Wheels, employment training, daily living and cooking, substance abuse recovery, money management, parenting classes, and guidance on using public transportation systems.

Avalon Apartments has abundant open space, a recreation building with a kitchen facility for tenants, an outdoor play area for children, laundry facilities, an onsite health clinic, and an edible garden area. All kitchens are equipped with energy efficient appliances, including a refrigerator, electric range, and dishwasher. A solar thermal energy system is also integrated into the design.

Founded in 1988, A Community of Friends is a non-profit affordable housing developer whose mission is to end homelessness through the provision of quality permanent supportive housing for people with mental illness.

For additional information on Avalon Apartments, please call Ryan Lehman at (213) 598-0800. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762 for additional information on the event.

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