

## MEDIA RELEASE

### HOPE STARTS WITH A HOME IN EAST COMPTON

#### County Celebrates the Grand Opening of East Rancho Apartments



Compton, CA, December 20, 2019 – Yesterday, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) joined Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas’ office and Special Service for Groups, Inc. (SSG), to celebrate the grand opening of the East Rancho Apartments. Located at 4618 E. Compton Blvd., the 2,800 square-foot development neighbors the East Rancho Dominguez Park in the City of Compton.

East Rancho Apartments was developed by SSG to supply affordable housing, specifically for young adults who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. The development is a 10-bedroom residence with onsite amenities, including shared kitchens, bathrooms, and living rooms.

Prior to the construction of East Rancho Apartments, the property was vacant land acquired by the LACDA with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. In 2014, the LACDA donated the land to SSG for the development of affordable housing. Emilio Salas, LACDA’s Acting Executive Director, stated, “The challenges faced by youth experiencing homelessness are vast, so let’s start by providing hope with a home. The LACDA is honored to welcome the residents of East Rancho Apartments.”



Alliance, a mental health program of SSG, will provide onsite management and supportive services, including case management, mental health, substance use disorder, education, and employment services to assist residents towards their goal of recovery and independent living.

Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, whose District includes the City of Compton, provided the following quote, “No young person can be expected to survive and thrive without a roof over their head. SSG is stepping up in ways, both big and small, to help combat our homeless crisis and help vulnerable youth in substantial ways. Through this project, SSG is expanding its role as a critical, mission-driven service

provider to help house young people. As a result, countless young people's lives stand to be transformed in meaningful ways."

For more information on East Rancho Apartments, please contact SSG at (213) 553-8459. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, LACDA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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