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SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BREAKS GROUND IN LOS ANGELES

County Celebrates Groundbreaking of Gramercy Place Apartments



Los Angeles, CA, June 26, 2019 - Officials from the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) joined Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Council President Herb Wesson, the City of Los Angeles, Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, and other partners to celebrate the groundbreaking of Gramercy Place Apartments.

Gramercy Place Apartments will be located in the Arlington Heights neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles. The 64-unit building is designed to appear as six separate buildings with one two-story wing, two three-story wings, and three four-story wings, all connected by an exterior courtyard walkway. The development will reserve 30 units for seniors with limited means, 20 units for seniors experiencing homelessness, and 12 units for households with a mental illness. To accommodate residents, a variety of amenities will be provided: an exercise room; community spaces - a lounge, a community room with a kitchen, and a roof terrace; bicycle parking; access to three laundry room facilities, as well as commercial space and underground parking.

City Council President Herb Wesson said, "We are going to solve this housing and homelessness crisis project-by-project, bed-by-bed. Gramercy Place Apartments will bring another 60 much-needed affordable units to the heart of the 10th Council District. We cannot and will not rest until we get our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness off the streets and into stable housing."



Gramercy Place Apartments is the product of collaborative work. The LACDA is providing a total of \$5,000,000 in construction and permanent financing, which accounts for \$2,000,000 in Affordable Housing Trust Funds and \$3,000,000 in Mental Health Housing Program Funds through a partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Housing Works will be the lead supportive service provider. Funded primarily through Measure H, onsite supportive services will include intensive case management services, substance use treatment, life skills training, benefits education and advocacy, attendant care, representative payee services, end of life counseling, medication management services, transportation assistance, education with a focus on arts and life enrichment, and support to connect with various community-based services.



Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas stated, “We will be relentless in deploying a variety of tools to tackle our homeless and housing affordability crisis. But the backbone of our effort continues to be building new, affordable housing with support services – work that can’t happen without committed,

strong partners. Partners such as Hollywood Community Housing share the County’s commitment to create quality affordable housing for today, which we can ensure stays affordable tomorrow.”

For more information on Gramercy Place Apartments, please call the information line at (866) 247-5973. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, LACDA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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