GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR CENTURY VILLAGES AT CABRILLO SOCIAL HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

New Social Hall Located in Long Beach Will Provide Meeting and Recreational Space for Veterans, Individuals, and Families

LONG BEACH, CA, April 6, 2016 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined officials from the City of Long Beach, Century Housing Corporation, the developer, and community members to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Century Villages at Cabrillo Social Hall. The Social Hall is a recreational meeting space for the 27-acre campus known as Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC), which houses and provides services for Veteran and non-Veteran individuals and families.

The renovation will bring the Social Hall into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards, improve energy efficiency, and add new amenities. The stage at the front of the Social Hall will be renovated to provide for additional entertainment opportunities and a large media screen wall will be installed. Free Wi-Fi and partitions will
be provided so that individuals and groups can meet their leisure and business needs. The space will be made more inviting with the addition of air conditioning, improved lighting, and updated landscaping. New furnishings will also enhance the ambience of the Social Hall and provide respite to residents and guests. Specific infrastructure improvements will include new electrical wiring, replacement of the floor and subfloor, and installation of a new roof.

The CDC is providing $500,000 in Homeless Service Center Funds from the Fourth Supervisorial District to support the renovation of the Social Hall. Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC, said, “The Social Hall is a key amenity to those living at CVC. This renovation project will help ensure that CVC and Long Beach residents have a state-of-the-art gathering place where they can interact and establish relationships with their neighbors and peers.”

The renovation of the Social Hall is taking place concurrently with the renovation of the attached career center which provides computer stations and interview space for CVC residents and clients. The groundbreaking also denotes the kickoff for the development of a transit stop connecting CVC to the Long Beach community and the start of construction for Anchor Place, an affordable housing complex that will provide 120 units of housing for Veterans and families.

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