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COUNTY CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF CASA YONDÉ APARTMENTS

Casa Yondé Designed to Provide a Nurturing and Supportive Environment to
Transition Age Youth and Low-Income Families



Los Angeles, January 22, 2015 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined the Little Tokyo Service Center and Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (Developer) to celebrate the grand opening of Casa

Yondé, a newly-constructed affordable housing development that will provide 52 units for low-income families and Transition Age Youth (TAY), many of whom are aging out of institutional care and have substance abuse or mental illness diagnoses. The CDC provided \$3 million in Affordable Housing Trust funds for the design and development of the site, which includes \$100,000 for energy efficiency components.

The development, located in the Koreatown neighborhood of Los Angeles County's Second Supervisorial District, is an in-fill site that replaced 26 obsolete and aging housing units; some of which were 90 years old. Casa Yondé includes four studios, 24 one-bedroom,

eight two-bedroom, and 16 three-bedroom units. The units will be made affordable to families earning between 30% and 50% of Area Median Income.

“Affordable housing is one of the most essential elements for any human being to thrive,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. “The Casa Yondé housing development will be a significant asset to the Koreatown community. Not only will it provide stable housing to those who will call it home but it will also increase the number of individuals and families who will have access to a wealth of supportive services and recreational activities.”

A portion of the units are reserved for families and TAY that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Supportive services are provided onsite to address the special needs of the families and



TAY, such as 5,000 square feet of common area space, tenant service offices, counseling rooms, multipurpose community space, and a landscaped courtyard. The Developer has worked to create a nurturing environment that helps integrate TAY into a stable community.

For more information on Casa Yondé, please contact Melody Cheung of Little Tokyo Service Center, at (213) 473-1611. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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