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COUNTY HELPS BREAK GROUND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN PALMDALE

**Courson Arts Colony West Will Provide Affordable Housing for Homeless
Veterans and Families**



Palmdale, CA, July 26, 2017 – Officials from the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Meta Housing Corporation and Western Community Housing (the Developers), and City of Palmdale officials to

celebrate the groundbreaking of Courson Arts Colony West, a four-story, 80-unit, multifamily housing development that will provide affordable housing for homeless veterans and low-income families.

The CDC provided over \$2.5 million in Affordable Housing Trust Funds for the construction and permanent financing of the project. The housing development will dedicate 36 units for homeless veterans, four units for persons with mental illnesses, 40 units for low-income families, and one onsite property manager's unit. The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles committed four Project-Based Vouchers and 36

Veterans Affairs Support Housing vouchers, to ensure rents remain affordable for the residents.

“Building more housing and providing more services for homeless veterans and low-income families is vital,” Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC, stated. “And affordable housing developments like Courson Arts Colony West will help us combat the homelessness crisis in the County.”

Courson Arts Colony West will include a family courtyard with a tot lot; barbecue and lounge furniture; an entertainment courtyard that offers an outdoor kitchen, tables, and a fire pit for gatherings; a community garden that features an edible garden,



tables, and seating; an outdoor amphitheater with terraced concrete seats and an elevated stage; and bike parking and storage to encourage non-auto transportation.

The development is also pursuing GreenPoint Rated New Multifamily Home Gold Certification and will exceed Title 24 State of California energy requirements by 15% for its green building features, including graywater irrigation system, drought-tolerant landscaping, energy star appliances and lighting, renewable energy system with solar thermal and photovoltaics, and efficient insulation. There will be eight fully accessible units for the mobility impaired and four units for the audio or visually impaired. In addition, half of the units will have universal design features that can be adaptable for persons requiring accessibility modifications.

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