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COUNTY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN KOREATOWN

Vermont Manzanita Provides Affordable Housing
for Special Needs and Very Low- and Low-Income Families

Los Angeles, June 30, 2016 – Officials from the Community Development Commission



of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) celebrated the grand opening of Vermont Manzanita, developed by the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC). The CDC administered \$3.5 million from a First 5 LA capital funding

allocation and \$965,425 in Affordable Housing Trust Funds, to help make this development possible.

Vermont Manzanita is a 40-unit building for very low- and low-income families, consisting of a mix of one- and three-bedroom apartments. Fifteen units are reserved for First 5 LA families with children ages 0 to 5 who are involved in the child welfare system,

and are either homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The remaining units are occupied by large and small low-income families. WHCHC is working in partnership with the Children's Institute as the lead service provider to deliver a network of services including, but not limited to, case management, mental health programs, early childhood education, parenting education, and substance abuse counseling.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said, "Stability is key to a family's success. At Vermont Manzanita, families who are in need of support to keep their family thriving will have access to quality housing they may not otherwise be able to afford, as well as key supportive services to keep pushing forward."



Vermont Manzanita includes a children's play area, barbeque area, community room with kitchenette, homework room, computer area, and a tenant community garden. Property management and social services offices are also located onsite. Vermont Manzanita is Certified LEED Platinum and exceeds California energy standards by 15%. Additional sustainable features include solar hot water heating, a solar photovoltaic



system, ENERGY STAR appliances, drought-tolerant and native plantings, and low-flow plumbing fixtures.

For more information on the development of Vermont Manzanita, please contact Barbara Hamaker, Communications Manager, at (323) 650-8771. All media may also contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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