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ENCANTO COURT BRINGS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TO SENIORS IN THE ATHENS WESTMONT COMMUNITY

County Provides Funding for the 62-Unit Development That Offers Senior Residents Affordable Housing and Access to On-site Social Services



Los Angeles, April 25, 2012 –The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined in the celebration as National Community Renaissance (National CORE) and Homes for Life Foundation (jointly referred to as

Developers), held a grand opening for Encanto Court, an affordable housing community consisting of 62 senior residential units, six of which are reserved for homeless seniors with special needs, earning 25% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The remaining units are for seniors 55 and over, earning 45-50% of the AMI. Encanto Court includes a community room to encourage social interaction, and an onsite office for easy access to resources and social services. The CDC played an integral role in developing the project and will provide ongoing rental assistance to Encanto Court residents.

The CDC leased the land to the Developers to build and operate the affordable housing rental community. Further, the CDC, which serves as the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) also provided 15 project-based Section 8 vouchers for use at Encanto Court. These vouchers will provide rental assistance to

persons while living at that site. Should the resident move, the Section 8 assistance stays with the property, and the next tenant will use the voucher.

In addition to operational and funding support, the CDC, and its representatives, have gone above and beyond to ensure the completion and success of the development. Henry Porter, who currently serves as the Second Supervisorial District Appointee to HACoLA's Housing Commission, works tirelessly to empower the residents of Athens Westmont by providing information on



HACoLA's Encanto Court Project Management Team. From Left to Right, Corde Carrillo, Larry Newnam, Nancy Manzanares, and Blair Babcock

how to access County services and other resources within the Community. An avid community activist, Mr. Porter is also an active participant on various committees, task forces and commissions that directly impact the quality of life for those living in the Athens Westmont community. For his valuable contributions to



Sean Rogan, HACoLA Executive Director, and Henry Porter

the community and his personal investments throughout the development of Encanto Court, Mr. Porter was honored during the grand opening, and they have dedicated the complex's community room to him.

Sean Rogan, HACoLA Executive Director stated, "Encanto Court is a valuable asset to the Athens Westmont Community. I am proud that the CDC and HACoLA programs helped make this project feasible, and that seniors, particularly those with special needs, can have a safe, stable living environment. I would also like to thank Mr. Porter for his service to HACoLA, and congratulate him on the recognition he received for his involvement on this project."

For additional information on Encanto Court, please call (909) 483-2444. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (323) 890-7415.

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