COUNTY HELPS ADD 25 AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING UNITS TO EL SERENO COMMUNITY

CDC Provided Over $1 Million from its City of Industry Funds to Make this New Residential Project a Success

Los Angeles, May 10, 2012 - Cuatro Vientos, a 25-unit housing development, completed by the East Los Angeles Community Corporation (ELACC), held its Grand Opening today. The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined ELACC to celebrate the addition of newly constructed one, two-, three-, and four-bedroom housing units to the El Sereno community in northeast Los Angeles. Cuatro Vientos offers its residents a children’s play area, garden terrace, and a 600 square-foot community center to encourage social interaction. The housing units are reserved for families earning between 30 and 50% of the Area Median Income.

The CDC provided over $1 million from its City of Industry Funds which help subsidize affordable rental housing developments. Additionally, ELACC applied for and received, a
Green Communities Grant from the Enterprise Foundation. In order to be an eligible grant recipient, the project must designate a minimum of 80% of the units for affordable housing, and meet strict sustainability requirements which consider factors such as location, water conservation, energy efficiency, healthy living, and operations and maintenance. By fulfilling its requirements according to the Green Communities guidelines, Cuatro Vientos received classification as an environmentally sustainable development.

City of Industry Funds are administered by the CDC as a financing resource for the development of affordable housing. Since the Industry Funds Program began in 1998, the CDC has allocated over $240 million for the development of over 10,000 units of affordable housing, including over 1,900 Special Needs units. Additionally, this funding source has leveraged over $1.8 billion dollars in local resources for capital projects, and a minimum of $12.3 million in supportive services dollars per year. Because Industry Funds are generated by redevelopment tax increment, which the State eliminated as of February 1, 2012, the viability of this much needed affordable housing funding source is uncertain.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director, stated, “The CDC was happy to partner with ELACC to provide 25 low-income families with a home at Cuatro Vientos. I commend the agency on the efforts taken to construct the development and ensure that it will remain affordable and environmentally efficient, providing ongoing benefits to the community at large.”

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