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COUNTY HELPS BREAK GROUND ON 60-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Jefferson Park Terrace Will Help Address the Area's Lack of Vacant
Affordable Housing Units



CDC and Elected Officials celebrate the groundbreaking of a 60-unit affordable housing development.

Los Angeles, October 15, 2012 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Mercy Housing California (Developer) to break ground on the Jefferson Park Terrace affordable housing development. Fifty-four of the 60 units are set aside for low-income families, and six units are reserved for

persons with HIV/AIDS.

The non-profit Developer received an award of \$3.1 million in City of Industry loan funds from the CDC for construction and permanent financing, including \$100,000 for energy efficiency upgrades. The development is targeted for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council that recognizes the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings, homes, and neighborhoods.

When completed in 2013, the development will consist of a single three-story building that offers onsite parking, property management and resident services coordination offices, an activities center with computer access, a community room, and laundry and mail facilities, as well as outdoor recreation space with an edible garden.

This development will provide much needed affordable housing as well as onsite and off-site supportive services to very-low income families. The demand for affordable housing, especially one to four bedroom units in the Jefferson Park area is evidenced by the lack of vacant affordable units and long waiting lists at other affordable housing providers.

This development will also help with the shortage of housing accessible to people living with HIV/AIDS, and provide a support system to assist them in maintaining housing stability and help reduce the high rate of homelessness in the area.

Jefferson Park Terrace will contain the original Fatburger hamburger stand built in 1947. Because the original Fatburger hamburger stand is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the Developer will ensure the site is preserved and rehabilitated to its 1952 “heyday” appearance. The frontage on Western Avenue will contain an interpretive display of historic photos that will explain the significance of the Fatburger hamburger as a historical landmark within the community.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said, “Jefferson Park Terrace will provide quality housing that area residents can afford, and supportive services that will help them live more comfortably, while ensuring the environmental sustainability for years to come. I am excited to see this project come to fruition.”

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