COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON ANOTHER MULTIFAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

New Hampshire Family Housing to Provide a Smooth Transition for Transition Age Youth and Low-Income Families

Los Angeles, April 29, 2013 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined the Little Tokyo Service Center and Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (Developer) to break ground on the New Hampshire Family Housing, an affordable housing development that will provide 52 new units for low-income families and Transition Age Youth (TAY). The TAY population is defined as children and young adults between 16 and 25, many of whom are aging out of institutional care and have substance abuse or mental illness diagnoses.

Once constructed, New Hampshire Family Housing will include 4 studios, 24 one-bedroom, 8 two-bedrooms, and 16 three-bedroom units. Onsite amenities will include 4,500 square feet of common area space including tenant service offices, counseling and community rooms, and a landscaped courtyard.
The site, located in the Koreatown neighborhood of Los Angeles, is an in-fill site that will replace housing units that were up to 90 years old. The contemporary and more efficient design will bring much needed new housing to the community, and the units will be made affordable to families earning between 30% and 50% of Area Median Income. A portion of the units will be reserved for families and TAY that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Supportive services will be provided onsite to address both the special needs of the homeless families and TAY, and also the general needs of all residents. The Developer is especially interested in providing a nurturing environment that helps integrate TAY into a stable community.

The CDC provided $3 million in City of Industry funding for the design and development of the site, which includes $100,000 for energy efficiency components. The development is scheduled for completion in June 2014.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who represents the area stated, "I'm confident that the New Hampshire affordable housing development will transform the lives of children and young adults who will call this new facility home. The supportive services offered at this multifamily housing complex will combat homelessness, keep families together and enable opportunities for our youth to thrive."

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