Los Angeles, October 23, 2014 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined City of Los Angeles Councilman Gil Cedillo, Clifford Beers Housing, Inc., new residents, neighbors, and supporters to celebrate the grand opening of Burlington Family Apartments, a multifamily housing development that provides 30 new affordable units for extremely low- to low-income families. Each of the units will be reserved for low-income families, with 21 of the 30 units reserved for individuals and families that are homeless, chronically homeless, and experiencing a mental illness.

Burlington Family Apartments features a community lounge with a kitchen and computer stations for residents. A community edible garden will be integral to the private open space which includes a children’s play area and open seating. The four-story residential building is spread across a 16,000 square-foot lot in the MacArthur
Park/Westlake neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles. The CDC supported the project with $2.3 million in former redevelopment funds for construction and permanent financing.

Amanecer Community Counseling Services will provide residents with onsite supportive services that focus on physical and mental health. Ocean Park Community Center will coordinate resident services such as independent living skills, money management, residential stability, referrals to local community groups for additional services (both off and onsite), movie and games nights, cooking classes, nutrition classes, and substance abuse counseling.

The development is equipped with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures, irrigation, appliances, and lighting, as well as cool roofs, and 100% drought tolerant landscaping, thus leading the project to receive LEED Gold Certification and exceed Title 24 by more than 20%.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said, “To see a project like this come to life through the support of the County, City, and members of the housing community shows the united approach being taken to address the needs of the County’s most underserved populations.”

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