East Los Angeles, December 8, 2014 –

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined the East LA Community Corporation (ELACC) and community members to celebrate the groundbreaking of Whittier Place Apartments, a new-construction multifamily housing development that will provide a total of 25 one- and two-bedroom units. Eighteen units will be reserved for formerly homeless households, six units will be reserved for low-income households, and one unit will house the onsite manager.

Officials commemorated the groundbreaking with a beam signing that will be permanently placed within the three-story building totaling approximately 30,000 square
feet of space. Once complete, Whittier Place Apartments will provide underground parking, a community room, outdoor play area, and onsite supportive services for residents. The project will be built to high environmental standards, exceeding state energy requirements by 30%, and will seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

CDC Executive Director Sean Rogan said, “With the priced rental housing market facing Los Angeles County residents, I am proud to kick off new projects such as Whittier Place, that will give low-income families access to quality housing they can afford.”

The CDC supported the development of Whittier Place Apartments with over $4.5 million in construction and permanent financing from a variety of sources such as First 5 LA, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, County General, and Homeless Prevention Initiative funds.

For additional information on the Whittier Place Apartments, please call ELACC’s Elizabeth Lugo at (323) 269-4214. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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