COUNTY CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF A NEW WEST HOLLYWOOD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Courtyard at La Brea Provides 32 New Affordable Units for a Variety of Resident Populations

West Hollywood, March 1, 2014 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC), West Hollywood City Mayor, and Councilmembers to celebrate the grand opening of the Courtyard at La Brea housing development. The development provides 32 new affordable units for low-income persons with mental illness and/or HIV/AIDS, as well as transition age youth. The blending of resident populations is a special element that allows WHCHC, AIDS Project Los Angeles, and other providers to offer services to a wide range audience onsite and remotely.
The location, which formerly housed a retail store and two residential units, has been enlivened by the project, designed with the unique flair of West Hollywood. The predominant design element is a white aluminum ribbon at the main entry grandly welcoming residents, employees, and the visitors of AIDS Project Los Angeles, which occupies the first floor commercial space. Residents of Courtyard at La Brea will enjoy a GreenPoint multifamily rated building offering energy efficient and sustainable amenities such as a community garden and a composting program.

Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC said, “The CDC is happy to partner with WHCHC on another state-of-the-art affordable housing development. Developments like Courtyard at La Brea take into account the variety of special needs and circumstances its residents have to overcome, and offer housing and services that address their needs in the finest way possible.”

The CDC provided a loan of $3.7 million in Federal HOME funds, which includes $100,000 for the project’s energy efficiency components. HOME funds are one of the CDC’s key resources for financing affordable housing in Los Angeles County. In addition, the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles has provided 15 Project-Based Vouchers for the special needs units and serves as the bond issuer for Union Bank’s tax-exempt bond loan.

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