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COUNTY CELEBRATES THE DEDICATION OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN JEFFERSON PARK

Guests Invited to Tour the Development Which Will Provide Affordable
Housing for Low-Income Families, Including Six Units Reserved for
Persons with HIV/AIDS



Local officials dedicate the site.

Los Angeles, August 28, 2014 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, City Councilman Herb Wesson, Mercy Housing California, new residents, neighbors and

supporters to celebrate the dedication ceremony and open house of Jefferson Park Terrace, a new affordable housing development that provides 60 affordable units for families, including six units for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Jefferson Park Terrace provides valuable housing to address the shortage of units accessible to people living with HIV/AIDS, provides a support system to assist them in maintaining housing stability, and helps reduce the high rate of homelessness in the area. The site sits in a “U” shape around a courtyard area and features a community room, activities center with computer access, laundry and mail facilities,

outdoor recreation space, an edible garden and compost tumbler for use by residents and property management, as well as resident services coordination offices.

Jefferson Park Terrace contains 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, Mercy Housing California, the developer, restored it to its 1952 “heyday” appearance. The frontage on Western Avenue contains an interpretive display of historic photos that will explain the significance of the Fatburger hamburger stand as a historical landmark within the community.



The CDC awarded \$3.1 million in City of Industry funds for construction and permanent financing for the project. From that financing, the development team used \$100,000 to include energy efficiency living options, earning a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

CDC Executive Director, Sean Rogan stated, “In just under two years, this site was transformed from a blighted piece of land into a housing community where residents can feel safe and secure, with immediate access to services that support their personal growth and independence.”

Mercy Housing California, the largest regional division of Mercy Housing, is a recognized leader in the development of affordable housing. For more information on the development of Jefferson Park Terrace, please contact Erika Villablanca, at (213) 743-5826. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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