AS THE NATION CELEBRATES HOUSING AMERICA MONTH, A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR MENTALLY ILL PERSONS OPENS ITS DOORS

County Provides $950,000 in Affordable Housing Trust Funds to Help Develop Path Villas at Del Rey in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, October 8, 2015 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined PATH Ventures and The Pacific Companies to celebrate the Grand Opening of Path Villas at Del Rey – A Bill Rosendahl Community (Path Villas). The new affordable housing development provides 22 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with a mental illness.

Path Villas is an in-fill site located in the westside Los Angeles community of Del Rey. The CDC provided $950,000 of funding for the acquisition and development of the site. Onsite amenities include a community room, laundry rooms, computer lab, case management office, and rooftop space. The units are targeted to persons that are very low-income, earning 30-40 percent of the Area Median Income. PATH Ventures, which is the lead service provider, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of
Mental Health, will provide onsite supportive services designed to maximize residential stability, develop independent living skills, and promote an interactive living community.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said, “After Path Ventures conducted an assessment and found 68 homeless encampments in the waterway, many of whom were mentally ill, it was more evident than ever that something had to be done to help the area’s homeless population. Today, we open the doors to Path Villas at Del Rey and welcome formerly homeless persons into a stable living environment with supportive services to address their mental health issues.”

Path Villas includes 22 one-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit for the property manager. To maintain the site’s affordability, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles contributed 22 Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers to supplement the rents for the next 15 years.

The Grand Opening of Path Villas occurs as cities, counties, and public housing agencies nationwide celebrate Housing America Month. Since 2007, the National Association for Housing and Redevelopment Officials has designated October to collectively raise awareness of the need for, and the importance of, safe, decent, and affordable housing. Events are held across the country to spotlight the great works that have been done and the successes that so many residents have experienced.

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