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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF WHITTIER PLACE APARTMENTS

New Development Provides Housing for Low-Income and Formerly
Homeless Families

East Los Angeles, November 5, 2015 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) and Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA), joined representatives from the office of First District Supervisor Hilda Solis, First 5 LA, East LA Community



Corporation (ELACC), and community members to celebrate the grand opening of Whittier Place Apartments.

Whittier Place Apartments is a new multifamily housing development that provides a total of 25 one- and two-bedroom units. Eighteen units are reserved for formerly homeless households, six units are reserved for low-income households, and one unit for an onsite manager.

The CDC supported the development of Whittier Place Apartments with over \$4.5 million in First 5 LA, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Homeless Prevention Initiative, and

Affordable Housing Trust Funds, which were used for construction and permanent financing. Further, HACoLA is providing rental assistance for 18 units to ensure continued affordability for Whittier Place Apartments residents.

To aid residents in gaining, and maintaining, their self-sufficiency, Whittier Place Apartments will offer case management, resume building, interview preparation courses, job-search assistance, budgeting classes, social service advocacy, parenting classes, and guidance with household maintenance, cooking, and laundry. Referrals will be made to health and dental providers to address any health problems.



CDC and HACoLA officials and staff celebrate the grand opening of Whittier Place Apartments.

Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC and HACoLA stated, “Developments like Whittier Place Apartments offer a special opportunity for our agency to provide assistance for development as well as ongoing support for residents. In an area with a vacancy rate of approximately 3.5%, the need for affordable housing is critical. The CDC and HACoLA

are proud to continue to maximize our resources and bring quality housing to the residents of the County.”

Whittier Place Apartments includes one three-story building, totaling approximately 30,000 square feet of space and provides underground parking, a community room, an outdoor play area for children, and on-site supportive services for residents. The project exceeds state energy efficiency requirements by 30%, and achieved LEED Gold certification.

For additional information on Whittier Place Apartments, please call ELACC’s Elizabeth Lugo at (323) 863-8040. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762 for additional information on the event.

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