NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IS THE “GATEWAY” TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

County Contributes $3 Million in Affordable Housing Trust Funds to Develop 15 Supportive Housing Units

LOS ANGELES, May 4, 2016 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined City of Los Angeles 11th District Councilmember Mike Bonin, Venice Community Housing Corporation, Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, and supporters to celebrate the grand opening of the Gateway Apartments, a multifamily affordable housing development located in Marina del Rey. The development provides 21 permanent supportive housing units for very low- and extremely low-income individuals who are chronically homeless, homeless, and mentally and/or physically disabled.

Venice Community Housing Corporation partnered with Hollywood Community Housing Corporation to develop Gateway Apartments which features a ground floor community room, covered parking for cars and bicycles, and a roof top deck with an edible
The four-story residential building is designed to complement the surrounding Marina del Rey neighborhood.

The CDC supported the project with $3 million in acquisition and permanent financing using Affordable Housing Trust Funds. The funds were dedicated to creating 15 of the 21 units, all of which are reserved for chronically homeless or homeless individuals who are mentally and/or physically disabled. Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said, “Residents at the Gateway Apartments have the opportunity to start fresh, with a stable home, and the resources needed to empower themselves for a better future, right at their doorsteps.”

St. Joseph’s Center (SJC) provides onsite services such as mental health, substance abuse, medication management, housing placement, attendant care, benefits education, transportation planning, and green education workshops. Further, SJC engages with each tenant and jointly develops individualized plans for personal success through a culinary training program, life skills training, and coordination of recreational and social activities.

Venice Community Housing Corporation has provided permanent, affordable housing to low-income households in and around Venice for over 25 years. Hollywood Community Housing Corporation is a community-based non-profit corporation that preserves and expands the supply of affordable housing for lower-income households in the underserved communities of Los Angeles.

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