

## MEDIA RELEASE

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY STRIVES TO ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS

#### 577 Units Approved For Funding

Los Angeles, CA, July 10, 2019 – This week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved more than \$40 million in funding for six affordable housing projects from the Notice of Funding Availability Round 24-A (NOFA). Released by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) in September 2018, the six projects, totaling to 577 units, are located in the cities of Los Angeles, El Monte, Lancaster, and Long Beach.

Monique King-Viehland, LACDA Executive Director, stated “The LACDA maintains its commitment to supporting developers in moving their projects along and bringing them to the market quicker. With approval from the Board, the LACDA allocates funding to housing development projects as soon as feasibly possible, so that these projects can leverage other financing sources and ultimately get developed faster.”

The LACDA continues its goal of providing housing to the County’s most vulnerable populations. The newly-approved affordable housing projects follow 10 projects previously approved by the Board in February. Despite the increase in the 2019 Homeless Count, the LACDA remains steadfast in one of its core pillars: housing. The Board has approved funding for 1,261 units thus far, with an estimation of 300 more to be approved this year. Additionally, eight more affordable housing projects are expected to complete construction by the end of this year, bringing 483 units to the market. The County is committed to making investments in increasing its affordable housing stock.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, said “With the voters’ approval of Measure H, LA County has been able to build more shelters, provide more services, and place more people into temporary and permanent housing than ever before. Offering our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness a safe and warm bed can provide them with a sense of stability that can get them back on their feet and can help put them on a path towards stable employment and permanent housing. Building affordable housing is the most effective method to combat the homelessness crisis and shelter more of our residents.”

The six projects approved by the Board will house individuals and families. The new homes will be reserved for individuals experiencing both homelessness and chronic homelessness, transition age youth and veterans experiencing homelessness, families affected by mental illness, frequent users of the Department of Health Services, in

addition to families and seniors with limited means. The recently approved projects consist of Affordable Housing Trust Funds, Measure H Funds, Mental Health Housing Program Funds, and Mental Health Housing Program Funds reserved for veterans.

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