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COUNTY CELEBRATES THE GROUND BREAKING OF IMMANUEL SENIOR HOUSING

Historic Church in Long Beach Site of New Home for Seniors



Long Beach, March 6, 2015 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Thomas Safran and Associates (TSA), Clifford Beers Housing, and the City of Long Beach to celebrate the ground breaking of Immanuel Senior Housing

(Immanuel), which will provide 25 housing units for low-income seniors, including homeless seniors. The CDC will provide \$1.8 million in Affordable Housing Funds for the design and development of the site, including \$100,000 for energy efficiency components.

Immanuel is an exciting project featuring the adaptive re-use of a 1920's era church. Approximately one-half of the building's square footage will be used for residential units while the remaining area will be used for amenities and common area for seniors to enjoy. Residences will occupy all three floors along the building's perimeter, allowing for the former central sanctuary to remain intact and serve as community space for residents. The exterior is constructed of concrete and finished with plaster, plaster ornamentation, and painted accents, with a Spanish tile roof. These exterior elements will be repaired, restored, or replaced to their original condition. To meet accessibility needs, there will be an accessible building entrance and an elevator to serve all floors.

"The adaptive reuse of the church exemplifies how we strive to bring creative solutions to meet the shortage of affordable housing within the County," said Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director. "With such willing partners, we are closer to meeting our mission of building better lives and better neighborhoods."

Units will rent at prices affordable to seniors earning between 30% and 60% of Area Median Income. Fifteen units have been set-aside for homeless seniors and will receive an operating subsidy from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. St. Joseph Center will provide onsite services to include case management, mental health services, and life skills training.

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