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THE KAUFMANN APARTMENTS AT STEP UP ON COLORADO OFFER STABILITY FOR HOMELESS AND MENTALLY ILL PERSONS IN SANTA MONICA

County Helps Celebrate the Grand Opening of the New 34-Unit Supportive Housing Development

Santa Monica, September 24, 2015 -

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Step Up on Second (SUOS) and Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) who serve as co-Developers, Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tem Tony



Vasquez, and Los Angeles County Third Supervisorial District Representative Rachel Zaiden to celebrate the grand opening of the Kaufmann Apartments at Step Up on Colorado (Kaufmann Apartments). This new affordable housing development provides 32 units of supportive housing to frequent users of the County's health or mental health services and homeless individuals with mental illness, as well as two resident manager's units.

The CDC provided \$1.1 million in Affordable Housing Trust Funds for construction and permanent financing, including \$100,000 for increased energy efficiency measures. The development expects to receive the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) “Gold” certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, which recognizes the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings, homes, and neighborhoods.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said, “This new development was created to bring County residents desperately in need of support off the streets and into a supportive and stable living environment. By providing immediate access to the services they require, the residents at Kaufmann Apartments will be on their way to a better way of life.”



Left to Right - Kyle B. Arndt, Board President of HCHC, with Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director

Completed in July 2015, the Kaufmann Apartments has a beautifully-designed exterior with wood accents and a landscaped front garden. Residents enjoy a landscaped courtyard, full kitchen for dining, and small library/computer room for classes. To help reduce the high rate of homeless in the area, the development provides residents onsite and offsite supportive services and life skills coaching to help residents maintain their housing and physical and mental health.

SUOS, a well-respected Santa Monica-based homeless services provider organization, was established in 1984 and operates shelter and transitional housing for the homeless and mentally ill. HCHC is a Los Angeles-based non-profit affordable housing developer that has built, and continues to operate, numerous rental properties that serve a variety of special needs populations.

For more information on the Kaufmann Apartments, please contact Matthew Mason at (323) 454-6203. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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