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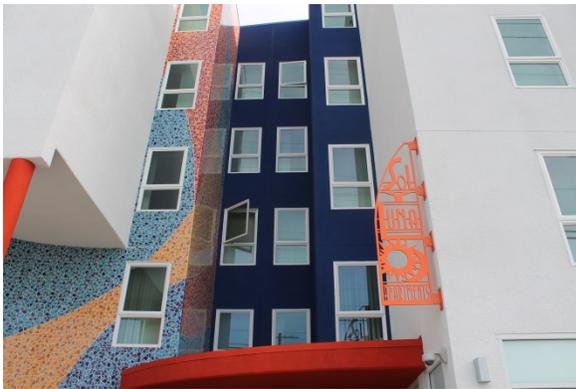
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SOL Y LUNA APARTMENTS OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE BOYLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY

**New Development Provides 53 Units of Affordable Housing
for Low-Income Families**



Los Angeles, March 19, 2015 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined East LA Community Corporation (ELACC), Los Angeles County First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, and community members to celebrate the

grand opening of the Sol y Luna Apartments, a new 53-unit housing development located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles. Formerly comprised of three vacant parcels of land, and two parcels with dilapidated buildings, Sol y Luna now sits upon 6,000 square feet of commercial space and new parking.

Of Sol y Luna's 53 units, 51 are reserved for low-income families, with two onsite managers' units. The development provides state of the art appliances and conveniences, such as high-speed internet access, and two recreation rooms for use by residents. Sol y

Luna features a cement plaster exterior surface with a stunning mosaic tile veneer, high performance windows, and a long-lasting roof, all of which provide for a very durable and attractive exterior. “Mixed-use developments like Sol y Luna address more than the area’s desperate housing shortage; they provide community residents access to retail opportunities and jobs. The artistry incorporated into the design of Sol y Luna will make it a



L-R: Los Angeles County Housing Commissioner Alma Reza with CDC Housing Assistant Manager Lynn Katano, CDC Housing Director Corde Carrillo, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, and Maria Cabildo, Director of ELACC

landmark in the neighborhood, and a prime location for businesses to establish themselves,” said Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director.

The CDC supported this project with over \$2.3 million in affordable housing funds, which were used for construction and permanent financing. This funding also included energy efficiency and sustainability requirements, which were met with a greywater system and solar-powered electricity and hot water. The greywater system reuses water from the development’s washing machines to water the exterior landscaping.

Sol y Luna will offer residents English classes, parenting classes, nutrition and health classes, after school tutoring, financial literacy education, and homebuyer education. The building’s location provides residents with easy access to public transportation, schools, employment centers, shopping, and other services.

For additional information on Sol y Luna 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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