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COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON THE NEW 95-UNIT WINNETKA SENIOR APARTMENTS

New Development To Provide Housing and Supportive Services to Help Formerly Homeless and Non-Homeless Seniors Age in Place



Los Angeles, February 19, 2015 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Meta Housing Corporation and the Los Angeles community to celebrate the groundbreaking of Winnetka Senior Apartments, an affordable housing development that

will provide 95 new units to low- and very low-income seniors, as well as one manager's unit.

The CDC is providing \$1.5 million in affordable housing funds for the development of Winnetka Senior Apartments. The project reserves 62 of the 95 units for chronically homeless seniors, and homeless seniors with special needs related to mental illness and substance abuse. The remaining units will be designated as affordable units for non-homeless seniors.

PATH Ventures will provide onsite services to the special needs population through an agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Services will include substance abuse counseling, money management, and life skills classes, and benefits assistance. The Department of Health Services will refer frequent users of the county healthcare system to the development to apply for residency. The property will be professionally managed by the John Stewart Company.

Winnetka Senior Apartments is designed to meet the needs and desires of the senior population. Minimal points of entry and maximum natural lighting are design aspects that will create a welcoming community for residents. Additionally, the project will incorporate a design to be easily navigated by seniors. Winnetka Senior Apartments will include a community room, computer room, laundry facilities, and a library. The project will also implement drought-tolerant landscape.

CDC Executive Director Sean Rogan said, “Winnetka Senior Apartments brings together two critical needs for low-income seniors – healthcare and the stability of a home where they can age in place. The shortage of supportive housing is one that the County can no longer afford, and I am happy that the Winnetka neighborhood has 95 new units to offer its area residents.”



Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director (Left) celebrates the ground breaking of Winnetka Senior Apartments with Bob Blumenfield, Los Angeles City Councilman, District 3 (Right)

Meta Housing Corporation is mission driven and has a strong track record of successful development of affordable and market rate housing for seniors and families in Los Angeles County. For more information on the development of Winnetka Senior Apartments, please contact Ross Ferrera, Meta Housing Corporation, at (310) 575-3543 ext. 130. All media may contact Elisa Vasquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC at (626) 586-1762.

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