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NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR VETERANS COMING TO EL MONTE

Baldwin Rose Family Veteran Housing Will Provide Affordable Housing for Homeless Veterans and Low-Income Families in El Monte



El Monte, CA, November 16, 2017 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined City of El Monte officials to celebrate the groundbreaking of Baldwin Rose Family Veteran Housing (Baldwin Rose). Located

in the City of El Monte, Baldwin Rose is being developed by Mercy Housing and will provide 54 units of affordable housing, including 17 units for homeless veterans, and 37 units for low-income families with a veteran head of household, plus one property manager's unit.

The CDC provided construction and permanent financing of over \$1.9 million in Affordable Housing Trust Funds. The loan also included funds for a quality insulation installation. The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) will provide 19 Project-Based Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers and three Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers.

Monique King-Viehland, Acting Executive Director for the CDC said, “Today we break ground on our third affordable supportive housing development in the City of El Monte designed specifically for veterans and their families. As partners we remain committed to ensuring there are new housing opportunities that meet the needs of veterans experiencing homelessness in the community.”

New Directions for Veterans will be the lead service provider for the project and provide an onsite service coordinator to link residents with essential services based on their individualized needs. The service coordinator will also assist



the previously homeless veteran residents with obtaining services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, who will be providing case management, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, and other supportive services.

Baldwin Rose will offer residents centrally-located laundry rooms, bicycle parking, a large community room, outdoor lounge with fire-pit, barbecue and outdoor dining area, a tot lot, and edible garden plots with a sitting area and a garden shed. Nineteen of the units will be fully accessible for persons living with disabilities.

The project will pursue LEED Gold certification and be built in accordance with ENERGY STAR Homes version 3 guidelines. Other sustainability measures include a graywater irrigation system, solar hot water, quality insulation installation, and incorporating EPA Water Sense.

For more information on the development of Baldwin Rose, please contact Sheila Crippen at (626) 580-2001. All media may also contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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