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COUNTY AIDS IN TRANSFORMING HISTORIC CHURCH IN SIERRA MADRE INTO THREE FOR-SALE TOWNHOMES

Properties Reserved for Moderate-Income First-Time Homebuyers



Sierra Madre, CA, November 2, 2017 – Officials from the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) and the City of Sierra Madre joined Heritage Housing Partners (Heritage), neighbors, and

supporters to celebrate the grand opening of Highland Mews. The site features an adaptive reuse of Sierra Madre’s “Old Church” into three townhomes that will provide affordable homeownership opportunities for moderate-income households.

Highland Mews created three for-sale residences each with three bedrooms and two bathrooms, a private entrance, storage, and parking. Along with providing a vital homeownership opportunity to the community, the development also restored a historic

landmark in Sierra Madre. The CDC provided approximately \$500,000 for down payment assistance to all three moderate-income first-time homebuyers.

Monique King-Viehland, CDC's Acting Executive Director said, "The demand for affordable housing has been well documented, but the creativity of the solutions to address the housing shortage does not often get highlighted. Highland Mews repurposes an



existing structure to expand homeownership opportunities for working class residents of Los Angeles County, while preserving the building's uniqueness and character. The CDC is proud to have been part of this effort."

To control utility expenses, Highland Mews includes the following "Green" features: tankless gas water heaters, drought-tolerant landscape, Title 24 compliant lighting fixtures, sustainable flooring, and reused original windows, siding, and other decorative exterior features from the original historic church.

Heritage was founded in 1998, to promote long-term affordable homeownership through the preservation of existing historic homes and the construction of new, contextual, single-family residences for low- and moderate-income first-time homeowners. Heritage developments blend high-quality new construction with the re-use of older buildings with a design that is sensitive to local architectural character.

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