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COUNTY CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Casa del Sol Provides Affordable Housing for Homeless Senior Residents



Los Angeles, CA, December 11, 2018 – Officials from the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) joined Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Councilmember Nury Martinez, officials from the

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and other partners to celebrate the groundbreaking of Casa del Sol, located in the Sun Valley neighborhood of the San Fernando Valley in the City of Los Angeles. Casa del Sol will be developed by A Community of Friends, a non-profit affordable housing developer. The CDC/HACoLA is providing construction and permanent financing of \$3 million in Mental Health Housing Funds to assist with development of the project.

Casa del Sol is being constructed on what was a vacant, underutilized property. The site will feature a total of 44 units, with 43 units designated as permanent supportive

housing for homeless seniors, and one additional unit for an onsite manager. Fifteen of the units will be set aside for homeless seniors with a mental illness.



“Los Angeles County has a tremendous need for affordable housing. The high demand drives up the cost of rent, making it nearly impossible for special needs populations like seniors, homeless, and persons with mental illness to find their way to stable housing,” said Monique King-Viehland, CDC/HACoLA Executive Director. “The CDC/HACoLA is determined to continue to invest in quality housing development projects, such as Casa del Sol, to provide opportunities for stability and support to Los Angeles County’s most vulnerable populations.”

In addition to being the developer, A Community of Friends is also the lead service provider and will offer intensive case management, service coordination, medication assistance, crisis intervention, life building skills, eviction prevention, educational and vocational support, wellness recovery groups, and substance use recovery services or referrals for treatment.

Casa del Sol will include a community room with a kitchen, a fitness center, learning center, onsite laundry facilities on each residential floor, case management offices, an outdoor courtyard with seating and BBQ area, two patios, a community garden, and a secured parking garage.

For more information on the development of Casa del Sol, please contact Ryan Lehman, with A Community of Friends, at (213) 480-0809. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC/HACoLA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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