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‘Haciendas Place’ Affordable Housing Development in Salinas Awarded for Excellence in Design by American Institute of Architects in Monterey Bay

Salinas, CA (January 15, 2016) – Haciendas Place, a multi-family, affordable housing development located at 245 Calle Cebu in Salinas has been selected to receive a merit award by the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Monterey Bay chapter for excellence in design by The Paul David Partnership, LLP.

Haciendas Place provides housing units to 46 families who earn up to 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). The 2.5-acre complex includes a community center, picnic area, playgrounds and a computer lab to promote an inter-generational environment where families, children and the elderly can intermingle. The center was named after Maria J. Torres-Gil, a founding member of the Monterey County Housing Advisory Committee, who raised nine children over 15 years in a single Haciendas unit in the old development.

The project was developed by the Monterey County Housing Authority Development Corporation (HDC), a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation that provides development consulting services to housing authorities and affordable housing developers. HDC aims to provide much-needed housing in the Monterey area by overcoming funding challenges with creative solutions.

The project was designed sustainably to surpass energy-efficient development standards. Some eco-conscious features include high performance wall, floor and duct installation, tankless hot water heaters, and low-flow water fixtures. The property was designed to include low volatile compound (VOC) materials and accommodations to storm water runoff. Solar energy is also used to offset the cost of tenants’ energy use by up to 50 percent.

“Over the course of three phases, our team maintained and executed the vision of providing a comfortable, sustainable living environment with modern essentials,” said Paul W. Davis, the leading architect of the firm who designed the project. “Our intent was to exceed community expectations and enhance the quality of life for the 46 families who reside there.”

The Design Awards Program is conducted every two years and is open to members of the Monterey Bay chapter. Entries represent a broad spectrum of building types and locales, and the merit award is distributed for projects of distinction that demonstrate a high level of consistent design execution throughout the project.

The \$18.1 million Haciendas Place project was funded through Tax Credit Equity, Permanent Loan, City Deferred Impact & Processing Fees, City HOME Funds, HDC Seller Financing and HDC Funds.

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