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Oak Park Phase 2 Celebrates Grand Opening

Paso Robles, CA (April 11, 2016) – The second phase of Oak Park Apartments at 30th and Pine Streets is now complete and soon 70 families will be moving into their new homes. Oak Park 2 is a 70-unit multifamily rental housing development for low-income families earning between 30 and 60 percent of the area median income. Twenty-nine units will be reserved for project-based housing choice vouchers. Now that Oak Park Phase 2 is complete, 150 of a planned total of 300 affordable housing units have replaced the original 148 units built on the approximately 25-acre site in 1942.

Oak Park Phase 2 was developed by the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Monterey County Housing Authority Development Corporation (HDC) in partnership with Paso Robles Housing Authority (PRHA), who manages the property. Environmental features in this phase include solar carports to offset all common area electricity and a portion of the tenant's usage. There are also low-flow water fixtures and tankless hot water heaters to enhance the efficiency of the buildings and reduce tenant utility costs.

“This partnership represents an entrepreneurial approach to redeveloping aging housing stock held by small housing authorities. HDC is associated with another larger housing authority, outside of the Paso Robles jurisdiction. Through a series of Memorandums of Understanding, we were able to transform this community,” said Starla Warren, President/CEO of HDC. HDC looks forward to assisting other housing authorities who may not have a full development complement on staff.

Oak Park Phase 2 included the construction of a new community center, where PRHA offers a youth program for residents and the local community. The project also includes recreation spaces such as a basketball court, playground, open space, benches and picnic areas. Individual unit amenities include central air, blinds, carpet, storage, walk-in closets, patio/balcony, refrigerator, stove/oven, dishwasher, garbage disposal and washer/dryer hookups.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on April 7, and over 125 community leaders, residents and people involved in the project came out for the celebration. Speakers included HDC President/CEO Starla Warren, Paso Robles Mayor Steve Martin, a Representative of Senator Bill Monning, a Representative of Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, a Representative of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and PRHA Board of Commissioners Chair Bob Fonarow. PRHA Executive Director David Cooke presided as emcee.

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