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San Leandro Welcomes Green Affordable Senior Housing
Grand Opening of Eden Housing’s Estabrook Place
Thursday, September 23rd, 2010 at 12:00 noon

Eden Housing provides low-income seniors with new, healthy homes at affordable rents

San Leandro, CA - Committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing for seniors in the City of San Leandro, Mayor Tony Santos will join other elected officials, Eden Housing, and its supporters to celebrate the Grand Opening of Estabrook Place, on Thursday, September 23rd, 2010 at 12:00 noon. The event will be at 2103 East 14th Street in San Leandro, CA on the corner of Estabrook and East 14th Streets.

Confirmed Grand Opening program speakers include Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, San Leandro Mayor Tony Santos, Laurence Ferguson of U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Christine Carr of Silicon Valley Bank, Rich Gross of Enterprise, Michelle Thomas of the Office of Senator Ellen Corbett, Christopher Parman of the Office of Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, and Gary Wolff of StopWaste.org.

“This is an outstanding facility,” said Mayor Tony Santos. “With our growing senior population, we need more of these quality projects in San Leandro to provide affordable, well run housing opportunities in our community. Eden Housing is one of the oldest and well respected developers of affordable housing in California. We are proud that they have brought projects such as Estabrook Place, Eden Lodge, Fuller Gardens and Fuller Lodge to our community. I sincerely hope we find more opportunities for them soon.”

With a GreenPoint Rated score of 184 points, this exciting senior community incorporates energy- and resource-efficient features such as a solar hot water system, photovoltaic panels, hydronic space heating, and Energy Star appliances. Water-conserving features include dual flush toilets, low-flow fixtures, native and drought-tolerant landscaping, and high-efficiency irrigation. GreenPoint Rated is a new home rating system – a green report card.

Estabrook Place includes a three-story building comprised of 50 one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom manager’s unit. Community spaces that promote community-building, health and wellness for its senior residents include a large community room that opens on to a courtyard, raised planter gardens on the landscaped roof terrace, a computer room/library, and exercise room.
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"Estabrook Place creates an opportunity for low-income seniors in San Leandro to live in a high quality, supportive community setting," said Linda Mandolini, Executive Director of Eden Housing. "The resident services program that Eden Housing provides is designed to help our senior residents to age in place and help them to live independently in a healthy and productive way."

Designed for independent-living senior residents age 62 or older, residents pay 30% of their household income to rent one of the 50 new apartments. This development is for senior households with incomes at or below 50% of the Alameda County Area Median Income. Currently, that limit is $31,650 a year for one person, $36,150 for a family of two, or $40,650 for a family of three.

Funding for Estabrook Place is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of San Leandro HOME/Redevelopment funds, Enterprise Community Investment, Inc (Enterprise) as the syndicator of the 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Tax-Exempt bond financing from Silicon Valley Bank and issued by Alameda County, County of Alameda CHDO HOME funds, and Federal Home Loan Bank AHP funds. The tax credit equity was provided by the Enterprise California Green Communities fund, the first equity financing tool with an affordable housing, green building focus.

About Eden Housing
In its 42 years of service throughout Northern California, non-profit Eden Housing, Inc has provided a roof for over 58,000 people. Hayward-based Eden Housing is the long-term owner-operator of its developments, and is committed to preserving and maintaining its buildings as community assets and supporting residents with a range of services. Since the organization’s beginnings in 1968, Eden Housing has developed 5,688 housing units and 61,100 square feet of adjoining commercial/retail space in 80 properties. For more information about Estabrook Place or other affordable housing opportunities through Eden Housing, visit www.edenhousing.org.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of Estabrook Place are available; please contact Catherine Relucio at 510-612-0634 or crelucio@edenhousing.org to request.