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Healdsburg Welcomes Green Affordable Housing
Grand Opening of Foss Creek Court Family Apartments
Friday, August 20, 2010 at 2:00 pm

U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson to Speak at Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

HEALDSBURG, CA, August 18, 2010 - On Friday, August 20, 2010, Congressman Mike Thompson will join the Eden Housing and the City of Healdsburg in celebrating the Grand Opening of Foss Creek Court Family Apartments, a development by Eden Housing, Inc. in collaboration with the City of Healdsburg. The Grand Opening ceremony commences at 2:00 pm. at 40 West Grant Street, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

“As a long time advocate for affordable housing in Sonoma County, it's great to see Foss Creek Court being completed,” said Congressman Thompson. “Not only will Foss Creek Court provide affordable housing for our community, it’s also been built according to green building standards. This type of affordable housing project not only provides a decent place for people to live, it provides important economic activity and generates good green jobs.”

Confirmed Grand Opening ceremony speakers include: U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, Healdsburg Mayor Jim Wood; Sebastian Glowacki of US Bancorp; Christine Carr of Silicon Valley Bank; Maddy Hirshfield of Assembly Member Wes Chesboro’s Office; Fred Euphrat of Senator Pat Wiggins’ Office; and Linda Mandolini, Executive Director, Eden Housing, Inc.

Located near downtown Healdsburg, Foss Creek Court provides 64 new affordable apartments, a community building, computer learning center, community garden, two tot lots, and beautifully landscaped grounds for lower income families. As Eden Housing’s fifth development in Sonoma County, the new property is affordable to households earning 30 percent to 50 percent of the Area Median Income, and includes ten units for families with special needs or transitioning from homelessness. Currently, the maximum income limits are $32,200 for a family of two, $36,200 for a family of three, and up to $40,200 for a family of four.

“The City of Healdsburg is committed to expanding affordable housing options for our low-income residents,” stated Healdsburg Mayor Jim Wood. “We want to provide high-quality energy- and resource-efficient homes such as Foss Creek Court that are cost-effective and healthy for the environment and our community. Our partnership with Eden Housing helps us to achieve both our affordable housing and green building goals.”
Grand Opening of Foss Creek Court Family Apartments – August 20th, 2:00 pm

Foss Creek Court offers a number of “green” features such as photovoltaic panels, solar hot water panels, energy star appliances, use of native and drought-tolerant landscaping, and other water and energy-saving features. The apartment community has received a GreenPoint Rating of 106 points; this widely recognized program by Build it Green grades homes in categories such as energy efficiency, indoor air quality and water conservation, and a minimum of 50 points is required to qualify as “GreenPoint Rated.”

“This exciting new affordable community in Healdsburg represents Eden Housing’s continued commitment to the development of high quality and innovative design,” said Linda Mandolini, Executive Director of Eden Housing. “Not only will the development provide high quality, affordable homes in a convenient location, it will also provide residents with valuable services and opportunities that enhance their quality of life and promote a safe and stable community”.

Funding for Foss Creek Court is provided by the City of Healdsburg, Silicon Valley Bank, U.S. Bancorp as the syndicator of the 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and Federal Home Loan Bank AHP funds. The architect is BAR Architects and the general contractor is Midstate Construction.

About Eden Housing
In 42 years of service throughout Northern California, non-profit Eden Housing, Inc has provided a home 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 60,100 square feet of adjoining commercial/retail space in 80 properties. For more information about Foss Creek Court and other affordable housing opportunities through Eden Housing, visit www.edenhousing.org.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of Foss Creek Court are available; please contact Catherine Relucio at 510.612.0634 or crelucio@edenhousing.org to request.