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CITY OF DUBLIN RECEIVES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE FROM LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

DUBLIN, Calif., September 4, 2014 –The City of Dublin is proud to announce that it received the 2014 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence, in the Housing Programs and Innovations category, on Wednesday, September 3, for the recently completed Emerald Vista housing development, and three Beacon Spotlight Awards on Thursday, September 4, for energy savings and sustainability practices.

Sponsored by the League of California Cities, the Helen Putnam Award is designed to recognize and promote the outstanding efforts and innovative solutions made by city governments each year. The Beacon Spotlight Awards, presented by the Institute for Local Government, recognize cities and counties for undertaking sustainable activities, as well as for achieving measurable energy and greenhouse gas reductions. This is the second time that the City of Dublin has received a Helen Putnam Award, and the first time it has received a Beacon Spotlight Award.

Formerly known as Arroyo Vista, the Emerald Vista development addressed the public housing crisis facing thousands of communities like Dublin by transitioning from public housing into sustainable, privately-owned affordable housing. The projects' success is due in large part to the out-of-the-box thinking generated through partnerships formed between the City of Dublin, the Housing Authority for the County of Alameda, non-profit organization EDEN Housing, and market-rate builder KB Home.

“The City is honored to receive this prestigious award from the League,” says Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti. “By bringing attention to Emerald Vista’s journey from innovative concept to thriving development, Dublin hopes that the award will help other communities successfully navigate the affordable housing frontier.”

In addition to the Helen Putnam Award, the Emerald Vista development has helped the City of Dublin win several awards, including an All-America City designation, the Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award, and the Association of Bay Area Government’s Growing Smarter Together Award.

Recognizing the City’s multi-faceted approach to addressing climate change, Dublin received the Platinum level Beacon Spotlight Award for “Energy Savings” and “Sustainability Best Practice Activities” categories and Gold in

the “Natural Gas Savings” category. The City received the awards as a result of the extensive and comprehensive efforts undertaken to implement Dublin’s Energy Action Plan.

“Dublin has a long history of environmental stewardship,” notes Sbranti. “As a result, Dublin residents continue to benefit from substantial energy savings achieved through partnerships forged with public, private, and non-profit organizations.”

The Helen Putnam Award and Beacon Spotlight awards were presented to City representatives at the League’s annual conference in Los Angeles.

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