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City of Dublin and Eden Housing Celebrate Veterans Day Groundbreaking of Affordable Homes for Veterans and Their Families

Coming soon: Sixty-six new affordable rental family apartments in downtown Dublin

DUBLIN, CA – The City of Dublin, Eden Housing, and their partners broke ground on the Dublin Family Apartments with a Veterans Day celebration. The development, a 66-unit rental affordable housing development targeted to veterans and their families, will be located in downtown Dublin and will be within walking distance to the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, schools, job and retail centers, and other services.

“We are proud to honor the service that our American veterans have given to our country,” said Mayor David Haubert of the City of Dublin. “Today is a great day because we are breaking ground here in Dublin on a housing community for veterans, where they can live in the high-quality, affordable home that they deserve.”

Dublin Family Apartments will transform a vacant lot, formerly a car dealership, into a vibrant community that connects and enlivens the downtown area. The rental apartment homes will be affordable to families earning 30%-60% of the County of Alameda’s median household income. Residents will enjoy a large community room for events and classes, a technology center with computer lab for youth to do their homework, outdoor decks, a barbeque area, a fitness center, playgrounds, community gardens, and greenway areas. On-site resident services, including those tailored specifically to veterans’ needs, will be provided by Abode Services and other community partners. Eden is discussing with Chabot-Las Positas Community College District to have courses and career workshops on-site for the veterans.

“I am so proud of the work in Dublin to serve our veterans. They have served us so well and we owe them the same in return,” said Congressman Eric Swalwell (CA-15). “This project with Eden Housing shows that we are committed to our veterans and making sure that no veteran spends the night out on the streets.”

California is home to nearly 2 million veterans, the largest veteran population in the nation. Dublin Family Apartments will serve a unique veteran population in need of affordable housing – veteran families. The community will be different than the studio or SRO (single room occupancy) design common in most veterans’ housing developments: There will be a mix of apartment sizes —24 one-bedroom apartments, 21 two-bedroom apartments, and 21 three-bedroom apartments—to accommodate families of all sizes. The new community will include play areas for children, as well as recreational spaces such as an exercise room, community room, computer lab, and community gardens for people of all ages. Comprehensive services will include support and resources for parenting, after-school activities, health education, financial literacy, and more.



The City of Dublin, home to the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area for the U.S. Army Reserve (Camp Parks), maintains a strong relationship with the armed forces community and Camp Parks has been a critical partner in the inception and realization of Dublin Family Apartments.

“I am tremendously proud to be a part of this effort to provide affordable housing to the veterans and their families in this community,” said Command Sergeant Major Richard Kreiberg of Camp Parks. “These homes represent gratitude of the people of Dublin for the service of the veterans who will live here, and the hardships they endured on their behalf. With these homes, Dublin says to our veterans, ‘We do not forget your service and we appreciate it.’”

Dublin Family Apartments was designed and entitled as part of a master development with market-rate developer Bay West. The market rate development will be located across the street (St. Patrick Way) and will include approximately 310 market rate homes and 17,000 square feet of commercial space.

“This development would not be possible without the partnership with Bay West and the land donation facilitated from them by the City of Dublin, in combination with the funds from the city’s affordable housing inclusionary ordinance,” said Janet Lockhart, Eden Housing Board member and former Dublin mayor. “Dublin Family Apartments will stand as validation of smart local policies during this time of scarce funding resources in building affordable housing.”

Funding for the \$34-million development was provided by the City of Dublin, County of Alameda, Housing Authority of the County of Alameda, California Department of Housing and Community Development, Bank of America, California Community Reinvestment Corporation, and The Home Depot Foundation.

In closing the groundbreaking celebration, Command Sergeant Major Kreiberg praised the City and all the partners of Dublin Family Apartments: “Today, in this great community, we have local government, community partners, and its residents using its resources to meet a need in its community. I hope that other towns across this nation will follow this example, and on their own accord, make the choice to act on behalf of assisting veterans, in whatever need they have in their local communities.”

The celebration speakers included:

Hon. David Haubert, Mayor, City of Dublin;

Hon. Eric Swalwell, Congressman, California 15th Congressional District;

Hon. Scott Haggerty, Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda;

Hon. Steve Glazer, State Senator, California 7th Senate District;

Hon. Catharine Baker, Assembly Member, California 16th Assembly District;

Hon. Don Biddle, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, Housing Authority of the County of Alameda;

Gabriel Spever, Vice President, Senior Client Manager, Bank of America, Community Development Banking;

Emma Chavez, Loan Officer, California Community Reinvestment Corporation;

Dr. Jannett Jackson, Chancellor, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District;

CSM Richard Kreiberg, Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Garrison Camp Parks, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area;

Janet Lockhart, Board of Directors, Eden Housing;



Andy Madeira, Senior Vice President of Real Estate Development, Eden Housing;
Anna Gwyn Simpson, Director of Resident Services, Eden Housing;
Susie Criscimagna, Project Developer, Eden Housing.

About Eden Housing

In its 47 years of service in California, non-profit Eden Housing has provided a home for more than 65,000 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 its founding in 1968, Eden Housing has developed or acquired more than 8,000 homes in more than 130 properties. Eden provides professional property management and supportive resident services to families and individuals living in its portfolio of more than 7,800 apartment homes throughout California. For more information about Eden Housing, visit www.edenhousing.org

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Renderings of Dublin Family Apartments and photos of the celebration are available; please contact Nathan Ho at (510) 247-8193 or nho@edenhousing.org to request.