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Community Housing Development Corporation, along with Supervisor John Gioia, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors District 1, celebrates Heritage Point, an affordable housing community

N. RICHMOND, CALIF. July 21, 2021 – On July 20, 2021, Elected officials, community developers, community advocates and supporters joined Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) today to celebrate the Open House of Heritage Point – a 42-unit affordable housing complex in North Richmond, California.

Finding affordable housing in the Bay Area can be a challenge. When people hear the term “affordable housing” it brings on different meanings to different populations of people. Housing is considered affordable when a household spends no more than approximately 30% of its income on housing. However, in some of the largest and more expensive cities across the country, the cost of housing increase outpaces the cost of living raises annually, which has continually happened in the Bay Area. We’re living in communities where the cost of housing has risen to a point where households that bring in six figures can now be considered low income. “We have an affordable housing crisis in the Bay Area, and CHDC is committed to being a part of the solution,” said Gilmore. “Over the past 30 years, as a Bay Area community-based housing developer, we have historically been committed to providing this essential foundation for individuals, families, and seniors. At CHDC, for more than 30 years, their mission is centered around creating affordable housing and community resources so individuals, families and seniors can thrive in vibrant communities. Heritage Point, an affordable housing project located in North Richmond, California, with 42 units is one of their latest success efforts where residents can call home.

“Heritage Point was a long-awaited project that was over 10 years in the making and we’re proud to have brought it to completion. We have been excited to create quality affordable housing in North Richmond and create safe neighborhoods for our residents to thrive throughout the Bay Area,” said Donald Gilmore, Executive Director of Community Housing Development Corporation. “Last year, because of COVID19, we shifted our priorities and resources to helping the community, and now it’s time to celebrate this successful project that is bringing vitality back to the North Richmond community. We’re excited that the community showed up and joined us for the virtual celebration,” Gilmore said.

In 2018, CHDC had an official groundbreaking ceremony on May 3rd. During the official groundbreaking for Heritage Point, County Supervisor John Gioia said he hoped the development would be a catalyst for more investment in the area. “This is momentum to continue revitalization of North Richmond and this development will have a big impact on Fred Jackson Way,” he said. Today, Supervisor Gioia reiterated, “For years the community really wanted to see a good project there, good housing. I’m also excited that

we're continuing to work together to create a market there on the corridor. That's so important. We've heard from the community the importance of having a grocery market there with fresh foods and vegetables in the heart of Richmond." Along with champions such as Supervisor Gioia, CHDC is working diligently with community partners to ensure more services will follow, such as a business resource center and grocery store.

CHDC's passion, commitment, hard work, and expertise has resulted in high-quality affordable housing and services for community residents that change lives and improve neighborhoods. "Heritage Point could not have been a successful project without our many partners such as, the Housing Authority of the county of Contra Costa County, Raymond James Financial, Overaa Construction, support from the offices of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, Supervisor John Gioia, North Richmond Municipal Advisory Committee, NeighborWorks America and many more," said Shane Sutherland, Director of Operations for Community Housing Development Corporation.

Heritage Point Project Description

The \$27 million project is a four-story affordable housing complex built in the 1500 block of Fred Jackson Way, across from the Community Heritage Senior Apartments and the Contra Costa Health Services' North Richmond Center for Health. It is also a quick 15-minute AC Transit bus ride directly from the site to the Richmond BART Station, approximately 2 miles away. Heritage Point features 12, one-bedroom units, 17 two-bedroom units and 13 three-bedroom units. All units are available to households earning at or below 30 to 45 percent of the median income in Contra Costa County and be supported by project-based Section 8 vouchers.

About Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond

Community Housing Development Corporation has been serving Bay Area families for over 30 years as a local community-based developer. To create and sustain vibrant communities for low to moderate income individuals, seniors, and families we provide high quality housing, economic development, and supportive services. CHDC provides a broad range of affordable housing opportunities and engages communities we serve to ensure that the whole neighborhood benefits from the housing and services we provide. Our main offices are located in Richmond, CA, and we serve Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano counties. To learn more about CHDC, please visit www.communityhdc.org