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### **LINC Housing Starts Construction of 100 New Apartments in Los Angeles County for Formerly Homeless Households and Low-Income Families**

LOS ANGELES, March 4, 2019 - More housing for low-income families and people who have experienced homelessness is coming soon. LINC Housing has started construction of Springhaven, a 100-unit affordable housing community in the Willowbrook neighborhood of Los Angeles County.

"Springhaven is part of LINC Housing's effort to integrate affordable housing with health resources and other services," said Rebecca Clark, president and CEO of LINC Housing. "We know from experience that providing secure housing with health-related and other supportive services helps build strong neighborhoods. Los Angeles County and the Willowbrook community have made housing a top priority, and LINC is proud to partner with them to bring this beautiful new building to the area."

The site, located at 1854 East 118th Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90059, was donated by Los Angeles County. "Springhaven is the second LINC affordable housing community in Willowbrook and, like all other developments spearheaded by LINC, it achieves sustainable design, resident-centered services and a spirit of bringing people together," Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said. "As the County ramps up production of much-needed affordable housing, Springhaven exemplifies our over-arching goal of transforming communities and transforming lives, especially in this neighborhood."

The new complex will have 50 apartments for families and individuals who have been homeless. Additional units will serve families earning up to 60 percent of area median income. There will be 50 one-bedroom, 24 two-bedroom and 26 three-bedroom homes. Community areas will include multi-purpose spaces to house a variety of resident programs as well as private meeting rooms for service providers and case managers. Additional amenities will include an exercise room, container garden program, computer lab, on-site laundry facilities, and secure long-term bicycle parking.

Partnerships with the Los Angeles County of Department of Health Services and The People Concern will allow LINC to serve the 50 formerly homeless households with intensive case management services, while all future residents will have access to life-enhancing services through LINC Cares. Drew Child Development Corporation will serve as an onsite partner to provide quality childcare for the community.

The property is within a quarter-mile of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital, Augustus Hawkins Mental Health Center, several public schools, and the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Metro Station. It's also convenient to public transportation and shopping.

In keeping with LINC's commitment to building environmentally sustainable communities, the complex incorporates building materials that are recycled, locally produced, and contain low VOCs. The building also has high-performance windows and building envelope, and both the HVAC and water heating systems are very high efficiency. Other environmental features include low-flow plumbing fixtures, Energy Star appliances, landscape with drought-tolerant plants and smart irrigation controls. Springhaven will be registered with the U.S. Green Building Council and intends to pursue a LEED certification.

The land for the \$52-million development was donated by Los Angeles County. Additional funding sources include General Funds and Mental Health Housing Funds, Affordable Housing Program Funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, California Department of Housing and Urban Development Infill Infrastructure grant and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program loan and grant, construction loan from MUFJ Union Bank, N.A., permanent loan from Union Bank, and tax credit equity from Raymond James Tax Credit Funds Inc. The California Endowment provided funding for predevelopment.

The new community was designed by D33 Design, and will be built by Walton Construction Services. The development is due to be completed in late 2020.

#### **About LINC Housing Corporation**

LINC Housing, one of California's most productive nonprofit developers of affordable housing, is committed to building communities and strengthening neighborhoods for people underserved by the marketplace. LINC has helped create more than 8,000 homes in 79 communities throughout the state. The organization's properties are known for excellent design, outstanding management and life-enhancing services for its residents. LINC has 35 years of service to families, seniors, people with special needs, and local governments - helping to create sustainable communities via new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation, and historic preservation. Visit [www.linchoosing.org](http://www.linchoosing.org) for more information.