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Turnpike Commons Breaks Ground in Stockton

- The nine-unit housing project for the homeless is scheduled to open October 2020 -

Stockton, CA (April 2020)—The Housing Authority County of San Joaquin (Housing Authority) in partnership with STAND Affordable Housing, Central Valley Low Income Housing Corp., and Stockton Shelter for the Homeless are excited to announce they have broken ground on Turnpike Commons. Turnpike Commons located at 1630 Turnpike Rd., is the first phase in this project consisting of nine homes on one parcel which will be available to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The partnership secured nearly \$4.8 million in grants from the City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, the San Joaquin Continuum of Care, and a \$55,000 grant from Wells Fargo. The second phase will consist of three homes on two separate parcels as infill development within the City of Stockton.

“The Board of Supervisors is delighted to see these amazing organizations partnering to use Homeless Emergency Aid Program funds in support of this critical need in San Joaquin County,” said Adam Cheshire, Program Administrator for Homeless Initiatives, San Joaquin County. “The progress made is a reflection of the great work these CBOs are doing every day, and we look forward to the positive impact this project will certainly have in making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in our communities.”



Each organization brings decades of experience in serving low-income and formerly homeless families. The Housing Authority is serving as the developer and will oversee construction as well as committing rental assistance for every unit. Upon completion, the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless and Central Valley Low Income Housing Corp. will provide referrals and case management services to the residents. Property management by STAND Affordable Housing will ensure the opportunity for residents to maintain stable housing and create a path for self-sufficiency and economic mobility.

“STAND is very proud to be part of this partnership to provide permanent housing for the homeless,” said Fred Sheil, Executive Director of STAND. “Stockton is full of vacant lots, blighted houses and apartment buildings. Let’s repair and build until all homeless are off the streets.”

With plans for future phases, this partnership hopes to pilot a local model to address the homeless crisis affecting communities throughout California by using manufactured homes to accelerate the construction of homeless housing. Carrie Wright, Economic Development Director for the City of Stockton, adds “the Stockton City Council has prioritized reducing homelessness and creating permanent supportive housing is a key strategy.”

“There are many challenges around developing housing in California, but there is no denying the need,” said the Housing Authority’s Executive Director, Peter W. Ragsdale. “We know our shelters have individuals and families that are housing ready today, if it was available. This team is part of the solution!”

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