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Leasing Underway at Santa Clara County Housing Authority's New Laurel Grove Family Apartments

81 Affordable Homes Adjacent to San Jose's Diridon Transit Center Will Open in August

SAN JOSE, Calif. – July 5, 2018 – Construction is nearly complete on the Santa Clara County Housing Authority's (SCCHA) Laurel Grove Family Apartments in San Jose, a transit-oriented development providing 81 units of critically needed housing affordable to very low-income families making up to 50 percent of the county's median income or \$66,500 per year for a family of four. Located at 298 Laurel Grove Lane, the development is adjacent to San Jose's Diridon Transit Center, the city's major public transit hub and nexus for Google's planned transit village. The development is slated for an August opening.

FPI Management is handling leasing. All eligible applicants already on SCCHA's Section 8 project-based voucher waitlist have first priority to reside at Laurel Grove Family Apartments. New applicants may add their names to the Laurel Grove apartments interest list by sending an email with their name and desired unit size to laurelgrove.lease@fpimgt.com. New applicants may also visit the temporary property management office location at Huff Gardens, 3021 Huff Ave. in San Jose, or call 408-564-5849.

"Affordable housing is as much a part of our infrastructure as roads and bridges," says SCCHA Executive Director Katherine Harasz. "This property connects transportation to housing and gives lower-income families working in a variety of service-related occupations – teachers, food servers and preparers, administrative assistants, healthcare workers or those in construction and building maintenance, for example – housing they can afford near their jobs in Silicon Valley."

The four-story building offers one-, two- and three-bedroom units. Families will have access to on-site property management as well as a host of resident services and amenities including a multipurpose room with full kitchen and computer room; outdoor courtyard and barbeque area; children's play structure; on-site laundry; and parking. Residents will be eligible to receive a free VTA Eco Pass, allowing them no-cost access to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority public transit throughout the county. They also will have access to a "bicycle kitchen" designed within Laurel Grove's community space for bike repair and maintenance plus a combined total of about 100 bicycle parking and storage spaces for resident and visitor use. A partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing enables the inclusion of 20 units reserved for residents with disabilities who experience multiple barriers to housing, with Peninsula HealthCare Connection providing intensive case management services.

Another 99 apartments affordable to low-income seniors are in the beginning stages of construction immediately adjacent to the Laurel Grove property. The two apartment complexes will share a courtyard and together provide a total of 180 new, amenity-rich affordable homes for the Diridon Transit Center area.

Laurel Grove was the first project in Santa Clara County to be awarded funding from the state's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) loan and grant program, which targets affordable housing and transportation projects that will achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions and benefit disadvantaged communities. The \$56.7 million development was financed with low-income housing tax credit equity and tax-exempt bond proceeds, including \$8 million in AHSC program and California Department of Housing and Community Development funding.

SCCHA owns or controls more than 2,700 affordable housing units countywide, with 750 units currently in its development and rehabilitation pipeline.

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About SCCHA

SCCHA is the largest provider of affordable housing assistance in Santa Clara County, helping make rental housing safe and affordable for low-income families through Section 8 voucher programs and below-market rental properties. Designated a Moving to Work agency by Congress, it has the capacity to assist nearly 18,000 households through innovative policies for the delivery of assisted housing. For more information, visit www.scchousingauthority.org.

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