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OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY WELCOMES RON SIMS, HUD DEPUTY SECRETARY, TO PALO VISTA GARDENS AS \$10.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING FOR OAKLAND IS ANNOUNCED

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS WILL BRING JOBS AND IMPROVE HOUSING FOR OAKLAND RESIDENTS

(Oakland, CA) – Palo Vista Gardens resident seniors took Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on a “before and after tour” today to show him what their homes look like now and what they will look like after repair and rehabilitation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Benefiting from \$4 million of the \$10.6 million slated for Palo Vista Gardens, residents will see a new interior design for the units along with new energy efficiency through the use of solar power systems, solar exterior lighting and a new heating and hot water system and double paned windows. In addition, OHA will repair and replace roofs, repaint the exterior, install metal railings and provide new landscaping among other improvements slated for Palo Vista Gardens.

“These critical repairs would not take place without the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,” said Oakland Housing Authority Executive Director Jon Gresley. “These senior residents and other families in Oakland who live in public housing, will now live in better circumstances. This investment by the Obama Administration brings scores of jobs to Oakland’s economy and accelerated the progress of improvements and repairs which the Oakland Housing Authority is able to make.”

“The inclusion of public housing in the Obama stimulus package is of great benefit to many people: workers, residents and our community. We are grateful for all those who worked

hard to make this funding a reality and extend a special thank you to Oakland's Congresswoman, Barbara Lee and our Mayor who has lobbied in Washington, DC on behalf of Oakland. They have demonstrated that the investment in public housing is an investment in a vital part of our nation's infrastructure," Gresley concluded.

Oakland Housing Authority provides housing for approximately 10 percent of Oakland's families, with 3,221 public housing units in its stock. 11,142 of Oakland families, elderly and disabled rent with Section 8 vouchers, which is a public/private partnership allowing clients choice in the private rental market. The average income of OHA families is about \$15,000.

The following Oakland Housing Authority properties will receive funding through the ARRA:

Palo Vista Gardens, 1110 64th Avenue, is located in East Oakland at the corner of 64th and Fenham Street. Built in 1962, the complex is composed of six buildings and features 100 units. Work will include building and unit restoration and reroofing of all facilities in the complex. In addition, solar power, solar exterior lighting, a new hot water system and double paned windows will bring new energy efficiency to the entire residential community. Restoration of the drainage system is slated, new exterior painting, new landscaping and metal railings will be installed, among many improvements. \$4,450,000

Harrison Tower, 1621 Harrison Street, is a fourteen story senior residence that was built in 1969, and features 100 one bedroom apartments. It is located in the heart of downtown Oakland, just blocks away from Lake Merritt. ARRA funds will provide for many improvements for the seniors including hallway upgrades on all residential floors, new windows in hallways, the installation of an emergency generator, the upgrade of the resident's community room and exterior painting. \$350,000

Adele Court, 2001 MacArthur Boulevard, is a mid-rise building with 30 units for elderly residents of the Dimond District with the east side of the property facing Sausal Creek. The picturesque entrance is over a wooden deck facing the creek. Built in 1983, the property will become more energy efficient with the replacement of exterior siding, the addition of new double pane windows, new exterior doors, new fencing and security enhancements, the installation of an emergency generator and new exterior paint. \$600,000

Campbell Village, 1657 10th Street, is located in West Oakland. Built in 1940, it is composed of 19 buildings and encompasses a City block. The complex includes 154, one, two and three bedroom units and four large parking lots. Solar panels will make the development energy efficient and in addition, the parking lot gates will be removed, and each lot sealed and striped. All of the buildings will receive new exterior painting, the roof eaves will be replaced and all fencing will be painted. \$480,000

Lockwood Gardens, 1327 65th Avenue, is located in East Oakland between East 14th and 66th Avenue. Built in 1940, the development contains 372 units of town-house-styled one, two, three and four bedroom apartments. Work will include the installation of a moisture barrier, the demolition of entry booths, construction of equipment bays, fencing and curb restoration, exterior painting and reroofing of 76 units, water line cut off valves, door and mailbox replacement and re-keying, and sealing and striping of the parking areas. \$2,070,000

Peralta Villa, 960 Mandella Parkway, spans four city blocks between Mandela Parkway and Union Street and features 390 one, two and three bedroom units. Built in 1993, the complex will receive a complete roof replacement and exterior painting. Double pane energy efficient windows will be installed and the parking areas will be resealed and striped and equipment bays constructed. A zeroscape landscape redesign with drought resistant plantings will be planted. \$1,500,000

OHA Properties – Safety and security enhancements will be installed at some of OHA's other properties and these improvements will include upgraded technology to support fire systems and security systems. \$250,000

Project administration, project management, procurement. \$875,376.

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