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## Mercy Housing California and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency Celebrate Re-dedication of Land Park Woods

*Renovations and new services bring new life to affordable Sacramento community—ensuring years of use and a safe, quality home for hard-working families for years to come.*

**Sacramento, CA**—For many hardworking families in Sacramento County—making well-below the \$19.92 hourly wage needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment in the area—a safe, decent, affordable home is often out of reach. But, for more than 20 years, residents have found stability and hope at Land Park Woods—a community of 75 affordable homes acquired and rehabbed by Rural California Housing Corporation / Mercy Housing California in 1996. On Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Mercy Housing California joined these residents, neighborhood leaders, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency in celebrating the completion of its most recent 2016-2017 renovations—upgrades that will ensure Land Park Woods' viability as a vibrant, affordable community for at least another 15 years.



"The high quality improvements that Mercy Housing California has completed at Land Park Woods show the value of investing in preserving affordable housing into the future and the significant impact that public-private-nonprofit partnerships can make for residents in the entire community," said La Shelle Dozier, Executive Director of Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. "Of greater importance is the fact that we must continue to champion efforts for a legislative sustainable funding source to meet the affordable housing needs of Sacramento residents."

Thursday's re-dedication event marked the completion of a year-long renovation process including updates to the property's major systems, energy-efficiency upgrades that will result in a 30% more efficient community, and a completely renovated community building. New low-water use landscape line the several walkways that meander through the 11 residential buildings at Land Park Woods and added outdoor picnic areas provide new gathering places for its residents. In addition to outdoor improvements including new windows, porches, and roofing, the interiors of the one, two, and three-bedroom apartments received new floors, countertops, appliances, and new green plumbing and lighting fixtures.

Adding services and additional staffing to the family-oriented 5.5 acre community, Mercy Housing California also updated and expanded the community room to accommodate office spaces for resident services, a large conference room, and a computer lab. The new resident services coordinator will

connect Land Park Woods residents to the resources and amenities central to the lives of families while adding community-building programming onsite.

“At this moment of seemingly unconquerable odds, the renovations at Land Park Woods shows that we can make a difference in our community,” says Stephan Daves, Regional Director of Real Estate Development at Mercy Housing California. “With the help of our public agency partners, Land Park Woods is a demonstration of Mercy Housing California’s commitment to bring together affordability, quality, and sustainable housing with services that will help families continue to build on a strong foundation.”

Financial partners for Land Park Woods include The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Merritt Community Capital, and Bank of America.

### **About Mercy Housing California**

Mercy Housing California is the largest regional division of national nonprofit Mercy Housing, Inc. Mercy Housing, Inc. is headquartered in Denver and founded in 1981 with the mission to create stable, vibrant, and healthy communities by developing, financing and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality, safe housing opportunities. To date, with a presence in 41 states and 200+ cities, Mercy Housing, Inc. has developed, preserved and financed more than 45,800 affordable homes nationwide, both rental and single family, serving more than 152,600 adults and children on any given day.

Mercy Housing California has developed more than 140 rental properties across 36 California Counties serving more than 18,000 low and very low-income residents; working poor families, senior citizens, persons who were formerly homeless, people with disabilities and persons living with HIV/AIDS. For more information about Mercy Housing, Inc. and Mercy Housing California, please visit [mercyhousing.org](http://mercyhousing.org).

### **About SHRA**

SHRA ([www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org)) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. The Agency has a FY 2017 budget of \$190.5 million and 230 employees and operates on a calendar fiscal year from January 1 to December 31. SHRA is one of the largest rental housing landlords in Sacramento County, the 5th largest housing authority in the state of California, and 20th in the nation among 3,400 housing authorities. The Agency owns and/or manages 3,200 units of affordable housing and administers approximately 12,800 rental assistance vouchers per month.

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