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SACRAMENTO BUILDER REBOUNDS FROM HOUSING CRISIS WITH RESTART OF MIXED-INCOME INFILL DEVELOPMENT IN DEL PASO HEIGHTS
Local residents get opportunity to work on construction jobs in their own community

Sacramento, CA | City officials and representatives from Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Greater Sacramento Urban League, and Sacramento Employment and Training Agency gathered at a new home on Hayes Avenue in Del Paso Heights September 29 for an official kick-off celebration hosted by John Griffin of Del Paso Homes, Inc.

The construction site viewing and model home tour marked the restart of an infill project to complete Phase IV of Del Paso Nuevo, a community of 81 single family mixed income homes in Del Paso Heights.



Construction on DPN IV originally began in 2007 but the housing crisis and economic decline severely impacted home sales after 40 units had been sold. A loss of funding halted new construction on the remaining 37 homes (not including four model homes). Funding assistance from Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency in 2014 enabled the builder to ramp up construction this year and contractors have provided jobs for residents who live in the area.

At completion, Del Paso Nuevo is a 154-acre master planned community that will provide a minimum of 300 new homes in the former Del Paso Heights Redevelopment Area. In 1997, this area received a Homeownership Zone Designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and more than \$10 million in federal loan guarantees and grants for the project.

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SHRA (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. SHRA has a FY 2014 budget of \$167.7 million and 225 employees. The Agency owns and manages 3,144 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 11,800 rent assistance vouchers per month.

In return, at least 51% of the homes in Del Paso Nuevo must be sold at affordable prices to families that earn no more than 80% of the area median income. Of the six separate phases planned in this master development to date, Phases I - III have been completed which included the construction of 77 single family homes, infrastructure improvements and two community parks.

The project provides job opportunities in the construction trades for residents in the community enabling them to work close to where they live. Projects that create jobs for local residents are the focus of the new First Source Sacramento Program, a robust tool to enhance economic opportunities for individuals in Sacramento Housing Authority's public housing and housing choice voucher programs as a component of a federal program, Section 3, which requires recipients of federal funds to make contracting and employment opportunities available to low income residents. Residents can use a new website, www.firstsourcesacramento.com, to register in the program. GSUL and SETA-Sacramento Works provide assistance by developing a structured path for employment which includes skills assessment, training, and certifying that a resident qualifies for employment which allows applicants to see job postings and apply for positions. Contractors will also be able to post job openings and review lists of qualified applicants.

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