



## Community HousingWorks opens groundbreaking affordable community for seniors, homeless and veterans in Oceanside

*Mission Cove Seniors includes 138 affordable apartments for seniors with dedicated space for homeless individuals and Universal Design throughout the community.*

**Oceanside, CA (October 12, 2018)** – Elected leaders from the State and City of Oceanside were on-hand to welcome Mission Cove Seniors, a new affordable apartment community developed by Community HousingWorks (CHW), to Oceanside on Thursday, October 11.

“If we had a place like this when I was working as a social worker, it would have been a real miracle,” said Senator Pat Bates, who spoke at the opening celebration for Mission Cove. “This project represents the hard work and vision of a diverse group of caring leaders. It is an honor to welcome this special place to our community.”

Oceanside Mayor Peter Weiss and Councilmembers Jack Feller and Esther Sanchez joined Senator Bates and CHW leadership to celebrate the community’s long-awaited opening.

“Mission Cove is the realization of a dream shared by the City of Oceanside and CHW. Today, we have the honor of welcoming 138 senior families to their life-changing new homes,” said Sue Reynolds, CEO of Community HousingWorks. “These are not just affordable apartments. We are building opportunity and stable, healthy futures for seniors, including veterans and people experiencing homelessness.”



*Mission Cove Seniors is a newly-opened affordable apartment community in Oceanside, CA with 138 homes for seniors, formerly homeless individuals, and veterans.*

Community HousingWorks and National Community Renaissance were partners on the master plan development of the 14.5 acre infill site, previously owned by the City of Oceanside. Community HousingWorks developed and owns 138 affordable apartments for seniors. The entire master planned community incorporates Universal Design and is intergenerational and sustainable.

The entire Mission Cove community employs Universal Design throughout to be accessible to all people with a wide range of abilities. Corridors throughout the community have handrails and benches are available in all lobbies to accommodate residents with varying levels of mobility. Fifty percent of the apartments are immediately accessible, and the other fifty percent are adaptable.

Senior apartments at Mission Cove are dedicated for residents age 62 and above with incomes at or below 30% to 60% of the Area Median Income. CHW was able to achieve a homeless preference with 20% of the apartments leased to homeless individuals, including veterans.

“Only a few months ago, my husband and I were homeless. Thanks to Community HousingWorks we are now in our new apartment that we love,” said Mission Cove resident Sandy Millin, who spoke at the morning ceremony. “I cannot express how life-changing this place has been for us. Now we are not only surviving, but we are thriving.”



*Elected officials, Mission Cove residents and CHW leadership participated in the official ribbon cutting at the October 11<sup>th</sup> opening celebration.*

“CHW is committed to sustainability, and Mission Cove Seniors reflects that value. Sustainability includes all facets of development from design to construction to operations,” said Mary Jane Jagodzinski, Vice President of Development at CHW. “Affordable housing creates family financial stability, which in turn creates sustainable neighborhoods and communities.”

Mission Cove Seniors implements a wealth of sustainable technology features, including electric vehicle charging stations, solar thermal hot water heating and solar photovoltaic panels for common area electricity. CHW is registered for a GreenPoint Rated certification for the community. The designation is administered by Build It Green and independently verifies that a home is healthy, comfortable, durable and resource efficient.



Active lifestyle and health-conscious features for all ages are a focus of Mission Cove's design. The community is smoke-free and includes a quarter-mile walking path and resident organic garden. Mission Cove Seniors also incorporates a program to include other families from throughout the community to create intergenerational connection. The community is located on a major bus line that connects with local rail service, including the Coaster and Metrolink at the Oceanside Transit Center.

Mission Cove Seniors is located at 3229 Mission Cove Way, Oceanside, CA 92054.

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#### **About Community HousingWorks**

*Community HousingWorks (CHW) is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that builds and owns stable affordable apartment homes and provides onsite services and opportunities for people living on low wages and fixed incomes. CHW has nearly 30 years of success developing new and renovating existing multi-family, affordable rental apartments in urban, suburban and rural communities. With over 3,300 rental apartments in 40 communities statewide, CHW proudly serves more than 9,000 children and adults each year. CHW is an exemplary-ranked member of the national NeighborWorks Network®, an award-winning affiliate of UnidosUS, and member of the prestigious Housing Partnership Network. Learn more at [www.chworks.org](http://www.chworks.org).*