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National NAHRO Leadership Visits Award-Winning Affordable Housing Sites

Washington, D.C. (January 31, 2014) – More than 40 national representatives from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) will tour award-winning affordable housing properties in the Los Angeles metro area on Friday, January 31.

The tour will include visits to properties from both the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). Site visits will be made to Menlo Family Housing; The Gateways Apartments; Jordan Downs; Casa Dominguez; The Growing Experience, and Dana Strand Senior Housing. HACoLA's The Growing Experience and HACLA's Dana Strand Senior Housing were both recognized with the NAHRO Awards of Merit in 2011 and 2013 respectively. HACoLA's Casa Dominguez was also awarded HUD's Home Door Knocker Award in 2011.

"As part of NAHRO's biennial leadership retreat, the study tour will demonstrate how public housing and community development agencies have continued to meet the growing housing need of those most vulnerable, even in the face of budget cuts to federal programs like public housing, Section 8 rental assistance and CDBG," said Saul Ramirez, Jr., NAHRO chief executive officer. "According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, nearly 50 percent of renters pay more than 30 percent of their income towards housing. It is now more important than ever for the Administration and Congress to invest in preserving our nation's affordable rental housing stock."

"We are pleased to share how Los Angeles has overcome tremendous challenges through innovative and strategic partnerships," said Douglas Guthrie, President and CEO of HACLA. "HACLA and our partner organizations have been able to increase the stock of affordable housing, provide educational opportunities to our public housing youth, bring broadband services to underserved areas; these are just a few examples of how a public housing agency has become an integral part of a City's service delivery mechanism. We look forward to sharing the great work that is happening in the city of Angels."



About NAHRO

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, established in 1933, is a membership organization of 23,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the United States whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income. NAHRO's membership administers more than 3 million housing units for 7.6 million people.

About HACLA

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is a state-chartered public agency. It provides the largest stock of affordable housing in Los Angeles and is one of the nation's leading public housing authorities. It is also one of the oldest, providing quality housing options and supportive services to the citizens of Los Angeles since 1938.

