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The City of Long Beach, residents, community members and developer Squier Properties/ADI, Inc., on September 19 celebrated the grand opening of Pacific City Lights, one of the few, newly constructed, all-affordable rental housing developments built in Long Beach within the last 10 years.

The 42-unit development is home to approximately 175 people who have moved into a new residence for the first time in their lives. The site comes furnished with a tot lot, jogging track, mini soccer field and a computer room. Its community room will host free after-school mentoring and workshops in parenting skills, job searching, and computer education (all provided by Long Beach-based social services agency, Centro CHA).

"Pacific City Lights provides desperately needed decent, safe, and affordable housing for working families here in Long Beach," said Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, in whose First Council District Pacific City Lights is located. "This is an incredibly valuable addition to the city's rental supply. By providing workforce housing for larger families, Pacific City Lights enables employees working in our schools, our hospitals, our grocery stores, and our hotels to afford top quality housing in our community."

Pacific City Lights deliberately included 34 three-bedroom and eight four-bedroom apartments to help address the shortage of rental apartments equipped to handle larger family households. Only one of three rentals in Long Beach has more than one bedroom, and just 8 percent have more than two bedrooms. Yet 62 percent of rentals are occupied by families with a median size of 3.53 people. Not surprisingly, more than one of out five apartments in Long Beach is severely overcrowded, according the 2000 U.S. Census.

Rents at Pacific City Lights range from \$529 to \$926 per month, determined by family size and income. The average rent in the greater Long Beach market tops \$1,100 per month (including studios and one-bedroom apartments). In Long Beach, 28 percent of renters pay half or more of their earned income on rent, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

The Long Beach Housing Development Company (LBHDC) contributed approximately \$3.6 million to this project, using funds dedicated to affordable housing. This contribution leveraged the additional \$10 million in public and private funding needed to complete the project.

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City Council

562-570-6801 Except as otherwise provided in the City Charter, all powers of the City shall be vested in the City Council.

City Manager

562-570-6711 As chief administrative officer of the City, the City Manager is directly responsible for the efficient administration of all City government departments, with the exception of elective offices and the semi-autonomous commission-controlled departments. - Budget

- Citizen Police

Complaint Commission

- Legislation

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Linden Garden Court is a 24-unit rental development at 6371 Linden Avenue and 531 E. 64th Street that will provide much-needed homes for a number of low-income families. Councilmember Val Lerch and Richard Green, Chair of the Board of The Long Beach Housing Development Company (LBHDC), which partially funded the rehabilitation, will lead the Grand Re-opening Ceremony. The public is welcome to attend.

Linden Garden Court is one of 12 properties being rehabilitated throughout the City by DECRO Long Beach, L.P.

“This is a much-needed source of affordable housing for Long Beach,” said Ellie Tolentino, Bureau Manager for the City’s Housing Services Bureau. “As the price of housing continues to climb in the region, it is critical that the City provide affordable housing for those who are priced out of the housing market. Long Beach is fortunate to have one of the most proactive and successful group of housing advocates on the West Coast who continue to make affordable housing a reality.”

The Long Beach Housing Development Company is the City ‘s non-profit housing development company, whose mission is to promote safe and livable neighborhoods in Long Beach by developing and preserving decent, safe, and affordable housing for the very low, low- and moderate-income residents of Long Beach.

The owner of the property is DECRO Long Beach L.P., a non-profit organization established in 1989, whose mission is to acquire and preserve affordable rental housing for low-income families and seniors. Including the Linden Gardens, DECRO has been renovating a total of 12 properties that are located in three council districts in Long Beach, and when completed will provide 320 housing units that will remain affordable to low-income families and seniors for 55 years. In addition to the LBHDC loan, the projects are being financed by Multi-family Housing Revenue Bonds, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and owner equity.

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"The Redevelopment Agency is pleased to partner with Councilman Andrews and the Long Beach Unified School District in transforming a vacant lot into a beautifully designed green space that will enhance Poly High's presence on Pacific Coast Highway," said Craig Beck, Executive Director of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency. "The project is a mix of art and ecology – of nature and culture joined together to beautify the corridor."

For over 45 years, the mission of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency has been to enhance the quality of life by improving blighted areas of Long Beach, revitalizing neighborhoods, promoting economic development, creating jobs, providing affordable housing and encouraging citizen participation

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On January 28th the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency demolished a blighted auto-repair shop in the 4800 block of Long Beach Boulevard, as part of a larger project that included the demolition of several crime-ridden motels in October 2007.

The RDA acquired the properties in 2007, and all tenants have been relocated to comparable or, in some cases, significantly improved locations. Plans are still being developed for the site, which falls within the North Long Beach Strategic Guide.

"Today's demolition of the auto shop is the final step in clearing the way for a new development that will help revitalize this area," said Craig Beck, Executive Director of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency. "Removing these blighted properties has been a goal of ours for some time, and today we can celebrate another milestone in the Agency's work towards building a better Long Beach."

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The RDA worked with area residents to develop a vision for North Long Beach that includes the transformation of the site, located at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. The RDA issued a Request for Proposals in September 2007, and several developers recently presented their proposals to the RDA Board for consideration. Among the proposals were plans for a full service restaurant, a variety of retail stores, a financial institution and a food court with outdoor seating.

"By partnering with area residents, the RDA was able to determine what type of development the community wanted in this area," stated Craig Beck, Executive Director of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency. "We are now looking at several exciting proposals that include high quality retail, dining and banking services for this site."

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City Prosecutor

562-570-5600 The City Prosecutor prosecutes all criminal cases arising from misdemeanor violations of City ordinances or State laws.

Community Development

562-570-6841 The Department seeks to actively enhance and maintain housing opportunities in the City and to promote quality neighborhoods and a strong economic base for the City and all of its people. - Housing Authority

- Housing Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Property Services
- Redevelopment
- Economic Development

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- Workforce Development

Financial Management

562-570-6237 The Department of Financial Management administers the financial affairs of the City and serves as primary financial adviser to the City Manager. - Accounting & Budget

- Purchasing
- Treasury
- Commercial Servi

Civil Service

562-570-6202 The Civil Service Department assists in the employment process to recruit, test, and place the best qualified and most capable people to perform City jobs.

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Long Beach, CA – On Saturday, March 22, 2008, Long Beach City Councilmember Dee Andrews (6th District) lead the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (Agency) as construction crews paved dirt alley on 14th street, East of Olive and West from Myrtle. Paving of the dirt will extend through the north end of the alley.

"We're revitalizing this community one alley, one street, one neighborhood at a time," stated Councilman Andrews. "This may not be a big stretch of road, but every road leads to somewhere, and this one leads to a cleaner, brighter and better Long Beach," concluded Andrews.

The Agency investment in the project is approximately \$60,000, with the City's Public Works department contributing another \$40,000. The alley is located in the Redevelopment Agency's Central Project Area, and is part of the Agency's larger effort to revitalize the community with a mix of new housing, parks, and infrastructure upgrades.

"The residents of this area have wanted this alley paved for years," stated Craig Beck, Executive Director of the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency. "Under the leadership of Councilman Andrews, we are finally able to provide this necessary upgrade, which is part of a larger effort to revitalize this community, continued Beck.

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