

Sonoma County Housing Coalition
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Sonoma County Housing Coalition Announces Grand Opening Ceremony for Windsor Redwoods

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Windsor, CA – Burbank Housing Celebrates Affordable Housing Week with the Grand Opening Ceremony for Windsor Redwoods

Confirmed Speakers: Cathy Creswell, Acting Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development; Mayor Steve Allen; Kathleen Kane, Executive Director, Sonoma County Community Development Commission; John Chan, Vice President, U.S. Bank Commercial Real Estate; Anne Simpson, Aegon US Realty Advisors; Tom Kuhn, Senior Project Manager, Burbank Housing Development Corporation

Burbank Housing will celebrate the grand opening of Windsor Redwoods at 6065 Old Redwood Highway on May 11th, with financial partners Town of Windsor, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, County of Sonoma Department of Health Services Mental Health, California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, California Housing Finance Agency, California Municipal Finance Authority, California Community Reinvestment Corporation, Aegon USA Realty Advisors, and US Bank.

Windsor Redwoods is a high-quality development that enhances the surrounding neighborhood and provides decent and long-term affordable housing opportunities for a

wide and diverse cross section of Windsor households. Rents are affordable to households earning between 30% and 60% of area median income. Annual incomes will range from about \$10,000 to about \$60,000. Rents range from \$415 to \$1,035 depending on household income and apartment size. Eight apartments will be set aside as permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and their families.

The design includes one, two, and three-bedroom apartments in attractive two and three-story stucco buildings. The community building includes a laundry facility containing energy efficient washers, offices for onsite managers, and an adjacent tot lot. Two and three-bedroom apartments have a dishwasher and washer/dryer hookups. Two-bedroom townhouses and three-bedroom apartments have two baths. Apartments are good sized and have enough windows for good natural light.

As with all Burbank Housing properties, Windsor Redwoods is well built, attractively and functionally designed, and well managed to improve the lives of the residents and enhance the entire neighborhood. An onsite maintenance shop will provide care for the community's buildings and grounds.

Burbank Housing's community services staff will assess the community's needs, organize and oversee onsite programs, and connect residents to outside community services. Programs often include homework clubs, English as a Second Language classes, job placement referral services, nutrition classes, and youth recreational activities. These programs will be available to neighbors in the Windsor Redwoods community.

Windsor Redwoods has a Build-It-Green Greenpoints checklist rating of 135 Greenpoints; the Town's minimum requirement is 50 Greenpoints. Planned green design elements include passive solar building orientation, Low E glass, Energy Star appliances, solar panels, and water efficient fixtures, including tankless water heaters, bio-swales for storm water filtration, drought tolerant landscaping, and water-conserving irrigation. It is anticipated that the project will achieve 35% better efficiency than current State requirements.

Burbank Housing is a private nonprofit corporation working in cooperation with all local governments in Sonoma County. In its 31-year history of developing and managing affordable multifamily residential communities, Burbank Housing has developed over 2500 affordable apartments and over 700 owner-occupied homes.

<http://www.burbankhousing.org>

“Sonoma County Housing Coalition, sponsor of Affordable Housing Week, is a group of over 100 housing interests working year-round to provide housing for low and moderate income County residents.”

For more information on the SCHC please follow this link to their website.

<http://affordablehousingsonomacounty.org/>

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