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New Affordable Housing Community by Affirmed Housing Group Holds Opening Ceremony

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A brand new affordable housing community recently held an official grand opening in the presence of a number of local officials and backers. The Lotus Garden Apartments is Affirmed Housing Group's latest affordable residential project in the L.A. metro area. The ceremony was attended by Councilman Gilbert A. Cedillo, the President and CEO of Affirmed Housing Group, James Silverwood, as well as Rushmore Cervantes, the executive director of the HCIDLA.

The all-affordable housing complex is located at 715-721 Yale Street and offers 60 units of residential space catered to families earning between 30 and 60 percent of the area's median income. The community will include 15 studio units, 15 one-bedroom apartments, 10 two-bedroom apartments, as well as 20 three-bedroom apartments.

Lotus Garden Apartments will offer its residents an amenity package including a rooftop recreation area with panoramic views of the city, a tot lot, a barbecue area, and gardening plots; there will be a total of 4,000 square feet of open space. The ground level of the building will feature a community room, a computer lab and the management office occupying a total of 2,200 square feet.



Built to include a number of environmentally friendly fixtures such as high-efficiency boilers and solar water heating, the project will also aim to receive LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, and it will feature SoCal's first Harding Steel CARMATRIX parking system. The innovative system maximizes the use of space and number of cars that can be stored and will hold a total of 63 vehicles. CARMATRIX is a semi-automated process wherein residents park their vehicles on platforms that then move vertically and horizontally for a stacking effect. Other advantages of the system are the fact that it will only take up to 60 percent of the space a normal parking garage would, while maintenance and operation costs amount to a mere \$100/month.

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