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CITY TO HOST TOUR OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo's Community Development Department will conduct a tour of affordable housing projects prior to the May 17, 2005 City Council meeting.

The purpose of the tour is to give council members and the general public an opportunity to see the accomplishments of the City as well as to provide an update on affordable housing in Vallejo in general.

"While the Mayor and Council get to see the paperwork and vote on projects, they don't get to see the project they approve first-hand and see the people they are assisting first-hand" said Gary Truelsen, Housing and Community Development Program Manager for the City of Vallejo. "I'm certain they will be proud of the quality of these developments and the way they have been maintained."

The tour is also being held in recognition of Affordable Housing Week in the City of Vallejo, Truelsen added.

"Above and beyond that the City has invested a significant amount of money in quality affordable housing the last several years," Truelsen said. "We've also been working to satisfy the Buchongo settlement agreement, which required the city provide 425 units of affordable housing."

Truelsen said the City appears to be eight units shy of meeting that goal.

The tour will include visits to 20 locations and includes stops at several different projects – Marina Towers at 600 Sacramento St., Vallejo Neighborhood Housing Services at 600 Lemon St., Sereno Village at 750 Sereno Drive, and Redwood Shores at 400 Redwood St.

"We'll be looking at older developments as well as newer ones," Truelsen said. "I think the council will be happy with the fact they are helping people in need, as well as the high level of quality of these projects."

Tour locations include:
Marina Towers, 601 Sacramento Street; Casa de Vallejo, 1825 Sonoma Blvd.; Marina Heights, 135 Carolina St.; Ascension Arms, 301 Butte St.; Marina Vista I, 601 Sacramento St.; Vallejo Neighborhood Housing Services (VNHS) Office, 610 Lemon St.; VNHS Lake Dalwigk Townhouses, 601 Fifth St.; Diane Orozco/Homebuyer, 606 Sonoma Blvd.; Windrush Hills, 969 Porter St.; Sea Breeze, 100 Larissa Lane; Avian Glen and Blue Rock Village, 1900 & 2000 Ascot Parkway; Fountain Plaza Hills, 300 Hilary Way; Mission Terracina, 2700 Tuolumne St.; Beales/Homebuyer, 111 Pacific Court; Patricia Coleman/Homebuyer, 441 Sandstone; Sereno Village, 750 Sereno Drive;
Redwood Shores, 400 Redwood St.; Bayview Vista, 445 Redwood St.; Solano Vista, 40 Valle Vista Ave.

Space is limited. Media members wishing to reserve a spot on the tour should contact Guy Ricca at 648-4395.