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42-Unit Affordable Housing Community in Barrio Logan Redevelopment Project Area Set to Open

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San Diego--Gateway Apartments, a 42-unit affordable housing complex located in the Barrio Logan Redevelopment Project Area near downtown San Diego, will open on June 5.

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, City Councilmember Ben Hueso, and representatives of the city's redevelopment agency are expected to attend the opening.



Situated at 1605 Logan Ave. and 16th St., the community features four stories built over a two-level underground garage as well as a separate community building with a clubhouse, computer learning center with free Internet access, and other amenities.

Gateway, developed by nonprofit developer **Las Palmas Foundation**, offers 17 two-bedroom as well as 25 three-bedroom units, ranging from 860 to 1,100 sq. ft. All apartments will be reserved for households earning between 30 and 60 percent of the area median income (AMI) for San Diego County, as published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Monthly rents range from \$498 to \$1,189.

The project features BBQ areas, tot lot and gated access. Residents will also have access to a variety of free on-site services, including after-school programs and computer education.

“This is a very effective program for responding to the health and safety needs of constituents in blighted neighborhoods,” says Councilmember Hueso. “Through projects like Gateway in Barrio Logan, we are responding to a movement that originated in the 1970s that sought to reclaim our neighborhoods from toxic industrialization.”

Gateway is the first new workforce housing to be built in Barrio Logan in several years. “It will also help address the severe shortage of affordable housing for working families in high-cost cities like San Diego,” says Michael Costa, president of MCA Housing Partners. “Three-bedroom apartments are in particularly short supply for growing families. Most of the larger units in the area are located in older buildings, with far fewer

amenities than this community offers,” Costa adds.

The \$20.7 million project received combined allocations of \$11.37 million in federal and state low-income housing tax credits. John Maple Architects designed the community, which includes murals and mosaics (pictured) created by local artists in conjunction with the community arts council.

