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Affordable apartments added to Barrio Logan

Los Vientos Apartments, an 89-unit affordable housing project built by developer **Las Palmas Foundation** and partners, will have a grand opening ceremony and tour of the property on Oct. 7, beginning at 11 a.m. The apartments are at 1629 and 1668 National Ave. in the Barrio Logan Redevelopment Project Area near Downtown San Diego. Assemblywoman Mary Salas, Mayor Jerry Sanders and City Council President Ben Hueso will speak. Officials from the development partnership will attend, including Percy Vaz, president and CEO of AMCAL MultiHousing Inc., a real estate developer; and Joseph Michaels, president of Encinitas-based Las Palmas Foundation.

Los Vientos' contemporary Spanish development is built on two parcels of 1.04 acres. The complex features two U-shaped, four-story structures above a single-level underground garage as well as a 1,400-square-foot community clubhouse featuring a computer learning center with free Internet access. Amenities include two children's play areas, barbecue area and gated access. Residents will have access to a variety of free on-site services, including after-school programming and computer education.

Los Vientos provides 50 two-bedroom, 35 three-bedroom and four four-bedroom units, ranging from 752 square feet to 1,225 square feet. All apartments are set aside for households earning between 30 percent and 60 percent of the area median income for San Diego County as published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Monthly rents range from \$450 to \$1,374.

The Redevelopment Agency of the city of San Diego provided \$8.3 million in financing. The project also received an allocation of \$17.6 million in federal low-income housing tax credits and \$5.4 million from the California Community Reinvestment Corp. AVR Studio designed Los Vientos, which includes a mural created by a local artist Ruben Seja, to help pay tribute to nearby Chicano Park. Los Vientos is designed to LEED Silver standards with features that include a rainwater harvesting system and panelized framing to increase construction quality and decrease waste.