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**Federal Stimulus Funds Help Build Innovative Supportive Housing in Fremont**  
***Groundbreaking at Main Street Village, a joint development of Allied Housing and Mid-Peninsula Housing***

**May 11, 2010 – Fremont, CA** – Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will join affordable housing leaders today to celebrate the groundbreaking of Main Street Village, an apartment community jointly developed by Allied Housing and Mid-Peninsula Housing. The ceremony begins at 4:00pm at 3615 Main St., Fremont. The groundbreaking is one of many events taking place during Affordable Housing Week 2010.

Main Street Village is a response to the tremendous need for affordable housing to help address and prevent homelessness in Alameda County where over 6,000 people are homeless on any given night and 43% of these are families with children.

Expected to open in late 2011, Main Street Village is an innovative supportive housing community that will provide 64 homes for very low-income individuals and families, including those who have been homeless or have faced mental health challenges. Supportive housing is a housing model that has been proven effective by combining permanent housing with a wide variety of on-site social services will allow residents to thrive and establish stable lives.

“Main Street Village is a shining example of how affordable housing can help catalyze the revitalization of neighborhoods,” said Mayor Bob Wasserman. “This beautiful development will be the cornerstone of a vibrant Main Street that will have a positive impact on the whole Irvington District.”

“Alameda County is committed to eliminating homelessness through our EveryOne Home plan. Main Street Village will be a model for helping people create stable lives, starting with high-quality housing—not just a stopping place, but a real, permanent home,” said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

Main Street Village will include 17 generously sized studios with full kitchens, 17 one-bedroom, 20 two-bedroom, and 10 three-bedroom apartments. The community also features many

amenities including a landscaped courtyard, a community garden, tot lot, basketball court, barbecue area, computer lab, community room, and rooms for residents to meet with social services staff. The development will enliven the neighborhood with ground-floor offices facing Main Street, which will be occupied by Abode Services.

The buildings feature an attractive contemporary design by JSW/D architects and include many green measures. Tankless water heaters, photovoltaic panels, high-performance windows, Energy Star appliances, water-efficient fixtures, and Bay-Friendly drought tolerant landscaping are among the project's sustainability features. Main Street Village has been designed to earn a GreenPoint rating of at least 160 points, well above the threshold for certification by Build It Green, which administers the GreenPoint system. The general contractor building the project is Devcon, Inc.

On-site supportive services including wellness classes, mental health service coordination, financial literacy training, and an after-school program will be provided by Abode Services and will be supplemented by services provided by Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services. Property Management will be provided by Mid-Peninsula Housing Management.

Funds from the Federal Stimulus Program provided 70% of the financing for Main Street Village as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"Thanks to the support of President Obama and Congress, we were able to move this development forward," said Matthew O. Franklin, President of Mid-Peninsula Housing. "In economically challenging times, securing funding for a community as innovative as Main Street Village is a testimony to the strength of partnership. We are proud to partner with Allied and Abode once again to expand Mid-Pen's housing portfolio in Fremont."

This is the second joint venture of Allied Housing/Abode Services and Mid-Peninsula Housing in Fremont. Since 2005 the partners have been successfully providing formerly homeless families with permanent housing at the Rotary BridgeWay apartments and the adjacent Howard Collins apartments.

"Our vision for Main Street Village is a place where people who have experienced homelessness or other challenges are able to participate fully in the life of our community," said Louis Chicoine, Executive Director of Allied Housing and Abode Services. "Through exceptional housing design, quality supportive services, as well as principle-based property management, these residents will be able to successfully thrive in our community. We are very excited about the possibilities of this transformative housing model."

Financing for the development was provided by the Fremont Redevelopment Agency, City of Fremont Community Development Block Grant funds, Alameda County HOME funds, Project-based Section 8 funds from the Housing Authority of Alameda County, State of California Mental Health Services Act funds (Proposition 63), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

funds administered by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the Sobrato Family Foundation and the Opportunity Fund, and Wells Fargo Bank.

The apartments will serve families with incomes no greater than 30% to 50% of Area Median Income, or roughly \$27,000 to \$45,000 for a family of four. The single-person households are expected to earn less than \$18,000 a year. Rents will range from \$203 for the least expensive studio to \$1,093 for the most expensive three-bedroom unit.

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**Note to Editors:** Drawings of the planned apartments are available; please contact Beth Fraker at 650-356-2913 or [bfraker@midpen-housing.org](mailto:bfraker@midpen-housing.org) to request.

#### **About Allied Housing**

Allied Housing is in a strategic alliance with Abode Services to develop affordable housing that specializes in housing that is affordable to families and households with special needs, such as persons with disabilities or households moving out of homelessness. For further information visit: <http://www.abodeservices.org/allied.html>

#### **About Abode Services**

Since 1989, Abode Services has assisted low-income, un-housed people to secure stable, supportive housing; and to be advocates for the removal of the causes of homelessness. Abode Services will be the service provider at the Main Street site. For further information visit: [www.abodeservices.org](http://www.abodeservices.org)

#### **About Mid-Peninsula Housing**

It is the mission of Mid-Peninsula Housing to provide safe, affordable housing of high quality to those in need; to establish stability and opportunity in the lives of residents; and to foster diverse communities that allow people from all ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds to live in dignity, harmony and mutual respect. Since 1970, Mid-Pen has developed and professionally managed thousands of homes for low-income families, seniors and those with special needs. For more information visit: [www.midpen-housing.org](http://www.midpen-housing.org)