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## **Renovated affordable housing development brings San José closer to ending homelessness while fighting neighborhood blight**

SAN JOSE, Calif. – With one vote at the dais, the City of San José took steps towards permanently housing 15 homeless residents while also preventing neighborhood blight and supporting efforts to protect the environment. Today, the City Council approved the lease of two multifamily developments to the Downtown Streets Team, a nonprofit organization that employs a “work first” model to move homeless residents into permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

In 2009, the City purchased the two properties with its first installment of federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSPI) funds. These federal stimulus funds were awarded to the City to combat neighborhood blight brought on by the foreclosure crisis while also developing housing affordable to San José’s very low-income households. At the time of the City’s purchase, the two properties had already been foreclosed on. The City used additional NSPI funds to rehabilitate the properties including structural upgrades and energy-efficient green-building features.

The homeless residents selected to move into the properties will all have an exceptional participation and work history in the Downtown Streets Team’s San José based programs. These programs include the City’s Clean Creeks, Health Communities pilot program which cleans up debris and illegal dumpsites along an almost five-mile stretch of the Coyote Creek environmental habitat. The properties will also house an on-site manager, also a formerly homeless member of the Downtown Streets Team, and all of the residents will receive on-going case management services.

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