



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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# **EL MONTE CELEBRATES GROUND BREAKING FOR WELLNESS-FOCUSED SENIOR HOUSING AT GARVEY COURT**

**WHAT:** In a time of statewide budget deficits, cuts to social services, and high unemployment, the City of El Monte is proud to announce the ground breaking for Garvey Court, a project that symbolizes the creative collaboration of the local government and the private sector to address the housing and health needs of seniors despite these complicated economic times.

The downturn in the economy initially presented difficulty in the financing and development of Garvey Court. However, the City Council, determined to help build the 68-unit, wellness-focused, sustainably-built community for seniors, held a hearing that ultimately led to a tax credit that facilitated development of the project.

The four-story residential complex, with affordable senior apartments, will also house a 3,500 square foot senior community center, an on-site wellness center with instructional kitchen, and a community garden with a public art installation and green courtyards. In addition, 25% of the units will be reserved for frequent users of the County health system.

Please join members of the El Monte City Council, as well as local, state, and federal healthcare, housing and neighborhood development officials, community supporters, and project partners in celebrating this exciting project. To RSVP, or for more information, please call (626) 580-2001.

**WHO:** Mayor Pro Tem Patricia A. Wallach, Councilmembers Juventino “J” Gomez, Emily Ishigaki, and Norma Macias; Domus Development; Fred Ortega, District Director to Congresswoman Judy Chu; Lois Adams, Los Angeles County Housing Authority; and Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** 10117 E. Garvey Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731  
(NOTE: Street parking on Garvey is limited. Additional parking on Bodger Street, one block north of Garvey)

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