



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

April 10, 2018

### **Charities Housing Breaks Ground on New Affordable Senior Housing Community in Cupertino**

**What:** On April 19, 2018, Charities Housing—an award-winning nonprofit that develops, owns, and manages affordable housing communities in Santa Clara County—will celebrate the groundbreaking of The Veranda, its newest affordable housing development for seniors.

**Who:**

- Mark Mikl, Board Chair, Charities Housing
- County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors District 5 County Supervisor Joe Simitian
- City of Cupertino Councilmember Savita Vaidhyanathan
- Representative from Assemblymember Evan Low's office Aditi Shakkarwar
- Representative from Assemblymember Ash Kalra's Office Teresa Yolotl Gomez
- Wells Fargo Vice President Lori Saito
- Housing Trust Silicon Valley Chief Lending Officer Jim Mather

**Why:** Low-income seniors who live on a fixed income need more options for affordable housing units in Santa Clara County. Charities Housing's mission is to develop, manage, and preserve high quality affordable housing for low-income individuals and their families. Through enhanced property management and structures resident involvement, Charities Housing contributes to the highest standards of human dignity and participation in our community.

**When:** Thursday, April 19, 2018, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

**Where:** The Veranda, 19160 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014

**RSVP:** Please let us know if you will attend, email [aramos@catholiccharitiesscc.org](mailto:aramos@catholiccharitiesscc.org)

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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



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San Jose, CA (April 19, 2018) – On April 19, 2018, Charities Housing – an award-winning nonprofit that develops, owns, and manages affordable housing communities in Santa Clara County – will celebrate the groundbreaking of The Veranda, its newest affordable housing development for seniors.

The groundbreaking ceremony will include Mark Mikl, Board Chair, Charities Housing; County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors District 5 County Supervisor Joe Simitian; City of Cupertino Councilmember Savita Vaidhyanathan; Representative from Assemblymember Evan Low’s office Aditi Shakkarwar; Representative from Assemblymember Ash Kalra’s Office Teresa Yolotl Gomez; Wells Fargo Vice President Lori Saito; and Housing Trust Silicon Valley Chief Lending Officer Jim Mather.

“Charities Housing recognizes that affordable housing is essential to help foster and maintain an equitable, diversified, and inclusive community,” said Dan Wu, Executive Director of Charities Housing. “We are thankful for the opportunity and support that our public and private partners have afforded us. We look forward to continuing to provide high quality affordable housing in Santa Clara County.”

The Veranda community contains 18-studio apartments intended to serve the senior population (62+), and a two-bedroom staff unit. Each studio is approximately 350 square feet and features energy efficient kitchen appliances, ADA accessible bathrooms with water efficient fixtures, heating and air conditioning, and a private patio or balcony.

The community amenities include an outdoor terrace, community events room with a kitchen, laundry room, and a spacious lobby. Public transit, grocery store, health clinic, and parks are all located near the development.

Set in a prime location in Cupertino (19160 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino, CA 95014), The Veranda is directly across the street from the new Main Street Cupertino, with numerous retail stores and restaurants. The property is also well served by public transportation.

The property’s intended residents will be seniors aged 62 or older. Through the 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing Bond, Santa Clara County, six of the apartments will be reserved as permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless/special needs seniors. The Veranda is one of the first projects in the County to have been awarded the Measure A funds.

“We are excited that our Charities Housing will be able to provide vulnerable seniors in Cupertino with a beautiful and affordable energy efficient home located in a development that is community-oriented,” said Gregory R. Kepferle, President of Charities Housing and CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County. “We can’t wait to see how living at The Veranda will change their lives for good.”

The .56-acre site development site was acquired in June 2016 and received entitlements in June 2017, with unanimous approval from the City of Cupertino's Planning Commission and City Council. Construction is expected to begin at the end of April with completion expected within 12 months. 100% occupancy will be achieved by May 2019.

Development partners include: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, City of Cupertino, County of Santa Clara - 2016 Measure A Affordable Housing Bond, Housing Authority of Santa Clara County, Housing Trust Silicon Valley, and Wells Fargo.

For more information about income restrictions and how to apply for a unit at The Veranda, please visit [www.charitieshousing.org/the-veranda](http://www.charitieshousing.org/the-veranda).

### **About Charities Housing**

For many years, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County knew one of the most significant needs of many people receiving services was affordable housing. As a result, they formed Charities Housing in 1993 to address that need.

The mission of Charities Housing is to develop, manage, and preserve high quality affordable housing for low-income individuals and their families. Through enhanced property management and structures resident involvement, Charities Housing contributes to the highest standards of human dignity and participation in our community.

Today, Charities Housing oversees the management and operation of over 1,200 units in eight cities throughout Santa Clara County and provides multiple resident services through a range of non-profit partners. Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County continues to remain involved by providing Supportive Housing services to residents of Charities Housing communities.

To learn more, please visit [www.charitieshousing.org](http://www.charitieshousing.org).

### **About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County**

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County has worked to strengthen families and build economic self-reliance for the poor and vulnerable in the county for more than 62 years. Each year, more than 500 employees and 1,000 volunteers serve more than 38,000 individuals of all cultures and beliefs through 34 programs. Program areas include behavioral health, youth and family services, economic development, employment, housing, immigration legal services, older adult services, refugee resettlement, refugee foster care, emergency services and more. Catholic Charities is working to reduce poverty with social change goals that target the alleviation, prevention, and reduction of poverty in our communities.

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