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Apartment Community for Adults with Disabilities Closes Escrow in Los Angeles

Cornerstone Housing for Adults with Disabilities in partnership with ETTA pioneer a revolutionary housing model in Pico-Robertson

LOS ANGELES — On Thursday, September 10, 2020, Cornerstone Housing for Adults with Disabilities closed escrow on [9224 W. Pico Blvd.](#) for the development of The Village, an inclusive apartment community.

The Village is a revolutionary model for housing that empowers residents who have intellectual and developmental differences (IDD) to live active, independent and enriched lives, while also addressing Los Angeles' need for more housing options.

The Village is Cornerstone's first community. ETTA, a leader in the disabilities field, will be one of the service providers available to residents.

The mixed-use development is being built with a range of supportive features for people who live with IDD. Residents will enjoy individualized services that affirm autonomy and choice, social and educational programming that build life skills, and vocational and recreational opportunities through community connections around greater Los Angeles and beyond.

The cutting-edge complex will include options for studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom luxury apartments, as well as mindful-living amenities and engaging communal spaces. A retail space, planned for the ground floor, will bring vocational opportunity and add to the building's robust energy.

"The Village will change lives and transform our community in Pico-Robertson and well beyond," said ETTA Executive Director and Cornerstone Senior Advisor Dr. Held, whose vision inspired The Village. "This is a big step toward the full integration of people with intellectual and developmental differences. We are building a community that provides opportunities for *everyone* to thrive and grow."

"The Village will provide much-needed services and housing in our community. F&M Bank is grateful for the opportunity to assist local businesses and community members to thrive and grow, just as we have been since 1907," said Jeffery R. Spinelli-Faris, Sr. Vice President at Farmers & Merchants Bank, which is helping finance the project.

About The Village: The Village is an inclusive apartment community in the heart of Los Angeles that brings together residents with developmental disabilities, neighbors and businesses to make an inspired statement about the unique value of every person. To learn more, visit www.TheCornerstoneVillage.org.

About ETTA: ETTA is a leading service provider in the disabilities community, providing a full spectrum of services, rooted in Jewish values, to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Los Angeles. To learn more, visit www.ETTA.org.

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