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Grand Reopening & Rededication of 666 Ellis Street

Supportive Housing Revitalized to Better Serve 120 Senior and Disabled San Franciscans

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – (May 24, 2018) On Thursday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m., [Community Housing Partnership](#) will celebrate the grand reopening and rededication of 666 Ellis Street, a recently acquired and rehabilitated residence serving elderly and disabled households in San Francisco.

As part of the citywide effort to transform public housing, and the organization's commitment to serving more members of the community, Community Housing Partnership revitalized this 99-unit, 13-story property serving seniors and disabled individuals. This building was renovated under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which allowed for a voluntary, permanent conversion of public housing to privately-owned, permanently affordable housing. SF RAD is the nation's largest affordable housing project, funded with over \$2 billion from Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

The renovation of 666 Ellis Street included the replacement of unit interior fixtures and finishes, reconfigured management and staff offices, building system upgrades including elevator modernization and fire/life safety, accessibility upgrades, and new exterior landscaping. In addition, building maintenance and operations were improved. Most importantly, no residents were permanently relocated during the renovation.

Community Housing Partnership owns, maintains, and provides resident and clinical service programs for the 120 seniors and disabled individuals who reside at 666 Ellis Street. These programs – spanning everything from case management, one-on-one counseling, community workshops, health assessments, treatment planning, crisis intervention, and more – are aimed at supporting residents aging in place and promoting self-sufficiency.

"This has been an incredibly impactful project for all of us at Community Housing Partnership, as well as for our residents," said Gail Gilman, Chief Executive Officer of Community Housing Partnership. "We are proud to have participated in the late Mayor Lee's vision of rehabilitating San Francisco public housing – having non-profit developers become stewards of these important properties, and creating thriving communities throughout our entire city."

"The reopening of the newly rehabilitated 666 Ellis Street ensures that elderly and disabled San Franciscans are able to afford the City they call home," said Mayor Mark Farrell. "Our effort to transform public housing has been successful because of public-private partnerships and a commitment across the board to keep San Francisco a diverse and equitable City."

"Many thanks to Community Housing Partnership, HUD, San Francisco Housing Authority and Bank of America for their tremendous efforts in making 666 Ellis Street's transformation a great success," said Kate Hartley, Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

The rehabilitation architect overseeing these renovations was Paulett Taggart Architects, and D&H Construction served as the general contractor. Financial partners included Bank of America Merrill Lynch, the Mayor's Office of Housing & Community Development, San Francisco Housing Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, and Freddie Mac Multifamily. California Housing Partnership Corporation provided financial consulting and Community Housing Partnership was represented by Armando Vasquez for construction management services.



Expected speakers at today's celebration include: Gail Gilman, Chief Executive Officer, Community Housing Partnership; Mayor Mark Farrell, San Francisco City and County; Supervisor Jane Kim, District 6, San Francisco; Eduardo Cabrera, Region IX Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Barbara Smith, Acting Executive Director San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA); Thong Nguyen, San Francisco-East Bay Market President, Bank of America; and resident of 666 Ellis Street, Paul Trubey.

ABOUT COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Founded in 1990, Community Housing Partnership is an award-winning San Francisco nonprofit dedicated to helping homeless people secure housing and become self-sufficient. As a dynamic service organization, Community Housing Partnership pairs affordable housing with support services, employment preparation, job training, a transitional employment social enterprise, and community organizing activities. Together these services offer San Francisco's most-vulnerable residents a direct pathway from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Community Housing Partnership utilizes safe, stable housing as a platform to deliver services to clients which help promote both increased self-sufficiency as well as long-term retention of housing. Community Housing Partnership owns, manages, or provides services at 17 buildings with over 1,300 units and has more than 240 additional units in development. Community Housing Partnership's housing and services annually impact the lives of over 1,700 formerly homeless adults, seniors, veterans, and children.

Visit chp-sf.org to learn more about how Community Housing Partnership is leading the charge to provide long-term solutions for homelessness in San Francisco. Follow Community Housing Partnership on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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