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**JGFDS-PR-293 BOARD APPROVES FUNDS FOR RIALTO HOUSING PROJECT
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Funding approved for Rialto affordable housing project

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved additional funding for a City of Rialto affordable housing project during the Feb. 26 board meeting. The board’s decision effectively partners with the City in support of the final construction of the last two four-plex apartments in part of a fourteen-building rehabilitation project headed by the City of Rialto.

The board’s action secures the fully funded completion of the project, which will then offer affordable housing to the public from the newly renovated units.

The City of Rialto Housing Authority worked with a local developer to acquire fourteen buildings within the 300 west block of Jackson Street, a target area for the County’s Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The purpose behind the acquisition was to undertake a major revitalization of an impacted neighborhood, known as the Park Place Apartment Community Project.

“The County partnership with the City is creating a renaissance for this once troubled neighborhood,” said City of Rialto Housing Programs Manager, John Dutrey.

A similar concept was implemented in the Willow-Winchester area, which was redeveloped into an affordable housing complex now called Citrus Grove of Rialto. That project, which included County, state and federal funds, transformed the aging neighborhood into 152 refurbished affordable apartments and resulted in an 68 percent drop in overall crime according to city officials.

“This project is a prime example of what can be achieved when collaboration is upheld through active partnerships amongst local government agencies,” said Supervisor Josie Gonzales. “We must continue to serve the public and operate with a collective purpose in order to achieve the Countywide Vision.”

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