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First Tiny Home Village in San Gabriel Valley for Unhoused Families to Open in Baldwin Park

*Senator Susan Rubio to Present \$30 Million Check to Fund Construction of
Affordable Housing Projects and Homeless Shelters in the Region*

WHAT: Community members and officials will gather to mark the opening of Serenity Homes, a new village of tiny homes catering to the needs of families experiencing homelessness in the City of Baldwin Park. The family bridge housing project developed through a partnership among the City of Baldwin Park, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, is the first shelter of its kind specifically for families in the San Gabriel Valley, and the City's second tiny home village following the opening of the 25-unit Esperanza Villa in November 2021.

The site consists of 16 fully-furnished, heated and air-conditioned modular units located on a 28,000 square-foot property the City purchased earlier this year. The 144-square-foot units are intended to provide temporary bridge housing for an average anticipated family size of three individuals for approximately three to six months before placement into permanent housing. On-site services provided include case management and health and mental health services as well as three daily meals, restrooms, laundry and shower facilities, and a computer room to facilitate homework and job training. The site operator, City Net, will provide staffing 24 hours a day.

The SGVRHT provided \$1.25 million for site preparation and the purchase of the shelters and facilities. The City provided approximately \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Funds and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority contributed \$478,000 for operations.

During a special presentation, California State Senator Susan Rubio will present an oversized check representing \$30 million in direct funding for the SGVRHT secured in the 2022-2023 state budget to support the construction of affordable housing developments and homeless housing in the San Gabriel Valley. There will also be special recognition of IKEA for donating nearly \$30,000 worth of furniture to the shelter.

WHEN: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 24, 2022

WHERE: 13167 Garvey Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706. Street parking is available on Fairgrove Ave. adjacent to site.

WHO: Senator Susan Rubio; Claremont Mayor Jed Leano, Chair, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust; Monrovia Mayor Becky Shevlin, President, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada, Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Damian, Councilmembers Alejandra Avila, Monica Garcia and Paul C. Hernandez, and other community officials; Brad Fieldhouse, City Net; Vanessa Pasillas, IKEA

VISUALS: Dignitaries speaking, recognition of IKEA donation, oversized check presentation of \$30 million in state funding, ceremonial ribbon cutting, photo ops with elected officials; media will be able to tour the 16-unit tiny home village