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Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano to Tour Baldwin Park Tiny Home Villages Thursday, October 13

Baldwin Park, CA – BALDWIN PARK, CA – This Thursday, Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano (D-EI Monte) will visit Baldwin Park to tour the San Gabriel Valley’s first tiny home village, [Esperanza Villa](#), and Baldwin Park’s newest tiny home village dedicated to unhoused families, [Serenity Homes](#), which opened in late September.

“We’re excited to share with Congresswoman Napolitano how Serenity Homes and Esperanza Villa can be models for expanding homeless services and addressing the unique needs of unhoused people in cities across America,” said Baldwin Park Mayor [Emmanuel J. Estrada](#), who will be the Congresswoman’s guide this Thursday. “Rep. Napolitano has been a longtime advocate for the unhoused community and friend of Baldwin Park and we thank her for her continued support.”

Since opening last November, Esperanza Villa – located at 14173 Garvey Avenue in Baldwin Park – has transitioned five of its tenants into permanent housing. The Pallet shelters in the village provide residents with a safe, climate-controlled place to sleep, complete with a bed, storage space, utilities and an electrical outlet. Through funding and support from the [San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust](#) (SGVRHT), Esperanza Villa was developed in four months and is operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA), a provider of supportive services including case management, job training and connection to additional services.

Located at 13167 Garvey Avenue one mile away, Serenity Homes provides safety and comfort to families in 144 square foot units built by Boss Cubez and operated by City Net, which provides around-the-clock security, case management and connections to additional services. Climate controlled and featuring lighting, electrical outlets, twin bunk beds and a full size bed, the 16 tiny homes rest on a 28,000 square foot lot purchased by the City of Baldwin Park for \$2.15 million. Serenity Homes meets residents’ hygiene needs with onsite restroom, shower and laundry trailers and a computer room facilitates homework and job training. The City received \$400,000 in federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$478,080 from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for operations. SGVRHT contributed \$1.25 million for capital funding.

“I commend and congratulate the City of Baldwin Park for opening two tiny home villages within a year,” said Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano. “Our San Gabriel Valley cities know best the needs of their

residents, including the unhoused, and solutions like Serenity Homes and Esperanza Villa are having an immediate, positive impact on the quality of life in our region.”

About the City of Baldwin Park

Baldwin Park is a nearly seven-square-mile, suburban community of 72,000 residents in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. As the hub of the San Gabriel Valley, Baldwin Park is known for its ease of access and mobility, young and diverse residents, and vibrant, growing business community. For more information, visit baldwinpark.com or follow Baldwin Park on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA_)

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