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UNITY VIGIL IN SUPPORT OF PLAZA AMISTAD TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16 AT SANTA PAULA CITY HALL

Ventura, CA—The Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) plans to host a unity vigil for the community outside the Santa Paula City Council building on Monday, March 16th at 970 Ventura Street in Santa Paula. The vigil will take place at 6:00 p.m. before the City Council meeting which takes place at 6:30 p.m.

The unity vigil will be held in support of the Santa Paula Planning Commission's vote that took place on Monday, March 10 to approve CEDC's Plaza Amistad affordable residential development. More than 50 people are expected to attend the vigil and City Council meeting. Individuals in attendance will light candles, hold peace signs and listen to speakers who will pray for unity in Santa Paula, and who call upon City Council and other members of the community not to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission made on March 10.

“By inviting community members to a unity vigil and the City Council meeting, people will have an opportunity to show their appreciation of the Santa Paula Planning Commission in doing the right thing by approving the Plaza Amistad development on March 10,” says Karen Flock, CEDC's Director of Real Estate Development. “The unity vigil also gives community members the chance to show their support of Plaza Amistad and the vital service the community will gain from 150 beautiful, safe rental homes that will be affordable to working families in Santa Paula—and so needed in this downturn economy. The community will also get the opportunity to show their support of the City Council on Monday night in its anticipated approval of the development by not appealing the Planning Commission's wise decision.”

CEDC is a private non-profit community development corporation that provides comprehensive housing services, through a community building approach, in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Since its incorporation in 1981, CEDC has built more than 1,000 units of affordable for-sale and multi-family rental housing, manages 440 affordable rental units, and has helped more than 450 families into homeownership through education, counseling, and lending services. CEDC is a chartered member of NeighborWorks®, a national network of more than 220 community development and affordable housing organizations. This year marks CEDC's 28th year of operation.

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