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City, MidPen work toward more affordable housing

Fairfield, California (Thursday, January 24, 2019) – In December, the Fairfield Housing Authority approved two agreements with MidPen Housing that will pave the way for development of approximately 70 new, affordable housing units in 2020 to serve Fairfield residents.

The proposed affordable housing site is 3.5 acres of land adjacent to Dover Park that is owned by the Fairfield Housing Authority. The Fairfield Housing Authority and MidPen will conduct a broad-based community engagement effort to gather ideas, concerns, and input from the surrounding neighbors on the proposed development. In addition, residents will also be invited to provide public input into needed zoning changes and development approvals for the property.

“The Fairfield Housing Authority is excited to partner with MidPen Housing in bringing much-needed, new affordable housing to the community,” says David White, executive director of the Fairfield Housing Authority. “MidPen has owned and operated another property in Fairfield for almost 25 years and has a great understanding of the community’s needs and values. In MidPen, we get a recognized and respected nonprofit partner to help provide needed housing to Fairfield residents.”

The approved agreements direct how negotiations for a future land transfer and development will occur, and provide loan funding of \$1.3 million. This loan will fund required pre-development activities needed for permitting and other approvals in advance of construction such as community engagement, studies and reports, and site development plans. The Fairfield Housing Authority also authorized loaning up to \$700,000 to support project construction. Funding for these loans is from the Low Income Housing Assets Fund that by state law can only be spent on the development of affordable housing in Fairfield.

“We’re grateful for the opportunity to partner with the City of Fairfield and applaud their clear commitment to provide quality affordable housing to their residents,” said Jan Lindenthal, chief real estate development officer for MidPen Housing. “We look forward to engaging with community members over the coming months to hear what they envision for the site and incorporate their input into the design process.”

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About Fairfield Housing Authority

The Fairfield Housing Authority, located in Fairfield, California, is a public housing authority certified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. It currently serves over 850 participants in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and works with the City of Fairfield to help deliver affordable housing opportunities to the citizens of Fairfield. The City of Fairfield, California is located in Northern California and is the County seat of Solano County. Incorporated in 1903, its 2017 population was 116,266. Fairfield is generally considered the midpoint along Interstate 80 between the cities of San Francisco and Sacramento. Travis Air Force Base is located in Fairfield. Fairfield has over 6,000+ businesses including Jelly Belly, Anheuser-Busch and Westamerica Bancorporation

About MidPen Housing Corporation

It is the mission of MidPen Housing to provide safe, affordable housing of high quality to those in need; to establish stability and opportunity in the lives of residents; and to foster diverse communities that allow people from all ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds to live in dignity, harmony and mutual respect. Since 1970, MidPen has developed and professionally managed over 8,000 homes for low-income families, seniors and those with special needs. With offices in Foster City, Oakland, Santa Rosa and Watsonville, MidPen works in 11 Northern California counties. For more information visit: www.midpen-housing.org