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## **Transforming the Intersection of Waterman and Baseline**

### *Housing Authority Works to Revitalize Entire Neighborhood*

(San Bernardino, CA) The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) is working on revitalizing and transforming its' existing housing development at the intersection of Waterman Avenue and Baseline Street in San Bernardino to provide mixed-income housing, community services, and retail opportunities.

The goal of the redevelopment is to create, through a participatory process, a sustainable neighborhood that includes a variety of housing types in small community clusters that are knit into the fabric of the surrounding community. The existing development, built in 1943, consists of 252 family units and through the tentative new site design it will increase to approximately 400 units ranging from affordable to market rate, and designated units for seniors.

Even though community and child care services are now available on site, a larger community center will be built to include more space for recreation and education programs such as after school, daycare and early childhood development services, adult education, a computer lab, and recreational areas for an indoor gym and pool. More green space and parks will also be incorporated for basketball courts, soccer fields, and garden plots. The site will be open to the entire community to utilize at their leisure. The unit types will range from 1-4 bedroom apartments and townhomes, with private parking, onsite laundry facilities, private patios/balconies, garden spaces, and energy efficient appliances.

In the past several months, over 500 residents and community members attended meetings held by HACSB staff and Pyatok Architects, the design firm working on the redevelopment, to discuss the revitalization effort and work hands-on with the possible development layout. As a result of these meetings, a local planning committee has been established to provide ongoing feedback to the architect and development team. The group consists of various residents, partners, stakeholders, business leaders, local government officials and staff, faith based organizations, schools, and community members from the surrounding areas.

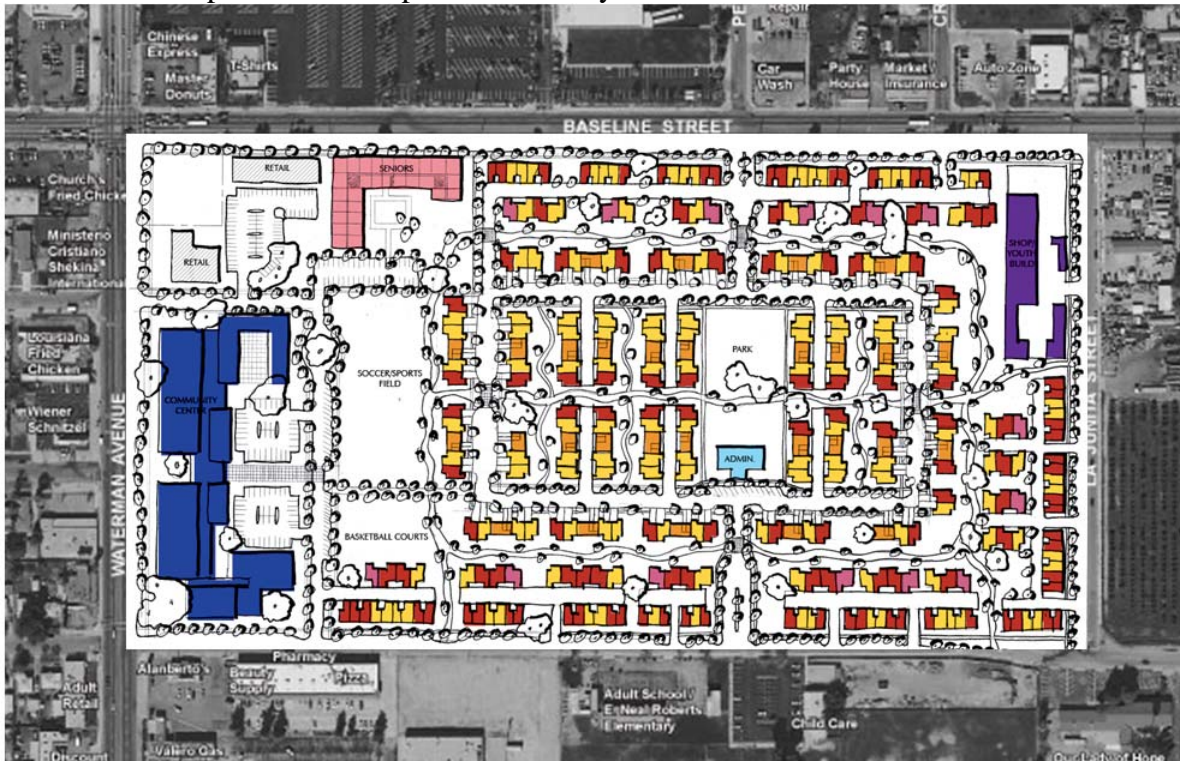
“This transformation development project is a benefit to the entire community,” said San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris. “The project will create a more vibrant, contemporary intersection at Baseline and Waterman that will provide not only housing opportunities, but attract businesses and various service providers to the area. We are excited to partner with the Housing Authority in this significant revitalization effort in San Bernardino.”

In regards to ongoing efforts and partnerships with the City of San Bernardino, Gustav Joslin, HACSB's Deputy Executive Director states, “We are actively working with the entire

community not only to gather input, but also to create a linkage with the City’s existing projects, such as the Omnitrans SBXpress transportation efforts and other city revitalization endeavors for downtown.”

The Housing Authority anticipates breaking ground in 2012. Upcoming community meetings will take place in February and March, for more information on how to participate or on the development efforts, please call (909) 890-0644.

Below is a mock up of one of the possible new layouts of the intersection:



**Scheme C – Walking Community**



Community member analyzing the current layout and providing feedback for change.



Community members of all ages participated in the hands-on activities to sketch out the possible layouts for the upcoming neighborhood revitalization.

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*The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities*

*and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and childcare, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit [www.hacsb.com](http://www.hacsb.com)*