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Renovation of Islander Motel Moves Forward with Successful Property Purchase

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Resources for Community Development (RCD) and the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda are pleased to announce the successful acquisition of the Islander Motel, located at 2428 Central Avenue in Alameda, CA. The purchase of the blighted 40-year old motel puts it on the path to renovation and rehabilitation as the new Alameda Islander, which will provide 61 new units of permanent, green and affordable workforce housing.

Mayor Marie L. Gilmore applauded the purchase of the motel, stating that it was a significant step forward to providing much needed affordable housing for employees who work in the nearby downtown. "Alameda is committed to promoting sustainable, well planned housing for its residents and workers and this project is a critical piece of that effort."

Construction of the new Alameda Islander is scheduled to begin in January 2012 and is expected to be completed within approximately eleven months. The John Stewart Company will provide property management of the Islander immediately and will also serve as the property manager upon

completion of the renovation. There will be no new leasing in the interim and existing residents will be relocated at the start of construction. Current residents who qualify on the basis of income, household size and special needs will have the option of moving back into the newly renovated property.

Ideally located two blocks from the vibrant Park Street commercial district and within immediate access to local transit, jobs and service amenities, the new Alameda Islander will serve one- and two-individual households with incomes from 20% to 50% of Area Median Income. Two new structures, an office building and a community room, will be added to the current property and numerous green sustainable features, such as insulated low-e windows and water-heating solar thermal collectors, will be incorporated into the new property

Financing for the Alameda Islander includes \$6.2 million of federal tax credits, \$2.07 million in California Credits, \$685,000 in HOME CHDO funds, and \$556,000 in HOPWA funds from Alameda County. The City of Alameda has committed \$1.3 million in HOME funds and \$8.6 million in redevelopment funds. Union Bank is the project's investor and construction lender.

About Resources for Community Development:

RCD is a non-profit organization that develops and provides housing along the entire affordable housing spectrum, from single room occupancy hotels to 4-bedroom family apartments and affordable homeownership. Founded in 1984, RCD has built nearly 1,700 units over the last 27 years and serves over 3,000 low- and very-low income individuals and families. RCD's mission is to create and preserve affordable housing for those with the fewest options, to build community and enrich lives.

About the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda:

Established in 1940, the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda advocates and provides quality affordable safe housing, encourages self-sufficiency, and strengthens community inclusiveness and diversity in housing. Through the federally funded Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Housing Authority subsidizes rent for 1800 low-income households. In addition, the Housing Authority owns and manages over 600 affordable housing units in 13 complexes.

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