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### **Lakeside Senior Housing Receives AIA/HUD Excellence in Affordable Housing Design Award**

OAKLAND, CA - The Oakland Housing Authority is pleased to announce that Lakeside Senior Apartments has been awarded the American Institute of Architects (AIA)/ U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Secretary's Award in the category of Excellence in Affordable Housing Design. Lakeside Senior was co-developed by Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) and Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA), and was designed by David Baker Architects.

The HUD Secretary's Awards are presented annually to honor projects that exemplify excellence in four categories: community planning, historic preservation, affordable housing design, and cooperative public/private efforts. The awards are presented in partnership with the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Architects, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Best in American Living Competition. Excellence in Affordable Housing Design recognizes architecture that demonstrates overall excellence in terms of design in response to both the needs and constraints of affordable housing.

Lakeside Senior Apartments is a 92-unit affordable senior housing development in the Eastlake neighborhood of Oakland, with 32 units set aside for formerly homeless seniors. Located one block from Lake Merritt, the apartments are ideally located near local supermarkets, restaurants, and public transit. The designer of the project, David Baker Architects, created the apartments to feature a wide-range of amenities designed to support seniors and their ability to live independently as long as is comfortable.

Along with design features specifically tailored to accessibility for older adults, Lakeside was also awarded for its Platinum LEED for Homes building, featuring solar water heating, ENERGY STAR appliances, a rooftop community garden, and low VOC building methods that improve indoor air quality.

"OHA is honored to work with creative architects and partners who allow us to achieve a design that enhances the lives of our residents by enabling them to live in wonderfully integrated and designed buildings, located in pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods with immediate access to available services," stated Eric Johnson, Executive Director of the Oakland Housing Authority.

Lakeside Senior Housing is one of four new apartment developments that OHA has opened in the last two years, collectively increasing Oakland's affordable housing supply by 388 units. An additional 130 units are currently under construction at two new apartment developments,

Prosperity Place on the edge of Chinatown, and at 94<sup>th</sup> and International Boulevard in East Oakland.

Last year, OHA's Tassafaronga Village development, also designed by David Baker Associates, received the 2015 AIA Committee on the Environment Top Ten award. It was the only multifamily property to receive an award in 2015. The new Tassafaronga Village features diverse housing with three times the density of the surrounding area, including a 60-unit affordable apartment building, 77 affordable attached "townhouses" for rent (clustered in 13 buildings), and 20 supportive apartments. An additional 22 Habitat for Humanity townhomes are integrated into the site. Landscaped paths and traffic-calmed roadways now conveniently connect the housing to the previously isolated library, local school, park, and community center. For more information please go to <http://www.aiaopten.org/node/439>.

#### **About the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA)**

*The Oakland Housing Authority is the largest provider of affordable housing in the City of Oakland and proudly delivers diverse housing choices to over 16,400 households in a service-oriented environment, while improving and expanding housing options for future generations. For more information about the OHA, please contact us at [info@oakha.org](mailto:info@oakha.org), visit our website at [www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org), or call 510-874-1653.*

#### **About the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development**

*The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development works to create quality and affordable housing for all Americans. The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's main goal is to create housing that is sustainable, inclusive, and strong for communities in the United States. For more information about the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Secretary Awards, please visit <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/about/secaward.html>.*

#### **About the American Institute of Architects**

*The American Institute of Architects has been the leading membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners since 1857. The 300 chapters nationwide serve as a resource and voice for American architects to offer service to society. For more information about the American Institute of Architects, please visit <http://www.aia.org/>.*

#### **About David Baker Architects**

*David Baker Architects (DBA) is a progressive architecture firm in San Francisco that creates acclaimed buildings in urban environments. Formed by David Baker in 1982, DBA is known for exceptional housing, creative site strategies, designing for density, and integrating new construction into the public realm. DBA has a passion for and deep understanding of the power of humane and respectful environments to transform neighborhoods and elevate the lives of individuals and families. We design thoughtful places that allow communities to thrive and enable or support further engagement, connection, or community benefit. Please visit <http://www.dbarchitect.com/> for more information.*

#### **About Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)**

*At Satellite Affordable Housing Associates believe everyone deserves a home. Everyday SAHA works to provide high-quality affordable homes and support services that empower people and strengthen communities. SAHA's 60 innovative properties provide more than 3,000 homes to low-income seniors, families, and people with special needs. Please visit <http://sahahomes.org/> for more information.*

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