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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES \$22 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING
U.S. Senator Michael Bennet and Councilwoman Judy Montero
Join in Community Celebration

Denver, CO—Local and federal officials joined community members today to celebrate notice of \$22 million in federal funding for the Denver Housing Authority’s South Lincoln Redevelopment on 10th Avenue and Osage Street. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the full HOPE VI request for revitalization of the current public housing area into a sustainable, mixed-income, mixed-use, transit-oriented community.

“The Denver Housing Authority’s HOPE VI project for South Lincoln homes exemplifies smart growth principles, energy efficiency, sustainability and multi-modal transportation concepts, which will help us build a strong economy in the 21st century while protecting our land, air and water.” U.S. Senator Michael Bennet stated in his remarks.

The South Lincoln Redevelopment Master Plan was developed with and approved by the residents of South Lincoln Homes and community stakeholders. The process has included over 200 community meetings since it began in 2009.

Ismael Guerrero executive director stated, “The La Alma Lincoln Park neighborhood is a proud community with deep history and strong relationships. DHA’s master plan for the future South Lincoln Homes at Osage reflects their values of diversity, equity, and opportunity. Through our partnership with HUD, this 2011 HOPE VI grant is the catalytic investment we need to make their dreams a reality.”

The new community will be called “Mariposa,” which means “butterfly” in Spanish, and the logo is a mosaic butterfly. The name was selected because it will be a key destination on Mariposa Street, a major north/south corridor in Southwest Denver, and because butterflies symbolize the

spirit or soul in many cultures. The transformational nature of butterflies is also a meaningful tie to the many educational, health and job services that will be provided to residents.

“This is a major accomplishment that culminates years and years of hard work to get this amazing project off the ground” said Councilwoman Judy Montero, who represents the La Alma / Lincoln community. “With this HOPE VI award, we’re going to see the La Alma / Lincoln community continue to blossom into a thriving and vibrant neighborhood for hundreds of families, and it will serve both locally and nationally as a model example of a sustainable, transit-oriented community. I am beaming with pride for all of our dedicated community members who made this dream become a reality – the sky is the limit.”

The event took place at the 10th Avenue and Osage Street light rail station. Tenth Avenue will be enhanced and extended through the new development, setting the stage for construction of new apartments, condominiums and townhomes, as well as commercial space for artists, nonprofit and retail tenants. Residential homes will be priced for public housing residents, those earning 50 to 80 percent of area median income, and market rate tenants/buyers.

HOPE VI revitalization highlights for the 17.5-acre Mariposa community include:

- Increase density from current 182 public housing units to 457 new multifamily housing units.
- High standard design for sustainable, energy efficient buildings, infrastructure systems, including LEED certification.
- Community amenities including pedestrian friendly walkways, bikeable streets, urban gardens, public arts program, early childhood center and open space that promote active healthy lifestyles.
- Adult based education, job training/placement, youth employment opportunities, financial literacy.
- Phased redevelopment plan that significantly minimizes disruption or displacement to current residents.
- Completion scheduled for 2018.

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