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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PROPOSED HOUSING PROJECT WILLIS APARTMENTS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), as required under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), is opening a public review and comment period for the proposal submitted by A Community of Friends, project sponsor of the Willis Avenue Apartments, which is proposed to be funded through the MHSA Housing Program. Through this program, LACDMH was allocated \$115,571,200 for capital development and operating subsidies for permanent supportive housing for individuals with psychiatric disabilities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. As required by the program, the funds were transferred to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), who will administer the funds and underwrite the loans. The project is located in Service Area 2 and Supervisorial District 3 and will target homeless Older Adults. They are requesting a MHSA Capital Development loan of \$4,000,000 for the 41 MHSA funded units of a 42 unit project, which will be dedicated to individuals with a psychiatric disability.

The public review and comment period will run from January 7, 2010- February 5, 2010. The documents under review will be posted on the LACDMH website (http://dmh.lacounty.gov/News/mhsa_announcements.html) and hard copies are available from LACDMH Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, Suite 1020, Los Angeles, CA 90005. Any member of the public may request a hard copy of the document by contacting Dr. Maria Funk, District Chief, at (213) 251-6582.

Please e-mail your input, recommendations and comments to MHSAPublicComment@dmh.lacounty.gov or submit written comments to Dr. Maria Funk, Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, Suite 1020, Los Angeles, CA 90005 or by fax to (213) 637-2336.

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