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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
PROPOSED HOUSING PROJECT**

AVALON APARTMENTS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

March 26, 2014

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 Avalon 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 6 under Supervisorial District 2, and will target homeless individuals and families where head of household is diagnosed with mental illness. ACOF is requesting a MHSA Capital Development loan of \$ 3,580,644 for the 37 MHSA funded units of a 55 unit project, which will be dedicated to individuals or members of household with psychiatric disability.

The public review and comment period will run from March 26th, 2014 through April 25th, 2014. The documents under review will be posted on the LACDMH website, http://dmh.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dmh/press_center/announcements, and hard copies are available from LACDMH Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development Division, 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 Reina Turner, District Chief, at (213) 251-6582.

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

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