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## Join us for the Grand Opening of Harper Crossing!

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Located in South Berkeley, close to public transportation, Harper Crossing will provide permanent affordable housing for seniors aged 62 and older, and whose household income is at or below 30-60% of the area median.

More than 65% of residents are long-time Berkeley residents. Preserving the existing Berkeley community of Adeline and South Berkeley was important to residents and the city.

According to SAHA Executive Director Susan Friedland, "SAHA worked with the City to give preference to Berkeley residents, while complying with federal fair housing requirements. More than 700 seniors applied for the 42 homes through a lottery system, and more than half of our new residents are Berkeley seniors. Harper Crossing is a great example of how investing in affordable and supportive housing can preserve existing communities."

"I'm excited that Harper Crossing is open and providing much needed senior housing within a few feet of the Ashby BART Station. This is the kind of transit-oriented affordable housing we need for our growing senior population. Thank you to SAHA and everyone involved over the years in making this a reality. I look forward to working with SAHA and community partners to address the critical need for affordable housing in our city," says Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin

Harper Crossing is at a highly visible, service- and transit-accessible location. Nearby amenities include grocery stores, movie theaters, coffee shops, a pharmacy, and many restaurants. In addition, residents will have access to the transportation they need to see doctors, visit family, and stay active and independent.

The building includes a total of 42 one-bedroom units, one of which is reserved for an on-site Property Manager. In addition to residential living space, the property offers a ground floor community living area with three computers for resident use, two office spaces for SAHA staff, shared laundry, an outdoor landscaped courtyard, and 10 parking spaces.

In addition to managing the apartments, SAHA will provide the onsite services including adult education, health & wellness, and skill building classes. Harper Crossing will create an opportunity for seniors to live in a safe and positive environment where they will be able to socialize with peers and receive support services in areas of need.

Harper Crossing is designed to be a very energy-efficient building, translating into lower energy bills and a more comfortable home for residents. Dual-paned windows, fluorescent light fixtures, high quality insulation, Energy Star Appliances, bioswales designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water, a solar hot water system, and high-efficiency condensing boilers all contribute to reducing energy use, and thus reduce greenhouse gases. The building is planned for Green Point Rated GOLD.

**Developer:** Satellite Affordable Housing Associates

**Architect:** Kodama Diseno Architects

**General Contractor:** J.H. Fitzmaurice, Inc.

**Property Manager & Service Provider:** Satellite Affordable Housing Associates

**Financing provided by:** City of Berkeley, City of Berkeley HUD HOME, HCD TOD Housing Program, HCD Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, Alameda County Boomerang Funds, Alameda County HOPWA, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, Silicon Valley Bank, National Equity Fund, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, and Enterprise Community Partners.

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