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**SENIOR HOUSING LAND TRANSFER SUCCESSFUL**

*Pleasanton Gardens Deeds Land and Gives City \$286,000 for Senior Housing*

PLEASANTON, Calif. — The successful transfer of ownership of Pleasanton Gardens, an affordable senior housing complex in Pleasanton is now complete, as of December 1, 2017. At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Brad Hirst and David Stark, two board members from Pleasanton Gardens, Inc., the nonprofit formed 50 years ago to provide housing for income-eligible seniors, spoke about the transfer of ownership, the \$286,000 to the City, and the journey of more than 14 years in the making to provide more affordable housing for Pleasanton’s seniors.

“Providing more affordable housing for seniors has been a City Council priority for some time, so this a very proud moment for all of us here in Pleasanton,” said City Manager Nelson Fialho, adding “and as always, none of this would have happened if it weren’t for our dedicated residents. Bruce Fiedler, Brad Hirst, Dave Stark, Tim Hunt, the entire board of directors of Pleasanton Gardens, Inc., along with Abby Goldware and MidPen Housing, deserve our special thanks for helping us help senior citizens who want to age in place. This milestone brings us one step closer to completing the second phase of Kottinger Gardens, which will double the affordable senior housing in our community.”

The transfer of ownership facilitates the construction of Phase 2 of the Kottinger Gardens project by MidPen Housing, a nonprofit developer and operator of affordable housing. The City of Pleasanton will retain ownership of the land but will lease the property to MidPen, who will construct and manage the new senior housing complex.

The existing housing units on the site will be demolished and replaced with 54 new state of the art housing units which will continue to be rented to lower income seniors in Pleasanton. The 52 units in Phase 2 will be added to the Phase 1 Kottinger Gardens project across the street at 241 Kottinger Drive, bringing the total number of affordable senior units to 185. The 131-unit Phase 1 project, which was completed by MidPen in October, 2017, replaced a similar outdated facility, the 50-unit Kottinger Place, which was owned and managed by the City of Pleasanton Housing Authority.

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