

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA ALLIANCE, INC.

Letter of Support
Day Street Apartments
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LA Family Housing has a long history of bringing the homeless home. It opened its first shelter for homeless families in 1983 and now operates 3 homeless shelters and 18 permanent rental properties. In addition, LA Family Housing provides an extensive array of supportive services to all of its clients with the intent of ultimately breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

LA Family Housing has been consulting with the local community to ensure the long-term success of Day Street Apartments and the development's integration into the Sunland-Tujunga community. The project will be developed in accordance with the Foothill Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan and its associated Design Guideline and Standards Manual. In addition, the project will be built with significant sustainable design features and will also incorporate high quality aesthetic design features that will help it fit well into the surrounding neighborhood.

As you are aware, financial support from the Los Angeles Housing Department is critical to the ultimate success of the Day Street Apartments. We hope that you will also find the Day Street Apartments worthy of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Barrett", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Joe Barrett
Director
Sunland-Tujunga Alliance, Inc.

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January 3, 2012

Mr. Timothy Elliott
City of Los Angeles Housing Department
1200 West Seventh Street, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Support for Day Street Apartments

Dear Mr. Elliott:

My name is Joe Barrett and I am the director of the Sunland-Tujunga Alliance, Inc. We are an established and vibrant 501(c)4 non profit group that primarily focuses on land use issues in the Foothills area of Los Angeles. We have also been involved in working with the homeless in our area over the last few years. Our efforts with the homeless have focused on working to get these individuals off the street and into a safe environment where they can try to rebuild their lives. One of the main obstacles we have faced is the complete absence of housing in the Sunland-Tujunga area that is available to these people. We have found that many of the homeless are willing to accept help but are reluctant to leave the area for alternative housing. To many, Sunland-Tujunga is the only home they have ever known.

We are writing to voice our support for LA Family Housing's proposed Permanent Supportive Housing development, the Day Street Apartments.

Because of the growing incidence of homelessness in the Sunland-Tujunga area, several community groups and social service agencies came together in November 2010 to sponsor a Homeless Connect Day. LA Family Housing participated with significant outreach efforts to the many homeless persons who were living outside in the Tujunga Wash and in local parks. On that day, we identified approximately 50 people in need of significant services and housing. Many of those identified had been homeless for more than a year, many suffered from serious mental illness, some had substance abuse problems, and all had very limited income. LA Family Housing was immediately able to offer temporary shelter to 11 of those individuals in its Valley Shelter in North Hollywood. The community is hopeful that the Day Street Apartments can be a permanent catalyst to enable some of these local homeless men and women to get back on their feet.