Hana Gardens
10860 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA
Completion Date: Summer 2018

PROJECT SUMMARY

Hana Gardens is a new 63-unit senior affordable housing development under construction in El Cerrito, that includes 62 one-bedroom apartments and 1 two-bedroom manager’s unit. It is a four-story, mixed-use housing community with 2,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space suitable for a restaurant or retail use. The development is located at 10860 San Pablo Avenue in mid-town El Cerrito.

Fifty percent (50%) of the units will be fully accessible to people with disabilities. All dwelling units are designed to allow for access by persons in wheelchairs, including all kitchens and bathrooms. 23 units have been designated for households with income at or below 30% of the area median income, 8 units have been designated for households with incomes at or below 45% of the area median income and 31 units have been designated for households with income at or below 50% of area medium income. Each residential unit will be offered a minimum of one transit pass through the AC Transit Easy Pass program for the first three years.

The property was acquired by the City of El Cerrito’s former Redevelopment Agency for affordable housing in 2009 with the goal to develop the site adjacent to El Cerrito’s City Hall with high-quality affordable senior housing with social services and commercial uses on the ground floor. Hana Gardens is funded by a variety of funding sources, including the State Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities grant program, State Infill Infrastructure Grant program, Wells Fargo and Contra Costa County housing programs with support from the City of El Cerrito.

The development will include a beautiful public plaza honoring the Japanese influence on the flower industry, adjacent to the commercial space. “Hana” is often translated from Japanese into English as “flower.” The public spaces were inspired by the single-story Contra Costa Florist building at 10848 San Pablo Avenue and the once-thriving Japanese American cut flower industry in the area. Eden will renovate the single story stone-faced former Contra Costa Florist building in line with the building’s original design to the greatest extent practical, and it will house some of the development’s community areas for the residents.

If you are interested in being a potential resident of this new development, please contact Eden Housing, Inc. at (510) 582-1460 to be placed on their interest list. For more information on affordable housing in El Cerrito or if you are interested in the commercial space, please visit the City’s website at www.el-cerrito.org/AffordableHousing or contact Community Development Analyst, Katherine Ahlquist at (510) 215-4361 or kahlquist@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.