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Arbor Green Apartments has 40 one-, two- and three-bedroom, energy-efficient units.

CARSON, CA—San Diego-based developer **Affirmed Housing Group** has opened the doors of its latest **affordable housing development, Arbor Green Apartments**. The three-story, 40-unit complex has an energy-efficient design and is **LEED Platinum Certified**.

Carson Mayor **Jim Deer**, Affirmed Housing Group president and CEO **Jim Silverwood**, US Bank SVP and market manager **Richard Shea** and Solari Enterprises EVP and CFO **Bruce Solari** were among those to attend the grand opening ceremony. “Arbor Green was designed to offer families affordable, energy-efficient homes in an interactive, innovative environment while fostering a true sense of community,” said Silverwood at the event. “We are pleased to celebrate the grand opening of this new development.”

The building offers one-, two- and three-bedroom apartment units to prospective tenants who earn 30% to 60% of the median income in Los Angeles County. The building features covered parking, community room and barbeque area. There is also a computer lab, life skills assistance center and homework-help staff to help residents lead a better quality life and achieve goals.

The LEED Platinum-certified building has rooftop solar photovoltaic systems that collect all of the property’s energy use, high-efficacy lighting fixtures and drought tolerant landscaping that preserves 47% of water. As a result of these efficient amenities, residents will pay 80% less in monthly utility bills as compared to a non-efficient household.

Affirmed Housing Group, in partnership with **PATH Ventures**, is also developing a 79-unit housing complex in Los Angeles called the **Vermont Villas**. This complex will provide housing to homeless seniors and homeless senior veterans. The complex **received** a 9% **tax credit** late last year to help fund the construction efforts. The project is scheduled to break ground in April.

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