

CITY OF PALMDALE

MEDIA ALERT

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PHOTO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Groundbreaking for new Palmdale neighborhood for Low-Income Veterans

WHEN: **TODAY**, Wednesday, July 5, 2017 from 10 am to 11:30 am.

WHERE: 30043 Division St., Palmdale. Northeast corner of Ave. R and Division St.

WHO: U.S. Congressman Steve Knight; Theresa Gunn, Deputy Secretary, Farm and Loans Division, California Department of Veterans Affairs; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger; City of Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford; Palmdale City Councilmember Austin Bishop; Palmdale City Manager James Purtee; Mike Miller, Director of Neighborhood Services; Hunt Braly, Chair, and Donna Deutchman, President & CEO, Homes 4 Families and Habitat for Humanity SF/SCV; SrA Alena Morgan, Edwards Airforce Base; Melani Austin, VP of Execution and Integration, Lockheed Martin; and Shane March, Manager, Palmdale Site Security, Northrop Grumman.

WHAT: The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), *Homes 4 Families*[™], and the City of Palmdale will hold a public ceremony to break ground on 56 new homes for low-income veteran and their families.

BACKGROUND: The CalVet REN (Residential Enriched Neighborhood) program will offer permanent, affordable home ownership with manageable loan payments and family enrichment services to low income veterans and their families. This *Enriched Neighborhood*[®] is a model developed by *Homes 4 Families*[™] with wraparound services such as financial literacy, trauma-informed care, and proven positive outcomes. The homes themselves will be built by Habitat for Humanity, San Fernando/Santa Clarita Valleys and strongly supported by the City of Palmdale Housing Authority. For more information, go to www.homes4families.org or www.humanityca.org.

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