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PRESS RELEASE

CEDC AND VCCDC TO HOST A COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR CELEBRATING HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

CEDC event will feature home-buyer education workshops, and foreclosure prevention workshops and more

Ventura, CA—Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) and Ventura County Community Development Corporation (VCCDC) NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center will host its annual NeighborWorks® Week event on Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Robert J. Frank Intermediate School in Oxnard. This year's event is titled "Hope to Home" in celebration of National HomeOwnership Month, which takes place each June. The event will focus on educating families on the home-buying process, promoting local homeownership opportunities and preserving homeownership from foreclosure in our communities.

"Hope to Home" will provide local individuals and families with free information, resources and opportunities aimed at empowering them to achieve their homeownership and financial goals. They will also receive information about down payment assistance programs available in Ventura County.

"This event will provide a one-stop shop for families who want to make responsible homeownership a reality," said Bertha Garcia, VCCDC HomeOwnership Center Director.

The event will include our NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center's U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development certified Pre-Purchase Home Buyer Workshop. Additional seminars on a variety of homeownership-related topics will also be offered including foreclosure prevention under the Making Home Affordable Program (<http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov>) and Keep Your Home California Program (<http://keepyourhomecalifornia.org>) taking place from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. There will also be some Do It Yourself (DIY) green household products demonstrations, including one by Home

Depot. Participants can also obtain access to industry partners in the “Hope to Home” resource fair. The event will feature VIP speakers, giveaway prizes, children’s activities and more.

The “Hope to Home” event is part of CEDC’s annual participation in National NeighborWorks Week (NWW). NeighborWorks Week is now in its 30th year and is an annual event during which NeighborWorks America and its network of 235 local organizations across the nation mobilize tens of thousands of volunteers, businesspeople, neighbors, friends, and local and national elected and civic leaders in a week of neighborhood change and awareness.

Since 1998, CEDC has been a proud chartered member of the NeighborWorks® network (www.nw.org) through its affiliation with NeighborWorks® America, a national intermediary that provides funding and technical assistance to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) across the country.

The following VIPs and elected officials are scheduled to attend the event: Oxnard City Mayor Tim Flynn; Oxnard City Councilmember Carmen Ramirez; Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza; NeighborWorks America Pacific District Relationship Manager Donna Wright; California State Assemblymember Das Williams; and Ambassador Gus Ramirez from the office of California State Assemblymember Jeff Gorell’s Office.

The event will also serve as an opportunity for members of the community to get connected with beneficial resources and services, and for community members, agencies, organizations and businesses to engage in partnerships fostering collaboration to improve our community.

The following partners, organizations and vendors are scheduled to participate in the event: Bank of America; Pacific Oaks Federal Credit Union; Union Bank; Rabobank; Boston Private Bank & Trust, and California Bank & Trust. Joining us from the community are the City of Oxnard Affordable Housing Department; the Ventura Center for Dispute Settlement; SurePath Financial Solutions; the County of Ventura Job and Career Center and the Mixteco Project.

Attendees can also visit resource tables of CEDC’s various services including, homeownership lending, realty, rental properties, construction and real estate development and financial counseling.

CEDC encourages all who might benefit from the event to attend. You can also find the event page by going to CEDC’s Facebook (facebook.com/CEDCVC), and clicking on the event tab, or by visiting CEDC’s website at www.cabrilloedc.org.

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About CEDC and the VCCDC NeighborWorks Homeownership Center: CEDC is a private non-profit community development corporation that provides comprehensive housing services, through a community building approach, in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Since its incorporation in 1981, CEDC has built 1,634 units of affordable for-sale and multi-family rental homes, and manages 973

affordable rental units. CEDC's NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center has assisted more than 817 families into home ownership through education, counseling, and lending services since 2004. This includes more than \$110 million in first and second mortgage financing and down payment assistance. CEDC is a chartered member of NeighborWorks®, a national network of more than 235 community development and affordable housing organizations. CEDC received the prestigious "Affordable Builder of the Year" award from Build it Green in 2012. This year marks CEDC's 32nd year of operation.

About NeighborWorks America:

NeighborWorks America is one of the country's preeminent leaders in affordable housing and community development. We work to create opportunities for lower-income people to live in affordable homes in safe, sustainable neighborhoods that are healthy places for families to grow. NeighborWorks delivers many of its community-focused programs and services through the national NeighborWorks network – 235 independent, community-based nonprofit organizations serving more than 4,500 communities nationwide. More than one-third of these organizations serve rural communities. Together with its national and local partners, NeighborWorks provides grants, programmatic support, training and technical assistance to its national network. During NeighborWorks Week, NeighborWorks America and its network of local organizations mobilize tens of thousands of volunteers, businesspeople, neighbors, friends, and local and national elected and civic leaders in a week of neighborhood change and awareness.

