Heritage Gardens (formerly referred to as Long Beach Senior) 941 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90806

Mercy Housing is creating 67 units of new affordable housing for low-income seniors, including seniors and senior veterans who have experienced homelessness, in the City of Long Beach. This property is located at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue near Downtown Long Beach.

As construction began, the Mercy Housing team met with District 6 City Councilwoman Suely Saro and her staff to discuss the naming process and options. From August to October of 2022, the development team also met with representatives from the African American Cultural Center, the Latino Cultural Center, the United Cambodian Community, and others to solicit feedback and suggestions. There was a unilateral preference for the term "Heritage," as it evokes sentiments of local community history and culture and is in line with the neighborhood's emerging formation as the Heritage District. "Gardens" was equally favorable, as it acknowledges the incorporation of natural elements into the development's landscaping and second floor community garden and promotes feelings of peace and tranquility. To capture the essence of its name for the Long Beach community, Mercy staff will collaborate with the public art, landscape, and architecture teams to further promote this sense of history, culture, and peace.

After much consideration and consultation, the proposed name of this new Mercy Housing development in the City of Long Beach is <u>Heritage Gardens</u>.

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