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City apartment complex earns national recognition

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – A Riverside housing success story became a national success story today.

The Mission Pointe Apartments, 2750 Topaz Avenue, won an Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development today from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment (NAHRO), the nation's leading housing and community development advocate for adequate and affordable housing opportunities for families.

The award was announced during the NAHRO's Summer Conference in Nashville.

The Mission Pointe Apartment Complex was created in 2005 as a joint effort between the City of Riverside Redevelopment Agency and the non-profit housing developer National Community Renaissance. Sixteen four-plexes, owned by 11 different property owners, were unified under one property owner and management. Substantial rehabilitation provided residents with such amenities as a community room, on-site laundry facilities and a pool.

"This area was once a haven for criminal activity and blight to the surrounding neighborhood," said Eva Yakutis, housing and neighborhoods manager. "The Mission Pointe Apartments have since become an asset to the community and its residents."

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