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### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND REAL ESTATE DIRECTORS CELEBRATE GRAND REOPENING OF VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY FACILITY WITH NEW SERVICE COLLABORATIVE**

**San Francisco, CA** – Public Health Director Barbara Garcia and Director of Real Estate John Updike celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of “The Village” at 1099 Sunnydale Avenue, a Visitacion Valley community facility, owned, operated and managed by the City and County of San Francisco. The Village reopens as a neighborhood hub of co-located and coordinated services aimed at fostering economic self-sufficiency, healthy families, and community development. A grand opening is planned for Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

“Under our City’s violence prevention initiative-Interrupt, Predict and Organize for a Safer San Francisco (IPO), we are ensuring that high quality, coordinated services are readily available to the residents of Visitacion Valley in their neighborhood,” said Mayor Ed Lee. “The Village at 1099 Sunnydale is an integral part of our City’s efforts to getting San Franciscans back to work, strengthening our communities, keeping them healthy and preventing violence on our streets.”

Built in 2004 and renovated in 2011, The Village is an approximately 15,000 square foot, modern three-story building designed to specifically meet the needs of community-service providers. The facility offers individual and open office spaces, a range of shared meeting rooms, spaces suitable for classrooms, a dedicated health care facility space, multiple reception areas, as well as a large ground floor community room for program-related events and general community meetings.

“The Department of Public Health is proud of its long standing relationship with The Village and the residents of Visitacion Valley,” says Barbara Garcia, Director of Public Health. “The Hawkins Youth Clinic—a long time core service provider at this location—provided a natural platform for Public Health to work with the community in securing additional critically needed, complementary services. I look forward to continuing this unique and important collaboration.”

In response to a 2012 solicitation of interest initiated jointly by Public Health and Real Estate, the Village is slated to house eleven organizations and/or programs that were expressly interested in functioning within a cooperative and complementary multi-tenant environment, sharing conference room and meeting room spaces, and participating in an ongoing collaborative environment.

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**The mission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all San Franciscans.**  
We shall – Assess and research the health of the community – Develop and enforce health policy – Prevent disease and injury –  
– Educate the public and train health care providers – Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services – Ensure equal access to all

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“This is a story of recapturing a city asset, re-imagining the mix of service providers to the community, and sharpening our pencils to maximize efficiencies and reduce operating costs for all,” says John Updike, Director of the City’s Real Estate Division. “By each of us focusing on what we do best, we’re providing a sustainable resource from which to serve Visitacion Valley.”

**The Village at 1099 Sunnydale Avenue** will provide a wide range of services including:

Workforce Development Services - job search assistance, career planning, job preparation workshops, computer fax and copy machine access, senior employment and economic security services;

Education Services - workforce related and adult education, GED, high school diploma;

Public Health Services - Healthcare navigation and enrollment, peer-based mental health awareness and education;

Family Support Services - family counseling, enhanced family visitation, in home family support, supporting families impacted by violence, housing eviction assistance; and

Youth Support Services - youth health clinic, teenage pregnancy and parenting, foster youth, and general youth outreach and mentoring.

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Opening tenants/programs include:

*Family Service Agency of San Francisco*

*Seneca Family of Agencies*

*SFDPH Hawkins Clinic*

*SFDPH Reducing Stigma in the South East*

*SF Sheriff's Five Keys Charter School*

*Sojourner Truth Foster Family Service Agency*

*Sunnydale Health Resource Center*

*Survivor’s Network/Polly’s Family Support Center*

*Visitacion Valley Family Center*

*Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Access Point*

*Way Mentoring Program*

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