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**Related California and San Bernardino County Supervisors Open Second Phase
Bloomington Affordable Housing Community and Public Library**
*Withee Malcolm Architects' Design Integrates Public Social Use and
Housing for Multiple Generations*

Los Angeles, California— On June 8, 2017 **Withee Malcolm Architects** joined Related California executives and San Bernardino County Supervisors for the grand opening of the second phase of a 5-acre site containing 84 new affordable housing units for qualifying families. The developments first phase, completed in 2016, included 106 affordable senior and family housing units, Bloomington Grove and Lillian Court, and the new 6,500 square foot Bloomington Public Library.

The development is an integral piece to the overall County and neighborhood revitalization effort spearheaded by the Board of Supervisors. The public-private partnership is the first all-in-one capital improvement project within San Bernardino County to host a public library, housing, community center, and senior center.

“It is rewarding to see the completion of the second phase and the momentum that this project has brought to the redevelopment of the entire area,” said Dan Withee, AIA, founding partner of Withee Malcolm Architects. “The successful integration of the mix of public social uses and housing for multiple generations on a single site was key to revitalization and increased economic development.”

The architecture of the community—California Mission style featuring stucco walls, balconies, shutters and classic red roofs —recalls the original vernacular architecture of the region. Environmentally friendly, the entire development uses California drought-tolerant materials and has open spaces with meandering pathways.

Prior to development, the property had no sewer system and inadequate water. Related worked with surrounding municipalities to install sewer and water lines and to enhance the streetscape. These area improvements have made this portion of Bloomington more desirable to future economic developments in the area.

Withee Malcolm’s current and recent affordable communities include: Vermont Villas, a 79-unit permanent supportive facility, which provides housing and health and service resources for chronically homeless veterans and homeless individuals with critical health needs, in Harbor



Gateway; Arbor Green, a three-story, 40-unit, family community in Carson; Jasmine Gardens, 164 fully renovated townhome style apartments for families in Compton; Mosaic Gardens, a 61-unit community for for low-income and formerly homeless families in Willowbrook; and The Link, a transit-oriented, mixed-use development with 69 affordable family units in Baldwin Park.

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