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**New ROEM \$27 Million Transit-Oriented, Sustainable Apartments  
Designed by Withee Malcolm Architects Open in Baldwin Park**

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**BALDWIN PARK, Calif.** – On Thursday, October 13, 2016, Withee Malcolm Architects joined the City of Baldwin Park and ROEM Corporation to celebrate the grand opening of Metro Village. Located at the northeast corner of Ramona Boulevard and Maine Avenue, Metro Village is a new construction, mixed-use, affordable multifamily apartment community on a 1.01-acre site. Metro Village offers one, two, and three-bedroom apartments affordable to families making 60 percent or less of the Los Angeles County Area Median Income and 5,500 square feet of commerce retail space. The grand opening celebration was held at Metro Village, which is located at 4428 East Ramona Blvd., Baldwin Park, CA 91706.

“The solutions to providing high-quality affordable housing are as diverse as the communities they serve and Metro Village is an excellent example,” said Withee Malcolm Principal Dirk Thelen. “The contemporary architecture coherently addresses the mix of uses—residential, retail, a public plaza and connections to transit—and the urban context to support a welcoming, environmentally-friendly neighborhood and to serve as an important catalyst for revitalization.”

“The Metro Village represents the beginning of a new era in the history of Baldwin Park,” said Mayor Lozano, City of Baldwin Park. “It, along with the Metrolink Station, will serve as the catalyst that will remake our downtown area into the vibrant and dynamic centerpiece to our City that we all envisioned it could be. The positive impacts of this project are already being felt, including the enticement of new businesses and developers seeking to establish other projects in this area. Metro Village will continue to propel this transformation and soon will serve as an example of what can be accomplished through focused long-term planning and collaboration.”

This \$27 million four-story community intertwines contemporary architecture with a solid foundation that further enhances the downtown scene. In addition, the new public plaza at the transit-oriented Metro Village links Baldwin Park’s historic City Hall to retail and transit activities along Ramona Boulevard. With its close proximity to the Cruz Baca Transit Center station, Metro Village residents can choose between riding the transit with the transit passes provided to each unit at Metro Village or bike to the station or downtown retail. Resident amenities include a community room with an entertainment and lounge area, kitchenette,



computer room, fitness room, laundry room, secure bike storage area, private patio space with a play area, and barbeque area.

“As Los Angeles County continues growing its transit system, it’s critical that cities plan for new housing to be located near those transit stations,” said ROEM Executive Vice President Alex Sanchez. “Many transit riders want easy access to public transportation near the place they call home. With Metro Village, the City of Baldwin Park has ensured they can.”

Continuing its focus on its commitment to build green, ROEM integrated sustainable building methods and materials in the development of Metro Village. These include energy conservation features such as water and energy-efficient appliances and fixtures. To save water, Metro Village has also used only drought-tolerant plants, used no turf, and installed low-flow drip sprinklers and water-saving fixtures. High-efficiency lighting and Energy Star appliances ensure less energy is used property-wide. In addition, a solar PV system converts energy from the sun to fulfill residents’ energy needs thereby reducing the property’s dependence on energy. To increase the air quality, Metro Village applied low VOC paints and adhesives on the walls. With this focus on sustainability, Metro Village is pursuing USGBC LEED-H Gold certification.

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