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Affordable Housing - Habitat for Humanity Competition

(Los Angeles, CA June 15, 2009) The Southern California Chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture and Classical America (ICA&CA-SCC) will announce the winning designs of its inaugural Affordable Housing Design Competition at a special reception at the new Waterworks, West Hollywood, on July 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. The event will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles.

The ICA&CA-SCC and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles launched this competition in response to the critical need to shelter families impacted by the current economic crisis. This partnership brings a fresh approach to an age-old problem: affordable homes which families actually dream of owning. Over twenty-five firms nationwide representing architects, interior designers, landscape architects and those in the construction industry have entered the competition. The single-family home designs capturing the best of Southern California vernacular styles will be adapted for use by Habitat for Humanity affiliates throughout Southern California. The design entries will inform and inspire affordable, neighborly, sustainable homes that can be readily built by Habitat volunteers. The winning entries will be published in a pattern design guidebook for use by Habitat for Humanity.

The partnership between these two highly respected non-profit groups will provide building designs that encourage healthy community growth, accelerate project approvals within building agencies, and provide beautiful, affordable homes to so many in need. This is a unique opportunity to direct the skill and attention of design practitioners to meet an urgent social need and to reduce the “not in my backyard” community response to many affordable housing initiatives.

The competition is made possible by the support from DC Williamson General Contracting, Inc., McCoy Construction, Waterworks, Richard Holz, Inc., TaylorDevelopment, and KAA Design Group.

Waterworks is located at 8580 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Following the competition the projects will be on display for public viewing. Details to follow.

About ICA&CA-SCC

The ICA&CA is the leading national non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the practice and appreciation of the classical tradition in architecture and the allied arts. The

organization fulfills its mission through four program areas: education, publications, awards and advocacy.

The Southern California Chapter regularly produces unique events, home tours, lectures, continuing education courses and discussions with architects, authors and designers committed to advancing the institute's core values.

For more information, log onto www.classicist-socal.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles

Habitat For Humanity Of Greater Los Angeles strives to eliminate poverty housing through advocacy, education and partnership with families in need to build simple, decent affordable housing. Since 1990, HFH GLA has built and renovated nearly 500 homes locally and worldwide, transforming the lives of hundreds of individuals. For more information, visit www.habitatla.org <<http://www.habitatla.org/>> .

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