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**PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT OPENS ON SKID ROW**

**SRO HOUSING CORPORATION OPENS DOORS AND TRANSFORMS LIVES WITH  
GRAND OPENING OF THE JAMES M. WOOD APARTMENTS**

LOS ANGELES – SRO Housing Corporation has announced the grand opening of the James M. Wood Apartments, one of the first affordable housing developments made possible by the Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP) of the Los Angeles Housing Department. Located on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and San Julian Streets, the James M. Wood Apartments are situated in the heart of “Skid Row.”

Developed by the non-profit SRO (Single Room Occupancy) Housing Corp., the new permanent housing is one component of a larger plan to redevelop the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor between San Pedro and Wall Streets in downtown L.A. The building houses 53 contemporary studio apartments, designed by Jim Bunnell/Dvoretzky Bardovi Bunnell Architects, that feature private bathrooms and private kitchenettes, and also offer residents subterranean parking and on-site security and case management services.

“There is nothing more profound than leaving behind the despair of homelessness for a home and we are very pleased to be able to provide this vital resource to the Skid Row community”, said Anita Nelson, CEO of SRO Housing Corporation.

The James M. Wood Apartments are named after the late James M. Wood, former chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles and founder of SRO Housing Corporation. Mr. Wood formed a conviction that any plan to revitalize downtown Los Angeles must include the revitalization of the Skid Row community.

Joseph Corcoran, director of planning and housing development at SRO, stated, “Aptly named the James Wood Apartments, this project will change lives in downtown L.A. for the better. The homes are geared towards low-income individuals or chronically homeless individuals, some of which suffer from mental illness.”

SRO Housing Corporation is a community-based, nonprofit organization that was founded in 1984. Its mission is to build a vibrant community for homeless and low-income individuals. SRO pursues its mission of community revitalization by providing clean, safe and affordable housing; managing public spaces; and administering needed supportive services. SRO Housing Corp. is considered a leader in this area and currently provides more than 2,000 private units of housing in 26 facilities in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles.

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