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Trumark Homes Announces It Will Revisit Previous 56-Unit Development Proposal

CLAREMONT, CA – The City of Claremont was informed today by Trumark Homes of its intent to pursue its original 56-unit residential housing project.

For over two years, the City worked with Trumark Homes to revise a plan for a 56-unit townhome development on the site of the former La Puerta Intermediate School. The Claremont Unified School District owns the property. The School District designated the site as surplus property and put it up for sale in 2013. The Claremont Unified School District entered into an escrow agreement with Trumark Homes for the property in 2020.

Trumark Homes announced in April of 2024 that it was moving forward with a 91-unit residential project with 20% affordable units using the State's "Builder's Remedy" law. Builder's Remedy projects are subject to less restrictive zoning requirements and generally must be approved under a streamlined approval process with fewer public hearings. With today's announcement, City staff will shift their focus back to moving the 56-unit project through the Commission and City Council review process.

"I'm encouraged that Trumark Homes is revisiting its original proposal," said Councilmember Ed Reece. "This ensures the community has a strong voice in shaping this project. Claremont is known for its commitment to inclusive decision-making, and this project is no exception."

The Architectural Commission reviewed the preliminary design of the 56-unit project on February 28, 2024. The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 56-unit project was circulated to the public in July 2023. The 45-day public comment period on the DEIR ended in September of 2023. The Final EIR will be considered for certification by the Planning Commission and City Council in the upcoming public hearings. The City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation and make the final decision on whether to approve the 56-unit project.

Project information may be found at <https://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/living/development-projects/la-puerta-development>.

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