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TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES DEMOLITION CEREMONY FOR NORTH BOULEVARD HOMES

Mayor Bob Buckhorn to bulldoze the first building

Tampa, FL (June 23, 2017) -- The sprawling 44 acre North Boulevard Homes community built in December 1940, was the Tampa Housing Authority's oldest and largest public housing community and an answer to the prayers of many Tampa residents seeking an affordable place to live. Comprised of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom units, this community became home to more than 3,100 residents. In March of 1966, the need for more affordable housing was crucial and another 65 units was added to accommodate the growing need, bringing the total number of units to 832.

On May 20, 2015, the first family was cleared for relocation after having participated in regular mandatory workshops that included one-on-one counseling, case management throughout the process and transportation/tours to view potential replacement housing, which included trips to other Florida cities as well as other activities. Eventually, all of the residents were relocated to make way for the West River Development that will provide:

- 1,240 market rate for-rent, multi-housing and 96 for-sale townhomes;
- 842 income restricted affordable family and senior housing with broader range of incomes;
- A retail and office component primarily oriented to serving the local community;
- 90,000 square feet of retail and 70,000 feet of professional office space.

President/CEO Jerome Ryans said, "This demolition represents the end of an era and a new beginning for the West Tampa community, where I am sure everyone will be proud to call this home."

Representatives from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, local and state officials, Tampa Housing Authority officials, former residents and community partners will participate in this event that is open to the public.

WHAT: North Boulevard Homes Demolition Ceremony
WHEN: Thursday, June 29th at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
WHERE: 1706 Butler Court, Tampa, FL 33607

The Housing Authority of the City of Tampa promotes the development and professional management of a variety of affordable housing opportunities, facilities and supportive services, that nurture neighborhoods, provide economic development and self-sufficiency activities for residents while assuring equal access to safe, quality housing for low and moderate income families throughout the community.

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