



## Perris Press Release

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### City to Break Ground on Perris Station Apartment Complex

Perris officials will break ground Wednesday on a \$24-million, 84-unit senior citizen and low to moderate-income apartment complex that provides badly needed housing and continues the renaissance of the City's historic D Street corridor.

The Perris Station Apartments, at the southwest corner of San Jacinto Avenue and D Street, will consist of three stories—two levels of residences above a level of parking and 9,300-square-feet of retail/office space.

The complex also includes a 16,000-square-foot second-story open space courtyard. Ground-breaking is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the construction site.



Perris Station Apartment Complex.

Perris City Council members say the location of the new complex is ideal.

It is right across-the-street from Perris City Hall and the Perris Senior Center and within a minute or two walk of the library, the

Metrolink multi-modal transit center and a healthcare clinic.

About \$6-million of the funding will come from City's redevelopment money with the rest coming from private-development monies.

"The Perris Station Apartments mixed use development will remove blighted conditions along D Street and will be an excellent anchor project, providing impetus for further development and combined with the future Metrolink Station, will be an integral part of the future Downtown," said Michael McDermott, the City's Redevelopment and Economic Development Manager in a staff report. "Residents of the apartments will benefit from (its) central location."

Because the State of California has chosen to eliminate municipal redevelopment agencies, the Perris Station Apartments mark one of the last times RDA funds will be used to improve the City's infrastructure and public services.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch said the Perris Station Apartments mark the latest chapter in what has been a years-long effort to improve the City's historic D Street one-mile corridor. The City has installed new curbs, sidewalks, parking areas, lighting, signage and landscaping along D Street.

In addition, Perris provided grants to many businesses to return their exterior facades to their historic appearance, has renovated the Bank of Perris building and converted into a municipal archives building and has restored the exterior of the

Perris Theatre building. Work on the Mercado Apartments on the south end of D Street is wrapping up and the complex is accepting rental applications.

Mayor Busch said the Perris Station Apartments fulfill several needs identified by Perris officials—including providing senior housing and continue development of the Downtown area.

"It has been a long time coming and I am glad the day is finally here," he said. "This is another example of what the City Council and staff can accomplish by working together for the betterment of our community."

Mayor Pro-Tem Al Landers called the new apartments "another gem for the City of Perris." He said he remembers the location when it was a service station which became vacant and created an eyesore. The new apartments, he said, continues the reinvigoration of D Street into a "safe and beautiful location we can all be proud of."

"Each member of the City Council is dedicated to moving this City forward," Landers said. "D Street is a major gateway to our Downtown and I proud to be part of the team that is improving Downtown Perris. Things are only going to get better."

City Councilwoman Joanne Evans said she has met many senior citizens in her responsibilities as a Perris elected official. Those seniors tell her that there is a great demand for residences like the Perris Station Apartments.

"It's a wonderful thing and a lot of seniors are looking forward to it," Evans said. "They are all pretty excited. It's nice to be able to accomplish things for the people of this City."

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough said he is sorry that redevelopment agency funding will soon cease but proud that the City has accomplished so much with it—including construction of a new fire station, attracting new business to Perris and completing major infrastructure improvements. He said D Street has undergone a "light year of improvements" in recent times.

"I'm glad we were able to complete this project," he said. "The demand for this project was there, the staff and City Council recognized it and we met the challenge. This shows what we can get done when we work together and are in touch with the needs of this community."