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MIDPEN HOUSING NOW ACCEPTING PRE-APPLICATIONS FOR AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS IN WATSONVILLE

May 1, 2024 – Santa Cruz, CA – The County of Santa Cruz Planning Division proudly announces that MidPen Housing is accepting pre-applications to lease at its newly built, 80-unit Cienega Heights community, between May 1 and May 22.

Cienega Heights, an affordable apartment community financed by the County, the California Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Program, and other public and private sources, is slated for completion in Summer 2024. Located at 1515 - 1715 Brewington Avenue in Watsonville, this property includes secure building entrances, in-unit washer/dryers, outdoor play areas, onsite resident services and events, community rooms, all-new electric appliances and more. A portion of the units are reserved for local farmworkers through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Program.

Pre-Applications may be submitted via the online application system or downloaded from the MidPen Housing website at bit.ly/cienega-heights. Paper pre-applications are available upon request at the temporary leasing office located at: 316 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Applications are due no later than Friday, May 22 at 5 pm. Applicants will be selected through a lottery. The application period will fill 42 out of the 79 available units.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Community Development & Infrastructure serves all unincorporated areas in the county. The department's mission is to improve customer service, streamline projects, and to align public infrastructure and private development to further County goals in attainable housing, reliable transportation and sustainable environment. For more information, visit <https://www.sccoplanning.com/> or follow the department on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Nextdoor](#).

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