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**Dixon's Heritage Commons Awarded \$1 Million to
Build Senior Housing**

Dixon, Calif. – Heritage Commons, a 60-unit senior housing community in Dixon, has been awarded a grant of \$1,000,000. The award is from the Affordable Housing Program of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of San Francisco. First Northern Bank of Dixon (FNRN.OB), an FHLB member, applied for the funding.

The senior-apartment community is sponsored by Davis Senior Housing Communities, Inc. (DSHC), and will be built at the corner of South First Street/ Highway 113 and Heritage Lane. The grant will enable Heritage Commons to provide one manager's unit and 59 units of affordable renting housing to seniors who are living at or below 50% of the area's median income.

"First Northern Bank is a very active FHLB member," says Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Louise Walker, a long-time Dixon resident. "Our Bank was founded in Dixon, where we have continued to operate for 100 years. We are deeply committed to serving the people of Dixon, and are thrilled to have played a role in securing affordable housing for seniors in this city. This \$1-million award is the largest single award that we have ever received from the Federal Home Loan Bank. It's gratifying to know that the funds will be used in our own hometown."

**Only One Rural Community Received a \$1 Million Dollar Grant –
Heritage Commons in Dixon**

Of the \$32.5 million in Affordable Housing Program funds recently awarded by the FHLB, California received only six awards of \$1 million, which is the maximum limit. Heritage Commons in Dixon was the only rural community to receive the maximum award.

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This is the second FHLB grant to be awarded to Davis Senior Housing Communities through First Northern Bank, which has now sponsored \$3,016,000 in FHLB grants to projects with Neighborhood Partners in Yolo and Solano counties.

The five-acre site for Heritage Commons was generously donated by Brookfield Homes to fulfill their affordable housing requirement. In addition to the contribution of land, DSHC is receiving a loan of \$343,000 from the City of Dixon Redevelopment Agency. DSHC is also applying for funds from a number of other state and federal sources.

An Affordable Senior Housing Apartment Complex with First-Class Amenities

“Davis Senior Housing Communities is proud of its track record of serving active seniors in Davis at Eleanor Roosevelt Circle,” says Bill Powell, President of the nonprofit organization. “We intend to replicate many of the services and programs that we provide in Davis. We are especially glad to have Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) extend its incredible array of educational programs to Heritage Commons and to everyone in Dixon. OLLI and our other programs are a real value to our residents.”

Heritage Commons will provide affordable housing to very low-income seniors. The apartment complex will be located within a new subdivision of single-family homes in Dixon. The project is located within one mile of the Dixon senior center, public library, community medical clinic, park, and shopping. A spacious community building will include a kitchen, computer area, and a co-op store operated by the residents, who will also have access to on-site services and financial literacy education. The entire site faces south for the most efficient solar use. Heritage Commons exceeds the standards required for the number of accessible units. There are a number of areas set aside for community gardens and planter boxes for the residents. The 60 apartments at Heritage Commons are the first phase on the site. Another 60 units will be built in a second phase.

Just as with Eleanor Roosevelt Circle in Davis, there will be a Residents’ Council. The other partners with DSHC include Neighborhood Partners, LLC, and the John Stewart Company.

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About First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and the west slope of El Dorado County. First Northern has 11 branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville (2), Winters, Woodland, Downtown Sacramento, Roseville, and Auburn, and has a full service Trust Department in Sacramento. First Northern Bank also offers 24/7 real estate mortgage loans, SBA Loans, and non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. Real Estate Mortgage Loan offices are located in Davis, Roseville and Folsom, and real estate loan representatives are available to meet customers at any of the Bank's branches by appointment. The Bank specializes in relationship banking and employs experts in the area of small business, commercial, agribusiness, and real estate lending, as well as wealth management. The Bank can be found on the Web at www.thatsmybank.com.

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