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Ayala Welcomes New Affordable Housing to Bridgeport

POKO Partners opens 32-unit apartment complex for Bridgeport residents



Senator Ayala speaks with a former student of his, who is now employed at the high-quality, affordable Clinton Commons Apartments complex in Bridgeport.

BRIDGEPORT, CT—Surrounded by a crowd of local residents, former students, and public officials, Senator Andres Ayala (D-Bridgeport) cut the ribbon today on a new complex of high-quality, affordable apartments in Bridgeport's West Side. The POKO Partners LLC owned complex offers 32 units, 10 of which will provide supportive services through CCCYMCA Alpha Community Services.

"I am thrilled to see that 32 families will be given the opportunity to live in affordable, comfortable housing here in the West Side," said Senator Ayala. "It is days like this that make me proud to represent the growing and thriving city of Bridgeport."

Clinton Commons Apartments offers several different size units, all with modern, energy efficient appliances. The 4.5 story building features a welcoming street-side appearance and

elevator services that complement the 27 handicap accessible units. The 91 Clinton Avenue location is near several local schools, and ample parking is available for tenants.

“As Bridgeport continues to seek to revitalize itself through a bold Master Plan, there are crucial aspects of the City’s dynamic that are needed before the revitalization vision can fully take hold,” POKO Partners President Ken Olson remarked. “High quality affordable housing along with supportive services is a priority for this region and we believe that Clinton Commons Apartments will satisfy just this need.”

Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch attended the event to express his support for the project. He commended POKO partners for their efforts to bring excellent housing options to Bridgeport residents at an affordable rate. Mayor Finch also thanked Evonne Klein, Connecticut’s new Housing Commissioner, for her department’s work in making this project possible.

“By meeting the housing needs of our residents, we make our communities stronger and improve Connecticut’s economy,” said Commissioner Klein. “This project is clearly well designed, and I see it as the cornerstone in a template of other projects.”

Financing for the Clinton Commons Apartments was provided through the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.

Anyone interested in applying to live in this building may contact POKO Partners at (914) 937-5129, or rents@pokomgt.com.