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**CHA BREAKS GROUND ON ANOTHER MIXED-INCOME DEVELOPMENT
ON THE CITY'S SOUTH SIDE
Units to serve as replacement housing for Robert Taylor residents**

Continuing the effort to revitalize dilapidated public housing communities, the Chicago Housing Authority will break ground on yet another development as part of the effort to offer residents a much-improved quality of life.

On Friday, July 9th at 11am at the corner of 43rd Street and Michigan Avenue, CHA CEO Terry Peterson and 3rd Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman will host members of the community, the development team and key partners for a groundbreaking to mark the next phase of progress in the Plan for Transformation, the largest overhaul of public housing units in the nation's history.

600 units, situated on several parcels located from 39th Street to the north, 54th Street to the south, State Street to the west and Prairie Street to the east, will make up the off-site component of the overall redevelopment. When complete, the units will be available as replacement housing for some former Robert Taylor residents. The current construction work means that residents will be given the opportunity that they were promised: a chance to continue to live in the neighborhood they know so well.

"The work here is just a portion of the overall effort to rebuild this area and restore it to its historic prominence," said Alderman Tillman. "We want the residents to know that they are at the center of that goal."

The total Taylor redevelopment will consist of 2,400 units, with approximately one-third public housing, one-third affordable and one-third market rate. There will also be a homeownership component for each rental phase.

The development team of Dearborn Root, LP has taken on the task of bringing back multiple building types. With commercial development on State Street between 39th and 51st, re-integration of the historic street grid and open, green space, the Taylor redevelopment represents a bold future. The construction of the Salvation Army "Red Shield" Center, slated to be built on State Street between 47th and 50th Streets, will provide a solid community anchor. This kind of progress would not be possible without several important partners, including the city's Department of Housing (DOH), the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA). IHDA contributed a significant portion of the funding to make this project possible, as part of Governor Blagojevich's commitment to affordable housing in Illinois.

"What we have set out to do is too large for just one pair of hands," said CHA CEO Terry Peterson. "The Mayor's commitment, along with various city agencies, resident leadership, and the private, education and foundation sectors have helped us move forward – and we are so very grateful."

The first units are slated for completion by Spring 2005.

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