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CAMBA Housing Ventures Receives U.S. Green Building Council's 2018 LEED Homes Awards

*Annual awards honor prominent projects, developers,
and builders in residential sustainability*

Brooklyn, NY, June 20, 2019 CAMBA Housing Ventures, Inc. is pleased to announce that CAMBA Gardens Phase II, LEED Gold rated has been awarded the 2018 Outstanding Affordable Housing Development award by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) as a part of the LEED Homes Awards. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the world's most widely used green building rating system. The award is an annual honor in celebration of residential projects, developers and builders that use LEED to improve quality of life for residents, reduce a building's impact on the environment, and create healthier and more resilient communities. CAMBA Housing Ventures is also honored to be named a 2018 LEED Homes Power Builder for its commitment to LEED and the green building movement.

"LEED is known for setting the highest standards for the sustainability and performance of buildings, and it plays an even more important role when it's applied to our personal spaces – our homes," said **Mahesh Ramanujam**, President and CEO, USGBC. "We are seeing more and more homeowners and builders make the important decision to pursue LEED, and USGBC is committed to continue building on the success of the residential market."

The winners of the LEED Homes Awards include multi-family, single-family and affordable housing projects and companies who utilized innovative and effective sustainability methods in residential spaces in 2018.

“We are honored to receive this award for CAMBA Gardens Phase II from the U.S. Green Building Council for our efforts in building affordable and supportive housing that provides sustainable and healthy homes for 293 households,” said **Joanne M. Oplustil**, President and CEO of CAMBA/CAMBA Housing Ventures. “This recognition of our innovative work underscores our commitment to environmental stewardship, resiliency and design excellence.”

CAMBA Housing Ventures has a strong commitment to innovation in sustainability and design, which is evident throughout CAMBA Gardens Phase II, representing \$100 million in public and private investment. Designed and built to achieve NYSEDA, Enterprise Green Communities, and LEED Gold standards, the development features Energy Star appliances and lighting to reduce utility costs; healthy indoor air quality; high-efficiency building systems; low/non-toxic finishes; bike parking on site; high efficiency flow showers, sinks, and toilets for water conservation; and day-lit common areas and energy-efficient windows.

A national model for co-locating housing and healthcare, CAMBA Gardens Phase II (CGII) is a continuation of the successful CAMBA Gardens Phase I, which created an innovative partnership between a public hospital, nonprofit community developer, social service provider and community stakeholders to redevelop underutilized hospital property into much-needed supportive and affordable housing.

Situated on the campus of New York City Health + Hospitals’ Kings County Campus, CAMBA Gardens Phase II provides 293 units (a mix of studios, one-bedrooms, two-bedrooms, and three-bedrooms) of permanent, supportive and affordable housing, including 110 units for families and individuals in the community making no more than 60 percent of the area median income and 182 units for formerly homeless families and individuals. CAMBA, Inc. provides on-site supportive services. CGII is transit oriented and provides healthy indoor air quality, non-toxic finishes, local and culturally relevant art, and green spaces for all ages.

CAMBA Gardens Phase II was financed by leveraging \$100 million in public and private investment New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Medicaid Redesign Team, TD Bank, Enterprise Community Investment, Bank of America, New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, New York State Homeless Housing and Assistance Program, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and member bank HSBC; Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams and New York City

Councilmember Dr. Mathieu Eugene; New York State Energy and Research Development Agency, Corporation for Supportive Housing and Enterprise Community Partners. Additional support provided by: Ameriprise Financial, Capital One, Deutsche Bank, and JPMorgan Chase.

About CAMBA Housing Ventures

CAMBA Housing Ventures is an award-winning affordable, supportive housing developer. CAMBA Housing Ventures pairs design excellence and sustainable, energy-efficient buildings with CAMBA's life-changing case management services to provide safe, healthy homes for low-income and formerly homeless individuals. CAMBA Housing Ventures set a goal in 2005 to have in the pipeline and/or partner on to create 1,000 units of affordable housing by 2015 and has nearly doubled this goal as of 2015 (2,062 units, \$628 million in public/private investment, over 2 million square feet) in three of the five boroughs. CAMBA Housing Venture's goal is to create or preserve 2,500 units by 2020. Learn more at www.cambahousingventures.org

About CAMBA

Started in 1977, CAMBA is a nonprofit agency that connects people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life. CAMBA offers integrated services and programs in: Economic Development, Education & Youth Development, Family Support, Health, Housing and Legal Services. CAMBA serves more than 65,000 individuals and families, including 10,000 youth, each year. Learn more about CAMBA's life-changing services at www.camba.org.

About the U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings. USGBC works toward its mission of market transformation through its LEED green building program, robust educational offerings, **an international network of local community leaders**, the annual Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, the Center for Green Schools and advocacy in support of public policy that encourages and enables green buildings and communities. For more information, visit usgbc.org and connect on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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