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APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN FOR LIVE OAK AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Rental applications are now being accepted for Bienestar Plaza, a new affordable housing complex located at 1520 Capitola Road in Live Oak that will be completed this Fall.

Constructed and operated by MidPen Housing, the 56 affordable units at Bienestar Plaza are part of a 3.7-acre housing and health hub located on former redevelopment property once owned by the County of Santa Cruz. The County contributed more than \$7.5 million toward the project.

Bienestar Plaza includes 40 project-based Section 8 vouchers, of which 25 will be filled by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz from its Section 8 waitlist. These units will have a local preference. The remaining 16 units will be filled through MidPen's waitlist for this property.

Applicants must meet income guidelines. To apply, visit www.midpen-housing.org/bienestarplaza. Online applications are strongly encouraged. For questions, call (831) 318-6061 or email bienestarplaza@midpen-housing.org.

Pre-applications may be submitted online or downloaded from the website. Forms may also be obtained at a temporary leasing office located at St. Stephens Apartments, 2510 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applicants will be selected through a lottery.

Bienestar Plaza includes 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units. Amenities include onsite laundry facilities and bike room, a courtyard & children's play area, onsite resident services, events, and a community room with lounge area.

All applications must be received by 5 p.m. on May 12, 2023.