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Dear neighbors:

As you are aware, 104 units in Build B of the affordable housing complex located at the 2700 block of Middlefield Road that was under construction was destroyed by fire on Monday, June 3. The adjacent Building A, which includes 75 units, is unharmed and will resume construction in short order.

This is a tragic event and the cause has yet to be determined. Official investigations continue to determine the fire's cause, and we hope to be able to bring more information to you as soon as we have it.

We want to acknowledge the concern and impacts this fire has had on Mercy Housing and the County who have been looking forward to the completion of this affordable housing development that has been in the works for many years. We are steadfast in our resolve to deliver this project which has been under construction for one year and which is vital for providing badly-needed housing to the Bay Area community.

Additionally, we also want to take a moment and appreciate the impacts that this fire has caused to our neighbors. We ask for the larger community to remain out of the affected neighborhoods adjacent to the Middlefield site as not to disturb the residents who are still processing this tragic event.

We understand that there are many questions still unanswered, and we are committed to fully cooperating with the investigation as it develops. Our goal is to provide the community with answers as soon as possible.

We want you to know that we are in the process of putting in place insurance procedures for any claims that may arise from the fire to our neighbors. In the coming week, the James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corp. will send neighbors via US mail and email a phone number to call to file any and all claims.

We would again like to thank the Menlo Park Fire Department, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, and our neighbors for their help in identifying and responding to the fire. We also want to extend our deepest commitment to get the affordable housing at Middlefield Junction built and lived in with all possible speed.

Sincerely,

Scott Smith
President & CEO
James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corp.