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**COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMEMORATES END OF
NATIVE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF ALCATRAZ**

When: Friday, June 9th, 2006 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Senator Hotel, 519 Ellis Street San Francisco, CA 94109

San Francisco, CA. The Community Housing Partnership (CHP) will host a celebration of the end of the Native American Occupation of Alcatraz Island on Friday, June 9th at the Senator Hotel. The occupation occurred at the height of the Civil Rights movement, and over the course of 19 months, over 5000 Native Americans and their supporters changed the way the world viewed Native American culture. Many issues were highlighted during the occupation, including the abject poverty of Native persons living on reservations, and the systematic injustice of treaties between the Natives American population and the U.S. government.

On June 11, 1971, federal marshals removed the last group of Native Americans from Alcatraz, and gave them a one night stay at the Senator Hotel, which was then a privately owned hotel. The occupiers held a press conference in the lobby of the building, garnering international media attention. To mark the 35th anniversary of the end of the occupation, CHP will hold a celebration and install a plaque in the lobby of the building, which is now home to 71 formerly homeless individuals and 18 formerly homeless families.

Community Housing Partnership (CHP) provides permanent, affordable supportive housing to individuals and families who have experienced homelessness. CHP currently owns and/or operates 329 units of housing for more than 575 men, women and children. We seek to help formerly homeless people achieve self-sufficiency by providing permanent housing, effective property management, comprehensive support services and employment training programs. Over the next 5 years, CHP will more than double in size, adding at least 5 supportive housing sites to its current portfolio.

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