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The Gateway at SoNo Breaks Ground

The first major redevelopment project in historic South Norfolk; a vibrant mixed-use development featuring 133 condominiums and 54,000 square feet of retail & office space

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA...Chesapeake City officials today joined with the Virginia Housing Development Authority, Harris-Judah LLC, Fulco Development and the community of South Norfolk to celebrate the groundbreaking for The Gateway at SoNo, the first major redevelopment project generated by the City's South Norfolk Revitalization Plan.

The Gateway at SoNo, located at the intersection of Bainbridge Boulevard and Poindexter Street, will transform a long vacant 6-acre site into a vibrant mixed-use development featuring 133 condominiums and 54,000 square feet of retail and office space. The residences will appear from the street as a series of "mansion-style" condos with an architectural design that is in keeping with the roots of the neighborhood. The two cornerstone mixed-use buildings featured along Poindexter Street will provide retail and office space, creating business opportunities and deliver goods and services to the historic community.

The local development team of Harris·Judah LLC and Fulco Development is using the project to create a new gateway into South Norfolk that is appealing to residents and visitors alike.

"Symbolizing another milestone in the resurgence of the South Norfolk community, The Gateway at SoNo represents a kind of welcome mat for South Norfolk – it will be the face of many other improvements now in the works. The synergy at work here has been electrifying and will be transformational when complete," remarked Mayor Dalton S. Edge. "The City is excited with the commitment shown by the development team, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the entire South Norfolk community in making this project a reality."

The development will also serve as a pilot project for the Virginia Housing Development Authority, which will be providing construction financing as well as low interest loans for first time home owners purchasing the condominiums.

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