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Vallagio at Inverness wins 2011 Live Work Play People's Choice award *Neighborhood recognized by DRCOG as a great place and livable community*

ARAPAHOE COUNTY, CO --- Vallagio at Inverness, a popular, successful and forward-thinking transit-oriented neighborhood at I-25 and Dry Creek Road in unincorporated Arapahoe County, is the winner of the Denver Regional Council of Government's inaugural 2011 Live Work Play People's Choice Award.

After more than 171,000 votes cast at www.liveworkplay2011.com between Feb. 10 and April 13, Vallagio emerged as the people's choice selection from a field of 10 finalists in the new DRCOG program that recognizes and honors the metro area's great places and livable communities.

"Congratulations to Peter Kudla, CEO of Metropolitan Homes and the Vallagio employees, residents and businesses," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chairman and is past president of the DRCOG Board of Directors. "Vallagio is a tremendous asset to Arapahoe County and it has set the standard for how future mixed-use, transit-oriented neighborhoods should be. We are proud to have helped them be a part of this tremendous program, and we are honored that they are part of Arapahoe County."

Vallagio is the inspiration of Kudla, who wanted to create a place with personality and a neighborhood where people could feel connected to their community. Arapahoe County nominated Vallagio for the Live Work Play award because it is a one-of-a-kind mixed-use neighborhood with easy access to downtown Denver via light rail and I-25. It offers vibrant retail and a mix of authentic eateries and neighborhood shops, a golf course, and District 475 – a gallery and event center, which is contributing to the buzz of the new Midtown.

Every year, Vallagio hosts Tiny Miracles, a 5K race and street festival that has raised more than \$6.7 million for The Children's Hospital. Vallagio also has teamed up with the Transportation Management Association to sponsor a Bike to Work Day station.

In October 2010, the Board of County Commissioners, along with representatives from the Inverness Metropolitan Improvement District, Southeast Business Partnership and Vallagio joined more than 400 guests to celebrate the grand opening of the Inverness Drive West Light Rail Pedestrian Bridge.

The Pedestrian Bridge was the final connection to the Dry Creek Light Rail station, which provides easy access for pedestrians and bicyclists to major employment centers, restaurants and shopping in Arapahoe, Denver and Douglas counties.

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Media Note: Photos of Vallagio at Inverness and the April 13 award ceremony are available at <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Vallagio/>

Cutline: Commissioners Rod Bockenfeld and Nancy N. Sharpe help Metropolitan Homes CEO Peter Kudla accept DRCOG's Live Work Play 2011 People's Choice award April 13.