



## **Vice President Kamala Harris Visits Retail Village at Sycamore & Oak in Congress Heights Neighborhood of Washington, DC**

**Washington, DC (August 2023)**—Sycamore & Oak, a transformative community-led development that promotes entrepreneurship, wellness and provides a vibrant year-round community resource was the backdrop for Vice President Kamala Harris’ announcement about increasing the support for the nation’s small businesses.

The 23,000 square-foot Retail Village developed by Redbrick LMD in partnership with Emerson Collective incubates food and retail concepts created by Ward 7 and 8 businesses and offers an “Incubate the Eight” program for emerging Black entrepreneurs and local business owners. Through the program local entrepreneurs receive technical and marketing support along with training to help scale and sustain their business. The Retail Village also offers a “Chefs-in-Residence” program, where food and beverage operators receive operational support and mentoring from the Jose Andres Group.

The featured 13 local businesses represent a variety of products and services including streetwear brands, beauty and skincare shops, art boutiques, a fitness operator, food vendors and a fresh food market. They include: Black Bella Spa & Wellness Center, Soufside Creative, Chris Pyrate & Friends, LoveMore Brand, Paradyce Clothing Company, Inc., Vaya Beauty, The Museum DC, WeFitDC, Dionne’s Good Food, Glizzy’s DC, Triecy’s DC, Buna Talk Café, and The Fresh Food Factory Market.

Built using FSC-certified, sustainably harvested mass timber, the Retail Village demonstrates the versatility, beauty and sustainability of carbon-sequestering. It is the largest free-standing commercial mass timber structure in the District and demonstrates the flexibility, economy, and sustainability of this ancient building material in its new, high-tech form. An all-electric building, it will demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of solar energy, battery storage, heat pumps and induction cooking.

Redbrick’s development projects at St Elizabeths East are transforming this historic Washington, DC, hospital campus into an exciting and inclusive mixed-use, mixed-income community, bringing new housing, office, retail, health care and other desired services to Ward 8. Other Redbrick projects on the campus include the Whitman Walker’s new Max Robinson Center, a 118,000 square-foot facility opening in September that will provide primary, behavioral, and dental care; a pharmacy; public benefits and insurance navigation services; and research, policy advocacy, education, and training around LGBTQ health, HIV care, and other areas of Whitman-Walker’s experience and expertise.

**About Redbrick LMD**

Redbrick LMD is a community-minded developer, owner, and asset manager of high-impact real estate, helping to create transformative buildings and dynamic urban neighborhoods that reflect how people want to live, work, and play. Headquartered in Washington, DC, Redbrick has extensive experience and knowledge in developing new projects from the ground up, acquiring, and repositioning existing projects, navigating entitlement processes, and structuring real estate transactions to maximize risk-adjusted returns. Redbrick LMD has developed, redeveloped, and managed more than 5,000 multifamily units nationally across a diverse portfolio of mixed-use assets. Since 2000, the principals have closed more than \$2 billion in real estate transactions and are currently managing a development pipeline of approximately 8 million square feet on owned or controlled land. For more information, visit our [website](#).

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