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HEADLINE: Zero-energy residence on track to achieve LEED Platinum rating;
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Los Angeles -- Boasting goals of "zero energy, zero water, zero carbon, and zero emissions," **LivingHomes'** model home in Santa Monica, Calif., is slated to be evaluated by the U.S. Green Building Council's pilot Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Home (LEED-H) program, and is expected to garner Platinum certification; the highest level of LEED-H.

The Santa Monica model home represents one of four base models designed by Southern Californian Ray Kappe and offered by **LivingHomes**, who are currently completing only custom projects for homes that range from 800 to 4,000-plus square feet, and that can be built individually on small to medium flat or hillside lots of 3,000 square feet or more to facilitate urban infill development, or in small communities of 10 to 70 homes.

[ILLUSTRATION OMITTED]

These sustainable, prefabricated homes include extensive environmental programs and are assembled over a four to five month-period in a regional factory and "installed" in one day; three-dimensional exhibits of modern design by world-class architects and healthy living, the company reports, that target the growing class of "cultural creatives"--people who value design, health and ecological sustainability in the products they buy.

According to the company, **LivingHomes** will strive to preserve natural environments by locating communities near mass transit hubs and within reasonable walking distance from other retail and commercial facilities, and will incorporate green and energy efficient design at every level to mitigate the impact that the communities have on soil, water and land. For more information, visit www.livinghomes.us.