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## ARA Newmark Announces Sale of a 343-Unit, Value-Add Community in Orlando Suburb of Casselberry, Florida

Regency Oaks Offers New Ownership Significant Opportunity to Add Value

**Casselberry, FL (October 2015)** — <u>ARA, A Newmark Company</u> (ARA Newmark) announced the sale of Regency Oaks, a 343-unit, value-add, Class B property located in Casselberry, Florida, approximately 10 miles north of downtown Orlando. The property was 95% occupied at the time of the sale.

The ARA Newmark team of Executive Managing Director and lead advisor Kevin Judd, Executive Managing Director Patrick Dufour, Vice Chairmen Richard Donnellan and Marc deBaptiste and Associate Scott Ramey exclusively represented the Norfolk, Virginia-based seller Harbor Group International LLC (Harbor Group) in the transaction. Harbor Group, an existing ARA Newmark client, is a global real estate investment firm that focuses on national and international real estate investment opportunities. The company maintains a portfolio valued at approximately \$4.2 billion and currently owns 7.4 million square feet of commercial properties and approximately 29,000 apartment units.

Jacksonville, Florida-based Michaelson Real Estate Group, LLC (Michaelson), a regional multifamily real estate investment and management company, purchased the property. Regency Oaks will add to its existing portfolio of over 11,000 units in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee, with the majority of the company's existing properties located in Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa.

According to Judd, "Regency Oaks is a well-located, fully-stabilized asset offering several opportunities for significant value-add interior and exterior enhancements. Comparable properties in the same submarket are able to achieve rents over \$100 higher than Regency Oaks. The property is located in an extremely high barrier to entry area, surrounded by affluent municipalities including Winter Park, Maitland and Winter Springs."

Ramey added, "The sale of Regency Oaks is a perfect example of the increased investor demand for well-maintained properties in great locations. Regency Oaks has tremendous visibility and access on Semoran Boulevard, and the property

should benefit directly from recent infrastructure enhancements and commercial redevelopments that are taking place in the immediate surrounding area."

Constructed in two phases, phase one of Regency Oaks was completed in 1969 and phase two in 1973. The property consists of one-, two- and three-bedroom units. The community amenities include a barbecue and picnic area, a dog park, carports, a lighted tennis court, a playground, three laundry facilities, three pools with sundecks, a 24/7 fitness center and a self-serve car wash.

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