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OVER 50 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS RECEIVE FREE TAX PREPARATION

South Whittier, March 9, 2012 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) hosted a free Tax Preparation Workshop for pre-qualified low-income residents of the unincorporated South Whittier area. The event was held at the Community Resource Center (CRC), in partnership with the Office of Assemblymember, Charles Calderon (58th District), and the Office of State Controller, John Chiang. The Internal Revenue Service Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs provided filing services for families and individuals with household incomes of \$50,000 or less and/or who are over the age of 60.

VITA and TCE volunteers showed up bright and early at the CRC to provide specialized services to more than 50 individuals who often find themselves with little or no help due to their limited income and English-language proficiency. Events such as these are part of a broader effort by local, state, and federal agencies to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns, while informing them about special tax credits for

which they may qualify, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly and Disabled.

The CRC, which is supported by the CDC, offers residents a meeting place for a wide range of community events. The center specializes in providing needed community resources and programs, such as youth and family services, educational workshops, a computer learning center, and health care services.

For information on services provided by the CRC, please call (562) 946-2425 or visit the website at www.swcrc.org. All media should direct their inquiries to Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (323) 890-7415.

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