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## COUNTY HELPS BRING 60 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO KOREATOWN

### Menlo Provides Affordable Supportive Housing for Families, Homeless, and Transition-Aged Youth



Los Angeles, March 7, 2013 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to celebrate the Grand Opening of Menlo Family Housing (Menlo), a new 60-unit complex developed by Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) and Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC). Menlo provides affordable supportive housing for families, homeless, and transition-aged youth residents.

The CDC invested over \$2 million of its City of Industry funds to acquire and develop the land that previously held two older multifamily housing units and one motel, which had become an unsightly nuisance in the area prior to its demolition. Menlo, a 5-

story, energy efficient, mid-rise apartment building with subterranean parking and an outdoor plaza courtyard, provides much needed housing for low-income Koreatown residents. Menlo residents will now have access to life skills training, financial literacy, as well as parenting classes and afterschool programs. In addition, a mental health specialist will service families with mentally ill children onsite, as needed.



*Left to Right: Dean Matsubayashi, Executive Director, LTSC, Sean Rogan, Executive Director, Community Development of the County of Los Angeles, John Ho Song, Executive Director, KYCC, and Dr. Robin Kay, County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health.*

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said, “The City of Industry funds program has proven to be a valuable resource for creating affordable housing, and with them, Menlo Family Housing will be able to provide a support structure that encourages its residents to overcome their personal obstacles and flourish as members of the community.”

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