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## COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTER IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS

Input from Area Residents Considered in the Planning



*County officials break ground.*

Hacienda Heights, May 2, 2013 - Los Angeles County officials joined in the groundbreaking celebration for the future 21,000 square foot Hacienda Heights Community and Recreation Center. The County entered into a 40-year ground lease and joint use agreement with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District to develop the facility. Following active community involvement during the three-year planning and design stages, a construction contract was awarded to KPRS Construction Services, Inc., to get the project on its way.

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) is overseeing the development of the \$21 million center, funded by the office of Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe. Based on input received from the community, the

facility will house a multi-purpose room with a stage, scene shop, green room, and dressing room that will accommodate performance style seating for up to 539 people. This large multi-purpose room can also accommodate banquet style seating for up to 400 people. In addition, it will also include a small multi-use room, an arts and crafts room, computer room, and catering kitchen. The facility will achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating.

The center will be located at 1234 Valencia Avenue, a former school site of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District. The project will include recreational park amenities such as walking trails, fitness stations, BBQ areas, picnic tables, and lawn areas for outdoor gatherings and activities. It will also incorporate a civic art element. Construction is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2014.

The center is made possible with the support of the County's Fourth Supervisorial District, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, CDC, community members, and the design team of DLR Group. Supervisor Don Knabe said, "This center is another fine example of how local partnerships can be creative in meeting the needs of the community. Input from area residents has ensured that we provide the wide variety of amenities requested for all to enjoy."

Once completed, it will be operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information on park services, please call (310) 965-8602. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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