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COUNTY CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF THE NEW HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER

New Facility Offers Several Amenities to Encourage Healthy and Active
Lifestyles for Area Residents



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- Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, and the Los Angeles County

Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) joined the community to unveil the newly built Hacienda Heights Community Center. The \$21 million, 21,000 square-foot center is located at 1234 Valencia Avenue, the former site of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's Hillgrove Elementary School. With funding from the Fourth Supervisorial District, demolition of the school, which had been vacant for a number of years, began in April 2013 to make way for the construction of this new facility.

Based on input from the community, the facility was designed to house a multi-purpose space with a stage, scene shop, green room, and dressing room that will accommodate performance style seating for up to 500 people. This large multi-purpose



room can also accommodate banquet style seating for up to 400 people. Other features include a dance rehearsal room, an arts and crafts room, computer room, and catering kitchen. The public will also enjoy recreational park amenities such as walking trails, fitness stations, and lawn areas for outdoor gatherings and activities. A civic art element is also incorporated on the site.

Many sustainable technologies, such as natural light, a high reflective roofing system, harvested wood throughout the center, reused concrete and asphalt, post-consumer recyclable content products, and drought tolerant landscaping make the new center an environmentally responsible addition to the community. For its extensive energy efficiency efforts, the new Hacienda Heights Community Center will achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating.

The Hacienda Heights Community Center is made possible with the support of Los Angeles County's Fourth Supervisorial District, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, DPR, the CDC, the design team of DLR Group, and KPRS Construction Services.

"I want to thank the community for partnering with us to develop this beautiful landmark," said Supervisor Knabe. "Together, we have built a hub for this area, a place where people of all ages can learn, play, grow, get healthy, make new friendships and have fun! My sincere congratulations and appreciation to everyone who put so much effort into creating this new, state-of-the-art, environmentally responsible facility."

For more information on the Hacienda Heights Community Center, which is operated by DPR, please call (626) 333-3250. All media inquiries can be directed to Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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