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COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON COMMUNITY AND FAMILY CENTER IN WHITTIER

**Liberty Community Plaza Will Bring Social Services as Well as
Recreational Activities to the Whittier Area**



Liberty Community Plaza groundbreaking.

Whittier, February 26, 2014 – Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe joined the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) and local officials to celebrate the groundbreaking of the future 20,600

square-foot Liberty Community Plaza. Following active community involvement during the three-year planning and design stages, a construction contract was awarded to Morillo Construction, Inc., to get the project on its way.

The CDC is overseeing the development of the \$19 million center which will house multi-purpose rooms, a cafe, a wi-fi study room, an arts and crafts room, a health

and wellness room, and offer programs operated by Helpline Youth Counseling. For its incorporation of energy efficiency measures and sustainable design, the building will achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating. Liberty Community Plaza will be located at 14181 Telegraph Road.

Liberty Community Plaza will also have a photovoltaic canopy, landscaping, playground, par (exercise) course. The development will include beautification and improvements to the lower level track area, including a water demonstration project built in collaboration with Orchard Dale Water District. A civic art element will also be part of the Plaza. Construction is scheduled for completion early 2015.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe said, "I am pleased to see construction begin on Liberty Community Plaza. This project will provide much needed open space for the growing needs of our community. Along with the Center, Veterans Freedom Garden will also provide a beautiful way for residents to honor the sacrifices of our military and celebrate the freedoms of our nation."

Liberty Community Plaza is made possible with the support of the County's Fourth Supervisorial District, the CDC, community members, and the design team of HMC Architects. Once completed, it will be operated by Helpline Youth Counseling, one of the largest youth services providers in Southeast Los Angeles County.

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