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SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT CENTER OPENS TO WALNUT PARK RESIDENTS

Former Supermarket Site Converted to State-of-the-Art
Community Resource Center

Walnut Park, June 14, 2014 - Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), and the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles (YWCA) joined Walnut Park residents to unveil the newly built Supervisor Gloria Molina



Dignitaries celebrate the grand opening of the Gloria Molina Community Empowerment Center.

Community Empowerment Center. Using \$10 million provided by the Supervisor, the CDC purchased the vacant supermarket site and entered into a Disposition and Development Agreement with the YWCA, a non-profit, to develop and renovate the supermarket into the area's first community center. The CDC anticipates transferring operations and maintenance of the property to the YWCA within the next few months.

The new approximately 13,900 square foot center is located at 7515 Pacific Boulevard in unincorporated Walnut Park. The two-story Spanish style design incorporates

vibrant colors, wrought iron details, ornate tile work, and onsite parking with 21 spaces and landscaping. Families will feel secure bringing their children to play in the enclosed children's play area.



A view of the children's play area.

The most anticipated amenity is the new childcare center that will serve 70 children ranging in ages from 2-5 years old. Families will also be offered a wide array of supportive services and resources designed specifically for children, youth, parents, and seniors including

English as a Second Language classes, parenting classes, health and wellness classes, computer training, senior activities, and other programs.

In addition, many sustainable technologies such as roof insulation, cool roof system, water conserving fixtures, motion sensing light fixtures, drought tolerant landscaping, and water saving irrigation make the new center an environmentally responsible addition to the community.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina said, "I am so proud of the Community Empowerment Center, not only for its impressive architecture, but also, for the opportunities it presents to the community. The opening of the center is especially timely, as we celebrate Walnut Park's centennial. This facility will be a safe place for children to learn and grow, while offering valuable resources to support families and seniors in their daily life, for many years to come."

For more information on the Community Empowerment Center, please contact the YWCA, at (213) 365-2991. All media inquiries can be directed to Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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