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## **NORTH LONG BEACH URBAN FARM RECEIVES ANNUAL GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Board of Supervisors Recognizes County Operated Outstanding Green Project

LOS ANGELES – April 26, 2011. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors presented its Third Annual Green Leadership Awards, recognizing outstanding community energy conservation and environmental efforts. The Growing Experience Urban Farm, located at the Carmelitos Public Housing Development in North Long Beach, and operated by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA), was the recipient of the Public Agency Green Leadership Award.

The Urban Farm makes fresh, sustainably grown produce available to nearly 100 families at Carmelitos and surrounding communities. The Urban Farm not only provides access to high-quality locally grown fruits and vegetables, but it creates an outdoor urban green space for recreation, education and a community gathering place. As a “Green Leader,” they actively involve the community, offering tours to local schools and hands-on training for interested adults. The agriculture crops are grown using sustainable methods



conserving water, energy, and resources. Areas of the Urban Farm which are not growing food are landscaped with native drought-tolerant plants.

Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich said the Green Leadership Program is important because it promotes awareness and responsibility, shares best practices, and inspires others to follow their leadership. Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the HACoLA stated, "I am proud to receive this honor and recognition. The Growing Experience Urban Farm exemplifies how a government sponsored project can fulfill innovative strategies to improve environmental sustainability, and provide benefits to the residents of Los Angeles County."

The Growing Experience is located at 750 Via Carmelitos, in Long Beach. For more information on the Urban Farm, please call (562) 984-2917, or visit the website at [www.growingexperiencelb.org](http://www.growingexperiencelb.org).

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