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COUNTY HELPS DEDICATE YWCA JOB CORPS URBAN CAMPUS

County Funds the Development of 22 Housing Units for Low-Income Young Adults Trying to Transition into Adulthood



Los Angeles, October 4, 2012 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles (YWCA) and Los Angeles Officials to dedicate the newly constructed YWCA Job Corps Urban Campus (Campus). Construction of the new Campus, located in downtown Los Angeles' South

Park community, in the vicinity of Staples Center, was completed in April 2012.

The Job Corps program fills a unique niche in the range of services provided for very low-income youth in Los Angeles. Job Corps integrates education, job training, placement, and housing into a single program, preparing young adults between the ages of 16-24, many of whom are homeless or emancipated foster youth, to enter the job market and transition to adulthood.

The total development costs for the Campus exceeded \$77 million. Approximately 51% of these costs, or \$40 million, was allocated to develop the residential portion. Funding was provided by a wide range of public agencies and lenders; in 2009, the CDC

provided \$2 million in City of Industry (COI) funds for construction and permanent financing of the housing portion, which filled a critical gap of the residential costs associated with this development.

The Campus consists of a single, seven-story, mixed-use building and accommodates the YWCA's headquarters and Job Corps administrative space. Residents enjoy on-site amenities such as a commercial kitchen and dining hall, study rooms, library, resident lounge, classrooms, computer room, and medical and dental clinic. The Campus offers 200 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units, each of which is designed to accommodate two residents; thus providing housing for up to 400 Job Corps participants. All of the residential units are reserved for individuals earning 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) and below; the 22 units funded by COI will target individuals earning no more than 40% AMI. Job Corps participants pay no rent for their housing, but must remain a program participant in order to reside at the Campus.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina said, "The education, housing, and social services the youths will receive at the YWCA Job Corps Urban Campus will provide the stepping stones needed to guide them to a life of productivity, responsibility, and success. I am thrilled to have the nation-wide Job Corps program brought into the heart of Los Angeles."

Since 1998, COI funds have been used in areas within the County as an important and exceptional special housing resource to help finance the development of permanent affordable housing for the County's most vulnerable populations. These populations include persons with special needs that render them homeless, or persons who are at greatest risk of homelessness.

For more information on the YWCA Job Corps Urban Campus, please call (213) 251-1344. All media should contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (323) 890-7415 for additional information.

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