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EL CAMINO REAL LIBRARY OPENS ITS DOORS TO RESIDENTS OF EAST LOS ANGELES

**Recent Construction Transformed this Aged Neighborhood Library into
a Modern and Efficient Community Resource**



Ribbon cutting celebration for the new El Camino Real Library

LOS ANGELES – November 7, 2014. After twelve months of construction, the El Camino Real Library celebrated its long awaited grand opening. The remodeled and expanded neighborhood library offers the community a modern and comfortable facility with new amenities and resources. The Community Development Commission of the

County of Los Angeles oversaw construction of the \$4.6 million development, funded by First District Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Construction included the refurbishment of the original 3,200 square-foot library and a 2,300 square foot addition. The original library received a remodeled staff area, new staff restroom, replacement of all interior finishes and furnishings, new skylights, electrical upgrades including new lighting fixtures, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, internet cabling, motion detectors, and card readers at selected doors for enhanced security. The addition includes a teen area, meeting room with kitchenette, master control room for low-voltage equipment, restrooms,

and storage space. Exterior improvements include a new patio, parking area for 10 vehicles, book drop, motorized rolling gates, lighting, signage, landscaping and irrigation, fencing, and trash area.

Los Angeles County First District Supervisor Gloria Molina stated, “Libraries are a vital community resource. It has been a priority of mine to refurbish the libraries in my District to ensure that they continue to serve the community’s needs and be a place where residents come to access valuable information. I also want to give children a safe place where they can find that learning is fun!”



The refurbished library is a bright, colorful space with new glass doors, windows, skylights, and a vibrant paint scheme. Vaulted ceilings make the space feel larger, and windows allow guests to see outside surroundings. To maximize interior space, large folding doors allow the facility easy access to the new patio. A second folding door allows for the joining of the meeting room and teen room into one large multipurpose space.



The architects, contractors, and CDC’s construction management team helped Supervisor Molina and Barbara Knack, of her staff, complete the library renovation on time and on budget.

Although not a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building, this project has considered energy conservation and sustainability through the careful selection of materials that contain a high quantity of recycled content for the carpeting, acoustic ceiling tiles, paints, and sealants. In addition, the HVAC equipment allow for remote monitoring to achieve optimum performance and energy savings.

El Camino Real Library is located at 4264 East Whittier Boulevard, in unincorporated East Los Angeles. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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