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## **COUNTY WELCOMES WHITTIER RESIDENTS TO THE NEW LIBERTY COMMUNITY PLAZA**

**New Center Will Also House County Offices and Rooms Reserved for  
Military Veterans' Programs**



Whittier, June 20, 2015 – The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined Supervisor Don Knabe to celebrate the ribbon cutting of Liberty Community Plaza. After three years of planning in partnership with the

community, and just over a year of construction, County officials were on hand to unveil the new 20,600 square-foot, one-story, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certified community center. The new center is located on the upper level of the property adjacent to the Sheriff's Training Academy and Regional Services Center (STARS Center).

In response to the feedback received from community members, the new \$19 million facility offers meeting space, exercise rooms, banquet space, and other public uses. Liberty Community Plaza will also house County offices and rooms reserved for Military Veterans' programs, all of which will be managed by Helpline Youth Counseling, the non-profit organization that will occupy and operate the facility. Liberty Community Plaza will also have a photovoltaic canopy and a new playground. The new development also includes beautification of, and improvements at, the lower level track area, including a water demonstration project built in collaboration with Orchard Dale Water District. The new County-owned facility was designed by HMC Architects.



Supervisor Don Knabe, who represents the area, said, "Whittier residents have been very patient with us as we planned and built this beautiful facility designed to engage veterans, seniors, and families by offering resources, services, and programming that hold real promise for better living and a stronger community." Liberty Community Plaza is located at 14181 Telegraph Road, Whittier.

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