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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS AWARDS \$95,000 IN CDBG FUNDS TO PROGRAMS SERVING LOW- AND MODERATE INCOME SENIORS AND YOUTH

YWCA of Greater Los Angeles Showcases Three Successful CDBG-  
Funded at Two Different Locations

Los Angeles, June 30, 2015 – Last week, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis visited two sites operated by the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles. Located in the First Supervisorial District, these sites receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the operation



From left to right: YWCA Program Director Norma Gonzalez, Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, YWCA Chief Executive Officer Faye Washington, and CDC Deputy Executive Director Terry Gonzalez.

of three successful programs that serve low- and moderate-income residents.

Supervisor Solis first stopped at the YWCA's Union Pacific facility located in East Los Angeles to observe the Senior Empowerment and the Youth Development Programs, each of which was previously recognized by Congresswoman Judy Chu with a 2012 Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award. Acknowledging the success of the programs, Supervisor Solis provided the YWCA with a check for \$70,000 to administer both activities for next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2015.

In the afternoon, Supervisor Solis visited the agency's Walnut Park facility located on Pacific Avenue, which opened its doors in 2014. The state-of-the-art Community Empowerment Center hosts many programs including a childcare center, parenting classes, and senior programs. The Supervisor awarded the agency \$25,000 for its Senior Empowerment Program which helps seniors remain healthy and active through participation in recreational, educational, and leisure activities.

Supervisor Solis, who represents the East Los Angeles and Walnut Park areas, said, "CDBG funds are the cornerstone of thriving communities. Even in a time of limited resources, I am proud that the County is investing these dollars to better the lives of local residents by creating centers that house a wealth of services geared to the needs of its residents. I look forward to continuing partner with the YWCA and the community for years to come."

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) administers the CDBG Program for the Los Angeles Urban County, which includes the unincorporated areas as well as 47 participating cities. Each Supervisorial District and city decides how to use CDBG funding to best meet the needs of their constituents.

Celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year, CDBG is arguably the Federal Government's most success domestic program. Its success stems from the flexibility it provides cities, counties, and states to address their unique affordable housing and community development needs. For more information on programs operated by the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles, please call (213) 365-2991. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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