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COUNTY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF CDBG PARTNERSHIPS AND SUCCESSES

Local Officials Applaud the Impact CDBG Funds Have Had on Los Angeles Residents and Communities



CDC Executives along with representatives of HUD's Los Angeles and Washington D. C. offices.

Alhambra, August 27, 2015 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) co-hosted an event celebrating 40 years of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) partnerships and successes. U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu and Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich joined in celebrating CDBG's 40 great years of community improvement. HUD, the Federal agency that oversees the CDBG Program, thanked the County for its leadership and innovation in putting CDBG dollars into action.

Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, HUD Office of Community Planning and Development, highlighted projects and activities that best exemplified the events theme, "Partners in Success." Examples included the Golden Springs Industrial Park, located in Santa Fe Springs, a former abandoned and contaminated oil refinery that was remediated and redeveloped, bringing new economic life by creating 4,500 jobs, of which 711 were made available to low- and moderate-income persons. Also highlighted was the Bethune Transitional

School, located in Long Beach, a \$1.5 million center, made possible with CDBG funds, that provides a safe and secure setting where an estimated 400 homeless students, per year, receive educational evaluation and placement, health exams, tutoring, mental health counseling, hot meals, transportation, and necessities such as school uniforms, backpacks, school supplies, books, and clothing. Finally, the West Hollywood Gateway, which replaced a blighted and contaminated five-acre site at the City's boundary, was featured as a pedestrian-friendly, environmentally-sensitive destination that brought retail and entertainment uses to this community. These signature projects have served as catalysts for further revitalization in the area and opportunities for self-improvement.

During the event, Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the CDC, said "There is no better example of being "Partners in Success" than the relationships we have established among those of us here today. The results of these partnerships can be seen in the improvement of our communities over these four decades. What a difference we've made!"



CDC Executive Director Sean Rogan (left) with Congresswoman Judy Chu and CDC Community Development Director Scott Stevenson (right).

The CDBG Program is arguably the Federal Government's most successful domestic program, and its success can be attributed to its utility as a flexible tool to assist local governments meeting the requirements of low- and moderate-income persons, eliminating slums and blight, and addressing urgent needs related to disaster recovery. The Los Angeles Urban County Program includes 47 participating cities and the unincorporated areas of the County. Since its inception, \$1.2 billion in CDBG has been put into action by the County and its participating cities, non-profit organizations, County departments, and other stakeholders throughout the County to address pressing neighborhood and human service needs.

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