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Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilmember José Huizar Open Doors To Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center-\$10.9 Million Facility

*****September 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.*****

(September 21, 2006) Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Councilmember José Huizar, and CDD General Manager Richard Benbow will open the doors to a state-of-the art technology center-making it the first of its kind in the Boyle Heights community. The \$10.9 million facility, operated by the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM) and under the direction of the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department (CDD), will host a college preparatory high school and offers programming ranging from technology courses to employment preparedness trainings.

“Over the last 30 years, we have gone from a paper and pencil society to a technology and computer society,” said Richard Benbow, CDD General Manager. “This center is an accelerated pathway to higher education, job training and employment opportunities for anyone and everyone who chooses to take advantage of the many programs it offers.”

Money for the construction of the facility came from various federal and state funds including the Community Development Block Grant. The Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center combines alternative education provided by the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) with comprehensive community programming.

“The Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center offers first-rate technology access and services that will benefit this entire community,” said Robert Sainz, CDD Assistant General Manager. “This center will serve as a tremendous asset in building opportunities for residents.”

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Construction for the Boyle Heights Technology Center began July 17, 2004 with the valuable support of elected officials including Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and then Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa.

The facility opens on Friday, September 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Residents are invited to join the festivities that represent a new chapter in Boyle Heights history.

The City of Los Angeles Community Development Department operates the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement. LAYOM offers educational, employment, and counseling services to youth ages 14-21 years old in the communities of Watts, Boyle Heights, and Pacoima.

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