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## **MOVE OF TWO HISTORIC PICO-UNION HOUSES SET TO BEGIN EARLY THURSDAY, JULY 20**

*Turn-of-the-century homes to be moved Thursday, July 20, at 12:01 a.m. and refurbished for historic restoration program for disadvantaged youth*

Two historic houses in the Pico-Union community will be relocated and renovated for educational and historical restoration programs for disadvantaged youth, Councilmember Ed P. Reyes announced today. The first house, at **987 S. Arapahoe St.**, will be moved on **Thursday, July 20, from 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m.** The second house, at **981 S. Arapahoe St.**, will be moved **Monday, July 24, 12:01 a.m.** The move, previously set for July 9, was rescheduled due to a telephone cable in the right-of-way that needed to be removed first.

Both turn-of-the-century houses will be moved by the Santa Clarita-based Master House Movers to a vacant 27,600-square-foot lot at **1115 S. Alvarado St.** owned by the City's Community Redevelopment Agency. Each house weighs about 125 tons and is about 6,000 square feet.

"The preservation of these historic homes for youth education and historical restoration training is a wonderful way of linking the community's past to its present," said Reyes, chair of the City's Planning and Land Use Committee.

The \$1.9 million project by the non-profit Pico Union Housing Corporation (PUHC) is funded by the corporation and also city, state, federal and private grants. PUHC is a non-profit affordable housing developer with a mission to developing affordable housing, creation of job opportunities, job training and job placement.

The homes will house the corporation's Pico Union Economic Development and Empowerment Center. One home will include ESL Training, GED preparation and business entrepreneurship seminars. The second structure will include the Historical Restoration and Construction Trades Apprenticeship Program, where local youth will learn construction and historical restoration trades. Program partners include Los Angeles Unified School District, Metro Skills Center and L.A. Work Investment Board.

The first home is a Colonial/Foursquare Structure built in 1908 by Sumner Hunt, who designed the Southwest Museum in Highland Park. The second home is a Tudor Revival Craftsman built in 1904 by Frederick L. Roehrig, who also designed Castle Green in Pasadena.

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