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FUTURE SITE OF LACDMH FACILITY BREAKS GROUND IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS

WHAT: The future site for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Northeast Mental Health and Wellness Centers will break ground on May 26, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

Speakers at the ceremony will include:

- **Hilda L. Solis**, Los Angeles County 1st District Supervisor
- **Gilbert A. Cedillo**, Los Angeles City 1st District Councilmember
- **Jonathan E. Sherin**, M.D., Ph.D., LACDMH Director
- **Arman Gabay**, co-founder & co-managing partner of Charles Company, the property’s developer

Gregory C. Polk, Chief Deputy of Administration and Capital Planning, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) and **Jan Perry**, General Manager, Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department, will also join for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Located in the newly-developed Broadway Thomas building in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood at 3303 North Broadway, Los Angeles, 90031, the center is expected to open in November 2018 and will serve over 3,000 LACDMH clients from Northeast Los Angeles communities.

The center will offer a comprehensive range of outpatient services to clients and their loved ones, including crisis resolution services, wellness treatment service, prevention & early intervention services and field-based programs. It will also feature co-located examination rooms for DHS staff so clients can receive integrated medical and mental health services in one location.

WHERE: Broadway Thomas Building site
3303 North Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90031

WHEN: Friday, May 26, 2017, 2:30 to 4 p.m. (**Media suggested arrival time:** 2:15 p.m.)
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- AUDIO/VIDEO OPPS:**
- Groundbreaking with LACDMH leadership and government officials
 - Leadership and staff talking about the mental health needs of the Northeast Los Angeles community
 - Graphics of the upcoming Broadway Thomas building, a mixed use medical office and retail space in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood

About the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating 75 program sites and more than 100 co-located sites. Each year, it contracts with approximately 1,000 agencies and individual practitioners to provide a spectrum of mental health services to more than 250,000 residents of all ages. The Department’s mission – enriching lives through partnership to strengthen our community’s capacity to support recovery and resiliency – is accomplished by working with stakeholders and community partners to provide clinically competent, culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate mental health services to clients in the least restrictive manner possible. For more information, visit <http://dmh.lacounty.gov>.

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