

## \*\*\* MEDIA ADVISORY FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 \*\*\*

## Koreatown Community will have its First Mental Health Clinic Directly Operated by Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health!

Celebration to Include Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Tours on Wednesday, December 7, 2022

## WHAT:

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) will host a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the grand opening of its Koreatown Mental Health Center (MHC), which is located on the ground floor of the departmental headquarters building and adjacent to its Peer Resource Center.

The Koreatown MHC is a historic step for LACDMH as it will be the first directly-operated clinic in the neighborhood, allowing local and nearby residents easier access to mental health resources, as well as additional opportunities for collaboration with local community organizations. The clinic will be staffed with a multicultural team who is culturally and linguistically equipped to support the well-being needs of this diverse community, further reducing barriers to accessing mental health services.

The ceremony will include remarks from LACDMH Interim Director Dr. Lisa H. Wong, L.A. County Board Supervisor Holly Mitchell and members from the Koreatown community. After the ribbon-cutting event, LACDMH staff will lead small group tours of the Koreatown MHC to highlight its features and available services.

The Koreatown MHC will begin accepting requests for services on Thurs., Dec. 8.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Please RSVP media attendance to pio@dmh.lacounty.gov

WHERE: Koreatown Mental Health Center

510 S. Vermont Ave., 1st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020

(Note: The visitor parking lot is located at 523 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90020)

AUDIO / VISUAL OPPS:

- Ribbon-cutting of the new Koreatown Mental Health Center
- Speakers
  - L.A. County Supervisor Holly Mitchell
  - o LACDMH Interim Director Dr. Lisa H. Wong
  - LACDMH's Service Area 4 Leadership Team Co-Chairs Pastor Seung Nah and Esiguio Reves
  - Members of the community
- Song performance by a community member
- Group tours of Koreatown MHC

**About LACDMH:** As the nation's largest public mental health department, we ensure access to care and treatment for our most vulnerable residents in a region with more than 10 million people. With an annual budget approaching \$3B and a committed staff of 6,000, LACDMH embodies a "heart-forward" approach to supporting hope, recovery and well-being across the County. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:dmh.lacounty.gov">dmh.lacounty.gov</a> or follow @LACDMH on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.