

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **NEW SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER IN CITY OF COVINA**

#### Ribbon Cutting at Kelby Park Formally Introduces New Center

Covina, CA, August 1, 2019 – Yesterday, officials from the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) joined Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Mayor John King and council members of the City of Covina, and other project partners to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the City’s new Senior and Community Center. Located at Kelby Park, 815 N. Barranca Ave., the single-story wood frame building will provide services, events, and activities for the residents of the Covina community.

Nearly half of the building will be dedicated to enriching the lives of seniors through a variety of services such as nutrition, health information, recreation classes, life-long-learning opportunities, and special events. To complement the services, the center will include a kitchen, fitness center, multipurpose rooms, classrooms, and a courtyard. The LACDA provided more than \$693,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$2.5 million from the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, leveraged with \$5.2 million in City



funding to finance the demolition, design, and construction of the new center. Monique King-Viehland, LACDA Executive Director said, “The Covina Senior and Community Center is a representation of the golden years we envision for residents. It’s a home away from home, where community members are welcomed, and given a sense of hope with the services available.”

The City of Covina has partnered with the LACDA to deliver CDBG-funded projects and programs to their residents for more than 40 years. The City contracted with GKKworks and Pankow Builders to manage, design, and construct the project. Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, whose District includes the City of Covina, provided the following quote, “Whether it’s a delicious lunch where residents can break bread together, a party where they can show off their dance moves, or a class where they can



learn new skills, every opportunity at the new Covina Senior and Community Center provides residents with the tools they need to thrive and make daily life more vibrant. These activities and services are vital to the health, well-being, and connectivity of this community. Thank you to the City of Covina and LACDA for your vision and dedication to make this facility perfectly-suited for the residents.”

For more information on the new Covina Senior and Community Center at Kelby Park, please contact Amy Hall-McGrade, Director of City of Covina Parks and Recreation Department, at (626) 384-5335 or [ahallmcgrade@covinaca.gov](mailto:ahallmcgrade@covinaca.gov). All media may also contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the LACDA, at (626) 586-1762.

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