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**SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THEIR ROLES IN SUCCESSFUL DAY REPORTING CENTER PROGRAM FOR PROBATION YOUTH**

**LOS ANGELES** – Lauding the Day Reporting Center (DRC) as one of the most successful re-entry programs for youth in the L.A. County Probation system, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today recognized community partners of the pilot project launched in November 2008.

The Supervisor acknowledged the support of the Century Community Training Program (CCTP), a Lennox-based nonprofit organization that offers a free eight-week pre-apprenticeship construction training and employment services program for those transitioning from unemployment, welfare, low-income jobs, or incarceration; Playa Vista Jobs (PV JOBS), a non-profit organization providing job placement opportunities for disadvantaged youth and adults; and the Quantum Corporation, a nonprofit community and economic development organization that works with multicultural residents and businesses throughout the County.

“Today I have the honor of presenting commendations to these three companies, which have been working closely with the Probation Department in implementing the Day Reporting Center, one of its most successful re-entry programs for the County,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

The Supervisor also acknowledged several DRC participants present in the audience, who were among 37 youth who graduated from the program last Friday. Many of the participants were unable to attend the Board ceremony because they had already begun working at their new places of employment.

The DRC was launched by the Probation Department in November 2008 as a demonstration project for young adults age 18 to 25. The program has been a successful a re-entry program for at-risk and non-compliant youth offenders in the Second Supervisorial District and assisting probationers in obtaining jobs.

The program assists youth with a number of services, including resume preparation, interviewing techniques, dressing for success, conducting themselves appropriately on the job and strategies to seek and keep employment.

The program also provides probationers with services including: anger management and moral reasoning classes, mental health counseling, and alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation.

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