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# RIDLEY-THOMAS APPLAUDS BOARD APPROVAL OF MASTER PLAN CONTRACTS FOR UCLA-HARBOR AND MLK MEDICAL CENTERS

*Two Firms Selected for Contracts Totaling \$5.75 Million*

**Los Angeles**—Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today applauded the Board of Supervisors for awarding contracts to two master planning firms to develop campus plans for the redevelopment of UCLA-Harbor Medical Center and the new Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Medical Center, respectively. Today's approval allows the County to develop its comprehensive plans to more efficiently provide health care services that meet the need of surrounding communities.

"This is an important step in our commitment to bring state-of-the-art medical facilities to the Second District," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. "The new UCLA-Harbor and MLK Medical Centers are a significant investment in Los Angeles County's public health infrastructure. I look forward to working with these two highly capable firms in bringing the highest quality of medical care to our community."

The firm of Perkins + Will was awarded a \$2.76 million contract to develop a master plan for the redevelopment of the 72-acre Harbor-UCLA Medical Center campus. Gensler was awarded a \$3 million contract to develop the master plan for the new 38-acre MLK Medical Center. The Board also established a contingency fund for any required changes to the scope of work on either plan. Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were issued in 2009 for both projects; Perkins + Will and Gensler were selected through a competitive process from a pool of at least ten respondents for the respective projects.

The master plans will detail the projects' respective site designs and aesthetics, integration of sustainable design technologies, and opportunities for stimulating the local economy. All Los Angeles County hospital campuses are, have been or will go through the master planning process, which includes significant opportunity for community involvement.

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