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**BOARD APPROVES GRANT TO SUPPORT NEW
MLK, JR. HOSPITAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

LOS ANGELES – The Board of Supervisors today approved a request to accept a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from L.A. Care and possible donations from other philanthropic organizations to support the development of a Project Management Team to move forward expeditiously to establish the private non-profit board which will help open the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

On February 9, 2010, the Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer to identify funding to support the Project Management Team. On April 1, the CEO informed the Board that L.A. Care had committed to supporting the MLK Project Management Team, and possibly one other offer of support from the California Endowment.

“Any opportunity that we have to secure a public-private partnership is a good thing and a model for the future. It also positions us to serve as an example for the nation,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

The Project Management Team will work with the County of Los Angeles and the University of California to ensuring the opening of the new MLK Hospital slated for December 2012.

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