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### **SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO BREAK GROUND ON \$20 MILLION SOUTH HEALTH CENTER PROJECT**

*Project marks the first of several for the region surrounding the New Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center that will provide quality healthcare and economic benefits*

**LOS ANGELES** – Marking the first of many important milestones for the region surrounding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will join community leaders and stakeholders on Friday, June 11, at 9:30 A.M. to break ground on the South Health Center, a \$20 million project that will provide a number of vital public health services in the Second District.

Located at the northwest corner of 120<sup>th</sup> Street and Wilmington Avenue in the unincorporated Watts-Willowbrook area, the new outpatient public health center will provide immunizations and services to treat various conditions, including sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and communicable diseases.

The South Health Center, one of several new capital investments for the region, will create over 10,000 new jobs in the community, along with the much anticipated new MLK Medical Center, Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Rosa Parks Station.

“Through key public and private investments, the new MLK Medical Center Campus will be a center of excellence for healthcare delivery, urban health promotion and prevention, health workforce development, academic research and teaching, and economic development,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

"The County's primary goal is to provide the highest quality of patient care in compassionate, culturally competent, state-of-the-art facilities," he added.

Scheduled for completion in December 2012, the MLK Medical Center and surrounding area will become an asset in the community, providing a boost in quality health care, transportation and economic development.

"We are excited to see the South Health Center project moving forward," the Supervisor said. "I look forward to the grand opening of this center in the near future."

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