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### **BOARD PAVES THE WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF \$20 MILLION SOUTH HEALTH CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON NEW MLK MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS**

*Board approves sale and lease of real property for  
development of the South Health Center project*

**LOS ANGELES** – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today applauded the Board's approval of the sale and lease of real property paving the way for development of the South Health Center project, a 33,000 square-foot health facility that will provide a number of vital public health services for residents in the surrounding community.

The progress to develop the \$20 million South Health Center Replacement project highlights Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' vision for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus and serves as the first of many important milestones for the region surrounding the area.

"The County's primary goal is to provide the highest quality of patient care in a compassionate, culturally competent manner in seismically compliant, state-of-the-art facilities," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

The South Health Center will be located at the northwest corner of 120th Street and Wilmington Avenue in the unincorporated Willowbrook area. The new outpatient public health center will provide services to treat various conditions, including sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and communicable disease immunizations.

The Supervisor noted that through key public and private investments, the new MLK Medical Center Campus will be a center of excellence for health care delivery, urban health promotion and prevention, health workforce development, academic research and teaching, and economic development.

The MLK campus and surrounding area will provide the new medical center buildings with other assets in the community, including transportation and economic development.

“Our new capital investments in the region -- through the MLK Hospital, Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center, MTA Rosa Parks Station and the South Health Center -- will create over 10,000 new jobs in the community.”

“We are excited to see the South Health Center project moving forward,” the Supervisor said. “I look forward to the ground breaking and grand opening of this center in the upcoming year.”

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Authorize the Executive Director to sell 27,076 square feet For Sale Parcel of an approximately 71,779 square foot vacant Community Development Commission-owned property located at the northwest corner of 120th Street and Wilmington Avenue in unincorporated Los Angeles County, to the County for the purchase price of \$1.00 for construction of the South Health Center (Project) following approval ,as to form by County Counsel.

2. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with the Chief Executive Office, execute, and if necessary, amend, terminate, or extend a Lease Agreement with the County for the sum of \$1.00 per month, for use of the adjacent 44,703 square foot Parking Parcel for South Health Center parking, following approval as to form by County Counsel.

3. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute any required documents necessary to complete the transfer of title to the County, including without limitation a Purchase and Sale Agreement of the For Sale Parcel with the Chief Executive Officer, following approval as to form by County Counsel.

4. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with the Chief Executive Office, execute, and if necessary, amend or terminate: (i) a Memorandum of Understanding governing the use of the For Sale Parcel and the Parking Parcel, Project financing, Project construction, and any other terms related to the development of the Project, and (ii) a Lease for the adjacent Parking Parcel to the County for the South Health Center parking, following approval as to form by County Counsel.