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SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS APPLAUDS BOARD'S APPROVAL OF \$20 MILLION BUDGET FOR NEW SOUTH HEALTH CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON NEW MLK MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS

LOS ANGELES – Highlighting his vision for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today applauded the Board's approval of a \$20 million South Health Center Replacement Project, which will provide a number of vital public health services for the surrounding community.

“Approval of the South Health Center design-build contract marks the first of many important milestones for the region surrounding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

“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.”

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.”

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.

“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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