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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Anti-Recidivism Coalition Grand Opening of Magnolia Housing Program**

**WHEN:** Noon – 1 PM, Saturday, July 1

**WHERE:** 1250 Magnolia Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90006

**WHO:** Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

Scott Budnick, Anti-Recidivism Coalition Founder and President

Rusty Hicks, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Priscilla Cheng, Director of Operations, LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Sheila Mitchell, Assistant Chief Probation Officer of Juvenile Services

**WHAT:** The Anti-Recidivism Coalition, (ARC) a nonprofit organization that provides a support network for formerly incarcerated men and women, will unveil its supportive Magnolia housing program. Located in Koreatown, the Magnolia Housing Program includes a partnership with both Los Angeles Trade Technical College and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor that includes a first-of-its-kind training program for formerly incarcerated workers in LA that leads to guaranteed apprenticeships in the Building and

Construction Trades. ARC members in the Magnolia housing program include older men formerly serving life sentences that will serve as mentors to younger men. This is modeled after a similar program in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District that boasts a two-year recidivism rate of only six percent.

Public tours of Magnolia House will be offered.

At the grand opening, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will also announce that he is authoring a motion, a Fair Chance Ordinance, which seeks to assist formerly incarcerated individuals or those involved with the criminal justice system with obtaining more employment opportunities.

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