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Board Greenlights Funding for East Rancho Dominguez Park Community and Senior Center

It has been a great week for East Rancho Dominguez. On Monday, October 29, the community celebrated the opening of its brand new library, and Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to allocate \$4.4 million for a new community and senior center. Construction for the East Rancho Dominguez Community and Senior Center, currently housed in a facility on East Compton Boulevard in the unincorporated area of East Rancho Dominguez, is planned to begin in 2014.

Tuesday's vote secures the funding necessary to expand the existing recreational center at the park, and it allows the C community development Commission, which will oversee the project, to solicit proposals for architectural design of the new center. The commission anticipates selecting a firm within the next 60 days.

The new facility not only will continue providing referrals for health care, mental health, employment services and other social services currently offered to the 1,200 individuals who visit the East Compton location each month, but it will also include a dining area, fitness center, and office space. Fittingly, the new senior center will be located just across the street from the beautiful new 7,200 square-foot East Rancho Dominguez library. The library, which in addition to 35,000 books, also has a community room, public access computers, a home work study room and outstanding public art. It's opening was attended by more than 100 people, who toured the new facility with the Supervisor.

“I applaud the Board for supporting this significant investment in the East Rancho Dominguez community,” said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. “Once completed, this new asset will not only serve seniors but provide social, recreational and educational services for the entire community.”

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