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Housing Authority and Los Angeles Police Department Create a Partnership: Safety First

Los Angeles, CA - Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to place full time police officers at four public housing sites in order to increase and enhance the safety, security, and welfare of HACLA residents, through the presence and relationships of LAPD police officers deployed to Ramona Gardens, Jordan Downs, Nickerson Gardens and Imperial Courts. There are a total of 45 LAPD officers assigned to the program.

To kick off the start of the partnership, HACLA held a **Community Safety Fair** at the Nickerson Gardens public housing development, followed by a dinner celebration at Ramona Gardens and another community fair at Imperial Courts.

Jordan Downs will conclude the celebrities with their own program, which includes LAPD toy giveaway, basketball game with the LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, and a dinner, served by the officers.

Date: December 7, 2011

What/When: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - **LAPD toy giveaway,
with Chief Charlie Beck**

Location: Jordan Downs Rec. Center: 9900 Grape St. LA 90002

What/When: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - **Basketball game with Chief Charlie
Beck, LAPD officers**

Location: Jordan High School: 2265 E. 103rd St. LA 90002

What/When: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - **Dinner, guest speakers**

Location: Jordan Downs Rec. Center: 9900 Grape St. LA 90002

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LAPD will implement the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) policing model that relies on long-term assignment of police personnel to the program sites to develop relationship-based policing by working with a variety of community stakeholders.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with LAPD will cater to the existing needs in various public housing sites around the City of Los Angeles, to increase "community livability" to help promote the safety, security, and welfare of residents of the sites, as well as the surrounding communities.

Each LAPD Community Partnership team will enforce local, state and federal laws, develop a robust Safe Passage program to secure routes to and from school, parks and recreational facilities in the community, develop partnerships with key stakeholders including the Mayor's Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) office, community service providers, advocates, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Police, and independent intervention agencies.

The partnership will allow LAPD and HACLA to jointly determine needs for coordination, data gathering, evaluation, facilitation and strategic support. The partnership will allow for a joint assessment of each community's safety needs, community assets, resources and violence, with a site-specific operational plan for each of the Program sites.

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