



Health Services  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

# MEDIA RELEASE

**WHAT:** To help fill an often-overlooked gap in housing, Los Angeles County and its partner, Wesley Health Centers, will open the “Skid Row Community Residential Care Facility,” an enriched residential care facility (also called board & care or assisted living) in Skid Row. The 48-bed licensed facility, which is the first in a series of planned housing and services facilities in the area, is in a newly renovated three-story building that was previously vacant. As an essential part of the continuum of housing support, the new facility will provide permanent housing and enhanced support for residents with diverse care needs, including individuals with mental health challenges, seniors in need of supportive services, and people who have experienced homelessness. Residents, who typically require assistance with activities of daily living, will be referred from Los Angeles County departments and community service providers.

The facility is a collaborative effort of the Housing for Health unit in the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and Wesley Health Centers, the onsite service provider. The facility, temporarily named “Skid Row Community Residential Care Facility,” will be formally named through a contest in the Skid Row community.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024 at 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** 444 S. Crocker, Los Angeles, CA 90013

**Note:** There is limited on-street parking as well as spaces marked “LA County” at 322 Crocker.

**WHO:** Speakers and presenters include:

Los Angeles County First District Supervisor Hilda Solis  
City of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass  
Dr. Christina Ghaly, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services  
Dr. Lisa H. Wong, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, CEO, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority  
Al Ballesteros, President & CEO, Wesley Health Centers  
Members of the Skid Row community

**WHY:** Solving homelessness requires a full spectrum of permanent housing, including enriched residential care facilities, to care for the most vulnerable community members. Since 2016, more than 100 facilities closed in LA County alone, resulting in the loss of 1,700 beds. In response, LA County and others are focused on adding to this vital housing resource. This new facility also fills a critical gap in senior housing, as three-quarters of the residents will be 60 years or older. The new permanent housing at the “Skid Row Community Residential Care Facility” is part of the larger Skid Row Action Plan, which will include a Harm Reduction Health Hub and Safe Services space, expected to open in early 2025. There are also plans for additional interim housing, added health services, and a triage center.

**VISUALS:** Following the briefing, media is invited to tour the facility and interview County and City representatives, Wesley Health Center staff, and Skid Row community members.

RSVP: News media are encouraged to RSVP to this event by contacting  
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