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### **New Hollenbeck Police Station Brings Relief and Beauty to Community**

*About 300 officers will work in new station, which was designed to be functional and eye-pleasing*

**LOS ANGELES (Sept. 19, 2009)** – Councilmember José Huizar joined LAPD Chief William Bratton, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Hollenbeck Capt. Anita Ortega and hundreds of community members today for the Grand Opening Celebration for the new Hollenbeck Community Police Station located on First Street in Boyle Heights.

The state-of-the art 54,000 square-foot station is about 10-times larger than the one it replaced and offers officers and the public many modern features, an outdoor community gathering space, as well as plenty of parking, something the old Hollenbeck Police station lacked.

“The new Hollenbeck Police Station is symbolic of the rebirth that we’re experiencing here in Boyle Heights,” said Councilmember José Huizar, who worked with the LAPD to ensure that the station’s garden area could be a gathering place for the public. “This community has waited a long time for the type of high-quality amenities and services we’re starting to enjoy. From the Mendez Learning Center, the first high school built in 80 years, to the Gold Line Eastside Extension, to the new Hollenbeck Community Police Station, Boyle Heights is finally getting the attention it deserves and I’m proud to be a part of that effort.”

Councilmember Huizar joined other officials in thanking Chief Bratton and the LAPD for working more directly with the community in reducing crime to record lows and said the new police station will offer officers the kind of conveniences they deserve, as well as the tools they need to fight crime.

“Chief Bratton has ushered in the kind of community policing that has led to new alliances, trust and friendship between officers and the community, and nowhere is that more evident than in neighborhoods like El Sereno and Boyle Heights,” Councilmember Huizar said. “The officers and the community deserve a great deal of credit for making that happen, and the new Hollenbeck Community Police Station will allow officers and the community to build on this relationship for years to come.”

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