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**New Economics for Women, CRA/LA Hold Groundbreaking Ceremony
for the Dennis P. Zine Community Center at Tierra del Sol**

WHAT: The groundbreaking ceremony for The Dennis P. Zine Community Center at Tierra del Sol.

The Dennis P. Zine Community Center is the third and final phase of the Tierra del Sol Community. Once complete, the Center will be a two-story 12,000 square foot community center that will provide a number of educational, civic, and cultural activities to children, seniors, and community groups. In addition, it will house a number of service providers and serve as a cultural hub and source of economic prosperity for the community.

WHEN: Thursday, September 11th, 2008, 9:30 A.M.

WHERE: Tierra del Sol
21400 Saticoy St.
Canoga Park, CA 91303
(On the corner of Saticoy St. and Canoga Avenue)

WHO: Councilman Dennis Zine, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), and representatives from the New Economics for Women and Tierra del Sol.

PROJECT

BACKGROUND: **Tierra Del Sol**
Tierra Del Sol is comprised of 119, 1 to 5 bedroom affordable housing units with supportive services and an on-site Family Service Center. The housing consists of three distinct, yet connected, 3-story structures above subterranean parking and several landscaped courtyards with 40,865 sq. ft. of open space. The Family Service Center includes a computer room, multi-purpose room, several offices, and a conference room. The space accommodates an array of resident services that assist families making their economic, educational and personal dreams come true. Services include case management, financial literacy, educational and employment enhancement. In addition, NEW coordinates after school activities for children and youth, evening programs for adult learning including parenting. Tierra del Sol is part of a transit-oriented development strategy

designed to provide safe and efficient public transportation service to the entire region. Residents have access to an array of local amenities including supermarkets, pharmacies and a new state-of-the-art 10,000 square foot branch library.

NEW Academy Canoga Park Charter School

NEW Academy is funded by Escutia Assembly Bill 751, and will relieve overcrowding from the nearby elementary school by providing 24 new classrooms for K-5 grades. The charter school is comprised of 44,000 square feet of open space, a gymnasium, library, lunch shelter, kitchen, and underground parking. The mission of NEW Academy Canoga Park is to create an exciting, standards-driven learning environment where students use their talents to contribute positively to their community. The School will have three specific performance goals: 1) to promote student progress, 2) to develop social, as well as community ethics and values in the student's character development with parental participation, and 3) to implement the most appropriate curriculum for every child.

Community Center

NEW's forthcoming development will be a two-story 12,000 square foot Community Center building with underground parking located on the northeast corner of the site on approximately 1 acre. The Center will provide a number of educational, civic, and cultural activities to the immediate community. It will house a number of service providers and serve as a cultural hub and source of economic prosperity for the community.

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