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PADILLA AND YAROSKlavsky TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW FACILITY FOR MEND THE VALLEY'S LARGEST POVERTY AGENCY

Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky will be joined by two hundred guests at the groundbreaking of the new MEND facility in Pacoima on Monday, June 13th at 11:00 AM.

MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) is the largest and most comprehensive poverty agency in the San Fernando Valley, serving more than 38,000 low-income people each month. In 2004, more than 1,800 MEND volunteers provided emergency food, clothing, medical and dental care, English as a Second Language instruction, job placement, computer and job training, home visits and other services to low-income families.

Just this week the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research found that the San Fernando Valley has experienced a 16 percent increase in the number of adults on the verge of going hungry – double the rate of Los Angeles County. The need for expanded facilities and service for low-income families is great.

The celebration will include plenty of photo opportunities.

What: MEND's Groundbreaking and Lunch Reception

When: Monday, June 13th 11:00 AM

**Where: 10641 San Fernando Road in Pacoima
(Corner of San Fernando Road and Pierce)**

Who: Council President Alex Padilla and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky

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