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Youth Beautification Project

Youth Goes Green

Please join the City of Long Beach, the Department of Community Development and The Long Beach Housing Development Company (LBHDC) in congratulating over 100 youth that are participating in the Youth Beautification Project 2009.

The Housing Services, Workforce Development and Neighborhood Services Bureaus of the Department of Community Development partnered with Wrigley Going Green, a local nonprofit, to educate youth residing in Long Beach's affordable housing developments and other youth organizations about the values of teamwork, discipline, and pride in their community. All participating youth will have the opportunity to earn a \$100 stipend for completing all the planned activities.

The Youth Beautification Project involved youth groups from LBHDC assisted affordable housing developments from the 8th, 9th, and 1st City council districts. Each youth group has planned and organized a neighborhood cleanup in their area to take place between February and April. All groups will then come together on March 28, 2009 for the Environmental Workshop to learn more about going green. This workshop is being facilitated by Wrigley Going Green. The City's Office of Sustainability has gathered over 10 local green organizations to educate the youth. To complete the beautification project, the combined groups will plant trees along the Anaheim Corridor on May 2, 2009 and will end with a Certificate Ceremony at 14th Street Park. Mayor Bob Foster along with Councilmembers Val Lerch and Rae Gabelich are expected to attend.

Special thanks and recognition to the youth, the Green organizations, the Department of Community Development, and the Long Beach Housing Development Company for their commitment to the youth and to promoting a greener Long Beach.