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MEDIA ADVISORY

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100 Youths Planting Trees for the Youth Beautification Project

**Saturday, May 2, 2009, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
14th Street Park at Pacific Avenue**

The Long Beach Housing Development Company (LBHDC) will host more than 100 youth on May 2 as they plant trees along Anaheim Street from Magnolia to Pacific Avenues, as well as at 14th Street Park, at the intersection of 14th Street and Pacific Avenue.

As part of the Youth Beautification Project, youth from LBHDC-assisted affordable housing developments planned and organized neighborhood cleanups, learning about the values of teamwork, discipline, and community pride.

A ceremony honoring all youth for their participation and dedication to the Youth Beautification Project will immediately follow the tree-planting event and will begin at 12:00 noon in the 14th Street Park. The six youth groups will present a Clean and Green art project utilizing what they learned from participating in a "Learn Green" Environmental Workshop.

Who:

Mayor Bob Foster

Vice Mayor Val Lerch, 9th District

Councilmember Dee Andrews, 6th District

Councilmember-Elect Robert Garcia, 1st District

100 Youth Beautification Project participants

Where:

14th Street Park, near the Pacific Avenue intersection

When:

Saturday, May 2, 2009, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Youth Beautification Project is sponsored by the Long Beach Housing Development Company; the City's Community Development Department's Housing Services and Neighborhood Services Bureaus; and the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center, which provided \$100 stipends to the youth.