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CEDC TO HOST AN INTERACTIVE YOUTH EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTING YOUTH SUCCESS AND EMPOWERMENT

Ventura, California—The Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) will host an event called the “Youth Exchange” on Saturday, September 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CEDC’s Paseo Del Rio and Paseo Santa Clara apartment community in Oxnard. The community apartment complex is located at 281 Riverpark Blvd. in Oxnard. The event, which has been organized by CEDC’s Community Building and Neighborhood Revitalization Division, will take place in the development’s community rooms and adjacent park.

The event’s theme focuses on “youth success and empowerment” and the day will feature interactive workshops on financial education, life planning skills including going to college, and art classes. During the day, attendees will enjoy lunch that will include live performances from Kapital K and Mantis, and motivational speaker, Dr. Roberto Vargas. The day will culminate in the youth painting a mural on a wall at the site specially designed by Arts for Action.

Young people at the event will also be able to participate in a class in Capoeira. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, games, music and dance. Also offered will be performance lessons from Teatro de las Americas and Straight Up reality improv, as well as Hip Hop and Art Wall lessons from the LAB.

“CEDC is excited to be collaborating with so many great agencies and organizations here in Ventura County to provide a unique opportunity for youth to get together and ‘swap what they got...ideas, community, and culture.’ Please encourage youth to participate in this fun, interactive day,” says Kathryn Benner, Community Builder for CEDC. Organizers of the event expect approximately 300 youth between the ages of 13 to 24. Participants will include residents of the Paseo development where the event is taking place, and youth from surrounding areas in the county.

The event is open to the public, but people interested in attending or volunteering for event must pre-register. For information about how to register, call Raul Lopez, Community Outreach Assistant, at 805/512-1976 or e-mail rlopez@cabrilloedc.org.

CEDC is a private non-profit community development corporation that provides comprehensive housing services, through a community building approach, in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Since its incorporation in 1981, CEDC has built more than 1,000 units of affordable for-sale and multi-family rental housing, manages 440 affordable rental units, and has helped more than 250 families into homeownership through education, counseling, and lending services. CEDC is a chartered member of NeighborWorks®, a national network of more than 220 community development and affordable housing organizations. This year marks CEDC’s 28th year of operation.

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