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WEST ADAMS WORKSOURCE CENTER OPENS

(October 22, 2014-Los Angeles) The Grand Opening of the West Adams WorkSource Center was held with much excitement and anticipation. This was the first of 17 centers



to formally celebrate the newly designed center operations in City of Los Angeles.

Operated by the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), the center features a state of the art resource room with ADA compliant computer work stations and classrooms that are open and welcoming to all. The resource room has a telecommunications system for the hearing impaired and special computer programs for individuals with disabilities.

During the opening celebration, WorkForce Investment Chairman Charles Woo noted his long association with AADAP President/CEO Mike Watanabe, saying he will do an excellent job in operating the WorkSource Center.

Abigail Marquez brought greetings from Mayor Eric Garcetti; she underscored the Mayor's goal of having an educated and well-trained workforce.

Congresswoman Karen Bass told the crowd how pleased she was to have a WorkSource Center in the 37th Congressional District, which she represents.

Doris McClain, wowed the crowd as she recounted lessons learned from her counselor at the WorkSource Center. "As the interview ends," she learned, "don't be afraid to ask for the job." McClain said she did just that and got the job.

Closing out the program was Economic and Workforce General Manager Jan Perry.

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She emphasized the need for the West Adams WorkSource Center by saying the national unemployment rate has slowly declines, but our City continues to have stubbornly higher numbers than national average rate of unemployment. This Center will be a resource to the thousands of residents looking for work, or looking for a better work opportunity.

Also offering congratulations were representatives for Councilman Wesson, State Senator Holly Mitchell, Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

For more information on what services are offered at a WorkSource Center, a proud partner of America's Job Center of California, [click here](#).

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