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### **JCOD and Joyous Ventures Celebrate Grand Opening of Interim Housing Site in East Los Angeles**

**LOS ANGELES** – The Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), in collaboration with Joyous Ventures (JV), celebrated the grand opening of a new Providing Opportunities for Women in Reentry (POWR) House in East Los Angeles on Monday.

Located at 1012 South Herbert Avenue, this new facility includes 30 beds and is part of JCOD's POWR program. POWR provides justice-involved women with safe housing, case management, trauma intervention groups, and linkages to mental health, employment, and supportive services designed to restore and empower them and their families.

The JV POWR site is open to single women, trans women, and women with children who have a history of justice involvement. The residence offers temporary housing, a safe place to live, and three meals a day. Residents receive the support they need to focus on securing and maintaining employment, accessing physical and mental health services, participating in substance use treatment, reuniting with family, and finding permanent housing.

“The opening of this housing site is a testament to our commitment to providing justice-involved women and families with the support they need to rebuild their lives,” said JCOD Director, Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.). “Through our partnership with Joyous Ventures, our fifth POWR site, we are focused on creating safe spaces for healing and transformation while giving individuals the tools they need to succeed.”

“After encountering the criminal justice system, the first step to constructing a healthy life is accessing a safe place to call home. Many justice-impacted women don’t have a stable place to recover and heal from their trauma, perpetuating the cycle of jail-to-street life that plagues so many in our justice system,” said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District. “POWR’s newest housing site reflects my commitment to prioritize a Care First approach and support those who have paid their dues and are working to rebuild their lives. By offering housing and case management, I am confident the POWR program will help justice-impacted women overcome the barriers they face on their reentry journey.”

JCOD’s POWR program aims to provide justice-involved women with the resources they need to successfully reintegrate into their communities. This collaboration with JV ensures that residents of this interim housing site receive the holistic support necessary to foster healing and long-term stability. POWR housing residents stay in the facility for approximately nine months while receiving assistance to secure permanent housing.

“Healing begins when we offer hope to the forgotten, empower the overlooked, and create a path forward for justice-impacted women—many of them mothers—and their children. In our new facility, we come together to rebuild lives through compassion, support, and the power of community, one act at a time,” said JV CEO Viktoriya Stinson, Esq.

“True transformation happens when we turn barriers into bridges, providing not just shelter but the tools for lasting change. In our new facility, we offer justice-impacted women, women-identified individuals, and mothers with children the support they need to plant the seeds of hope and resilience for a brighter future,” said JV COO Juataun Mark, MPA.

JV was co-founded in 2022 by Stinson and Mark with the goal of uplifting individuals and families impacted by the justice system. The organization strives to empower justice-involved women and their families through stable housing and comprehensive services that promote healing, independence, and community reintegration.

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