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Federal Stimulus Dollars Must Reach Our Communities and Create Jobs!

Town Hall Community Forum
President Obama's American Recovery & Reinvestment Act:
"Putting Our Communities Back to Work"
City of Refuge Church

Los Angeles, CA, April 15, 2009: United Job Creation Council (UJCC) is a coalition of over 100 faith-based and community-based advocacy organizations dedicated to empowering local communities by elevating the standard of living of the historical economically disadvantaged, and encouraging local businesses to participate in local hiring are concerned that money spent on infrastructure projects that is slated for County and City construction projects under President Obama's Stimulus Plan may have limited benefits to low income communities. Our communities must be aware, prepared and NOT be left behind! United Job Creation Council and the City of Refuge Church, Pastor, Bishop Noel Jones, are hosting a Town Hall Community Forum on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Refuge Church - 14527 S. San Pedro Street, Gardena, CA. 90248.

With the money from the federal stimulus program making its way to our local communities, it is important that we work to ensure that jobs are available for all citizens, particularly for those who have traditionally been left out of construction, utility and energy jobs in the past. In order to insure that minorities, women and the most vulnerable members of our communities do not miss out on benefitting from the Stimulus package, UJCC collaborative has invited representatives from the Congressional, State, County, and City levels to present the Act in an understandable way, to identify jobs, training and contract opportunities, identify infrastructure projects; the access points and the access processes.

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Confirmed Panelist is:

- 1) Mr. Jan Vogel, Executive Director; South Bay Workforce Investment Board
- 2) State Assemblyman Mike Eng
- 3) State Senator Rod Wright
- 4) Ms. Jose Marquez, Executive Director, Los Angeles County WIB
- 5) Mr. Bruce Saito, Los Angeles Conservation Corp
- 6) Mr. Greg Irish, Executive Director, City of Los Angeles WIB
- 7) Mr. Richard Slawson, Executive Secretary, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council
- 8) Ms. Maria Elena Durzao, Executive Secretary- Treasurer AFL-CIO
- 9) U. S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters
- 10) Ms. Cynthia Banks, County Director of Community & Senior Services
- 11) California State Assemblyman Isadora Hall
- 12) Mr. Michael Dolphin, Division Chief, Employment Development Department
- 13) Ms. Kristen Haggins, AmeriCorps
- 14) California State Assemblyman Mike Davis
- 15) Mr. James Phillips Smith, M.Ed. President/CEO Youth Build Collaborative
- 16) Ms. Rebecca Isaacs, Director, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
- 17) Mr. John Reamer, Jr., Director, Inspector of Public Works
- 18) Mr. Bill Taylor, Director of Inter-Governmental Relations – Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
- 19) Mr. Art Leahy, CEO, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority
- 20) Ms. Laverne Screvens, Los Angeles Jobs Corp
- 21) Dr. Jack E. Daniels, III, President, Los Angeles Southwest College
- 22) Inglewood City Councilman Danny Tabor
- 23) Ms. Veronica Soto, Director, Los Angeles Unified School District “We Build”
- 24) Mr. Bill Allen, President & CEO Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
- 25) California State Assemblyman Curren Price
- 26) Bishop Noel Jones, Pastor, City of Refuge
- 27) Dr. Rev. Kelvin Calloway, Bethel AME Church
- 28) Dr. Rev. Michael W. Eagle, Pastor, St. Mark AME Church
- 29) Dr. Rev. Terrance Stone, Pastor, 1st African Presbyterian Church
- 30) Bishop Clarence E. McClendon, Ph.D., Pastor, Clarence E. McClendon Ministries

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“Transparency is a must”



Senate bill sponsors Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Obama discussing the Coburn-Obama Transparency Act.[80]

Topics to be discussed at the forum include:

- How Your Community Can Benefit from the Stimulus Package
- Major Shovel Ready Projects
- 10,000 Jobs Targeted for TANF Recipients
- Summer Youth and Young Adult Training Programs
- Minority & Small Business Contract Opportunities
- Local Hire and Public Infrastructure Projects

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