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## **REYES ANNOUNCES RELOCATION OF TWO HISTORIC PICO-UNION HOMES**

*Turn-of-the-century homes to be moved beginning Sunday, July 9, and refurbished for historic restoration program for disadvantaged youth*

Two historic homes in the Pico-Union community will be relocated and renovated for educational and historical restoration programs for disadvantaged youth, Councilmember Ed P. Reyes announced today. The move of the turn-of-the-century homes at 981 and 987 S. Arapahoe St. will begin Sunday, July 9 and completed on Thursday, July 13.

“The preservation of these historic homes for youth education and historical restoration training is a wonderful way of linking the community’s past to its present,” said Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, chair of the City’s Planning and Land Use committee.

The homes will house the corporation’s Pico Union Economic Development and Empowerment Center. One home will include ESL Training, GED preparation, and business entrepreneurship seminars. The second structure will house the Historical Restoration and Construction Trades Apprenticeship Program, where local youth will learn construction and historical restoration trades. Program partners include Los Angeles Unified School District, Metro Skills Center and L.A. Work Investment Board.

The \$1.9 million project by the non-profit Pico Union Housing Corporation (PUHC) is funded by the corporation and also city, state, federal and private grants.

The first home is a Colonial/Foursquare Structure built in 1908 by Sumner Hunt, who designed the Southwest Museum in Highland Park. The second home is a Tudor Revival Craftsman built in 1904 by Frederick L. Roehrig, who also designed Castle Green in Pasadena. They will be moved to a vacant 27,600-square-foot lot at 1115 S. Alvarado St. owned by the City’s Community Redevelopment Agency,

PUHC is a non-profit affordable housing developer with a mission to developing affordable housing, creation of job opportunities, job training and job placement.

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