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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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I recently took a late afternoon flight on a cloudy, rainy day. The plane took off, made its way through the gray clouds, and broke through to a world of cotton mountains. As the plane wound its way through majestic white columns, I saw the sun setting over the cloud base. Such breathless beauty as I'd seldom seen before revealed itself to me. Red and purple streams swirling around a yellow-orange center reflected off eclectic puffs of a white and gray sky. I watched in awe.

I looked around the plane to see what reaction others might have to this ethereal sight. But sadly, no one was watching. Most were reading, some were talking and a few dozed, but all missed this magnificent sight. This drove the point home for me that we often miss some of the most beautiful and important things around us that are well within our range of vision because we are so absorbed with our own worlds, our own lives. And who could blame us? Our lives seem to become more complex as the years pass, more needful of our constant attention.

It is my hope that this newsletter provides you with a brief insight into the world of our clients. The stories of recovery that we present here are much more complex than a column or two can convey. But if you take a moment to look closer, to reflect, to read between the lines, you may get a clearer, more detailed picture of these lives. You may find that your efforts have been rewarded with an awe-inspiring vision that so many others have walked right passed.

PVJOBS To Work With Urban Partners To Create More Jobs

As part of their ongoing effort to expand job opportunities to the at-risk community, PVJOBS is partnering with several development firms that are launching construction projects throughout Los Angeles. One of these firms is Urban Partners, a local development company that is building the \$135 million University Gateway, one of the largest real estate development projects to date on the Figueroa Corridor.

University Gateway is a 421-unit housing and retail complex that



Pictured above is the rendering for University Gateway, one of the newest development projects introduced by Urban Partners.

maintains a lease agreement with USC to provide a tenant for 70,000 square feet of retail space. The eight-story University Gateway project will be home to more than 1,656 students, and will provide more than 11,000 square feet of student service facilities, including computer rooms, laundry facilities, exercise rooms and other spaces. In addition,

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Important Notice – Operating Engineers Accepting Applications: Once every two years, the Operating Engineers Training Trust (Local 12) opens its doors and accepts applications to join their apprenticeship training program. Applications are only being accepted from September 7, 2005 to December 14, 2005. Operating engineers are highly trained,

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TOMARSIA DAVIS: A Better View

There's never a dull moment working as an administrative assistant for Suffolk Construction, claims single mother Tomarsia Davis. "I get to meet different people and I'm exposed to so many trades," says Davis, 30, who works at the construction firm's office at the Playa Vista development site. "It's adventurous work."



Tomarsia Davis

Work being an adventure is an unexpected perk for Davis, who just a year ago would have been satisfied to find any clerical job that would financially support her two young children.

Raised herself by a single mother in South Central Los Angeles, Davis and her two brothers grew up in a neighborhood where drugs and gang violence were rampant. To introduce them to a safer living environment, her mother moved the family to Rialto when Davis was a high school senior. But only a few years later, she returned to Los Angeles, where she became pregnant by a longtime boyfriend.

Not long after giving birth to their second child, the couple split, forcing Davis to work odd jobs to help take care of her children. The following year, her mother fell ill to cancer and moved in with the family. It was then when Davis realized that she needed more than part-time work to bring ongoing stability to the household.

While searching for full-time work, she visited a local employment center that promoted the PVJOBS program. Although PVJOBS had few clerical openings, Davis persistently contacted the job program so she could be the first to know about new administrative openings. Six months later, PVJOBS called her in for an interview that led to her current clerical position.

Davis is now working toward becoming a contract administrator, and she hopes to pursue a project manager position someday. She credits PVJOBS for opening doors that enabled her to gain a better perspective about herself as well as the career world. "PVJOBS gave me a job that helped me get a different view of life," she says. "My job has exposed me to so much that it's given me the confidence to where I'm not afraid to work anywhere."

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skilled construction professionals whose duties include operating, repairing, maintaining and inspecting heavy construction equipment and cranes. Successful applicants will be enrolled in a state registered training program that consists of 6,000 hours of on-the-job training and six semesters of classroom instruction. Apprentices earn while they learn. Beginning wages start at approximately \$19.20 per hour, and workers receive regularly scheduled raises until they reach the journeyman level pay of approximately \$32.00 per hour. In addition to a handsome salary, workers receive a family benefits package that includes medical and dental insurance, holiday and vacation pay, a pension plan and other benefits. To be eligible, applicants must be physically able to perform the work; a high school graduate or have a

Construction Trade	# of Clients Requesting This Trade	# Referred to Work (union & non-union)	# Indentured
Carpenters	1410	211	149
Flooring/Carpet Layers*	82	11	6
Concrete Masons/Finishers	193	35	8
Electricians*	306	27	9
Iron Workers	203	41	29
Laborers	2907	394	242
Tile/Marble/Brick Masons	373	68	29
Operating Engineers*	103	9	8
Painters	750	99	40
Plasterers	200	32	11
Plumbers	565	60	33
Roofers	223	41	17
Sheet Metal Workers*	55	7	7

**Trades Specifically Needed*

GED; at least 18 years of age when entering the apprenticeship program; legally able to work in the U.S.; have reliable transportation; and pass an entrance exam and a substance abuse test. For additional information, please contact our union liaison, Jeffery Henderson, as soon as possible at (310) 448-8045.

The overall rate of compliance at Playa Vista (1999 – present) remains at 13.7%, well above the 10% commitment requirement. Beyond Playa Vista, Trammel Crow's 2000 Avenue of the Stars construction activity has begun, and clients are being referred. The Los Angeles Community College District's Proposition A and AA bond programs for construction on all nine campuses has also begun, and 129 clients have already been placed through the District's e7 Jobs Program. Along with other major projects being negotiated for future job opportunities, PVJOBS is expected to greatly increase our job

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placement potential in the coming months.

As of August 8, 2005, 1,036 PVJOBS candidates have gained employment, filling 1,936 positions. Also, 351 candidates have completed a minimum of 500 hours, and 51 have completed more than 3,000 hours. Currently, there are 383 PVJOBS clients working. We expect to have an additional 150 to 200 positions to fill this quarter at various sites. Many of these positions, however, will be filled from our out-of-work list, per our internal policies, reducing the number of new placement opportunities.

Bear in mind that many candidates listed in the table below are already working. We specifically need candidates to fill positions as sheetmetal workers (with welding experience), flooring and operating engineers. Candidates for these specific trades need to submit an application to the applicable union and pass the union test before they are eligible for referral to work through the PVJOBS program. Please call us for more details at (310) 448-4684.

PVJOBS To Work With Urban Partners

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University Gateway will contain neighborhood-oriented retail, including a bookstore and restaurant.

PVJOBS is working closely with Urban Partners to establish a special hiring program that will focus on providing job opportunities to at-risk youth and adults. University Gateway is expected to yield many jobs locally, and PVJOBS is positioned to leverage their partnership to place at-risk residents in various trade positions available through this exciting new project.

INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

Never mistake knowledge
for wisdom.

One helps you make a living,
the other helps make a life.

~

Sandra Carney

PVJOBS At Work

CESAR QUIROGA: Becoming Grateful

When 36-year-old Cesar Quiroga was first asked to work 130 feet underground during his first week on the job, he knew mining wasn't an ordinary occupation. "Mining is an unusual experience," he says. "But it's an exciting challenge."

For the past two years, Quiroga has worked for Taylor Shea Frontier Kenny to help rebuild sewer lines for the Los Angeles Department of Public Works. While he was originally hired to work as a bottom lander, within three months he was promoted to a full-time miner. "I like to learn and I'm open to correction," he says. "And I never complained about my job. I'm just grateful to have a job."

That grateful attitude has taken Quiroga further than he's taken himself throughout most of his life. Raised by both parents in project housing in Boyle Heights, Quiroga and his four sisters grew up in a gang-ridden community. A high school drop-out, Quiroga became a drug user and gang member, and by age 18, he began a 10-year odyssey in the penal system. He decided he'd had enough when he became a husband and first-time father during his late 20s. "I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to be there for my wife and son," he says. "So I decided to change my life 180 degrees."

Over the next six years, Quiroga worked consistently in a series of jobs – from working at an equipment rental yard and running a rehab home to managing the office facility at Homeboy Industries, a job program targeting former gang members. It was at Homeboy where he learned that PVJOBS was offering a miner training program that paid \$25 an hour. "I needed a better paying job to support my family," says Quiroga, who by then had a family of five children.

As a professional miner who thrives in his work, Quiroga believes that PVJOBS has provided him with a rare opportunity to realize a career he never could have imagined just a few years ago. "We need more programs like PVJOBS," he says. "I'm blessed that they've gone out of their way to help people like me."



Cesar Quiroga

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APPRENTICE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Century Community Training (Mary Lou Clinkenbeard)	310-673-3941
Los Angeles Technology Center (Delores Kerr)	323-732-0153

WORKSOURCE CENTERS

Career Planning Center-Marina Del Rey (Sharon Waters)	310-309-6000
Career Transition Worksource Center (George Fernandez)	562-570-3736
Community Career Dev Ctr Wilsh/Metro (Justina Munoz)	213-365-9829
Community Centers Development (Carlos Ruvalcaba)	323-752-2115
Compton Career Link (Henry Smith)	310-605-3050
Hollywood Worksource of California (Marjorie Gardner)	323-960-1300
Metro North Worksource Center (Ms. Zakarian)	323-223-1211
Urban League Adams Baldwin Hills (Renee Mendoza)	323-732-7867
WLCAC Southeast/Watts Worksource Center (Sherry Craig)	323-563-5669

YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

Calif Rehab Employment Program (David Glover)	213-251-1432
Canaan Housing Corporation (Norman Bullock)	213-748-0250
CCFP/Meals on wheels for Children (Sandra Moore)	323-755-8038
Chrysalis-New Directions (Brigitte Slayton)	310-914-4045
Chrysalis-Santa Monica (Adelai Whitman)	310-392-4117
Communities in Schools (Mia Arredondo)	818-891-9399
Community Build (Babatu Bektamba)	323-789-9950
CRTD Faithworks (David Richardson)	310-673-0277
DARE U TO CARE Sabrina Parker)	323-756-3208
EDD-Marnia Del Rey (Sara Trujillo)	310-576-6431
FAME Renaissance (Dwayne Price)	323-730-8354
Homies Unidos, Inc. (Ms. Belrran)	213-383-7484
Housing Authority of LA (WTW Div) (Judy Rasheed)	213-252-1800
Human Potential Consultants, LLC (Deidre Norville)	310-756-1560
Jobs for the Future/Homeboy Industries (Father Greg Boyle)	323-526-1254
Joint Efforts Inc. (Matt Davidson)	310-831-2358
La Casas (Alejandro Covarrubias)	323-415-9684
LA Family Housing Corporation (Ms. Ramirez)	818-982-4091
Mar Vista Family Center (Lucia Diaz)	310-390-9607

Meaning And Purpose (Mr & Ms. Moore)	323-296-2553
NO GUNS (Hector Marroquin)	310-695-7438
Raevery's Resource Center (Sherai Henderson)	323-752-9981
Save Our Future (Ken Jordan)	323-544-0039
S. Central Projects W/Industry/SCRS (Mr & Ms. Williams)	310-345-5713
SCHARP (Denise Shook)	323-751-3026
Success In Challenges (Leon Mosely)	562-423-8118
Union Rescue Mission (Vernard Hopkins)	213-347-6300
Unity One (Bo Taylor)	213-963-5843
US VETS (Katherin Gibbs)	310-348-7600
Venice 2000 (Melvin Hayward)	310-823-6100
Volunteers of America (Mark Jackson)	213-689-2179
Walden House Inc. (Renee Mendoza)	213-763-6238
Walden House SASCA Region 111 (Sal Wilson)	213-741-3720
Weingart Center Association (Ronnie Prince)	213-627-9000
West Angeles CDC (Janet Welch)	323-291-1472

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Archdiocese YES (Robert Gutierrez)	213-736-5456
CCEO Youth Build (Joe Starks)	310-225-3060
Covenant House of California (Lori Koenig)	323-957-7455
Goals For Life (Reggie Berry)	562-698-1501
LA Youth At Work (Ron De La Houssay)	213-580-7505
PACE/SIPA Youth Build (Albert Sy)	213-353-1700
Peacekeeper ARK (Carol Adams)	310-276-9046
United Friends of the Children (Mindy Raphael)	213-580-1823
VCHC Youth Build (Sal Galvin)	310-399-4100
YES Youth Build (L.H. Whelchel)	323-567-0091
Youth Opportunity Movement (Gregory Burks)	323-789-2773

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