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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ernest Roberts  
Executive Director, PVJOBS

I remember meeting a gentleman about 30 years ago and discussing with him some points of worldview. I was amazed that we shared virtually the same outlook on so many important core human concepts—from relationships to the social order, from family to politics and morality. I was amazed because, although we were about the same age, he came from a completely different socio-economic background and cultural environment. But somehow we had arrived at the same point of view on so many issues.

Perhaps it was my naiveté, but I had assumed that my particular experiences had led me to my unique perspectives. But our discussion made me realize that we can all reach a level of universal understanding and morality, no matter what our background and personal experiences. A Chinese farmer, a New York urbanite and a Nigerian construction worker can all reach similar levels of understanding. But not everyone gets there. Similar to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, I believe it is necessary to have certain basic needs met before an inquisitive mind allows this kind of intellectual journey.

Since our discussion, I have had a plethora of similar meetings of the mind with people from varied walks of life, as it should be. There are so

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## PVJOBS Employment Update

Local construction continues to lag, causing a depressed need for construction workers. Estimates are that as many as 40% of union construction workers are "on-the-bench" waiting for dispatch. This excess supply of construction workers is lowering our ability to move our clients into the start of construction careers. Yet, we are still getting some placements, and estimate 200 to 300 placement opportunities in construction and

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## PVJOBS Partners with Probation Dept to Help Reduce Recidivism

Jesus Escobar, a 22-year-old who has been on and off of probation since he was 15 for tagging buses, is now a paid intern at PVJOBS while attending USC. Escobar's vast transformation is a result of his participation in the Day Reporting Center, a new pro-



PVJOBS Intern Jesus Escobar is shown with DRC Employment Resource Coordinator Erick Cerda.

bation program that aims to help reduce California's alarming recidivism rates and prevent probationers—ages 18 to 25—from entering the prison system.

"It's a drastic change to work in an office," says Escobar, who aspires to go to law school one day. "Working here is preparing me for my future career."

PVJOBS partnered with the center last year to provide subsidized employment to the center's graduates. Since forming the partnership, PVJOBS has placed 16 participants in paid internships and expect to

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# PVJOBS At Work

## CESAR CANJURA: Runs In The Family

The carpentry trade has been good to Cesar Canjura, who has been assigned to work on such development projects as an LAPD facility and a community redevelopment building. These assignments have not only given him valuable job experience, but also a sense of pride in his work. "I'm very proud when I see a completed job," says Canjura, 46. "Knowing that I had a hand in it makes me feel good."



Cesar Canjura

Working as a carpenter comes easy to Canjura, given his lineage. "Carpentry runs in my family," he says. "My father and grandfather were carpenters." Born and raised in El Salvador, Canjura moved to the United States with his parents when he was a teenager. His family settled in Santa Monica, and he attended nearby Venice High School, where he learned English.

To help support himself, he eventually dropped out of high school to find work. After landing a steady job as a maintenance worker, he enrolled in an evening trade school program. When he was laid off 12 years later, Canjura, by then a husband and father two, began to struggle to make ends meet. He managed to find a welding job, but was laid off again just a year later.

Seeking career direction, Canjura participated in a carpentry apprenticeship workshop, which reminded him how much he enjoyed his family trade. Although he found work as a carpenter on a long-term assignment, his non-union job didn't offer the salary he needed to raise a family. So he visited the local union and the Playa Vista development site to ask around about job opportunities. A Playa Vista foreman recommended that he reach out to PVJOBS. Within a week of meeting with the PVJOBS staff, Canjura was hired by Morley Construction to work at the Playa Vista site.

Canjura has been hired by Precise Air Systems to work on a CRA-funded project, but it's on hold as he waits for a call to work. With his union membership and continued support from the PVJOBS staff, Canjura is hopeful for his future. "I have faith that things are going to get better," he says about the construction industry slowdown. "With organizations like PVJOBS, it makes the future better for workers like me."

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hire another 10 individuals by August.

The primary goal of the center's employment program is to provide probationers with paid on-the-job training and permanent employment, enabling them to build a job history for themselves. The program pays participants \$11.55 per hour, much higher than minimum wage. "One of the keys to this population is money," says Erick Cerda, the center's employment resource coordinator. "If we only offered them minimum wage, they wouldn't give us a chance because they figure they can make that on the streets."

The employment program has received widespread support from



Jesus Escobar is seated at his desk at the PVJOBS office.

local community leaders. PVJOBS recently received a commendation from the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for assisting probation youth with entering the job market. Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas cited the job effort as one of the most successful re-entry programs in the county.

"The more you keep them busy with something productive, the less likely they're going to commit crimes," says Cerda. "We're giving these individuals an opportunity to understand mainstream employment with companies who are willing to accept workers who are at-risk."



Erick Cerda and Jesus Escobar take a moment to catch up with each other.

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many more core concepts that we share than those we do not. Sometimes I fear that we dwell too much on our differences of opinion rather than on the similarities we share, often resulting in division and separation. Imagine a world where the norm is to dwell on our commonalities rather than our differences.

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construction-related trades through the end of the year. We expect infrastructure building to pick up by the end of 2011 as more American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money stimulates project development.

PVJOBS has been awarded a grant to serve veterans. The Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP) will target recently separated veterans, assisting them with starting a career in green industries. Clients will receive Occupational Safety and Health Administration certification and offered training toward a career in Energy Auditing or a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Associate certification prior to job placement. For more information, please call our VEAP Program Coordinator, Pat Atitebi, at (323) 432-3972.

Our Women Apprenticeship in Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Program remains active in finding apprenticeships for women. For more information, please contact our WANTO Program Coordinator, Jeff Henderson, at (323) 432-3961.

Also, our Construction Talent Transfer Program is still placing displaced construction workers in new construction craft positions. Please contact Juan Alvarado at (323) 432-3971 for more information about this program.

## Inspirational Corner

Thoughts lead on to purposes;  
purposes go forth in action;  
actions form habits;  
habits decide character;  
and character fixes our destiny.

—Tyronne Edwards

# PVJOBS At Work

## DEREK DAVIS: Learning How To Lead

**A**s a foreman, 47-year-old Derek Davis oversees a team of laborers working on a renovation project in Calabasas. "It has its challenges," he says. "But it's a learning process."

Although he's charged with leading a laborer team, Davis started working in construction just three years ago. His first assignment was with American Constructors, and his hard work soon led to a laborer position with The Davis Company, another PVJOBS partner. The Davis Company was so impressed with his work that they created a foreman spot for him.

Davis credits his promotions to his team building skills. "I develop a good rapport with everyone to make sure that we get the job done," he says. "I'm willing to work side by side with people, regardless of their titles or status, to win over their respect."

While Davis demonstrates leadership on a daily basis, he spent much of his life escaping that role. Raised in the Crenshaw District in South Los Angeles, Davis and his older brother enjoyed a stable upbringing by their parents, who owned a neighborhood dry cleaning business. But when he was 19, his mother died of cancer. His life spiraled out of control when he started using drugs to anesthetize his pain. His drug use became so severe that he spent the next 15 years living on the streets between serving time in prison.

After being released from his last prison sentence seven years ago, Davis knew he needed to make serious changes in his life, including his attitude. "I made up my mind not to subject myself to activities that would harm me," he says. He found work in street maintenance, and he used his new job as an opportunity to rebuild his life. When a coworker told him about PVJOBS, he decided to visit the job program. It was during a PVJOBS orientation when he realized that "I finally knew what I wanted to do."

Davis, a husband and father of six, says that he's grateful to The Davis Company for carving out a place for him in their organization, giving him a sense of job stability. "They've put a lot of trust in me, and I want to grow with the company," he says. "I count my blessings everyday."



Derek Davis