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HUD AWARDS \$30 MILLION TO SACRAMENTO TO REVITALIZE HOUSING AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing Lourdes Castro Ramirez joined Mayor Kevin Johnson in Sacramento today to announce that SHRA and the City of Sacramento will receive a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to redevelop the distressed Twin Rivers public housing community and revitalize the Sacramento River District-Railyards neighborhood. Sacramento was one of five recipients.

"This is a reflection of the direction that Sacramento is headed and how the federal government is a continued partner in our region's success," said Congresswoman Doris Matsui. "The housing and infrastructure at Twin Rivers is old and must be replaced. This grant will help us

replace the housing, improve the transportation connections to the neighborhood, and implement a number of social services that will benefit the area's residents. I am confident that this grant will truly transform our community. I am thankful for HUD Secretary Julián Castro's commitment to our city, as well as SHRA's efforts to bring this effort to fruition."

As part of the Administration's overall drive to reinvest in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty, President Obama's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) is intended to transform distressed public and assisted housing into sustainable, mixed income housing with access to

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Sacramento Senior Citizens Club

Are you a senior (50+) or do you know a senior?

Seniors are cordially invited to join the Sacramento Senior Citizens Club. This is an opportunity to get out and mingle with other seniors. Don't stay home with nothing to do! The club has several activities each month including Dances, BINGO and casino trips in addition to their monthly business meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. The club offers you the opportunity to get out and enjoy time with other like minded people.

BINGO games are at the Heart Center on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Dances are on Sunday afternoons also at the Heart center from 2:00 to 4:00 pm unless the center is

closed for a recognized holiday.

Casino trips each month are organized by AI and announced at BINGO.

**Come join the fun!
Be involved!**

2016 Membership dues are only \$10.00 and entitle members to a 50% discount at BINGO games. Join or renew today!

The Sacramento Senior Citizens Club, Inc., meets at the

Ethel MacLeod Hart Multipurpose Senior Center
915 27th Street,
Sacramento, CA. 95816,
and is sponsored by the City of Sacramento,
Department of Recreation & Parks.

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October – December 2015

The next **Quarterly SRAB meeting** has been scheduled for:

1:30 pm Thursday, October 29, 2015.
The meeting will be at our regular location;
**1725 K Street,
Sacramento, CA 95811**



Jobs⁽⁺⁾ is an innovative approach that provides job seekers and employers with customized resources, demand-driven services and supportive coaching to achieve their goals.

Attend our first event at Jobs⁽⁺⁾!

Join us on Tuesday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 14th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for an exclusive **HIRING EVENT** for the new Harbor Freight Tools store in Elk Grove! There will be a variety of full time and part time positions available.

What is Jobs⁽⁺⁾?

Jobs⁽⁺⁾ is a hub where job seekers and employers can access community resources and exchange information, ideas and much more. Job seekers receive support from coaches and learn how to use the community as a *classroom* to obtain and enhance the skills, competencies and behaviors necessary to overcome employment barriers and ultimately achieve rewarding employment. Jobs⁽⁺⁾ offers

blended and competency-based learning opportunities. This approach combines several learning styles, including traditional classroom, online, one-on-one coaching, hands-on and peer-to-peer guidance; all of which allow members to accommodate their schedules and best learning style.

How It Began.

Jobs⁽⁺⁾ was developed from a desire to evolve toward *innovative* workforce development for all. We are revolutionizing traditional hiring practices and developing a system of efficient matching between job seekers and employers. Jobs⁽⁺⁾ is a place where the needs of both job seekers and employers are met under the same roof. Qualified individuals who seek meaningful employment and sustaining wages are matched with in-demand opportunities from local employers looking to strengthen and grow their business.

Who Is it For?

Whether it's seniors looking to learn computer basics, seasoned professionals brushing up on Microsoft Office, unemployed individuals gaining career skills, or students planning their

future education, Jobs⁽⁺⁾ is beneficial for all. Jobs⁽⁺⁾ offers an extensive "menu" of services that are customized to meet the individual needs of members based on their current employment and life situation.

Employers Use Jobs⁽⁺⁾ Too.

Jobs⁽⁺⁾ is also a place where professionals and employers can share and discover what's happening in their city, region and industry. We work directly with local employers to align their demand for skilled talent with the needs of individuals seeking employment and career development opportunities.

State-of-The Art Scene.

Jobs⁽⁺⁾ has everything all in one place. Members will find individual or group work and study areas. With a wide variety of ergonomic furniture, power outlets and wireless access, it's easier than ever for members to access the technology tools they need to succeed. Jobs⁽⁺⁾ is equipped with touch-screen computers, iPads and adaptive technology to access educational, training and employment related internet sites.

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community assets and services to support positive outcomes for families living in the development and in the surrounding community. For every \$1 in CNI funding, Sacramento and more than 35 partners will leverage an additional \$9 in public and private investment for the project.

"This CNI award is a game-changer for Sacramento," said Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson. "For too long the Twin Rivers community has remained underserved. Thanks to CNI, it will be revitalized and reconnected to our downtown, which is becoming one of the country's most exciting urban hubs. I deeply appreciate the support of HUD, SHRA, and our other public and private partners as we work together to create a city that works for everyone."

"We are extremely proud that HUD has selected Sacramento for a 2015 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant

to help transform the Twin Rivers community and surrounding area," said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier. "The countless hours of engagement from residents, community members and public-private partners over the past three years has really paid off, and we're very excited to continue building on the investment we've already made to successfully transform this community and significantly improve quality of life for everyone who lives here."

The Twin Rivers plan calls for one-for-one replacement of the existing 218 units included in a total of 487 mixed income housing units both on and off-site. Implementation Grants support those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their Transformation Plan to redevelop the neighborhood.

Today's announcement follows designation of Sacramento as a federal

Promise Zone last April which includes the Twin Rivers area and will support comprehensive community revitalization efforts by providing additional federal resources to high-poverty communities throughout the country.

"We have a phenomenal opportunity to transform the neighborhood and transform lives," said SHRA Director of Development Tyrone Roderick Williams, who was recently named Director of the Sacramento Promise Zone. "We have an exceptional team and committed, experienced staff and we will succeed at creating a revitalized diverse neighborhood of choice."

The grant will provide additional resources to dozens of partner organizations to provide enhanced services to Twin Rivers public housing residents to improve outcomes in health, education and employment.

The grant requires the project to break ground in the next 18 months.

SRAB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BY GALE MORGAN

SRAB supports and promotes self sufficiency for tenants of public housing. In addition to the resources printed in this newsletter we sponsor a book scholarship. The 2016 School Book Scholarship Program begins in January. If you are a student at Sacramento City College you can access our scholarship on campus at the Sacramento City College Foundation (SCCF) office beginning in December. Students from other Los Rios campuses may also apply at SCCF if their books are available at the City College Bookstore. Please contact Debbie

for details. All other students are encouraged to apply at our office.

The application is available on-line at <http://sacrab.org/SCCFScholarshipApp.pdf>.

Please bring all required materials to your appointment. Debbie can be reached at (916) 995-5799 Mon—Fri 9:00—5:00 pm.

Scholarships will not be awarded after January 20, 2016 so applications should be submitted in time for processing to meet the deadline.

CONSIDER A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION

DISCOVER IF YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES IN ONLY ONE SEMESTER!

Project STRIPE pre-apprenticeship program offers:

- ◆ Preparation for entrance into an apprenticeship program
- ◆ Employability skills
- ◆ Hands-on construction experience
- ◆ Earn up to 4 certifications including OSHA 10 safety certificate
- ◆ Overview of multiple construction trades
- ◆ Curriculum driven by industry standards
- ◆ Green building standards
- ◆ Networking with Industry Professionals



Fall 2015 Enrollment:

PREAP 111 Infrastructure Pre-Apprenticeship

2nd 8 weeks (October 15—December 11)

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am – 3:40 pm – 7 units (20250)

This class has a fitness component making total units for 8-week classes 8-units. You will be given permission to enroll in fitness portion on the first day of scheduled classes.

**Classes held at 1333 Grand Ave.
Sacramento, Ca 95838**

For more information contact Staci Teegarden
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The Tenant Focus is published each quarter by SRAB and given to the community managers for distribution to all tenants of SHRA and SHARP Properties. For comments, advertisements or submission, please write to:

Tenant Focus
1725 K Street #101
Sacramento, CA 95811

Or:
tenantfocus@sacrab.com

FIRE AND SAFETY SESSIONS AT COMMUNITIES

SHRA's fire and life safety expert, Mike Chism has been making the rounds with Erik from Simplex-Grinnell to educate the tenants and employees of SHRA and SHARP Properties on Fire safety and emergency responses. The training offers each attendee the opportunity to use an extinguisher to put out a fire as SRAB chairman Debbie Surrett is seen doing in the photo.

In addition to putting out a fire, the proper care and use of smoke detectors and CO₂ detectors is covered. How to respond to an alarm or false alarm and who to call for a malfunction is all explained.

Each resident gets a copy of the latest SHRA safety handbook. These are customized for each community. The office phone is listed. After hours and emergency numbers are included too.



Grocery Bus

Our West Sacramento Wal-Mart grocery bus requires an application for all riders prior to making a trip. Once the application is received you may place your required reservation. Please contact Barbara at: (916) 927-7446 to make reservations.

These grocery bus trips are scheduled:

- October 5, 2015
- November 4, 2015
- December 3, 2015
- January 5, 2016
- February 3, 2016
- March 7, 2016

Do you have Medicare and Medi-Cal?

If you do, you may qualify for a health plan that can help you get:



Glasses

Dental work



Transportation to the doctor

Ask me for details!

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