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BCHD TO HOST 'HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS' OPEN HOUSE ON OCT. 17

Community is invited to learn about concept plans to refurbish 11-acre medical campus in Redondo Beach, provide feedback and interact with BCHD representatives

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REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (September 20, 2017) -- Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) will host a community open house on Tuesday, Oct. 17 to update the public about proposals to enhance and modernize the agency's campus in Redondo Beach. The event, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, will include a formal presentation at 6 p.m. on the "Healthy Living Campus" project. Prior to the presentation, guests can visit information stations and talk to project staff about the draft plans to develop much-needed residential facilities for older adults and a spacious Center for Health & Fitness, renovate the property's 62-year-old medical building and additional concepts like useable green space and pedestrian/bike paths on the 11-acre campus.

"The BCHD campus is being renovated to provide our residents with a true continuum of care onsite that offers health services and programs for all ages, including our rapidly expanding senior population," said BCHD Chief Executive Officer Tom Bakaly. "Our October open house is intended to encourage community input while assuring residents are well-informed about strategies to develop a Healthy Living Campus that serves as a hub of well-being for the Beach Cities."

The Healthy Living Campus is being designed to address the evolving health needs of the Beach Cities, which include a lack of local older adult residential facilities for a senior population that will soon exceed 15,000. Additionally, the campus project includes refurbishing the aging medical building, increasing campus connectivity and accessibility, creating open/green space, providing a pedestrian and bike-friendly environment and reflecting the community character of BCHD.

To achieve this, BCHD has been working closely with a panel of 20 citizens to conceptually plan, design and refine the project. The members of the community working group were selected to be representative of the various stakeholders in the beach cities, including neighboring residents, slow-growth supporters, environmental advocates, seniors, students, businesses, former elected officials, city staffers and more. The complete list of working group members is posted at <u>bchd.org/healthylivingcampus</u>.

For more information about the Healthy Living Campus or to submit feedback online, visit <u>bchd.org/healthylivingcampus</u>.

About Beach Cities Health District

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is among the largest preventive health agencies in the nation and has served the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach since 1955. As a public



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agency, it offers an extensive range of dynamic health and wellness programs, with innovative services and facilities to promote health and prevent diseases in every lifespan. BCHD operates AdventurePlex, a health and fitness center where kids play their way to good health, and the Center for Health & Fitness, a comprehensive, medically based fitness center. Visit <u>www.bcvhd.org</u> or call (310) 374-3426 for more information.

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