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Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center to Reopen This Fall

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The Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center, which has been closed since May 2020, has received funding for repairs that will help reach a projected reopening date of late Fall 2022. The Community Center has been allocated a \$1 million federal grant as part of a Community Project Funding package that Congressman Ted Lieu requested for 10 projects in California's 33rd Congressional District. Additionally, Los Angeles County, along with Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, have committed an additional \$1.01 million in grants toward the cost of the roof repair using a combination of Measure A and Prop A funds.

"These funds which move us closer to opening are literally a life saver for many people who depended on the center for their well-being and I am so grateful to County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Congressman Lieu for recognizing this community need," said Calabasas Mayor Mary Sue Maurer.

"I am incredibly grateful to Congressman Lieu and Supervisor Kuehl for their support of the AHCCC. This much-needed infusion of funds will ensure that we can continue on as a crucial resource for our community, from fitness and celebrations to being a hub for voting and emergency services," said Community Center Chair and Agoura Hills Mayor Deborah Klein Lopez.

The facility will likely reopen in phases, depending on progress of construction. There will also be public outreach in the coming months to get community feedback on what programming and activities residents would like to see at the AHCCC.

"I am so appreciative of Congressman Lieu's efforts in obtaining the \$1 million federal earmark for the essential repairs and upgrades to the AHCCC, and to Supervisor Kuehl for her equal support in allocating over \$1 million through Los Angeles County, Prop A. The AHCCC is a community asset that warrants this important investment in public funds. Funds that will allow the center to serve the Agoura Hills and Calabasas communities for decades to come. I also want to express my deep appreciation to Directors of Community Services, Amy Jones Brink (Agoura Hills) and Erica Green (Calabasas) as well as City Managers Nathan Hamburger and

Kindon Meik for their diligence in pursuing these essential funds,” said Community Center Board Member Brad Rosenheim.

“We are excited and very grateful to receive these substantial grants,” said Calabasas Councilmember and Vice Chair of the Community Center Board James R. Bozajian. “The facility is in need of essential repairs, and we are hopeful the grants will allow us to re-open to the public later this year.”

The Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center is a facility owned and operated by the neighboring cities of Agoura Hills and Calabasas via a joint powers authority. The Community Center is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of delegates from both municipalities. On November 8, 1994, Los Angeles County conveyed 4.52 acres of vacant land to the two cities for recreational uses. Ground-breaking occurred on September 24, 1997. Upon completion of construction, the Community Center was opened to the public on December 11, 1999.

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