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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF
VETERANS AMERICA'S JOB CENTER OF CALIFORNIA AT BOB HOPE
PATRIOTIC HALL**

Los Angeles, CA — The County of Los Angeles celebrated the grand opening of the Veterans America's Job Center of California (AJCC), a new job center located in downtown Los Angeles at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall that develops, leads, and supports regional employment and training initiatives for Veterans.

"The Veterans AJCC at Patriotic Hall is a critical part of the County's growing emphasis on workforce development, which embraces our commitment to targeting services for priority populations, including Veterans, while ensuring that we prepare workers for employment in growing sectors of our regional economy," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "The Veterans AJCC will be tailored to meet the unique needs of Veterans and their families, and help them translate their military experience into the civilian workplace in the technology, security, cybersecurity, health care, and professional sectors."

Recognizing the need to better leverage the facilities at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall to deliver employment services specifically targeted for veterans, the County established the Culinary Arts Training Program at Patriotic Hall. The Veterans AJCC opened its doors in October 2017 and provides a full range of workforce development services, including one-on-one coaching, workshops, as well as on-the-job training and vocational training opportunities.

"At our Veterans AJCC, clients will have the opportunity to work with staff who are veterans themselves. Veteran staff are uniquely qualified to prepare veterans for their job search, assist them with training opportunities and provide them the support needed to advance in their careers," stated Cynthia D. Banks, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, the agency responsible for administering the Veterans AJCC.

In addition to providing workforce development services, the location of the Veterans AJCC at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall enables veterans and their families to access additional wrap-around services, including housing, child support, legal, and mental health services.

"The goal of the program is to help veterans find employment that best fits their interests and talents," said Brigadier General Ruth A. Wong, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Los Angeles County has the largest number of veterans in the nation, approximately 300,000 veterans living in the County. Veterans are more likely to have a higher unemployment rate than the general population. For more information on services provided by the County's network of AJCCs, please visit <http://workforce.lacounty.gov>.

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