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## L.A. City College's "Van de Kamp" Satellite Campus Begins Construction in Spring 2007

*Extension will relieve crowding as enrollment increases at the urban campus' main site in Hollywood*

**LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11, 2006**—Los Angeles City College (LACC) announced that plans for its new Northeast Satellite Campus are moving forward and construction is expected to begin in spring 2007.

Plans for the new satellite campus include two large-scale buildings at Fletcher Drive and San Fernando Road on the site in Glassell Park, approximately 10 miles northeast of the main campus in Hollywood. The first will be the renovation and modernization of the historic former headquarters of the Van de Kamp Bakery into a two-story structure, with classrooms and offices. A new two-story education classroom building will be constructed behind it. Expected completion for both buildings is slated for 2008.

“City College’s new satellite campus provides an urban solution that meets both the needs of the community and the college,” said Larry H. Eisenberg, Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Development for the Los Angeles Community College District. “My hope is that this adaptive reuse project will provide a model for urban planning in other communities where land is scarce.”

LACC's new satellite campus will feature 36 classrooms as well as offices in about 70,000 sq.-ft. of space. Facilities for students will include two science labs, several computer labs, and a fitness center. The fitness center is funded by a \$236,000 Health and Human Services grant, awarded to LACC with the support of Congressman Xavier Becerra.



*An artists' rendering shows an aerial view of the Van de Kamp Bakery as a new classroom building on the site of L.A. City College's new Northeast Satellite Campus.*

“The Van de Kamp campus has been designed to meet the needs of the Glassell Park community and provide career specific programs responding to the needs of the local community,” said Dr. Steve Maradian, president of LACC. “It’s exciting to see this project moving forward.”

Plans for the renovation and new construction projects are currently under review by the Division of the State Architect. Steven Ehrlich Architects, based in Culver City, Calif., is the design architect for the new building, and Roschen Van Cleve Architects of Hollywood, Calif. has designed the adaptive reuse for the Van de Kamp Bakery building. The façade and roof of the historic bakery is a designated Los Angeles City Monument and will not be changed.

The bid process for the adaptive reuse of the Van de Kamp Bakery building and new construction projects will start early next year, with construction expected to begin in April 2007. Grading and reinforcement of the site have already been completed.

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“The Van de Kamp campus has been designed to meet the needs of the Glassell Park community, and relieve the crowding at our main campus on Vermont Avenue,” said Dr. Steve Maradian, president of LACC. “It’s exciting to see this project moving forward.”

LACC owns the Van de Kamp Bakery site, which was purchased using funds from the Los Angeles Community College District’s Proposition A/AA Bond Program. Estimated cost for construction of the new satellite campus is \$70 million.

The new satellite campus will also be one of the “greenest” campuses in LA, and is being built according to recognized sustainable building standards. To that end, in December 2005 the Van de Kamp Bakery building became the first construction conversion project in the United States to receive the United Kingdom’s sustainability rating—the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM). The renovated Van de Kamp Bakery building is expected to also receive the US Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) certification upon completion, which will make it the first building in the world to have sustainability certifications from both the US and the UK. The new classroom structure behind the Van de Kamp building will also be built to LEED standards. Both buildings will generate more than 10 percent of energy needs from renewable and clean energy sources.

For more information on LACC’s Proposition A/AA Bond Program construction and modernization projects, visit [www.PropositionA.org/college\\_city.html](http://www.PropositionA.org/college_city.html).

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is one of the largest community college districts in the country, educating more than 110,000 students each year. The LACCD has embarked on a \$2.2 billion construction and modernization program at its nine colleges, funded by Propositions A/AA, two bond measures approved by Los Angeles voters in 2001 and 2003. The LACCD is also currently undertaking the largest public sector sustainable building effort in the United States. For more information, visit [www.PropositionA.org](http://www.PropositionA.org).

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