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**AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK TO RECOGNIZE KYCC AND MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA'S MILLION TREES LA INITIATIVE**

Los Angeles (April 17, 2013) -- U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will recognize KYCC and other tree planting organizations today for their efforts as part of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Million Trees LA initiative. The Secretary is visiting Los Angeles to hear how ARRA funds added and sustained urban forestry jobs during the recession and to show support for the tree planting and maintenance work that KYCC and others provide to Los Angeles residents.

Since 2007, KYCC has added over 20,000 trees to the urban forest in Los Angeles, including the planting of 10,000 street trees primarily in the low-income residential neighborhoods of Koreatown and South Los Angeles.

Since Mayor Villaraigosa launched the MTLA initiative in 2006, more than 400,000 trees have been planted throughout the city, at a rate six times that of the two previous Mayoral administrations, without using money from the General Fund. The U.S. Forest Service has been a key partner in that effort, providing Urban and Community Forestry Program funds and more than \$1.5 million in Recovery Act funds to nonprofits to support workforce recruitment and training efforts. The initiative represents a successful public-private partnership that has resulted in a sustained commitment toward greening Los Angeles.

Koreatown Youth and Community Center was established in 1975 for recently immigrated, at-risk youth. Since then, it has grown enormously, with children and family services, economic development, environmental, childcare, and affordable housing units. The mission of KYCC is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles Area as well as the multi-ethnic Koreatown community.

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