



The LA Conservation Corps Opens New Headquarters and Recognizes a Community Leader.

Introducing the John Van de Kamp Center.

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----- The LA Conservation Corps corporate headquarters has relocated from Olympic Blvd. to 1400 N Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. It is one of nine LA Corps sites located across the county. This Northeast LA site has been renovated and has been dedicated to the LA Corps' longest-serving Founding Board Member John Van de Kamp.

Mr. Van de Kamp passed away on March 14, 2017. He's remembered as a quiet but distinct and dedicated presence at the Corps, but was also a towering political giant. He had a storied career in public service, serving as the first federal public defender in Los Angeles, then as Los Angeles County District Attorney, followed by a six-year term as California Attorney General.

Mr. Van de Kamp's widow Andrea and daughter Diana Van de Kamp will be in attendance. LA Conservation Corps founder Mickey Kantor will say a few words about John and dedicate the building to his memory.

Several local politicians contributed to the funding of the beautifully revised building including Gil Cedillo, Hilda Solis and others.

The LA Corps' CEO [Wendy Butts](#) stated: "We're so proud to honor John Van de Kamp with our new building. It really did take a village to complete this project. We're also really pleased to have our executive team and our Northeast LA team in the same headquarters."

Renovating the building was a major project and required the in-kind services of many community members with affiliations with the Corps. The building was designed by Renee Dake-Wilson and Dake Wilson Architects. TELACU Construction performed the construction work. The building features bright, new colors, as well as large, colorful images of Corpsmembers on each floor.

There will be tours of the building including the Intel Future Skills Lab which was the first room in the building to be completed. All of the LA Corps corporate and foundation partners and many donors and neighbors have been invited to celebrate this momentous occasion.

The LA Conservation Corps will be highlighting its Clean & Green and River Corps programs with displays as well as additional projects that local Corpsmembers work on.

John Van de Kamp, with his storied history of service, passes the baton of a prominent political legacy to Solis, Cedillo and others that have made major contributions to the [Los Angeles Conservation Corps](#). The Corps believes that the upgrade of its headquarters, which stands across the street from LA's State Historic Park in Chinatown, is an added bonus to the neighborhood and can help attract future developments to come.

About the LA Conservation Corps

The LA Conservation Corps, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, provides at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community.

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WHAT: The nonprofit LA Conservation Corps and the John Van de Kamp family are celebrating John Van de Kamp's memory and legacy as a founding LA Corps board member with a building dedication of its new headquarters in his name. The renovated building features bright new colors and eco-friendly interior design, large portraits of Corpsmembers providing service to the community, as well as offices of the LA Corps administration staff, the Northeast LA site team, and Corpsmembers. Tours will be provided of the facility.

WHEN: 4:30PM - 6:30PM, Friday, September 28.

WHERE: The LA Corps at the [John Van de Kamp Center](#), 1400 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles 90012.

PHOTOS: Available at bit.ly/johnvandecampcenter

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