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## **PVJOBS Hosts Local Golf Tournament**

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Los Angeles – Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services (PVJOBS) will host its second annual golf tournament on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Chester Washington Golf Course, 1930 W. 120<sup>th</sup> Street in South Los Angeles.

Proceeds will benefit the organization, which advocates for the inclusion of Los Angeles' local and disadvantaged workers on major construction projects.

“We’re glad to have the continued support of the community as we begin our 19<sup>th</sup> year of service,” PVJOBS Executive Director Ernest Roberts said. “A number of local companies, construction firms and trade unions were represented at last year’s tournament and we’re anticipating more involvement this year.

“They believe in our mission,” Roberts added. “More than 60 percent of the job placements we’ve made have involved formerly incarcerated participants who just needed a second chance.”

More than 130 community-based organizations partner with PVJOBS to refer veterans, former welfare recipients, homeless and re-entry individuals to the program, where participants are placed in career-track jobs in construction and related fields.

Golf Tournament tickets begin at \$150 for individuals and \$500 for a foursome. There are also sponsorship opportunities for businesses to advertise on golf carts, course tee signs and during the banquet hall awards dinner.

“PVJOBS believes more jobs have to be built in L.A. County, not more jails.” Board President Dr. Mark Henderson said. “We’re looking for more businesses who want to support our mission and have fun on the golf course at the same time.”

For additional information, visit [www.pvjobs.org](http://www.pvjobs.org) or call 323.432.3985.

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*PVJOBS is a nationally recognized, nonprofit organization, working with major construction projects, unions and 130 community-based, collaborating organizations to provide construction job opportunities to local, at-risk residents. These disadvantaged adults have either been welfare recipients, did not complete high school, have former gang affiliations, endured homelessness or have been incarcerated. PVJOBS has nearly 16,000 active, job-ready candidates in its database. Since its formation in 1998, PVJOBS has filled more than 7,000 positions, maintaining a retention rate of 89 percent.*