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PVJOBS CELEBRATES THE YEAR'S FIRST CLASS OF JOB TRAINING GRADUATES

***At-Risk Individuals Graduate from Pre-Apprenticeship Training Programs
as They Prepare to Embark on Their New Careers***

LOS ANGELES – February 7, 2022 – To celebrate at-risk individuals for completing their pre-apprenticeship training programs, PVJOBS hosted a special graduation ceremony for 18 job program participants at the nonprofit's South Los Angeles headquarters last month. The ceremony was attended by family and friends who joined PVJOBS staff in congratulating the graduates on their quest to starting their new careers.

Each of the graduates completed one of two pre-apprenticeship training programs offered by PVJOBS: Construction 101, a construction skills training course, and Hospitality 101, a retail industry fundamentals course. Both pre-apprenticeship training programs prepare participants for successfully establishing careers in these in-demand industries.

"We're excited to host our first graduation ceremony of the new year because these events epitomize our mission of helping at-risk individuals transform their lives by pursuing a career pathway that leads to economic self-sufficiency," said PVJOBS Executive Director Mary Taylor. "We're proud of the hard work of our graduates, and we look forward to hearing their success stories as they begin their career journey."

The event graduated the first cohort from the PVJOBS YouthBuild Program, which provides low-income youth with educational assistance and work skills training to prepare them for wage paying jobs. Three other programs that the graduates represented were Hatch Young Adults that offers job training to young adults formerly involved with the juvenile or adult justice system; PVJOBS CORE that provides intervention services to individuals with a history of involvement in the justice system; and LIGHT 2.0 that extends supportive services to those from underserved communities.

About PVJOBS

PVJOBS (Playa Vista Job Opportunities & Business Services) is a 501c(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation that works to provide at-risk youth, adults and veterans with job training and employment opportunities. Since forming in 1998, PVJOBS has overseen more than 8,000 job placements for Los Angeles' most heavily impeded community members. PVJOBS partners with community-based organizations, public agencies, private developers, contractors and construction unions to help realize its mission of providing career-track employment opportunities to at-risk individuals.

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Photo Caption:

Pre-apprenticeship training participants gather in front of PVJOBS following their graduation ceremony.