

Educational Organization for United Latin Americans (EOFULA)

Spanish Senior Center

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EOFULA Spanish Senior Center To Build Senior Housing Facility in DC's Ward 4

*Mayor Fenty Announces Winning Bid for EOFULA and Blue Skye
for Development of Vacant Lot in Brightwood neighborhood*

Washington, DC, October 16, 2008 – Today, DC Mayor Fenty announced that the Educational Organization for United Latin Americans (EOFULA) – home to the Spanish Senior Center at 1842 Calvert St NW, and Blue Skye Development will build a senior center and supportive housing for seniors at 1330 Missouri Ave NW.

The announcement was made at 6425 14th Street NW, a related site that will be developed. Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser noted that more seniors live in Ward 4 than any other ward in the District... “we want to make sure we have a quality senior center right here in Brightwood Ward 4.”

“EOFULA has been serving the Latino community in DC for nearly 40 years, and we are committed to meeting the growing needs of seniors today,” said Angel Luis Irene, EOFULA Executive Director. “Our goal with the new facility on Missouri Ave is to provide senior housing for those who are most in need.”

With the new building, EOFULA plans to provide daily services to promote self sufficiency for an additional 150 seniors and housing to accommodate roughly 40 seniors so that they may “age in place.”

According to Blue Skye, both new housing developments will be LEED certified and are expected to be completed in about 18 months.

For nearly 40 years, the Educational Organization for United Latin Americans (EOFULA) has effectively served the Latino community in Washington, DC, specializing in creating and implementing comprehensive programs to address the unique needs of the Latino senior population. Programming includes: arts, micro-enterprise development and training, English-as-a-Second-Language education, nutrition counseling and education, housing counseling, legal services, and intergenerational activities, among others. For more information on EOFULA Spanish Senior Center, visit www.eofula.org or call 202-483-5800.

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