Roberts Center Groundbreaking
Transcript

[male narrator] Pima Community College hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of renovations for the future home of its Adult Education division and the Public Safety and Emergency Services Institute or PSESI.

[Dr. Suzanne Miles] Today is a very good day for the 29th St. Corridor neighborhood, for TUSD and for Pima College.

[male narrator] People from Pima Community College, Tucson Unified School District and the neighborhood residents gathered in the Assembly Hall of Roberts Elementary School to mark the beginning of the new “Roberts Center.” The school was closed several years ago by TUSD because it was no longer being used. By moving the Adult Education division and the Public Safety Institute to Roberts, the College will become a valuable presence in the neighborhood.

[Dr. Suzanne Miles] We at Pima College pledge to you to turn this building into a vibrant center of learning and enrichment.

[background conversations and sound of shovels breaking ground]

[Rene Gastelum, Member 29th St. Coalition Board of Directors] I think it is going to be a great partnership between TUSD and Pima Community College. I think it’s going to be great for the neighborhood not only for the school with the participants but also economic development. I think it’ll drive some other people to start doing things once they see the improvements at this particular place.

[male narrator] Tours of the current facility were led to further explain how the College plans to renovate the space to meet the needs of Adult Education and the Public Safety Institute.

[male narrator] PCC will save over $150,000 dollars per year by combining two other leased locations into the Roberts Center. The College will spend at least $300,000 to transform the 43,000-square-foot building into offices and classrooms, and improve the parking lot.