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Los Angeles State Historic Park

Construction Set to Begin on New 34-Acre State Park in Downtown Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Calif. – California State Parks is set to commence its first phase construction of permanent park facilities at Los Angeles State Historic Park (LASHP).

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m., with a brief presentation at the UCLA Interpretive Media Laboratory (IMLab) located at 1635 North Spring Street (the historic Raphael Junction Block Building across the street from the park). California State Parks Director Major General Anthony L. Jackson, USMC (Ret.) will be joined by Senator Kevin De Leon; Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez; Dean of UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television Teri Schwartz; and Councilmember Gil Cedillo.

In addition, State Parks staff will be hosting an open house on Thursday, March 13 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to provide an overview of the schedule for construction at the Goodwill Metro North WorkSource Center located at 342 North San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, 90031. The department's partner, the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, will be on hand with information regarding interpretive resources and innovative applications being created for LASHP that the public can engage with during construction of the new park facilities.

A phased approach to park development was adopted by California State Parks in order to activate the entire 34-acre site with existing funds allocated for the project from Proposition 84. Establishing this foundation of permanent park facilities and infrastructure will allow the department to fulfill its promise to the community and build interest leading to additional public-private funding for future phases of work.

The first phase includes the IMLab, a collaboration between California State Parks and the Center for Research in Engineering, Media and Performance (REMAP) at UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television, which harnesses emerging technologies and cutting-edge research to create new ways for communities to use public space for discovery and interpretation of culture, history and nature; to engage civic processes that transform neighborhoods; to improve health and wellness; and to share their stories.

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Over the past 12 years, California State Parks has worked hand-in hand with surrounding communities and elected officials to develop a world class park that will be a vibrant space for civic dialogue, cultural celebration and historic remembrance. As stewards of the public's trust and taxpayer dollars, California State Parks engaged the local community in an unprecedented series of public meetings and planning workshops during which they shared their vision for the park's future. For more information on the project, please visit the LASHP's project www.parks.ca.gov/lashp.

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