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CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS TO HOLD HEARING ON PURCHASE OF CORNFIELDS PROPERTY IN LOS ANGELES

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks will hold a hearing on the purchase of the Cornfields property in Los Angeles on Thursday, June 28 at Castelar Elementary School, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Free off-street parking will be provided at the school, and the meeting room is accessible to people with disabilities.

The 32-acre parcel is within an abandoned Union Pacific R.R. railyard located between North Broadway and North Spring streets as they run between the Chinatown area and the Los Angeles River. The L.A.- Pasadena Blue Line light rail right-of-way forms the parcel's western and northern boundaries, with an intermodal station under construction one block south of the property in Chinatown.

The hearing will bring California State Parks' ownership of the Cornfields property one step closer to reality. California State Parks will conduct the hearing to take comments from local elected officials and the public on whether State Parks should proceed with acquiring the property and incorporate it into the State Park System.

In March of this year, the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national non-profit land protection organization, stepped in and negotiated an option to buy the property from Union Pacific Railroad Company via the current option holder, Majestic Realty Company.

After the hearing, State Parks will send a summary of the hearing comments to the State Legislature prior to final approval to buy the property. An appropriation of \$40,000,000, most of which will come from the Proposition 12 Parks Bond Act of 2000, is expected to be approved by the Governor when he signs the budget this summer. TPL will then transfer the property to State Parks.

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