



Major General Anthony L. Jackson (retired)  
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 California State Parks  
 1416 9th Street  
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Dear General Jackson,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, which represent a broad, multicultural and economically diverse group of community, environmental, civil rights and civic leaders, we write to strongly express our support for California State Parks in its effort to finally begin construction of Los Angeles State Historic Park in April 2014 and to complete park development by spring 2015.

Over the past 12 years, California State Parks has worked hand-in-hand with surrounding communities and elected officials at the Federal, State and local level to design the park as a space for civic dialogue, cultural celebration and historic remembrance. State Parks has engaged the local community in an extensive series of over 65 public meetings and planning workshops during which they shared their visions for the park's future. Now, after 65 public meetings, State Parks is ready to break ground and fulfill its promise and activate the full 34 acres of open space in downtown Los Angeles.

Since 2001, California State Parks has invested over 150 million dollars and opened 3 state parks in urban Los Angeles and the Department, in partnership with local communities, has succeeded in preserving over one hundred acres of open space in the most park-poor city in the nation. We applaud the Department for delivering on its promise to become more relevant and responsive to the diverse communities in the state's urban core. We look forward to working with Department as they continue to seek out new opportunities for park development and programming in an effort to bring the State Park experience to underrepresented communities in our state's urban core.

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