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Time for Public to Choose and Comment

Three Proposals for Developing Cornfield Property Now Ready for Public Review

LOS ANGELES -- The second public hearing on turning the Cornfield property into a State park is now set with State Parks' planners ready to unveil three proposal concepts designed to guide the future use and development of the property. The three proposals will outline very distinct recreational, cultural, natural and operational visions for the site.

The public hearing will be held at Cathedral High School in Chinatown, Los Angeles, Tuesday, October 28, 2003, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. The address is 1253 Bishops Road, Los Angeles.

In the first public meeting, held in August, the public spent many hours sifting through and refining their recommendations into a list of priorities. State Parks' staff took those priorities and suggestions back to the drawing board and refined them into the three proposal concepts to be presented at the hearing Tuesday evening.

The first concept is a minimal approach, with very passive areas and natural landscapes. The second concept proposes developing one of the historic sites into an adaptive use for restrooms, operation offices and possible concession opportunities, with passive and cultural programming incorporated into the site. The third proposal has intense build-out of the historic buildings and has incorporated many uses for the site with very little open or passive space.

"We have come along way," said State Parks Southern Division Chief Ted Jackson. "The public, through the Cornfield Advisory Committee and the public meeting process, has presented us with a multitude of creative ideas and we are now ready to have our public partners choose what they like best and refine those concepts into a preferred plan."

The public will have an opportunity to chose from the three proposals or recommend a merger of various parts of the concepts. From the selection made by the public, States Parks' staff will develop a preferred alternative and present that final product in a public hearing to be held in late January 2004. ###