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**ROSENDAHL TO HOLD INAUGURAL
EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS MEETING**

Who: Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl
Gail Goldberg, General Manager, Los Angeles City Planning Department
Gloria Jeff, General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation
Committee Chairs of Empowerment Congress

When: 9:15am, Saturday, May 20, 2006

Where: Loyola Marymount University
Hilton Business Center
1 LMU Drive
Westchester, CA 90045

Parking: Parking will be available at Parking Lot M or Drollinger Parking Plaza
(Parking Lot L).

What: City Councilman Bill Rosendahl will convene the inaugural meeting of the
11th District Empowerment Congress, Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Rosendahl, who pledged during his campaign to bring together the genius, the energy, and the commitment of neighborhood leaders, formed the CD11 Empowerment Congress in order to have a representative body composed of the "best and brightest" of the 11th council district.

The Empowerment Congress will serve multiple purposes:

1. To serve as a collection of "think tanks" for policy development on key issues facing CD11 and Los Angeles.
2. To serve as "people's lobby" on key issues.
3. To serve as a forum for leadership networking between CD11's neighborhoods and among residents with different interests, backgrounds and talent.

The meeting will begin with a panel discussion featuring Gail Goldberg, General Manger, Los Angeles Planning Department, Gloria Jeff, General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Councilman Bill Rosendahl. It will conclude with a "meet and greet" session with the newly appointed committee Chairs of the Empowerment Congress, who will help select members of working groups to develop policy proposals.

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