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**ROSENDAHL, CITY OFFICIALS TO BREAK GROUND
ON NEW VENICE PARKING LOTS**

Abbot Kinney Boulevard Area to Get 115 Additional Parking Spots

Who: Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer
Tony Royster, general manager, General Services Department
John Fisher, assistant general manager, Department of Transportation
Mike Newhouse, president, Venice Neighborhood Council
Robert Feist, Ravenswork Studios

When: 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 14, 2008

Where: Alleyway of Palms Avenue,
between Abbot Kinney Boulevard and Electric Avenue
Venice, CA 90291

What: Councilmember Bill Rosendahl will join City officials and local community leaders for a groundbreaking ceremony to signal the beginning of a highly anticipated project that will provide 115 additional public parking spaces for the area around the popular Abbot Kinney Boulevard.

The project has two phases. The first phase, to begin this week, will include paving the alleyways and refurbishing streets, located in the 1300 block of Electric Avenue and the 1600 block of Irving Tabor Court. The second phase, currently in design, will include construction of two parking lots with 115 public parking spaces. Pedestrian pathways and lighting will also be added to increase safety. Landscaping

improvements will beautify the area.

Residents, community leaders, and local business owners have been looking forward to this project since the City purchased the land in 1987. The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and Department of Transportation designed the project in response to the growing demand for parking in Venice. The Department of General Services will construct the projects, and BOE will provide construction management.

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