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**ROSENDAHL TO BREAK GROUND ON VENICE
SKATE PARK:
NEW DATE AND TIME SCHEDULED**

Who: Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
John Mukri, general manager of the Department of
Recreation and Parks
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer
Geri Lewis, executive director of the Venice Surf and
Skateboard Assoc.
Jesse Martinez, professional skater

When: 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 31, 2009

Where: On beach near the Public Art Walls ("Graffiti Walls")
and existing
skate dance area near Windward Avenue and Ocean
Front Walk
Venice Beach, CA 90291

What: Councilmember Bill Rosendahl will join local
professional and amateur skaters to celebrate the beginning stages of
construction for a long awaited skateboard park on Venice Beach this
Saturday. Due to rain forecasts and wet conditions, the Venice Skate
Park Groundbreaking originally scheduled for last Saturday was
postponed.

Venice Beach has been a hot spot for skateboarders and skaters from
around the world to test their skills. Construction is now underway for a
16,000 square foot state of the art skate park facility that will join the
many other distinctive attractions that are part of Venice's landscape.

The project also includes installation of an entry plaza and surrounding

walls, construction of concrete walkways, removal of existing rock revetment at the site, restoration of power to an existing lifeguard tower and landscaping and irrigation.

The \$2.4 million project is being paid from a variety of City funding sources secured by Rosendahl and his predecessors: Quimby Funds, Damson Oil Facility Restoration Funds, Venice Area Surplus Real Property Trust Funds and Capital Improvement Expenditure Programs.

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