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ROSENDAHL URGES INVOLVEMENT IN OBAMA SERVICE PROJECTS

Councilman to join food drive, wetlands cleanup, and clothing drive for troops

LOS ANGELES - Councilman Bill Rosendahl is urging Los Angeles residents to rise to President-Elect Barack Obama's challenge and participate in community service projects over the next few days to mark a new era in American politics.

As part of Obama's call for "National Days of Service," local activists are scheduling food drives, environmental restorations, and clothing drives for injured troops. The events will take place through January 20, coinciding with the presidential inaugural ceremonies.

Rosendahl will directly participate in several of the events in his council district, and is allowing organizers to use his field offices as drop-off points for clothing and supplies being donated to injured U.S. servicemen and servicewomen.

"I applaud our new president for calling people to service," Rosendahl said. "This is an opportunity for all of us to work together and renew the bond of community. I am happy to answer this call and encourage others to join me."

The Obama-Biden inaugural team has created a new website -- www.usaservice.org -- that allows users to [promote their own community service events](#) or seek out [opportunities for getting involved](#). People can search by zip code to find service projects in their area.

More than 6,000 events are happening nationwide between now and Tuesday's inauguration. Rosendahl is participating in or supporting several of them:

Soldiers' Angels – Through January 20

Soldiers' Angels is a volunteer-based nonprofit group based in Pasadena, CA, with over thirty different teams of military and civilian volunteers supporting all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Through special projects, Soldiers' Angels makes a visible

difference in the lives of our service members and their families.

Soldiers' Angels Germany, as part of the Soldiers' Angels Medical Support Team, is committed to the support of wounded and ill soldiers being treated at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) facilities. LRMC provides medical treatment to the injured soldiers from both Iraq and Afghanistan. Over 400 patients monthly are provided with 1,000 lbs. of much needed items for a more comfortable time of recuperation. www.soldiersangelsgermany.org

In honor of the memory of 1st Lt. Matthew C. Ferrara, Torrance, CA, who served bravely in Operation Ongoing Freedom we are collecting new clothing, blankets and pre-paid phone cards for those courageous men and women infirmed at LRMC.

Participants can drop off items at [any of Rosendahl's offices](#) between now and close of business Friday. You can also visit the [USAservice.org website for other drop-off locations and a list of needed items](#).

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Fill The Food Bank – Through January 20

[Venice For Change](#), in partnership with the [Fruit Gallery](#) and [Venice Papparazzi.com](#) will be collecting donations through Inauguration Day, January 20th for the [Saint Joseph Center Food Pantry](#), serving the working poor, veterans and homeless men and women of our community. Rosendahl will be at the Fruit Gallery, 1 Westminster Avenue in Venice, Sunday afternoon, to help sort the collections.

[Go to the USAservice.org website for a list of needed items](#) and drop-off locations.

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Ballona Wetlands Restoration – January 19

Scores of residents will meet at 1 p.m. at the Shallow Water Nature Store in the Matilla Village Center, at the corner of Culver Boulevard and Vista del Mar in Playa del Rey. They will take a tour with members of the Ballona Institute, and find out what you can do to assist with restoration. [Go to the USAservice.org to RSVP](#).

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