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COUNCILMEMBER HUIZAR WINS BATTLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS

Illegal Concrete and Asphalt Recycling Facility to Shut Down

LOS ANGELES (March 11, 2008) — Councilmember José Huizar, gained another victory in shutting down an illegal industrial facility in his battle for environmental justice in Boyle Heights. After many years of non-compliance and operation of a concrete recycling facility, the Shamrock Base Corporation located on Mission Road in Boyle Heights was denied a zone variance by the City. As a result of the final decision Shamrock will be forced to close its illegal operation and relocate to land which is zoned appropriately for the use.

“Aside from operating under an illegal permit for many years, this facility was seriously polluting the air quality of the residents of Boyle Heights, and I am very happy to have worked with community members to shut down its operations,” said Councilmember José Huizar.

Dust and other pollutants are generated by the facility, which regularly stores large mounds of rubble reaching heights of 40 feet or more. The Shamrock Base Corporation was utilizing an illegal permit to operate in a non-industrial land use zone, and the East Area Planning Commission, voted unanimously to deny their appeal to acquire the appropriate permit.

“Facilities simply should not operate in zones which don’t allow them without the proper permits. I will continue to steadfastly protect the environmental safety of citizens in Boyle Heights and throughout my Council district.”

“Our community should not be subject to continued illegal operation of businesses of any kind -- especially those that have environmental consequences such as these,” added Councilmember Huizar.

The decision by the East Area Planning Commission can no longer be appealed. The denial of the permit is final by the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, and the operation will now be shut-down.

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