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Council, METRO and 'Pirates' Celebrate New Red Line Hours

City officials, business owners and a cast of characters welcome this week's extended late-night Red Line Subway Holiday Hours

LOS ANGELES (Nov. 17, 2008) – A host of City officials were joined today by a cast of singing pirates and the Los Angeles Kings cheerleaders to usher in the Red Line Subway's extended late-night service, which begins this Friday and continues through the Holiday Season.

Brought to the City by Councilmember José Huizar just two months ago following a request from local businessman Cedd Moses, the extended 3 a.m. service was quickly approved by the Council and the METRO Board. About 20 businesses, large and small, paid a total of about \$54,000 for the pilot program, which will run Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 21 through Dec. 27, extending the Red Line Service by two hours.

"The entertainment options in a vibrant City like Los Angeles do not end at midnight," said Councilmember José Huizar. "This extended service allows people to take advantage of all the great venues the Los Angeles nightlife has to offer, before returning safely home."

Today, Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Wendy Greuel were joined by Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member, Zev Yaroslavsky, for the press conference, held at the 7TH Street Metro Station in Downtown Los Angeles.

Other participants included Carolyn Flowers, Chief Operation Officer, METRO; Cedd Moses, President, 213 Ventures; and Lisa Herzlich, managing director, LA LIVE.

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