



MEDIA ADVISORY

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A PLACE WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE PRESENT

Dedication of \$2.3 million new Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center

WHEN: Thursday, November 12, 2009

Noon

WHERE: Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center

429 E. 42nd Place

WHAT: Dedication of a \$2.3 million City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility named in honor of a former City Council member who represented the area for nearly 30 years, until he died in 1990. The 2,700-square-foot center is nearly triple the size of the building it replaces. Project components and amenities include a large multipurpose room, restrooms that comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and a warming kitchen. There's also an asphalt parking lot with a new access driveway, existing basketball courts were resurfaced and restriped, lighting has been replaced or improved, fencing and goal posts were installed, and more.

The inspiration for the new center comes from its unique history as the site of the original Wrigley Field, which hosted minor league baseball teams for over 30 years and was the home of the Los Angeles Angels during their inaugural season in 1961. The Architectural Division in the Bureau of Engineering of the city's Department of Public Works designed the facility, which was built by Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. of Covina. Project funding came from propositions K (\$89,500), 12 (\$262,000), and 40 (\$1.6 million), and developer fees (\$322,000).

WHO: Councilmember Jan Perry (9th District, home to Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center)
Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager – Department of Recreation and Parks

VISUALS: Kids, dignitaries, and other community members celebrating the new facility

TO GET TO GILBERT LINDSAY RECREATION CENTER: From the **110 (Harbor) Freeway**, exit at Vernon Ave. Take Vernon Ave. east one mile to Avalon Blvd. Take Avalon Blvd. north three blocks to 42nd Pl. Turn left and the facility will be on the right (north) side of the street. (*Thomas Guide page 674, grid D-3*).