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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CITY'S RECYCLING DYNAMIC DUO TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING AMONG CHILDREN
Bureau of Sanitation "Discover Recycling" Open House Events Set to Welcome Children & Families**

LOS ANGELES (May 7, 2007) – The Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation will showcase the City's recycling dynamic duo, "Mr. Recycle and Robo Blue," the blue bin robot characters that will be used to educate children about recycling. Beginning on Saturday, May 12, the Bureau of Sanitation will host "Discover Recycling" open house events in the San Fernando Valley, Downtown, South Los Angeles, Harbor and West Los Angeles areas. The events will provide children and families with fun, food and games while learning about the City's recycling, refuse and green waste programs.

"One key to a cleaner and greener Los Angeles is the participation of children and their families to reduce, reuse and recycle their household refuse and green waste," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "The City's recycling characters are aimed to catch the attention of children while increasing conservation knowledge and encouraging recycling behaviors."

Established in 2003, the fifth annual open houses focus on the City's effort to improve and enhance recycling as well as the public's use of its black waste, green yard trimmings and blue recycling bins. Visitors will meet the new recycling characters "Mr. Recycle and Robo Blue" and be treated to tours of the yard and learning center as well as demonstrations of recycling trucks and equipment. As an added bonus, the Million Trees L.A. initiative will provide tree adoption opportunities, and the Bureau of Sanitation will distribute free mulch from its green waste program.

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The 2007 Bureau of Sanitation Open Houses will be held:

- Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
East Valley District Yard, 11050 Pendleton Street, Sun Valley, CA
- Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
West Valley District Yard, 8840 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge, CA
- Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
North Central District Yard, 452 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA
- Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
South Los Angeles District Yard, 786 S. Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA
- Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Harbor District Yard, 1400 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA
- Saturday, June 30, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
West Los Angeles District Yard, 2027 Stoner Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

For more information on “Discover Recycling” Bureau of Sanitation Open Houses, please visit www.lacity.org/SAN/ or call (800) 773-2489.

About Board of Public Works

The five-commissioner Board of Public Works manages the Department of Public Works, the City's third largest municipal division. The department oversees the construction, renovation, and operation of public projects such as municipal buildings, streets, bridges, street lights, water treatment plants, sewers and sidewalks, and provides essential public services like recycling and solid waste management. For more information, visit www.lacity.org/bpw/.

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