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CEREMONY TO ACTIVATE NEW STREETLIGHTS ON NORTH BROADWAY

LOS ANGELES (April 22, 2008) – New streetlights on North Broadway in Lincoln Heights will be activated during a turn on the switch ceremony this evening at 7:30 p.m.

The ceremony for the North Broadway Street Lighting Project in Council District 1 will be at the northwest corner of Avenue 24 and North Broadway in front of the council's field office. Councilman Ed Reyes, Board of Public Works Commissioner Paula Daniels and Bureau of Street Lighting Director Ed Ebrahimian are scheduled to attend.

"The new street lights illuminate the great City-community partnership to improve the safety and beauty of the historical Lincoln Heights neighborhood," said Councilmember Ed P. Reyes. "Safety is always a priority, and these new streetlights will help improve traffic flow and pedestrian use."

"We are pleased this street lighting project has been completed on North Broadway," said Commissioner Daniels. "It has greatly improved the lighting and increased the nighttime safety in the area for businesses and residents."

The project, on North Broadway between Sichel Ave and the Los Angeles River and a portion of North Spring between Avenue 18 and the LA River, replaced the existing street lighting system of older concrete poles with a dual system of decorative steel roadway lighting poles and pedestrian lighting poles. There were 135 new lights installed, 47 pedestrian lights and 88 roadway lights. The existing series 4800 volt high voltage circuits have been converted to 120 volt multiple circuits, which will reduce the operating costs and improve the lighting system and reliability of the lights.

"There is a new complete lighting system that includes new decorative pedestrian and roadway lights," said Ebrahimian. "We are very proud of the hard work done by all those involved on this project."

KDC Inc. DBA Dynaelectric was the contractor for the \$2.8 million project.

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