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REYES MOVES \$150 MILLION CHINATOWN MIXED-USE PROJECT

Blossom Plaza includes cultural plaza, with housing and retail, linking Chinatown shops to Metro Gold Line Station

At the request of Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, the Los Angeles City Council today fast-tracked Blossom Plaza, a \$146-million mixed-use development in Chinatown that will include a cultural plaza, housing, retail and commercial uses.

Specifically, the City Council unanimously approved \$35.5 million in grants and other funds. Additionally, Council action called for approval of the property uses for the Blossom Plaza site, and the purchase agreement for the parking garage and adjacent land.

“The Blossom Plaza project revitalizes an area in Chinatown that has been vacant for more than eight years,” said Reyes, of the 1.9 acre site where the shuttered Little Joe’s restaurant stands. “The development maximizes the benefits of public transportation, directly linking Chinatown shops and businesses to the Metro Gold Line station, DASH buses and bike paths. It is also a key connector to the future park at the Cornfield site.”

Plans for the Blossom Plaza project, at 900 N. Broadway, call for the following:

- An 18,000-square-foot area landscaped with greenery, benches and a paved transit walkway to accommodate pedestrians and Metro riders. This space could include amenities for cultural, community and recreational events.
- Two residential towers with 169 condominiums, private green space, a gym and a pool.
- More than 40,000 square feet of retail and commercial space. Uses proposed include restaurants, kiosk sales and banking services.
- A 344-space parking garage with 175 public and 169 private spots.

Construction of the project, a joint venture between the City and Chinatown Blossom Plaza, LLC, is expected to begin during the first quarter of 2008.

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