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## **REYES, KIDS MAKE BIG SPLASH AT ECHO PARK POOL!**— Councilman, kids take first dip to celebrate Echo Deep Pool opening, the first City-renovated pool to open this year

Councilman Ed P. Reyes, joined by local children, took his first dip in the refurbished Echo Deep Pool, the City's first renovated pool to open this year. Other City pools scheduled for summer use open June 21, the official beginning of summer.

"I just couldn't help it ... the blue water, the kids waiting to jump in," said the dripping Councilman, who jumped in with the bathing-suit clad kids—wingtips and all. "Today we celebrated summer a little early in my district."

The 1982 Echo Deep Pool, also known as the Echo Park pool, had been closed for 4 ½ years, for upgrades of the deteriorating facility. The upgrades of the existing pool building and adjacent bathhouse were necessary to make it compliant with safety codes and the American Disabilities Act.

The year-round pool measures 45- x 25-yards and boasts depths of 12 and 9 feet. The \$6.9 million pool renovation is funded mostly by Prop K, Prop 40 and Block Grant funds and will serve the Echo Park, downtown, Elysian Park, Pico-Union and Westlake communities.

The ceremonial splash followed remarks by Jon Mukri, Department of Recreation and Parks General Manager, and Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, of the Public Works' Bureau of Engineering.

**Echo Deep Pool Spring Schedule:** Open May 27-June 20 from Noon to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 1 - 5 p.m. on weekends. Spring admission fees, applicable through June 20, include free admission for seniors, 65 years and older; youths, 17 and younger; adaptive swimmers; and adults with a valid library card. Adults, 18 and older, without a library card pay \$1.50. Echo Deep Pool, 1419 Colton Street, Los Angeles, CA 91205, (213) 481-2640.

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