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WESSON LEADS GOUNDBREAKING FOR “MIDTOWN CROSSING”

LOS ANGELES—Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr. (CD10) was joined by community and neighborhood leaders in celebrating and breaking ground on long awaited Phase II of CIM Group’s “Midtown Crossing” commercial/retail development which will feature Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse as an anchor tenant.

Located on Pico Boulevard, along the north side of the property, Lowe’s Home Improvement will include a large garden center in addition to a substantial stock of building products, fixtures and appliances that currently are not available to local shoppers. Construction is expected to soon get underway with completion anticipated in early 2009.

“This day has been a long time coming,” said Wesson, who reminded everyone that the project has had to overcome many obstacles in the past ten years. “The people in our community need and deserve more retail options, and I am pleased that the efforts of the community have been rewarded.”

Joining Wesson in the celebration were Philip Friedl, CIM Group’s Vice President for Investment and Development; John Profett of the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency; Steve Vasquez, President of the Mid City Neighborhood Council; Jerrald Davis, Chair of the LA/CRA Project Advisory Committee; Jackie Dupont Walker, former Chair of the LA/CRA Project Advisory Committee, and former Councilmember David Cunningham, Jr.; also on hand were LAPD West Bureau Deputy Chief Ken Garner and Wilshire Division Captain Richard Wemmer, and many members of the community and neighbors.

Lowe’s will join a diverse group of smaller retailers and restaurants in the project along with the new MTA bus terminal located at the corner of Pico and San Vicente Boulevards. Midtown Crossing currently features Panda Express, Footlocker, Wells Fargo, Coldstone Creamery, and Starbucks. Other retail ventures now at Midtown Crossing include Panda Express, Footlocker, Wells Fargo, Coldstone Creamery, and Starbucks.

“The strong partnership we have forged with the community has made an important difference, and I look forward to taking advantage of opportunities to bring more economic and employment opportunities to the community,” said Wesson.

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