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# MEDIA ADVISORY

## **COUNCILMEMBER GREIG SMITH - DISTRICT 12**

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**San Fernando Valley.** In an ongoing campaign to improve the quality of life throughout his district, Los Angeles City Councilman Greig Smith will be on hand to officiate at a gate closure on Oxnard Street. The closure is located just south of the Franklin Fields, a popular little league park in the Sepulveda Basin. The gate will effectively close off the area between Aldea and the dead end that abuts Balboa Park. The dead end has been the source of endless problems for the police and fire departments, which were frequently called out when stolen cars were parked there and set on fire. Residents have had to contend with illegal dumping, which had run rampant in the area. The City was removing all manner of furniture and debris on a weekly basis. Some people would go so far as to use the bike path as a parking lane. The new gate prevents all these illegal and nuisance activities while preserving the recreational and residential character of the neighborhood.

“This gating is a huge victory for this community and has an added benefit to taxpayers, who will be saving a lot of money in street maintenance and Police and Fire Department response” said Smith, “This neighborhood will be a lot safer and cleaner as a result of this closure.”

In addition to the gate itself, a bollard placed in the middle of the bike lane preserves it for cyclists, while preventing motorists from using it. The improvements were ordered by Councilman Greig Smith, at the request of residents. The closure will take place at 10:00am on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**WHO:** City Councilman Greig Smith

**WHAT:** Will Officiate at a Dead End Gating on Oxnard Street, West of Balboa Park and South of the Franklin Fields, at Aldea.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 20, 2004; 10:00 am

**WHERE:** Oxnard Street at Aldea, South of the Franklin Fields and West of Balboa Park