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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

Councilman Smith Announces \$1 Million Federal Grant for Devonshire PALS Youth Center to Stunned PALS Board in City Council

Los Angeles – During the City Council meeting on Friday, Jan. 12, Councilman Greig Smith announced to the stunned Board Members of the LAPD Devonshire PALS (Police Activity League Supporters) that they had received a \$1 million Federal grant for their community youth center.

The Boardmembers had come to the Council meeting to participate in a presentation by Councilman Smith to honor PALS Boardmember Nancy Cartwright for her fundraising efforts for the community center, and burst into tears at the great news. Councilman Smith helped secure the land for the youth center.



Cartwright, who is the voice of Bart Simpson and the Honorary Mayor of Northridge, had had sponsored and hosted the Devonshire PALS “Monte Carlo Night” fundraiser at her home on September 30, 2006.

The charity casino night raised more than \$100,000 to help the new PALS Center in Northridge, a community center that will offer educational and recreational activities and programs for at-risk youth. It includes mentoring, computer classes, gang intervention and more.

With all the City Councilmembers looking on, Councilman Smith made the surprise announcement that the Devonshire PALS had received a \$1 million Community



Development Block Grant that very morning. The PALS are now very close to the amount needed to build their youth center.

For more information on Devonshire PALS and the youth center, please visit www.devonshire-pals.org.