



MEDIA ADVISORY

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A NEW PLAY AREA FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES

Dedication of addition to Martin Luther King, Jr. Therapeutic Recreation Center

WHEN: Saturday, April 19, 2008

12:30 p.m.

**WHERE: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Therapeutic Recreation Center**

3916 S. Western Ave.

WHAT: Dedication ceremony for a 7,600-square-foot improvement to a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility in south Los Angeles that serves people with disabilities. Features of the Universally Accessible Playground include separate play areas for children ages 2-5 and 6-12 on rubberized resilient surfacing, with age-appropriate components such as a swing set and sand area.

There are also benches and a drinking fountain; landscaping, irrigation, and security lighting have also been incorporated. The Architectural Division in the Engineering Bureau of the Department of Public Works designed the play area, which was built by Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts, Inc. of Westlake Village. The \$735,000 project was managed by the Public Works' Municipal Facilities Recreation and Parks program and funded by Propositions 40 (\$720,000) and 12 (\$10,000), as well as the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program (\$5,000).

WHO: Councilmember Bernard C. Parks (8th District, in which the facility is located)
Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager – Department of Recreation and Parks
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer – Department of Public Works

VISUALS: Kids enjoying a new play designed for use by children of all abilities
Community members and dignitaries celebrating the improvement

TO GET TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THERAPEUTIC RECREATION CENTER: From the **110 (Harbor) Freeway**, exit at Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Take Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. west 1-½ miles to Western Ave. Turn right and go ¼-mile; the facility is on the east (right) side of the street. **OR:** From the **10 (Santa Monica) Freeway**, exit at Western Ave. Take Western Ave. south 1-½ miles; the facility is on the left (*Thomas Guide page 673, grid J2*).

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