



MEDIA ADVISORY

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A PROJECT SKATERS CAN REJOICE ABOUT *Groundbreaking for skate park at Venice Beach Recreation Center*

WHEN: **Saturday, January 24, 2009**

1:00 p.m.

WHERE: **Venice Beach Recreation Center**

1800 Ocean Front Walk

WHAT: Groundbreaking for a \$3.5 million skate park adjacent to Venice Beach Recreation Center, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility. Features of the 16,000-square-foot in-ground concrete state-of-the-art addition include bowls, ramps, rails, platforms, and steps. The project will also include an entry plaza, walls, fencing, walkways, landscaping, and other improvements skaters helped develop.

RRM Design Group of San Luis Obispo, designed the skate park, in collaboration Wormhoudt, Inc. of Santa Cruz; the addition will be built by California Skateparks, Inc. of Upland. Project funding sources included Quimby developer fees (\$1.7 million), the Venice Area Surplus Property Sales Fund (\$1.3 million), Damson Oil Facilities Restoration Fund (\$274,000) and the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program of the City's General Fund (\$200,000).

WHO: Councilman Bill Rosendahl (11th District, home to Venice Beach Recreation Center)
A contingent of skaters who have a vested interest in the new facility

VISUALS: Renderings of what the completed project will look like

*(NOTE: These can also be seen at www.skateparks.com/envision.php?nid=116#top
or www.rrmdesign.com/?s=5projects&c=recreation&id=166)*

TO GET TO VENICE BEACH RECREATION CENTER: From the **10 (Santa Monica) Freeway**, exit at Lincoln Blvd. Take Lincoln Blvd. south about two miles to Venice Blvd. Take Venice Blvd. west one mile to Pacific Ave. Take Pacific Ave. north ¼-mile and look for the signs giving direction to the facility. (*Thomas Guide page 671, grid G6*).

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