



# MEDIA ADVISORY

## City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

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## A VERY SPECIAL START TO SUMMER SWIMMING

### *Dedication of \$6.2 million Jackie Tatum/Harvard Aquatic Center*

WHEN: **Friday, June 19, 2009**

**1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: **Jackie Tatum/Harvard Aquatic Center**

**6120 Denker Ave.**

WHAT: Dedication of a \$6.2 million aquatic center at a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility that was renamed in honor of the first woman and African-American to be General Manager in November 2007 (the same day ground was broken for the aquatic center). Tatum worked for the City of Los Angeles for 43 years, retiring in 1998; she passed away in November 2008.

The project includes a 3,400-square-foot traditional swimming pool, a 2,600-square-foot activity pool with zero depth entry, play equipment, and a water slide (courtesy of the Operation Splash partnership with Kaiser Permanente), a 3,700-square-foot bathhouse with a lifeguard station, first aid room, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant restrooms, and a smaller structure that has six individual changing rooms.

Jones & Madhavan – Architecture Engineering of Thousand Oaks designed the aquatic center, which Western Group Inc. of Woodland Hills built. The Bureau of Engineering in the City's Department of Public Works managed the project through its Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program. Funding came from propositions K, 12, and 40, the federal Community Development Block Grant program, the City's general fund, and Department of Recreation and Parks resources.

WHO: Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa

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 getting an opportunity to try out the new aquatic center

Dignitaries and community members honoring the facility's namesake

***NOTE:*** *Opening day for summer pools in the City of Los Angeles is Saturday, June 20.*

**TO GET TO JACKIE TATUM/HARVARD AQUATIC CENTER:** From the **110 (Harbor) Freeway**, exit at Gage Ave. Take Gage Ave. west one mile (go past Normandie Ave.) to Denker Ave. Take Denker Ave. north one block to the facility. (*Thomas Guide page 673, grid A6*).

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