



Date: February 9, 2018
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PLW*
From: Marie Knight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *MK*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Houghton Park Community Center**

Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works invite you and your staff to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Houghton Park Community Center, located at 6301 Myrtle Avenue. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 11 a.m. (see attached flyer).

This project includes the construction of a new 6,480-square-foot community center building, with associated existing building renovations, utilities, and hardscape and landscape site improvements. The new building will connect to the existing community center via a breezeway and will surround historical parts of the building. The new building, which will be constructed to the east of the existing community center, will feature two large multipurpose rooms that can be divided into smaller spaces by a retractable wall. The multipurpose rooms have equipment, material storage, and amenities to support a variety of programming. The project will also result in a reconfigured parking lot. The building is designed to earn a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver rating and will use drought tolerant landscaping to cut down on water usage.

The design process for the community center started in fall 2014 with numerous community workshops, and a master planning process to identify the needed programming and community center uses. As a result of this process, the City decided the community center would be built in phases, with the new building being the first phase. The cost of the new building is approximately \$7 million, of which \$4 million will come from Measure A, and \$3 million from 2014 one-time infrastructure funds.

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event. For more information, please call Gladys Kaiser, Manager of Community Recreation Services, at (562) 570-3150.

MK:gk

Attachment

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney
Laura Doud, City Auditor
Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Jackson, Deputy City Manager
Rebecca Garner, Assistant to the City Manager
Department Heads
Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services

The City of Long Beach and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, and Public Works cordially invite you to attend the

Ground Breaking of the New Houghton Park Community Center



March 3 at 11:00 a.m.

6301 Myrtle Avenue

Call 562.570.3150 for more information

