

Date: September 24, 2021

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

From: Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Groundbreaking Ceremony for the DeForest Environmental Education Center**

Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine invite you and your staff to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for the DeForest Environmental Stewardship Center (Center), at 6255 DeForest Avenue. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (see attached invitation).

The DeForest Park Vision Plan (Vision Plan) was produced in partnership with Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB), City Fabrick, Camp Fire Angeles, the DeForest Park Neighborhood Association, and the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department and serves as a guide for potential development of DeForest Park.

CCLB was awarded a \$1,900,000 grant by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to build a satellite office along the Lower Los Angeles River. This satellite office was identified in the Vision Plan as the Environmental Education Center. This Center will serve as the base of operations for work along the Lower Los Angeles River along with stewardship activities at DeForest Park and DeForest Wetlands. The Center will also offer community education about the environment and local watershed and will have office space and training areas for CCLB and community rooms open for public use as a neighborhood meeting location.

For more information regarding the event, please call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine at (562) 570-3150. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event.

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