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City of West Hollywood to Host a Topping Out Ceremony for the New West Hollywood Library on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at West Hollywood Park Auditorium

WEST HOLLYWOOD - The City of West Hollywood will host a Topping Out Ceremony for the new West Hollywood Library on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard. Civic leaders scheduled to participate in the event include members of the West Hollywood City Council; Los Angeles County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd; and Jeffrey Seymour, Secretary, Board of Directors West Hollywood Library Fund. A Topping Out Ceremony is a tradition within the construction industry that marks the milestone when the last beam is placed at the top of the building. Before being positioned, the last steel beam is signed by dignitaries then hoisted into place.

“We are thrilled to reach this milestone in the construction of our new Library,” said Mayor Abbe Land. “When it’s completed, this library will not just be a sustainable, beautiful building, it will be the true center of our community and provide untold opportunities for all those who utilize it. The new West Hollywood Library will truly be a library like no other.”

In celebration of 25 years of Cityhood, the City of West Hollywood has embarked upon a new Capital Project to develop premiere public facilities, parks and open space: the “25th Anniversary Capital Project.” One of the major components of the Capital Project is the implementation of Phase I of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan (which includes the development of a new West Hollywood Library.)

Phase I of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan includes:

- A 2.5 acre increase in parkland and green space.
- Several newly constructed tennis courts.
- More than 400 parking spaces in two municipal garages.

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The new West Hollywood Library will create the centerpiece of the West Hollywood community. It is designed to showcase the City's rich intellectual, literary and cultural diversity and provide a landmark facility for the community's passionate commitment to lifelong learning. The Library will include materials that spotlight West Hollywood's vibrant diversity and will feature a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Collection; International Languages Collection; Decorative Arts and Design resources; a vast collection of large-print materials for Seniors and people who are visually-impaired and a West Hollywood Room which will feature archival materials showcasing the City's history.

The new West Hollywood Library is designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver rating and be a certified "Green Building." Green sustainable options under consideration for the Library include a photovoltaic system (solar power technology that uses solar cells to convert energy from the sun into electricity); low-emitting materials for paints, coatings and carpeting; optimized-energy performance systems (lighting, heating and ventilation) and the use of Green housekeeping products.

"The West Hollywood Library Fund is honored to be part of this important civic project and we're proud to announce that we are more than half way toward our fundraising goal of \$10 million," said Christopher Bonbright, Chair of Board of Directors of the West Hollywood Library Fund. "We are now kicking off our community campaign which I am really excited about. I have high expectations that our community will show up in record numbers to be a part of the new West Hollywood Library."

For more information, contact Christopher Worland, 25th Anniversary Capital Project Community Liaison, at (323) 848-6511 or visit www.weho.org/capitalproject

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