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Historic Electric Fountain Restored to its Original Grandeur

Public Invited to Beverly Hills Electric Fountain Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

Beverly Hills, Calif. – The City of Beverly Hills and the Friends of Beverly Gardens Park (FOBGP) will celebrate the restoration of the Electric Fountain at a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication ceremony at the fountain in Beverly Gardens Park on the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Electric Fountain restoration cost \$1.5 million and the City matched funds raised by FOBGP. The Electric Fountain restoration effort is part of the entire Beverly Gardens Park Restoration project. Individual and corporate donations to the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration project of \$200,000 and above are named as follows:

Erika Glazer, Steven Gordon Family Foundation, Resnick Foundation, Honorable Lili and Jon Bosse, Brenda and Alan Abramson and Family, The Wanda Group.

Mayor John Mirisch says, “The Electric Fountain is one of our most recognizable and treasured landmarks and has become a symbol for Beverly Hills. I’m thrilled that the fountain has been restored to its full glory – with recirculated water – and we look forward to complete restoration of all of Beverly Gardens so that future generations can enjoy this landmark and be connected with the vision of our forefathers and our historical legacy.”

The Electric Fountain was erected in 1931 and designed by architect Ralph Carlin Flewelling. The sculpture of a Tongva Native American tribal member kneeling in prayer on top of the fountain was designed by Robert Merrell Gage. The fountain was a gift to the City of Beverly Hills from the mother of silent-screen star Harold Lloyd who was a visionary and pioneer of the City of Beverly Hills. The installation of the original fountain was funded by the Women’s Club of Beverly Hills.

The Electric Fountain features a water show with jets timed to colored lights. While the electric fountain is a water feature, the City of Beverly Hills maintains its dedication to water conservation and uses recirculated water to operate the fountain.

The City of Beverly Hills and FOBGP will continue their restoration efforts along a one-mile stretch of Beverly Gardens Park from Whittier Drive to Rodeo Drive. All donations toward the project are accepted through the City of Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information about the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration project and donation opportunities, visit www.fobgp.org.

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About Beverly Hills

Centrally located in greater Los Angeles, Beverly Hills is home to approximately 34,000 residents who live in a 5.7 square mile radius. Its business and commercial base ranks next to cities with a population of several hundred thousand and is a premier business and leisure travel destination. The beautiful year-round weather, luxurious hotels and vast dining and shopping establishments attracts visitors from all over the world. Throughout the City, over fifty pieces of public art are on display and a diverse range of architectural sights can be found in the buildings, houses and historical landmarks. The City's eleven parks, including Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate and Beverly Gardens Park which houses the iconic Beverly Hills Sign and Lily Pond, provide green space for relaxing, walking and leisure activities.

About Friends of Beverly Gardens Park

The Friends of Beverly Gardens Park is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Beverly Gardens Park which spans 1.9 miles along Santa Monica Boulevard. Projects include the Lily Pond, the 40-foot historic Beverly Hills sign donated by the Beverly Hills Rotary Club, the Electric Fountain, the fountain at Doheny, a treasured cactus garden, a traditional rose garden and a diverse sculpture collection.