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Beverly Hills to Restore Cactus Garden in Beverly Gardens Park *Donation of \$750,000 Provides Funds for Restoration Project*

Beverly Hills, Calif. - As part of an ongoing effort to restore Beverly Gardens Park, a donation of \$750,000 earmarked for the restoration of the Cactus Garden will enable the City and its fundraising partner, Friends of Beverly Gardens Park, to transform the once pristine collection of cactus and succulents to a renewed garden of sustainability and beauty.

The Cactus Garden in Beverly Gardens Park is located on Santa Monica Boulevard between Camden Drive and Bedford Drive and is one of four blocks that will be refurbished in this next phase of the park restoration project. The four blocks run from Camden Drive to Walden Drive

Work will begin on the Cactus Garden block on **Monday, January 30** with the careful removal and storage of many of the rare and fine specimens of cactus on that block. These cacti will be cared for offsite until construction on the block is complete. They will be safely restored to the site and assimilated into the design led by landscape architect Mia Lehrer + Associates once the construction has concluded. Work on the other three blocks that are part of this phase will begin in early spring, and is scheduled to coincide with the improvements to North [Santa Monica Boulevard](#).

The Cactus Garden is considered one of the park's most distinctive blocks and was donated to the City of Beverly Hills in 1934 by John Bullard. Today, the garden provides visitors decomposed granite walkways for close-up vantages of many cacti and succulent varieties.

The Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project is an ongoing effort that will bring 1.9 miles of green space along 23 blocks on Santa Monica Boulevard into the 21st Century. Restoration began in 2013 with the iconic Beverly Hills Monument Sign and Lily Pond and was followed by extensive renovations to The Electric Fountain. Beverly Gardens Park accounts for nearly one fourth of the 87 acres of parks within the six-mile radius of the City of Beverly Hills.

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