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Manhattan Beach, CA – Library Community Meeting

Manhattan Beach, California – August 23 2011 The City of Manhattan Beach will host an informational Community Meeting to present information on the proposed new Manhattan Beach Library. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13th at the Police/Fire Community Room, 400/420 15th Street, Manhattan Beach.

Presentations will be made by both the County and City staff followed by a time for public comments. This will be one of many public workshops and hearings for residents to provide your valuable feedback on the design/functionality of the new Manhattan Beach library building. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The City has been working in partnership with Los Angeles County to complete this important facility. The new library will be owned and operated by the County. While some pre-design work has been completed, the project still is in the conceptual design stage with ample opportunity for public input.

The project has a total budget of \$22,751,000 and will be paid from the existing Los Angeles County Library Property Tax allocations for Manhattan Beach. The project scope includes demolition of the existing library and the construction of a new 21,500 square foot library on the same site. The library will include dedicated areas for adult reading, teens and an area with dedicated programming space for children, a homework center, community meeting rooms, express service checkout machines at the lobby information service desks, and public access computers.

“We think a new library is critical for our community” said Mayor Nick Tell, speaking for the City Council. “Our new library provides important and necessary resources for our children. It will also be a wonderful place for our residents to come together on a daily basis.”

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