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Groundbreaking ceremony will kick off construction for the new Lincoln High School

What: Lincoln High School Groundbreaking Ceremony

When: **Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 10:00 a.m. (rain or shine)**

Where: Lincoln High School construction site
150 S. 49th Street, San Diego, CA 92113
Event will be held near S. 49th Street and Franklin

Program:

- Welcome by Bob Kiesling, Chief Facilities Officer
- Gompers High School Junior ROTC Color Guard
- Comments by Former and Future Students of Lincoln High School
- Comments by Guest Speakers
 - Alan Bersin, Superintendent
 - Shelia Jackson, Trustee, Board of Education, District E
 - John Johnson, Co-Chair, Lincoln-Gompers Redevelopment Committee
 - Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
 - Tony Young, Chief of Staff, City Council District 4, representing Charles Lewis
 - Rev. George Stevens, Former Deputy Mayor and Councilmember, District 4
- Presentation of Ceremonial Shovel to Wendell Bass, Former Principal
- Breaking of the Ground

Background: The new Lincoln High School will reopen in September 2006 to serve nearly 2,800 students. The landmark project is funded by Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by San Diego voters in 1998.

The new Lincoln, at 323,196 square feet, will feature four comprehensive high schools. The old school was demolished in Fall 2003 due to deterioration and will be expanded to relieve high school overcrowding and restore regular grade configurations in southeast San Diego. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$107.9 million, including acquisition, relocation, design and construction.

The Lincoln-Gompers Redevelopment Committee was established to ensure widespread community and parent engagement throughout the project. More than 100 meetings were held to gather input.

Project partners are douglas e. barnhart and Martinez + Cutri Architects. TurnKey will build the modular (factory-built) components of the campus.

Design renderings and a fact sheet are available at www.sandi.net/propmm/LincolnHS.htm

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