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Vernon Mayor William Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Michael McCormick present Vernon check for \$500,000 to Huntington Park for community park renovation and soccer field project

Vernon, CA – Vernon Mayor William ‘Bill’ Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Michael McCormick presented a \$500,000 contribution from the City of Vernon to the City of Huntington Park for a major renovation and soccer field installation project at Salt Lake Park during the Huntington Park City Council last night (Monday, April 15) at Huntington Park City Hall.

To the enthusiastic response from Huntington Park young people and adults attending the Huntington Park City Council meeting, Mayor Davis said, “Salt Lake Park in Huntington Park has often been our city residents’ home for weekend barbeques, little league baseball games and, more recently, youth and adult soccer. The City of Vernon is proud to contribute \$500,000 to a very worthy Huntington Park recreation project for neighborhood families and children in Huntington Park and Vernon.”

Mayor Pro Tem McCormick said, “Salt Lake Park has always been in high demand as a place to play in this community. When workers return home after a hard day’s work in Vernon, their need to relax and recreate should be matched by park and recreation facilities that enable them to fully enjoy their private time with their friends and families.”

The City of Vernon made its important financial contribution to the City of Huntington Park to help its neighboring city renovate, restore and revive a storied community open space in Southeast L.A. County that has been enjoyed by Vernon residents and workers alike for more than four decades.

“We are proud to know that Vernon’s \$500,000 contribution will enable Huntington Park to change Salt Lake Park’s large, over-used dirt playing field into two brand new soccer fields, both of which are to be covered with artificial turf. The residents of Vernon are grateful for Huntington Park’s open space availability and the Huntington Park’s welcoming culture when they leave Vernon enjoy family time in Salt Lake Park,” Mayor Davis said.

The renovation of Salt Lake Park will be completed in December 2013.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon's 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city's 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California's 'Most Business Friendly City.' Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon's businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.