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### BEILENSEN AND BRAUDE ANNOUNCE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SITE SAFE FOR PROPOSED PARK

No threat to public health and safety is posed by medical wastes buried on Veterans Administration, Brentwood Hospital property, according to extensive test results released by Congressman Anthony C. Beilenson (D.--West Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley) and Los Angeles City Councilman Marvin Braude.

Beilenson and Braude, who have been instrumental in arranging for the City's leasing of the unused federal property for park use, are intensifying their efforts to have the 12-acre VA site established as a park and brought under the control of the City Department of Recreation and Parks.

Although previous testing of the site by the VA indicated that the buried substances posed no threat to the health of area residents, the Los Angeles lawmakers requested additional testing by independent health physicists, scientists from UCLA, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, as well as by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State Department of Health to ensure the absolute safety of the site for use as a public park.

"We are delighted that the VA's findings were overwhelmingly confirmed by this outstanding group of experts in the field of nuclear studies," Beilenson and Braude stated.

"In view of their verification that the site does not pose any threat to the health and safety of area residents, and that it may be used for any purpose, we now plan to wholeheartedly proceed in our efforts to develop this land for public park use," the lawmakers concluded.

The Department of Recreation and Parks is now preparing the proposed project's environmental assessment which will incorporate the test results.