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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Cedillo Breaks Ground on Albion Riverside Park by LA River** Continues to Add Green Space and Parks in Council District 1

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**Los Angeles**—Councilmember Cedillo was joined by Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City Family to break ground on the much anticipated Albion Riverside Park. The six acre triangle-shaped project site is situated along the Los Angeles River, north of Main Street and south of Spring Street. In 2009, the City purchased the site which was formerly a Ross Swiss Dairy distribution center. Building demolition and soil remediation was completed in 2013.

The park includes storm water diversion and quality improvement features. The Albion Project primary objective is to divert storm water from the area including existing storm drains for water quality improvement features and implementing best management practices (BMPs) with low-impact development on the project site. BMP's include; naturalized detention basin, simulated stream, subsurface irrigation system, porous paving, bioswales and Green Street elements.

In addition to the water quality improvements, the Downey Park will expand its open space which will be developed for recreational purposes and improved access to the LA River. The existing Downey Park baseball field and outdoor basketball court will also be improved. In addition, the project will add a new parking lot with permeable paving, walking and bike paths, interpretive graphics and signage, trees and shade structures, site landscaping and an open meadow area.

Phase I: land acquisition, demolition and soil remediation was finance with Prop O funds in the amount of \$21,493,711. Phase II: stormwater best management practices, park expansion and development was financed with funds from Prop 84 (\$5,000,000); Prop K (\$684,355); Prop O (\$15,655,000); Recreation and Parks Capital Funds (\$1,500,000); for a grand total of \$44,333,066. The park is expected to be completed in spring of 2019.

"Every community deserves places that people can go for healthy recreation and to connect with the natural world," said Mayor Garcetti. "The Albion Riverside Park is another milestone in our revitalization of the L.A. River — and I'm proud to have authored Prop. O so we can purchase properties like this, and deliver projects that protect our river and improve our water supply."

"The Albion Riverside Park is part of the LA River Revitalization Master Plan, and part of our larger vision to expand recreational and green space in the First Council District," stated Councilmember Cedillo. "The communities in CD1 have been cut off from the LA River for too long. Albion Park, and eventually G2, will provide our neighborhoods direct access to the river, while improving water quality."

"The Department of Recreation and Parks is excited to begin development of the future Albion Riverside Park and is working closely with our City partners to bring the community a beautiful park space that will improve water quality and provide safer access to the L.A. River," said Commissioner Sylvia Patsouras, President, Recreation and Parks Board of Commission. "The youth and families living within walking distance of this park will benefit greatly from the additional recreational opportunities that having a new synthetic sports field, fitness equipment, a children's play area, and more, will bring. We look forward to the future opening of Albion Riverside Park."

"The Albion Riverside Park Project is a wonderfully collaborative City project that have great outcomes for the public," said Commissioner Heather Repenning, "By combining elements like permeable pavement and groundwater infiltration with an expanded community park, we are continuing to change how we think about and manage water in Los Angeles."

Councilmember Gil Cedillo currently represents the 1st Council District, which includes all or parts of the neighborhoods of Glassell Park, Cypress Park, Highland Park, Mt. Washington, Solano Canyon, Sycamore Grove, Elysian Park, Echo Park, Westlake, Angelino Heights, Temple Beaudry, Lafayette Park, Chinatown, Forgotten Edge, Lincoln Heights, Montecito Heights, Pico Union, Adams-Normandie, University Park, Mid Cities and Mac Arthur Park.

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