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**Former Military Housing Site to be Transformed into
Children's Park: Wednesday, October 17th**

Sacramento, California, October 16, 2007—The media and public are invited to attend a special groundbreaking event for Verano Creek Park, what will be a fun-filled park for children and families who reside in the Parker Homes neighborhood of Sacramento. The groundbreaking will take place this Wednesday, October 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

After approximately six months of construction, .4-acres of land previously used for military housing will be transformed into an ideal location for children's games, family picnics, and neighborhood celebrations.

"This is an area of the City with few public amenities. This park will be an oasis for neighborhood children and families and an asset to creating a sense of neighborhood and community. I am delighted that this facility, so long in the making, is finally becoming a reality," said Councilmember Sandy Sheedy.

Verano Creek Park's amenities will include a group picnic area, perimeter fencing, security lighting, open turf and landscaping, and a tot-lot playground designed to spark children's imagination while addressing their developmental needs.

The Verano Creek Park project is being funded in part by the City of Sacramento and the California State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Details:

Event: Verano Creek Park Groundbreaking
Date: Wednesday, October 17th
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Participants: Councilmember Sandy Sheedy; Nathan Dietrich, District Director -
Congresswoman Doris Matsui; and Local Residents
Location: 307 Doolittle Street, Sacramento

Media-related questions about this event can be forwarded to Hindolo Brima, Media and Communications Specialist, Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 808-5972.

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