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City of Sacramento's Annual Gift to Shoppers City expands free parking this year to Old Sacramento and a midtown garage

Downtown and midtown shoppers are once again being treated to free parking, and new this year, the City will expand the program to include Old Sacramento and offer free parking in a midtown parking garage.

As a result of collaborations with Old Sacramento and Midtown Business Association, the City is now offering free parking week nights and weekends starting the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27, through Friday, December 25, 2009, in midtown and Old Sacramento. Additionally, free parking will be available for the first 90 minutes at the State's East End Garage that the City manages weeknights and weekends.

The program will be in effect in these areas at these times:

- **On-street metered parking** – Free on-street parking will start at 4:30 p.m. weekdays and all day on Saturdays and Sundays, Friday, November 27, through Friday, December 25.

Please note that the free parking zone will extend from "I" to "L" streets and from Front to 29th streets, and only applies to metered on-street parking spaces. See accompanying map.

All other parking violations are still enforceable as posted such as time limit restrictions, street sweeping and colored curb zones.

- **East End Garage (17th Street between L Street and Capitol Avenue)** – The City is also expanding the program to include free parking for the first 90 minutes at the East End Garage and \$1 per hour thereafter, up to a maximum of \$5. The free parking is available during the times the City manages the facility - week nights 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and all day on weekends.

Note to news media: If you would like an interview with parking enforcement to address free parking and other frequently asked questions of the public during your live morning news shows, please call Linda Tucker to arrange.

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