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CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONDUCT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EARTHQUAKE EXERCISE ON JANUARY 17, 2007

City and Los Angeles Unified School District partnering to better prepare for earthquake.

WHAT: On January 17, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., the City of Los Angeles will host a press conference at the Northridge Fashion Center as part of its annual emergency preparedness exercise.

WHO: Arif Alikhan, Deputy Mayor, Homeland Security and Public Safety
The Honorable Greig Smith, Councilman, District 12
William Bratton, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department
Douglas Barry, Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department
Ellis M. Stanley, General Manager, Emergency Preparedness Department
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Other Departments available for comment: Los Angeles Departments of Animal Services, Building and Safety, Disability, Street Services, Transportation, and Water and Power.

WHY: City of Los Angeles conducting annual emergency preparedness exercise which will include the set-up of a Unified Command Post at the Northridge Fashion Center, an all City employee Duck Cover and Hold Drill and a Duck Cover and Hold Drill in all Los Angeles Unified School District schools. This exercise will be held on fourteenth anniversary of the Northridge earthquake. Message: Personal Preparedness; "Be your own First Responder."

WHEN: Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Northridge Fashion Center: 9301 Tampa Ave. Northridge, CA 91324
North End in front of theaters off of Plummer at Shirley Ave

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