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**SPECIAL EVENTS PROCESSING PROCEDURE  
CHANGE GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY**

**LOS ANGELES (October 26, 2009)** – A recently adopted City ordinance has amended the Los Angeles Municipal Code that establishes limited funding for supporting events that promote a public purpose and provides residents a public benefit, announced Bureau of Street Services Director William Robertson of the Department of Public Works. “Effective today, October 26, 2009, the Bureau’s Investigation and Enforcement Division (IED) is designated as the City’s “One Stop” Special Event Permit processing location.”

Under the new ordinance, the IED now will process all public purpose events, including block parties, farmers markets, etc. “The new ordinance also is designed to ensure that limited City funds and resources to support such special events are used in the most prudent and equitable manner,” Robertson said. L.A.P.D will continue to issue permits for parades and public assemblies.

Event sponsors may call the Bureau’s public counter at (213) 847-6000, or apply for a special permit on line at: <http://bsspermits.lacity.org/spevents>. Once received, the IED will route the special event application to each Department and Bureau affected and work closely with District Council Offices and sponsor to determine event related costs.

For more information contact the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation Public Works Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333.

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