





#### MEDIA ADVISORY

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# Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, County of L.A. Animal Care and Control & ASPCA Host Ribbon Cutting at Newly Renovated Baldwin Park Animal Care Center

## Event offers free cat adoptions and resource fair in celebration of upgraded center

### WHAT:

On Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, **Supervisor Hilda L. Solis**, County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control, and the <u>ASPCA®</u> (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) will host a ribbon cutting at Baldwin Park Animal Care Center (ACC) to celebrate its new renovations.

During the event, Baldwin Park ACC will offer free cat adoptions and a resource fair to raise awareness about the importance of adoption and bring attention to the life-saving programs at the Care Center. Beginning in April 2017, the ASPCA implemented a Cat Adoption and Pee-Wee Kitten pilot program at Baldwin Park ACC with the goal to increase adoptions and foster opportunities for cats and kittens.

"This is a true celebration of hard work and dedication for the well-being of our animals. The Baldwin Park Animal Care Center has come a long way since the Board passed my motion calling for much needed upgrades at the center," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor for the First District. "I knew we could do better and we have; but more is to come as we work toward a new state of the art animal care center to provide the best care for our animals."

"The ASPCA is excited to join Supervisor Hilda Solis and County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control in celebrating the new additions to Baldwin Park Animal Care Center," said Tina Reddington, Director of the ASPCA's Los Angeles Volunteer Program. "As part of the ASPCA's Cat Adoption and Pee-Wee Kitten program, we've led new trainings for cat adoption

counselors and staff, improved cat housing, as well as created a kitten foster program to save the lives of vulnerable kittens. We're hoping this event and free cat adoptions will give more cats a chance to find safe and loving homes."

"The Department of Animal Care and Control is grateful for the support of Supervisor Solis and the ASPCA as we work toward our goal of finding loving homes for our animals," said Marcia Mayeda, Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control. "Improving the animal care center facilities and partnering in exciting programming are both important actions that directly enhance the well-being of our animals and service to our community."

WHO: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor, First District

Betsey Webster, Chief Deputy Director at L.A. County's Department of Animal

Care and Control

Allison Cardona, Deputy Director at L.A. County's Department of Animal Care

and Control

Marcia Mayeda, Director at L.A. County's Department of Animal Care and

Control

Tina Reddington, Director of the ASPCA's Los Angeles Volunteer Program Erica Macias, Senior Manager of the Los Angeles Safety Net Team at Baldwin

Park

WHEN: Friday, September 15, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. PST.

Remarks at 1:30 p.m.; Ribbon cutting at 1:30 p.m.; Tour of facility at 1:40 p.m.

WHERE: Baldwin Park Animal Care Center

4275 Elton Street

Baldwin Park, CA 91706

### About the ASPCA®

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) was the first animal welfare organization in North America and continues to serve as the nation's leading voice for animals. More than two million supporters strong, the ASPCA is committed to its mission of providing effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. For more information, please visit <a href="www.ASPCA.org">www.ASPCA.org</a>, and be sure to follow the ASPCA on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.