



From left: Dalila Sotelo, President, Fire Commission; Councilman Jack Weiss, Chair, Public Safety Committee; William Bammatre, Fire Chief; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; Ellis M. Stanley Sr., General Manager, Emergency Preparedness Department; and Cynthia Ruiz, President, Public Works Commission.



Michael Hillmann, Deputy Chief, Fire Department.



Rev. William Briones.



Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.



William Bammatre, Fire Chief.



Cynthia Ruiz, President, Public Works Commission.



Dalila Sotelo, President, Fire Commission.



Ellis M. Stanley Sr., General Manager, Emergency Preparedness Department.



Firefighters of Station 4.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa greets station 4 Firefighters.



Jack Weiss, Chair, Public Safety Committee.

Fire Station 4 Rising

■ **Ground broken for new Fire Station in Civic Center area. Dispatch Center will rise next door to it.**

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FIRE DEPT. — Officials broke ground Jan. 19 on the new Fire Station 4, which will serve Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Civic Center, Olvera Street and Union Station. The site is on Temple Street, east of Alameda.

The new Fire Station 4 will replace an inefficient 58-year-old facility that cannot adequately address seismic safety, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, Building Code, ADA, fire protection and separate gender accommodation issues.

Built in the days following World War II to serve a then-primarily residential 2.4 square-mile-district, the existing nearly six-decade-old fire station has aging infrastructure that predates and fails to adequately support common business and living systems, as well as the rapid response, operational and training needs of a modern day Fire

Department.

Fire Station 4's current service district has evolved into a densely populated residential, business, recreation and transportation hub that demands expanded service capabilities, and the current site is too small to accommodate a replacement Standard Fire/Paramedic Station.

The district population and emergency response activity for Fire Station 4 is expected to increase significantly in just this decade. New

Fire Station 4 will be an efficient and appealing long-term asset for all who live, work, visit and travel through Little Tokyo, the Civic Center, Chinatown, Olvera Street and Union Station.

The new Fire Station will be built alongside a new Fire Department Dispatch Center, Department Operations Center and City Emergency Operations Center that are being built concurrently.

These synergistic multi-role emergency response and support facilities will bring convenience and efficiency to a diverse and essential workforce that looks forward to not only serving, but being active in the community.

Designed to blend with the neighboring buildings, new Fire Station 4 will offer tasteful aesthetic features.



CLUB PHOTO FEATURE

Corp. Paul Roche, cousin of Leanne Niz, Clerk Typist, SRSSD, is a Marine Gunfighter with HMLA 369 Squadron, stationed in Iraq. He is shown here saying goodbye to his daughter, Janee, the day he shipped out.

The Club in the Armed Forces

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