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Façade Lighting Grants To Be Awarded As Part of Councilmember Huizar's Bringing Back Broadway

Working with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, up to 10 buildings will be selected to receive design, permitting and installation of architectural façade lighting along Broadway

LOS ANGELES (March 8, 2013) – Councilmember José Huizar announced today that approximately \$750,000 in architectural façade lighting grants will be made available to Broadway property owners as part of his Bringing Back Broadway initiative, a 10-year plan to revitalize the historic Broadway corridor.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) has been awarded a contract by the City of Los Angeles to manage the grant process, which will pay for the design, permitting and construction of architectural façade lighting improvements on up to 10 buildings along Downtown Broadway between 2nd & Olympic within the national register historic district.

The momentum on Broadway is clear – business and pedestrian activity is on the rise, and many of the buildings have experienced or are undergoing significant private investment. The façade lighting grant is yet another tool being implementing by the public sector as part of Bringing Back Broadway to help make private investments along the corridor make more sense, and create a better and more active pedestrian experience both day and night.

“Buildings that are active and lit are safer and help people feel more comfortable in an area, especially at night, which is when many of the challenges Broadway faces become more evident,” said Councilmember José Huizar. “Façade lighting can be the icing on the cake when a building undergoes revitalization, so we want to stand alongside active property owners and contribute to their success and to the beauty of their buildings. This is an important part of the Bringing Back Broadway puzzle, and we’re looking forward to helping light Broadway the way she deserves.”

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There will be no cost to property owners for the application or for the improvements. Selection priority will be given to property owners who are actively investing or have invested in the revitalization of their buildings, and/or who provide matching funds for in-kind improvements to their buildings during the grant construction period. Selection priority will also be given to historic buildings. Participation in design meetings and maintenance of the final improvements will be required of selected grantees.

Applications will be available after March 11, 2013 at www.lani.org.

Building owners with property along Broadway between 2nd & Olympic (within the National Register Historic District) are eligible to apply. It is anticipated grantees will be selected by the beginning of April, and construction on selected projects should be completed within 18 months.

Applicants are encouraged to attend an optional pre-application workshop to have questions answered and discuss the process.

Workshops for prospective applicants will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, April 4 at 11 a.m. at City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street in the 4th Floor Media Room.

Funding for the grants is provided through part of a Community Development Block Grant awarded to the Bringing Back Broadway effort, and now managed by the Community Development Department.

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