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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA TO REMIND ANGELENOS TO DROP, COVER, AND HOLD ON

Mayor Villaraigosa, Earthquake Specialist Dr. Lucy Jones to Encourage Angelenos to Participate in the Annual Great California Shakeout Drill

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Dr. Lucy Jones will encourage residents and businesses to participate in the annual Great California "Shakeout" drill on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 10:30 AM at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles, 4650 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

A large magnitude earthquake is one of the largest looming threats over Southern California. Geological forecast studies have shown that an earthquake of a magnitude 6.7 or larger is likely to occur along the southern San Andreas Fault in the next 30 years.

The fourth annual Shakeout drill, taking place on October 20, 2011 at 10:20 AM, prepares Angelenos for what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. So far, 8.3 million people have registered for the Shakeout drill throughout California, and 2.9 million participants in Los Angeles County. Last year, the Shakeout drill had 7.9 million participants statewide.

The Mayor will also announce that Los Angeles is now the largest metropolitan city recognized as TsunamiReady by the National Weather Service. The City is better prepared to save lives through better planning, education and awareness. Los Angeles has been recognized as StormReady since 2010.

Children's Hospital Los Angeles serves as the primary county resource on preparation for treating children in the wake of a disaster. It has established the Pediatric Disaster Resources and Training Center (PDRTC) so that

health-care providers are prepared to handle all emergency medical needs of injured children.

WHO

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

Dr. Lucy Jones, U.S. Geological Survey

Eric Boldt, National Weather Service

Dr. Jeffrey Upperman, Director of Pediatric Disaster Resources and Training Center (PDRTC), Children's Hospital Los Angeles

WHAT

Mayor Villaraigosa will encourage Angelenos to take part in the California Shakeout drill and will participate in a Quake Simulation.

WHEN

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

10:30 AM

WHERE

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

4650 Sunset Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90027

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An earthquake shake mobile will be on display to illustrate a magnitude 7.9 earthquake.

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