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## **U.S. SOCCER STAR COBI JONES AND OLYMPIAN TAMARA CHRISTOPHERSON AMONG LEADERS**

### **26-ACRE FERRARO FIELDS SOCCER COMPLEX**

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The first four fields are dedicated exclusively to youth soccer, and feature long-lasting synthetic turf that will save 9.5 million gallons of water annually. An estimated 171,000 youth will use the soccer fields year-round "" an increase from just 7,500 before the project was completed. The second and final phase restoration effort will feature an additional three adult regulation-size fields.

The \$10.5 million restoration effort is private-public partnership spearheaded by the LA Parks Foundation, the LA84 Foundation and the City Department of Recreation and Parks. The next steps in renovation call for updated lighting, a fitness trail, play area, pathways and improved parking "" all designed to expand capacity for LA residents to use the city's largest soccer facility year-round, and for extended evening hours.

Dedication of Ferraro Fields: Press Conference will be held at John Ferraro Athletic Fields in Griffith Park, Zoo Drive in Griffith Park, where the I-5 meets the I-134 .

The attendees Press Conference :

- Cobi Jones, three-time U.S. World Cup Soccer Player
- Olympian, Southern California Olympians & Paralympians President, LA2024 Bid Committee member Tamara Christopherson
- Anita L. DeFrantz, LA84 President and IOC Executive Member
- The Honorable David Ryu, 4th District Councilmember
- Michael A. Shull, General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks

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