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# Goats Come to Bunker Hill September 8 for No-Tech, Eco-Friendly Weed Cleanup

## *CRA/LA Brings 100 Goats to Graze Angels Knoll for Two Weeks*

Los Angeles — Goats are the latest addition to Downtown's renaissance with 100 of the bearded ruminants slated to be **put to work at 9 a.m., Monday, September 8 at Angels Knoll at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Hill streets in downtown Los Angeles.**

The Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) hit upon using the non-human workforce, which will chow down on weeds, brush and bushes during a two-week stay on the steepest portion of the 2.6-acre site.

"These goats cost us a fraction of what we previously paid to vendors who cleared the hill with weed whackers that spewed heavy smoke and toxic emissions on people walking by," said Cecilia V. Estolano, CRA/LA's Chief Executive Officer who will **view the goats at 9:30 a.m. Monday.** "Plus, using goats for weed abatement supports our green urbanism and open space goals."

The CRA/LA-owned site is slated for a future mixed-use office development as the last stage of the California Plaza's development. Until construction can begin, the lower section of the site is being planted with water-saving California native vegetation. The steepest portion of the site, however, is overrun with hard to reach weeds and brush.

Using the goats – for \$3,000 compared to as much as \$7,500 for human labor – is a no-tech, eco-friendly and cost-effective cleanup solution. They release no emissions, their dung is a fertilizer and their small hooves help aerate the ground.

The animals come from Ranchito Tivo Boer Goat in Chino. A herdsman will stay with the goats day and night along with private security. At night they will be kept in pens onsite. By day, the fenced site will prevent them from escaping as they graze.

Once the goats have completed their task, the CRA/LA will evaluate their performance. They may be asked to return if future cleanup is needed. But while the animals are here, pedestrians or drivers passing 4<sup>th</sup> and Hill or Olive streets downtown can get a glimpse of actual "goats in them thar hills."

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Additional work is being done on the site, which will soon have lighting, seating, security fencing, new plantings and decorative concrete paving. Colorful, drought-tolerant plants were selected by lead artist Jacci Den Hartog in collaboration with Ahbe Landscape Architects.

**About CRA/LA:**

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