

**Mayor Steve Pougnet to Deliver State of the City Feb. 7;
Community Invited to 2nd Phase of Demolition
of Desert Fashion Plaza Followed by FREE Block Party
Celebration in Forever Marilyn Sculpture Park**

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It's official! On **Thursday, Feb. 7** following Mayor Steve Pougnet's State of the City address, the entire community is invited to join the City of Palm Springs, Wessman Development, the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce and P.S. Resorts for the second phase of the demolition of the former Desert Fashion Plaza, the next step in the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

"This will be yet another historic day in the City of Palm Springs and I invite every resident, business person or anyone with an interest in the future of our city to join us as we move forward with the continued revitalization of our phenomenal city," said Pougnet, who will lead about 400 State of the City attendees, wearing yellow demolition hats, from the Hilton Palm Springs to the site of the demolition on the corner of Palm Canyon Drive and Tahquitz Canyon Way in the parking lot behind California Pizza Kitchen. A **FREE block party** celebration will follow in the Forever Marilyn Sculpture Park.

"2012 has been a year of unprecedented successes for the City of Palm Springs and with the passage of Measure J, a tremendous citywide transformation is getting under way," according to Pougnet. "This is an exciting time to live and work in Palm Springs and I invite everyone to join us in the celebration. The best is yet to come!"

The annual State of the City luncheon is slated for 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Palm Springs, 400. E. Tahquitz Canyon Way. Tickets are \$45 for chamber members and \$65 for non-members. However, **free seats will be available** in the lobby for residents wishing only to hear the Mayor's address which will begin promptly at 12:15 p.m. To reserve a spot for the luncheon, visit www.ps-chamber.org or call (760) 325-1577.

Residents will also have the opportunity to view the Mayor's speech throughout the month of February on Palm Springs Community Television Channel 17 and

on Time Warner Cable 121 -- or watch it online at www.palmspringsca.gov by clicking on Government or Residents.