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Mayor Steve Pougnet to Deliver State of the City Jan. 16; Community invited to Groundbreaking for Downtown Revitalization Plan followed by FREE Block Party Celebration in Forever Marilyn Sculpture Park

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It's official Palm Springs! On Thursday, Jan. 16 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 groundbreaking of the Downtown Revitalization Plan and the new road that will go through the much anticipated project.

"This will be yet another historic day in the City of Palm Springs and I invite every resident, business owner 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 over 400 State of the City attendees from the new Hard Rock Hotel to the site of where the former Desert Fashion Plaza once stood on Palm Canyon Drive. Following the 1:30 p.m. groundbreaking, a **FREE** block party celebration, featuring desserts from a host of downtown and uptown eateries, will follow in the Forever Marilyn Sculpture Park.

"2013 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 underway," according to Pougnet. "This is an exciting time to live and work in the City of Palm Springs and I invite everyone to join us for this important celebration because the best is yet to come."

The annual State of the City luncheon is slated for 11:30 a.m. at the new Hard Rock Hotel, 150 S. Indian Canyon Drive. Tickets are \$55 for chamber members and \$75 for non-members. However, **free seats will be available** 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.pschamber.org or call (760) 325-1577.

Residents will also have the opportunity to view the speech throughout the month of January and 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.

