

**City of Palm Springs to Unveil Spectacular New
Jackie Lee Houston Plaza at the Convention Center on Jan. 4**

Contact: Amy Blaisdell
Communications Director
City of Palm Springs
(760) 323-8250

Dec. 30, 2009

The City of Palm Springs will unveil a spectacular new plaza at the gateway to the Palm Springs Convention Center named after well known Palm Springs philanthropist Jackie Lee Houston during a special ceremony slated for Jan. 4.

The 2 p.m. ceremony, just in time for the opening of the 21st annual Palm Springs International Film Festival and Awards Gala, will be emceed by KPSP Local 2 News anchor Kris Long, in the newly completed 1.5 acre plaza across from the Convention Center.

The new plaza features a sustainable garden utilizing the latest in drought tolerant plants and landscaping. In addition, there is a pathway that will lead conventioners to quiet spaces to enjoy the outside as well as three art sculptures donated by the Houston family.

“The City of Palm Springs is proud to dedicate this spectacular new plaza at the gateway to the Palm Springs Convention Center to our beloved and big hearted Mrs. Jackie Lee Houston,” said Mayor Pougnet. “Without the support of this truly remarkable woman, Palm Springs and the entire Coachella Valley would simply not be the same.”

####