JIM ALDINGER 2005 CAMPAIGN KICKOFF
TURNS OUT SUPPORTERS, BEGINS OFFICIAL BID FOR
RE-ELECTION TO MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL

**State Assemblyman Gordon, Former State Assemblyman Nakano
Join Councilman Napolitano
in Celebrating Aldinger's Experience and Proven Leadership**

Manhattan Beach, Calif., Jan. 29 – Manhattan Beach City Councilman Jim Aldinger began his bid for re-election Saturday morning to the sounds of a live band and a crowd of supporters at the City's Joslyn Center. Aldinger is one of eleven candidates vying for Manhattan Beach's three open City Council positions, and is the only incumbent to be considered by voters in the March 8 election.

Approximately sixty residents of Manhattan Beach and neighboring communities enjoyed a morning of live bluegrass music, refreshments, campaign button making, and speeches from three area government officials. State Assemblyman and former El Segundo Mayor Mike Gordon joined three-term Manhattan Beach Councilman Steve Napolitano and former State Assemblyman George Nakano in endorsing Aldinger's record of service and his commitment to the community, urging attendees to contribute their time and donations to Aldinger's re-election.

"Jim Aldinger is a proven leader with experience as both Mayor and Councilman. Jim's dedication to public service, the community, and the environment in Manhattan Beach is unrivaled – you need Jim back as your Councilman," commented State Assemblyman Gordon during presentations by dignitaries and Aldinger at the hour-long rally.

Aldinger has worked closely with Assemblyman Gordon in his previous role as Mayor of El Segundo, on such vital regional issues as LAX Expansion and the pending Base Relocation and Closure (BRAC) issue facing the Los Angeles Air Force Base in 2005.

"I am running on my record; in my time as your Councilman, I have been instrumental in preserving the quality of life and unique neighborhoods we have here in Manhattan Beach through my focus on public safety, fiscal responsibility and project management, and the environment," said Aldinger. "I look forward to serving another four years on the City Council so I can finish what I've started."

Throughout his 2005 re-election bid speech, Aldinger promoted his accomplishments, and shared his vision for the next four years with attendees:

"I am committed to building a new Public Safety Facility, on budget and with occupation by December 2005," said Aldinger. "I will be focusing on successful progress on the Metlox development as we chart new territory for a healthy downtown area with controlled growth – along with continued monitoring of 'Mansionization.' I also commit my continued support to our neighboring cities with regard to the LAX expansion, and the upcoming BRAC proposal for Los Angeles Air Force Base.

"I ask that you consider my results so far and examine my views on the issues that really matter to this community – and I ask for your vote on March 8."

In addition to receiving the endorsement of departing Councilman Napolitano, Aldinger is endorsed by other former members of Manhattan Beach City Council, including: Russ Lesser, Walt Dougher, Joan Jones, Bob Holmes, Bill Switzer, and Connie Sieber. Aldinger has also gained regional support from U.S. Congresswoman Jane Harman and State Senator Debra Bowen, in addition to nods from both State Assemblyman Gordon and former State Assemblyman Nakano.

Aldinger's achievements to date include:
- Construction of a $15M two-story underground parking structure at the Metlox site, adding 460 new public parking spaces to help relieve the parking situation downtown
- Breaking ground on a new, fully equipped $40M Public Safety Facility with 180 additional public parking spaces that is currently on budget, which was financed with $25M in cash – partly due to Jim's role on the Finance Sub-Committee, which carefully planned and accrued these funds
- Easing neighborhood traffic congestion by implementing a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
- Reducing bulk and density by implementing a second-story "open space" requirement and easing rules governing remodeling of homes
- Implemented a moratorium on lot splits in the "Poet" section of Manhattan Beach
- Designed upgrades to The Strand, with a $5M resurfacing, and moving benches to facilitate maintenance, and implemented other key renovations to Polliwog Park, and three Parquette locations
- Built Centrifugal Filter Systems to divert storm water pollution from beaches, and instituted a "No Smoking Ban" to improve the cleanliness of both the beach and the ocean
- Directed that overage funds paid to Los Angeles County be used toward purchasing Library land from the County in order to eventually own the property and expand services
- Balanced the City's budget for four years, and has obtained the City's AAA Bond Rating – making Manhattan Beach one of only four cities in California and 55 in the nation to achieve this distinction, and is awarded to those cities which consistently plan and meet budget projections and initiate policies to ensure for adequate revenues
- Worked with other elected officials in preparing to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base; approved $40,000 in 2004 to support the effort
- Worked actively with the Public Utilities Commission to oppose cell phone companies' desire to split the (310) area code

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Aldinger, a homeowner, has been a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1985, and has worked for Boeing at its Satellite Systems Division in El Segundo for nearly twenty years. He serves on the legislative committee as a member of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce; as a Delegate to the South Bay Cities Council of Government; as a Regional Council Member for the Southern California Association of Governments; and as a member of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for the National League of Cities. He is also a Director of Volunteers and Organizations Improving the Communities Environment (VOICE); Director of the Ballona Wetlands Trust; a member of the Manhattan Beach Historical Society; and a Diaconate Board Member of the Manhattan Beach Community Church.

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