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Boston's Armenian Heritage Park Celebrates Signing of Agreement



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L-R: Rep Peter Koutoujian, Charles Talanian, Governor Deval Patrick, Christopher Talanian and James Kalustian, President, Armenian Heritage Foundation.

By Andy Turpin

BOSTON, MA (A.W.) –On December 15, benefactors of Armenian Heritage Park gathered at the home of Charles Talanian to celebrate the signing of the agreement authorizing the Armenian Heritage Foundation to develop Armenian Heritage Park on Parcel 13 of the Rose Kennedy Greenway in Boston. The park will commemorate the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 and will celebrate the contributions of Armenian Americans and other immigrant groups to Massachusetts and Boston. Construction is planned for 2009.

In their remarks, both State Rep and Honorary Chair Peter Koutoujian (D-Mass) and James Kalustian, President of the Armenian Heritage Foundation, extended their appreciation to Governor Deval Patrick and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority for

extraordinary leadership and commitment towards the realization of Armenian Heritage Park as well as the key leadership of Boston's North End and Rowes Wharf communities for their tireless and dedicated commitment to the Park's designation on Parcel 13.

Kalustian said, "This is truly a celebration because Alan LeBovidge, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Executive Director signed our agreement".

Appreciation was also extended to Bruce Bagdasarian, Esq, Legal Counsel who represented the Foundation in the negotiations with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and to the key Benefactors for their important leadership support.

The Armenian Heritage Foundation is a 501-3c comprised of representatives from 38 Armenian American parishes and organizations throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A limited number of naming opportunities remain at the Park. For sponsorship opportunities, please call James Kalustian 781.777-2407, Charles Guleserian 617.484.6100, Haig Deranian 617.484.2215 or Dr. Jack Kasarjian 617.232-6350. For further information, please visit www.ArmenianHeritagePark.org