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Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 12 - 6 p.m. and by appointment.

Metro

The nearest Metro stop, approximately 2 blocks away, is the Gold Line Chinatown Stop.

For Immediate Release: *Playing Place: Southern California Sports* opened Saturday September 15, 2007 and will run until December 15, 2007. This program explores Southern California's vast history of sports through conceptions of play, leisure & competition. *Playing Place, Southern California Sports* traces the countless individuals who have shaped and make local history in sports history and feature local sports, athletes, and coaches who have made the region a physical fitness center. In addition to looking at many sports, this exhibit explores the role of sports in public expression, particularly for groups denied a voice in mainstream society throughout history. This participatory exhibit includes

Timeline: A 40' timeline that tracks sports over time and its role in building community and expressing politics. In addition to sports that are popular right now, this exhibit recovers activities that may no longer enjoy the same popularity as they once did like bowling and boxing.

LA Pinball Machine: the first of its kind, this pinball machine is set in downtown Los Angeles and is a lesson in local history and landmarks from Grand Central Market to the Coca Cola Bottling Company. The layout of the game uses the city's streets to explore public art and transportation.

SoCali-Toss-Across asks visitors to make Tic-Tac-Toe by matching color coated sides with local athletes and the city where they are each from.

the Long Beach Grand Putt: This 1 hole putt plays with miniature golf parks and the real tradition of excellence in the sport by local athletes like Babe Didrickson and Tiger Woods.

LA Pins: This easy bowling game integrates a short documentary on the Holiday Bowl, a local bowling alley prized for its ability to create community in the midst of strife like the 1965 and 1992 Riots.

Directions from Pasadena.

Take the 110 South to Hill Street. Exit Hill (on the left of the freeway). Stay straight on Hill approximately 1/3 of a mile to Alpine Street. Make a right on Alpine. We are directly across from the Hop Li restaurant in between Friends Electronics and an employment agency in the first block. There is metered street parking and an inexpensive lot at Hill and Alpine for \$3-3.50.

Directions from South Los Angeles.

Take the 110 North to Hill Street. Exit Hill Street (exit 24 toward Chinatown/Dodger Stadium). Take the ramp for Hill. Take a slight right onto Hill Street. Stay straight on Hill approximately 1/3 of a mile to Alpine Street. Make a right on Alpine. We are directly across from the Hop Li restaurant in between Friends Electronics and an employment agency in the first block. There is metered street parking and an inexpensive lot at Hill and Alpine for \$3-3.50.

From the East.

Take the 5 North to the 101 North toward Los Angeles/Civic Center. Take the 101 North to Spring Street. Exit Spring (exit 2C). Make a right onto N. Spring Street. Turn right onto Arcadia Street to Broadway. Make a right onto Broadway to Alpine Street. Make a left. We are directly across from the Hop Li restaurant in between Friends Electronics and an employment agency in the first block. There is metered street parking and an inexpensive lot at Hill and Alpine for \$3-3.50.