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Customers Rate Downtown Businesses the “Best of Hollywood”

HOLLYWOOD, FL – September 2, 2008 – Several businesses and educational facilities in Downtown Hollywood have been recognized as the best at what they do as winners of the annual “Best of Hollywood” contest.

Thousands of readers of the Hollywood Gazette, the local monthly newspaper, cast online votes for their favorites in such categories as “Best Businesses,” “Best Dining and Nightlife,” “Best Health, Beauty and Fitness,” “Best Places to Stay,” “Best Recreation and Fun” and “Best Schools and Education.”

The winning entries were selected August 10 and will be published in the newspaper’s seventh annual “Best of Hollywood” Reader’s Choice issue in September, as well as online at www.hollywoodgazette.com.

The 10 Downtown winners are:

“Best Hair Salon” – Dovetail, 1930-C Harrison Street (954-929-6123; www.dovetailsalon.com)

“Best Fitness Instruction” – Synergize!, 1948 Tyler Street (954-924-4465; www.synergizeweightloss.com)

“Best Body Waxing” – Beauty of Wax, 1926 Hollywood Boulevard (954-620-7040; www.beautyofwax.com)

“Best Charter School” – Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science, 1720 Harrison Street (954-925-6404; www.hollywoodcharter.org)

“Best Public School” – Hollywood Central Elementary, 1700 Monroe Street (754-323-6150; www.hollywoodcentral.org)

“Best Art & Culture Education” – Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, 1650 Harrison Street (954-921-3274; www.artandculturecenter.org)

“Best Dance, Drama, Music & Voice Instruction” – Arts Academy of Hollywood, 1955 Harrison Street (954-923-1950; www.artsacademyofhollywood.com)

“Best Asian Restaurant” – Red Thai and Sushi Restaurant, 1924 Hollywood Boulevard (954-921-1988; www.redthaiandsushirestaurant.com)

“Best Juice Bar” – Oasis Juice Café, 1955 Harrison Street (954-927-4474; www.oasixjuice.com)

“Best Creative Services” – Cre8me, Inc. Photography, 1901 Harrison Street, #205 (954-927-1924; www.cre8me.com)

Historic Downtown Hollywood is a vibrant arts and entertainment district characterized by quaint brick-lined sidewalks and an eclectic mix of restaurants, nightlife, live music venues, specialty shops and art galleries.

For more information on all Downtown Hollywood has to offer, visit www.downtownhollywood.com.

The Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created under the authority of Florida’s Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. The CRA’s mission is to encourage economic development through the use of tax increment financing by funding development, special projects and enhanced services that address areas of community concern. The Downtown District was established in 1979 to promote Hollywood’s central business district including Historic Hollywood Boulevard, Young Circle and nearby residential neighborhoods. The Downtown District is approximately 580 acres and extends from 22nd Avenue on the west to generally 17th Avenue on the east, Johnson Street on the north and Washington Street on the south.