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Mark Clifford's spectacular photograph captured Metro's first Valentine's Day message on Feb. 14, 2005. Metro Headquarters will again light up the downtown skyline again on Thursday night.



Photography by Mark Clifford 2005

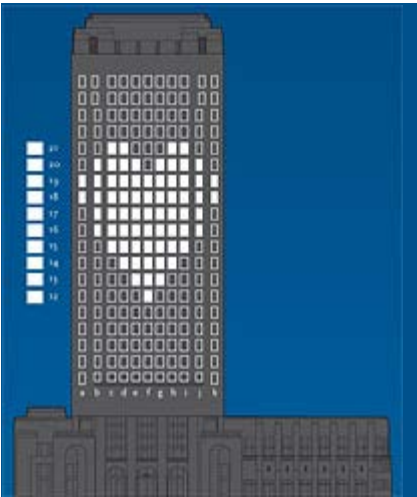
Employees will turn on the Heart Light on Valentine's Day.

- Employees are asked to help make Metro's Valentine to Los Angeles shine brightly in the skyline - that means leaving the blinds accessible to the team of volunteers that canvas the building to align the configuration.

By GAYLE ANDERSON  
(Feb. 13, 2008) Metro will cast a romantic glow on downtown Los Angeles Thursday as a 10-story heart light shines from all four sides of the Metro Headquarters building in Metro's fourth annual Valentine's Day message.

A team of employee volunteers, organized by Design Studio's Michele Moore, will work with General Services to arrange heart-shaped configurations of office lights and window blinds during the late afternoon hours of Valentine's Day.

But it will take the whole building to do it.



**How it works:** Blueprint outlines configuration of office lights and window blinds that creates the 10-story hearts. Employees will close the blinds on all floors on Thursday afternoon and leave the blinds accessible for the Valentine's Day team to reopen in the shape of a heart.

Metro employees who share or face a window are asked to start closing the blinds around 3:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. "We're also asking employees to leave the blinds accessible for the Valentine's Day team, who will come around to each floor and open certain blinds to create the heart shape," said Moore.

The light display will become visible at sunset and end at 10 p.m. when the building's office lights automatically shut off for the night.

As the skyscraper sparkles in the downtown skyline, the Heart Lights will be visible throughout the region and cast a glow on traffic along three freeways – I-5, I-10 and I-101.