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### **CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS IN L.A. ON PROPOSED CUTS TO PROGRAMS FOR POOR**

- WHAT:** **Congresswoman Maxine Waters** and other members of the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity will hold a hearing on the impact of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) spending the City and County of Los Angeles. The White House proposed budget for fiscal year 2007 calls for more than a **20% reduction in CDBG programs.**
- WHO:** **Councilmember Eric Garcetti, and L. A. Community Development Department Director, Clifford Graves and Deputy Mayor Bud Ovrom are expected to testify. The public is invited to attend.**
- WHEN:** Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.
- WHERE:** California Science Center, 700 State Drive, Los Angeles 90037
- HOW:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are used to finance many programs that are vital to the everyday lives of residents of the City of Los Angeles. Program dollars allow the City to offer start-up loans for small businesses-providing jobs, goods, services and a tax base that stabilizes and uplifts communities. CDBG funds build day-care centers, and subsidize after-school programs for the children of moderate- and low-income working parents. Money from the block grant is used to make hot meals and health screening available to elderly and disabled citizens who might otherwise go without. Average citizens may not know that they are seeing CDBG funds at work daily in their community through sidewalk and curb repair. ###