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### **REYES, PARENTS KICK OFF SAFETY VALET PROGRAM—** *LAPD-trained parents help students move safely from cars to classrooms at Buchanan Elementary School*

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes joined more than 500 students and parents at Buchanan Elementary School today to kick off a volunteer program designed to improve student safety and relieve traffic congestion.

The Safety Valet Program uses LAPD-trained volunteers to help children go safely from cars to classrooms during busy morning drop-off. Parent volunteers set up a valet line in front of the school and assist students in exiting cars. Orange-vested volunteers open car doors, direct the student to the school entrance and help keep the traffic flow moving.

“The Safety Valet Program helps eliminate incidents of students running across the street, parents making illegal turns, and other traffic activities that might put our children at risk,” said Reyes, a member of the City’s Public Safety Committee. “The program also helps parents get more involved in their children’s schools and builds stronger community ties.”

The Safety Valet Program is part of the Safe Corridors Project run by the Commission for Children, Youth & Their Families (CCYF). The goal of Safe Corridors is to develop, enhance and raise public awareness about child and neighborhood safety programs in the City of Los Angeles.

The program is a collaboration of CCYF, the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Unified School District, the City Attorney’s office and others.

The Safety Valet Program is funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Office of Traffic Safety. The program, launched in the City of Los Angeles in May 2005, operates in 100 elementary schools Citywide.

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