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**WESSON, PROJECT SAVE SPONSOR CAMPING AND FISHING ADVENTURE
FOR 65 BALDWIN VILLAGE YOUTH**

LOS ANGELES—Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr. (CD 10) was joined by CD 10's Project SAVE gang intervention program in sponsoring a camping and deep-sea fishing experience for 65 boys and girls from Baldwin Village.

“We have to provide a wider range of positive experiences for our inner city youth. For most, this was the first time they had ever been camping or on a boat. With the help of Project SAVE, these kids had a chance to make new friends and get out into the fresh ocean air,” said Wesson

The adventure began Wednesday evening with camping overnight at Jim Gilliam Park and Recreation Center, and included a barbeque dinner and an evening magic show. Councilmember Wesson also opened the barbeque to over 100 Baldwin Village. Early the next morning the campers were escorted by the LAPD and the CHP to Marina del Rey where they boarded the sport fishing boat.

The campers were ages 7 to 12, and were selected by Project SAVE. Project SAVE is a gang intervention program founded at the behest and with the support of Councilmember Wesson. The program serves young people from Wesson's 10th Council District and is in its second year of operation.

Also contributing to the success of the two-day event were the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, UFLAC, Local 112; and Denise Stansell, T. Rodgers, Chailico Wilson, Leon Guellette from Project SAVE, and members of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity who helped staff the event.

Project SAVE was recently honored by the City Council for their work in establishing a successful summer flag football league drawing over 75 young men from gang intervention programs from across Los Angeles. In addition to recreational activities, it features a “Safe Passage” program which operates out of Dorsey High School, Hamilton High School, and Hillcrest Elementary School. The program also offers job training and apprenticeships through the LA Urban League and PV Jobs; Gang Intervention and Crisis Response; and Conflict Resolution and Anger Management Counseling.

“This was a great experience, not only for the kids, but also for the many counselors and volunteers who helped make this a great success,” said Wesson

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