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TONS OF FREE STUFF!

GARCETTI WELCOMES NON-PROFITS TO “SHOP” ’TIL THEY DROP

Councilmember Eric Garcetti welcomed dozens of nonprofits to today’s “shopping day” hosted by L.A. Shares at their warehouse. Non-profit organizations, schools, City of L.A. Recreation Centers, senior centers, child care centers, and Neighborhood Councils browsed aisles full of calculators, paper, pens, desk top accessories, staplers, tape, stationary supplies, books, envelopes, chalkboards, labels, file folders, scissors, sheet protectors, binders, bags, cleaning supplies, light bulbs, paperclips, glue sticks, personal care products and many more valuable supplies.

“Non-profit organizations know how to stretch a dollar, but doing their best they still struggle to provide services, raise money and keep their doors open,” said Councilmember Garcetti. “L.A. Shares reflects the beauty of a simple idea: get needed items donated instead of discarded, put them in one place, and open the door.” At the event, Councilmember Garcetti had the opportunity to notify one organization that they won a baby grand piano from an L.A. Shares drawing (**see photo**).

L.A. SHARES is a non-profit materials reuse program that takes donations of reusable goods and materials (both new and gently used) from the local business community and redistributes these items free of charge to non-profit organizations and schools throughout Los Angeles County.

“L.A. Shares keeps overheads down for organizations, and keeps landfills lower for all Angelenos,” said Bert Ball, executive director of L.A. Shares. “We’ve helped more than 2,500 organizations in L.A. County and we’re thrilled to be here today.”

Last year, L.A. SHARES redistributed more than \$6.2 million worth of goods and materials. Established in 1991, L.A. SHARES has given away more than \$55 million worth of goods. More information about the organization can be found at www.lashares.org

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