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## HAHN, GARCETTI REDIRECT FUNDS TO AID AT-RISK YOUTH

Mayor Jim Hahn today signed a motion to transfer \$50,000 of the Mayor's Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funds to the Armenian Relief Society for the purpose of providing support services to at risk youth and senior citizens. The motion, sponsored by Los Angeles City Councilmember Eric Garcetti, passed unanimously.

"I'm thrilled that we can provide support for the Armenian Relief Society's mission of working '*jhoghvoordes hamar jhovordees head*,'" said Councilmember Garcetti, "or 'with the people, for the people.' The people of Hollywood and surrounding areas are very well served by ARS's dedication."

The funds, originally allocated to develop a Bellevue Park master plan, became available after the park refurbishment project progressed more swiftly than expected. The funds will now support human services, particularly services for at-risk youth and seniors, to help fight the causes of gang violence and to promote the health and welfare of people in all stages of their lives.

"In this time of budget constraints, I am pleased to be able to redirect funds to where they can do the most good," said Mayor Hahn. "This money will help to improve the quality of life for many people, especially those in danger of being touched by gang violence."

"It's great to have our work acknowledged and supported by the city," said Ani Balian, project coordinator for the ARS Hollywood. "This way, we can continue to work with senior citizens and provide young people with an environment of security and hope."

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