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GARCETTI AND DELGADILLO CLOSE TROUBLE ALLEY IN HOLLYWOOD

City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, Councilmember Eric Garcetti and Board of Public Works Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz joined workers from the Department of Public Works to seal off a nuisance alley in East Hollywood today that had become a host to drug deals, prostitution, illegal dumping, criminal assaults and encampments. The alley, located behind the YY Liquor Market near the Melrose/Normandie exit from the 101 Freeway, had been the source of neighborhood complaints.

"The closure of this alley represents the closure of an era for the 'Bermuda Triangle' of nuisance businesses that have plagued this community," said City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo. "Through an enormous multi-agency collaborative effort, led by Councilman Garcetti and brought together by Mayor Hahn, we literally erected barriers to make it difficult for criminal activity to occur here while making this neighborhood more livable."

"Fear and crime are not welcome in this neighborhood or in any other," said Councilmember Garcetti. "The City Attorney's neighborhood prosecutors once again have shown us that a community has a right to a safe, livable city—and that L.A. means business about enforcing that right. And the Mayor's office has led an incredible collaboration across public agencies."

"This is a true victory for the community," said Commissioner Ruiz, who facilitated coordinated action among the many departments that contributed to the alley closure. "Today we can see an excellent example of how the city family can come together to help a community in need."

The new gates represent the latest victory for what was once a troubled location. The YY Market recently evicted a recycling center from its property that had become a magnet for public drinking and nuisance behaviors. A non-permitted massage facility next door to the market was closed down in April 2003. A ten-foot high illegal dump was eradicated in early

2003. Additionally, homeless encampments have been situated under the 101 Freeway and on the grassy CalTrans property.

This “perfect storm” of nuisance activity could not be contained without considerable collaboration. Involved in ongoing efforts to make this East Hollywood neighborhood safe and livable are representatives from CalTrans and the California Highway Patrol in addition to half a dozen City of Los Angeles agencies such as the City Attorney’s office, the LAPD, and the Department of Public Works.

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