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GARCETTI LEADS FIGHT FOR ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS

Councilmember Eric Garcetti addressed a rally of more than 300 people committed to fight for the preservation of the Community Development Block Grant program outside City Hall today.

“This is no time to wave the white flag of surrender in the War on Poverty,” said Garcetti. “If we are serious as a society about providing for the elderly poor, ending homelessness, and giving youth more options than gangs, we need to increase Community Development Block Grants to cities, not zero them out.”

Garcetti chairs the council’s Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee, which makes an annual allocation of the city’s CDBG dollars.

In February, President Bush announced his intention to devastate CDBG funding and move what remained from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Economic Development Administration.

The Community Development Block Grant is a federal source of revenue that enables cities and towns to utilize flexible strategies to uplift low- and moderate-income individuals to self-sufficiency through one-on-one counseling, job training, education programs and more. It is also used to revive deteriorating neighborhoods through business improvement districts and economic development.

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