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## **GARCETTI, COMMUNITY MEMBERS LAUNCH LOCALLY PRODUCED RADIO SHOW**

### **KEVU TO GIVE ELYSIAN VALLEY RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS A VOICE THAT WILL BE BROADCAST AROUND THE WORLD**

Council President Eric Garcetti was joined by teachers, students, and neighborhood residents at the Elysian Valley United Community Service Center to announce the launch of community internet radio station KEVU. The station includes a recording and production booth that will be open to the public for use and radio show production.

“For the last ten years, Elysian Valley United has been dedicated to improving the community and providing after-school alternatives to local youth,” said Garcetti, whose 13<sup>th</sup> district includes the small neighborhood that runs between the Los Angeles River and the 5 Freeway. “Now, at KEVU, students can get hands-on learning experience as they create, record, and produce their own shows. They’ll develop confidence and communication skills that they will keep for the rest of their lives, and maybe even bring into professional radio. I wouldn’t be surprised if the next Ryan Seacrest or El Cucuy is already webcasting from KEVU.”

“Elysian Valley United is unique in that it is a truly grass roots community led organization that targets opportunities for our children and families in Northeast Los Angeles,” said Albert Vargas, a teacher and member of the Board of Directors at Elysian Valley United. “KEVU represents an opportunity for a previously unknown community to have their own voice, not just locally, but all over the world.”

“EVU has brought out a creative side in me that I never knew I had,” said Byron Acosta, a twenty-year-old Elysian Valley resident who received his high school diploma through the community center’s education program. “I’ve had the opportunity to learn new things and to teach other kids, helping them stay out of gangs. And I’ve learned how to record my musician friends in the KEVU studio.”

Elysian Valley United, founded in 1994, offers a variety of community and youth services to local residents. The community center houses weight training and cycling facilities, a library, computer stations open to the public, and a continuation high school. The radio station was made possible by a \$45,000 grant from the Community Development Department. It can be heard at [www.evucsc.com](http://www.evucsc.com).

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