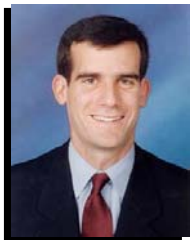

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GARCETTI, BRATTON HOST PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMIT

COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHER TO DISCUSS NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

Council President Eric Garcetti and Chief of Police William Bratton joined over 300 community activists at the first-ever 13th Council District public safety summit held at Micheltorena Street Elementary School in Silver Lake. Participants were given the opportunity to suggest a variety of public safety concerns to be addressed at the summit, ranging from police deployment to gang activity to graffiti issues. Garcetti and Bratton then joined community members as they split up into smaller groups and created action plans designed to maximize partnerships to address public safety concerns.

"Community involvement is central to the success of the prevention, intervention, and suppression programs that the city employs," said Garcetti. "This public safety summit provides a unique opportunity for residents to think broadly about strategies for addressing some of the most serious issues that face our neighborhoods."

"If you want to keep your neighborhood safe, take this advice: never give up," said Bratton, who celebrated his four year anniversary with the LAPD at the summit. "Crime will never go away completely, but if we stay involved, we can intervene, we can prevent it, we can reduce it."

"The summit was very successful in gathering people from throughout the district. We found that many individuals from throughout the area have similar concerns about public safety," said Mark Quiroz, a leader in the Glassell Park community. "For Councilmember Garcetti and his staff to put this together was great."

Topics at the summit included traffic, police officers, graffiti, neighborhood beautification, enforcement of city codes, and housing and homelessness issues. At the beginning of the program, Garcetti officially dedicated the day to LAPD Northeast Divison Officer Landon Dorris, who was killed while investigating a traffic incident a week earlier.

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