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GARCETTI, BRATTON HOST PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMIT IN GLASSELL PARK

*Summit is part of month-long series
of events following gang-related shootout*

Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti hosted a Public Safety Summit with LAPD Chief William Bratton, other city officials, and community residents in the Drew-Estara area of Glassell Park today. The summit came on the heels of a fatal gang-related shootout on Drew Street, and provided community residents with an opportunity to get involved in making their neighborhood safer.

"Every Los Angeles resident deserves to live in a community where they and their families can be safe," said Garcetti. "For the past seven years, we have been working to make this part of Glassell Park safer through a comprehensive approach that includes an increased law enforcement presence, and more gang prevention and intervention programs. Working together, we can and will make this neighborhood stronger and safer for everyone," said Garcetti.

"Although crime in the City of Los Angeles has continued to decrease over the past six years, we must always be vigilant in our efforts to respond to and proactively deploy police to prevent increased acts of violence," said Chief Bratton. "I have often said, we cannot arrest our way out of violence, particularly gang violence, but with the help of the community and more intervention and prevention programs, we can and will make the City of Los Angeles and Glassell Park a safer place for all."

The Public Safety Summit is part of a month-long series of community public safety events to update residents on public safety in their neighborhood and engage them in efforts to make their neighborhood safer. Next Saturday, Garcetti will host a Leadership Academy focused on public safety issues in the community. Workshops will be held by representatives of the L.A. Bridges gang prevention program, Human Relations Commission, local schools, and the City Attorney's Office. Participants will learn how to organize a successful neighborhood watch, participate in Garcetti's anti-graffiti program, Uniting Neighborhoods to Abolish Graffiti (UNTAG), and become effective partners with LAPD Senior Lead Officers. The Garcetti Leadership Academies are held regularly and have trained more than 1,000 local residents to be effective advocates for their community.

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On March 29, Garcetti will host a Community Picnic and Resource/Job Fair at Juntos Park on Drew Street.

Last week, Garcetti's staff, Los Angeles Police Department representatives, gang intervention program leaders, and community residents participated in Public Safety and City Services Outreach event, which included a walk through the Drew-Estara neighborhood to knock on doors and let community residents know about the upcoming public safety events.

For Garcetti, this series of events follows seven years of working to improve public safety in this part of the Glassell Park neighborhood. His efforts have included leading efforts to establish a neighborhood watch, coordinating neighborhood clean-ups, organizing door-to-door outreach events to inform local residents of anti-gang programs and other public safety resources available to them and their family members, and hosting community resource fairs to educate local residents on the city resources and community services available to them.

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