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The First 100 Days

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Welcome to the first edition of *Eye on the Tenth*. This newsletter will become one of the vehicles for us in the 10th Council District to share information, accomplishments, projects, events, and other items of common interest.

To many of you, the date March 8, 2006, may not hold much significance. Personally, however, that date was a mini-milestone in that March 8, 2006, marked the 100th day from the date I was sworn in to represent the 10th District in the City Council. And, in the tradition of public officeholders the world over, I thought I would use this first edition of *Eye on the Tenth* to share with you the key events, activities, and accomplishments of my first 100 days as Councilmember of the 10th District.

In the following pages you'll find some of the things we have done and things we are just beginning to do. While I am proud of what we have accomplished over these 100 days, I say to you and pardon the cliché--"The best is yet to come!"

I trust you will find this first edition of *Eye on the Tenth* informative and useful. My staff and I will be working hard to make not only the next 100 days but all the days ahead even more productive. Be assured that we will constantly work to make the 10th Council District – the most diverse district in the City of Los Angeles – the best place to work, live and play in the City.



Councilmember Herb J. Wesson and Miracle initiate the Los Angeles City Pet Adoption Program. (see page 5 for more details)

As always, should you have any need to contact us, our contact information is listed at the end of this publication.

At your service,

HERB J. WESSON, Jr.
Councilmember, 10th District



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HERB EARNS 6 KEY APPOINTMENTS

**CHAIRMAN:
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

SHAPING THE FACE OF THE CITY

In February 2006, Councilmember Herb Wesson assumed the chairmanship of the powerful Housing, Community and Economic Development (HCED) Committee. The HCED Committee has jurisdiction over the city's economic development, housing, workforce investment and community improvement policies. As such, it acts on all key project proposals and funding allocations in these areas.

As Councilmember Wesson has made economic development a priority during his tenure as City Councilmember of the 10th District, he is pleased to be in a position to shape economic development policy on a citywide basis. Herb plans to build upon the work of his predecessor and current Council President Eric Garcetti.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN:
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GANG VIOLENCE**

**PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING POSITIVE
ALTERNATIVES FOR OUR YOUNG ANGELENOS**

Your Councilmember was also appointed Vice Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development. This appointment allows Herb to pursue his commitment to provide positive alternatives to young Angelenos.

Thus far, the committee's work has resulted in the city hiring a group of consultants led by civil rights activist Connie Rice to develop a Citywide Gang Activity Reduction Strategy.

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**MEMBER:
EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION
AUTHORITY**

LOOKING OUT FOR THE 10th DISTRICT

With work on the Exposition Metro Line expected to commence this year and recognizing that the major portion of the rail line project will be going through the 10th District, Councilmember Wesson made gaining a seat on the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (the Authority) a top priority. On February 2006, the Councilmember gained his seat!

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa as Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority appointed Herb to the Authority. The Authority is charged with overseeing the design and construction of the newest extension of the Metro Rail System. The 9.6-mile Mid-City/Exposition Light Rail Transit Project will extend along the Metro-owned right-of-way beginning at the 7th St./Metro Center Julian Dixon Station in downtown Los Angeles and ending at Venice/Washington in Culver City. Upon completion, the line will include eleven stations, four of which will be located in the 10th Council District. The line is scheduled to begin operation in the summer of 2010.

"Since the biggest portion of the Expo Line will be in the 10th District, it is important that we have a role in the planning of this major transportation project. I am looking forward to working in the interest of the commuters and the residents of my district and this City to develop a rail system that works for everybody," stated Councilmember Wesson.

**VICE CHAIR:
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Herb was also appointed Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee where he helps shape the City's position on the various State and Federal Legislation. Herb will also tap on his State and Federal relationships to assist the City

**MEMBER:
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Herb also became a member of the Personnel Committee. The committee works with all of the city departments in addressing the workforce needs of the city, especially the Personnel Department. In that capacity, the committee plays an important role in developing policy related to recruitment, working conditions, agency staffing requirements, and procedures for the fair consideration of grievances.

**MEMBER:
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

As a member of the Transportation Committee, Herb and his colleagues discuss and consider numerous transportation issues throughout the City. Herb is committed to improving our transportation corridors and building more public transit throughout the 10th Council.

HERB DRAWS THE LINE AGAINST SCOFFLAWS

**BANNED:
NEW AUTO BODY SHOPS AND JUNK YARDS IN
THE 10th DISTRICT**

Following through on his pledge to remove blight in the district, Councilmember Wesson announced the enactment of an Interim Control Ordinance which places a one year prohibition on new auto body shops and junk yards in the district. This action is in response to widespread concern about the over-concentration of such businesses in the 10th Council District.

The ordinance calls on the Department of City Planning, over the next year, to recommend new ways to regulate auto body shops and junk yards. The ordinance was approved by the City Council on February 1, 2006, and was signed into law by Mayor Villaraigosa on February 2, 2006.

To further show his commitment to controlling problems related to these entities, Councilmember Wesson has also designated a deputy specifically to handle auto body shop issues. Councilmember Wesson's goal is to ensure that auto body shop-related problems are minimized, if not totally eliminated.

"There has been an over-concentration of these auto shops and junk yards in the 10th District. It is time to put a halt on new entities and take a hard look at how we can effectively regulate these facilities."

**OUT OF BUSINESS:
AN ILLEGAL MESSAGE PARLOR SHUTS
DOWN**

Responding to complaints from residents in the South Robertson and Reynier Park neighborhoods, CD 10 staff investigated the status of a massage parlor operating at Olin and Robertson. They learned that the business was operating without a proper conditional use permit or a permit from the Police Department. As a result of these findings, the proprietors of the massage parlor decided to close their doors.

Thanks to the involvement of area residents, the cooperation of the LAPD and the Los Angeles City Building and Safety Department for their united efforts to maintain a safe community.

HERB PROTECTS SOCIETY'S MOST VULNERABLE

BLOCK GRANT FUNDS RESTORED FOR KEY CITY SERVICES

Under Councilmember Wesson's leadership, the City Council has adopted the 2006-2007 Consolidated Plan, which lays out the City's spending plan for federal housing and block grant funds. As Chair of the Housing and Community and Economic Development Committee (HCED), the Councilmember was responsible for shepherding the plan through the City Council.

Facing a 10.8 percent cut from the federal government, Wesson was lauded for his leadership in restoring proposed cuts to homeless shelters, AIDS prevention programs, at-risk youth programs, and domestic violence shelters.

"Given the continuous budget cuts the block grant program has sustained over the years, I am pleased that the city and the HCED Committee was able to produce a good outcome even under dire circumstances", said Wesson.

FINDING FUNDS FOR MORE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY

In addition to restoring funds for citywide programs, Herb secured funding for other programs in the 10th District. These include additional funds for clean-up and graffiti removal, job placement services, a computer literacy program and domestic violence prevention programs. There will also be a new gang intervention pilot program in the 10th.

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PET ADOPTION PROGRAM

As an expression of his concern about the number a stray pets in Los Angeles City Animal Shelters, Councilmember Wesson has initiated a new pet adoption initiative. On the first and third Friday of each month, at the beginning of Council session, Herb will present an animal for adoption from a City of Los Angeles Animal Shelter to those in attendance at the City Council meeting and those who are watching the City Council on Channel 35.

The animal is groomed and examined by a veterinarian and undergoes a personality test before being taken to Council Chambers for introduction. Information is also provided about the animal, including the sex, breed, age and a Hotline number where interested parties can call regarding pet adoption. Since the initiative's inception, several pets have found suitable homes. The first pet presented was immediately adopted by someone present at the Council Chamber.

This project has been coordinated by Councilman Wesson with Los Angeles Animal Services General Manager Edward Boks. The toll free number for pet adoption inquiries is 1-888-4-LAPET1 or 1-888-452-7381.



Councilmember Wesson and Los Angeles Animal Services General Manager Edward Boks introduce Ruthie who was up for adoption

TAKING CARE OF THE TENTH

WORKING TO FIND COMMON GROUND IN WESTERN HEIGHTS

On Tuesday, March 7th, Councilmember Wesson hosted the monthly Western Heights Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss the temporary traffic barriers that were installed at four different intersections in the neighborhood, a motion approved prior to Wesson's election. Unfortunately, the traffic barriers have become a source of discord among the residents in the neighborhood and raised public safety concerns.

Herb's primary objective was to listen to the safety issues involved and the varying viewpoints of the residents. Representatives from the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Department of Transportation were also on hand to answer questions and provide their professional opinions on the traffic barriers. After listening attentively for about 2 ½ hours to the comments and views expressed, Councilmember Wesson asked the residents to collectively work with him to reach a solution that will be a 'Win-Win' for all involved.

WILSHIRE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE

Councilmember Wesson has taken a strong interest in the amount of construction, conversions, and demolitions of buildings taking place in the Wilshire Park area, bounded by Wilshire, Wilton, Olympic, and Crenshaw.

Herb would like to ensure that our single-family neighborhoods are protected, while building new housing and density along the major transportation corridors and that there is a smooth transition between commercial corridor, the multi-family housing, and the single family residences. Therefore, Herb has introduced a series of motions, including a temporary moratorium on construction and creating a Historic Preservation Zone for the neighborhood.

SOUTH LA BREA GUARD RAIL REPLACEMENT COMPLETED



Before



After

For the past two years, the Crenshaw Neighbors, Inc., an advocate for the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw neighborhoods, has been seeking to remove gnarled and missing guard rails on La Brea Avenue between Santo Tomas Dr. and Coliseum Street adjacent to the Jim Gilliam Recreational Center.

When Herb learned of the situation shortly after his election, he directed his staff to correct this safety problem. Because the guard rails are located in a City/County agreement area where there is shared jurisdiction for maintenance, it took a lot of patience, persistence and cooperation to get the job done. Councilmember Wesson is pleased to report that those guard rails have been replaced. The appearance and safety of that section of La Brea Avenue is greatly improved.

TAKING CARE OF THE TENTH (cont.)**CLEANING UP THE TENTH**

Committed to removing debris and improving the appearance of our neighborhoods, Herb and his staff organized several community clean-ups. CD 10 joined with the Los Angeles City's Department of Sanitation, Department of Transportation and Department of Street Services, Tree Trimming and Lot Clearing Divisions and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' "Clean and Green" Team which consists of CD 10 students who are currently "off-track" from school to begin an on-going project to improve the appearance of our community.

PAVA 4TH ANNUAL CLEAN-UP

Councilmember Wesson began the beautification efforts by joining the Pacific American Volunteer Association (PAVA) in hosting its Fourth Annual clean-up in Los Angeles. Koreatown was chosen as the location this year. Over 500 community activists along with Mayor Villaraigosa and Council President Eric Garcetti came together to sweep and remove trash.

Clean-up activities included graffiti removal, tree trimming, street sweeping, curb repainting and the replacement of damaged or worn-out street signs.

**BALDWIN VILLAGE & LA CIENEGA HEIGHTS
CLEAN-UPS**

CD10, city departments and the Clean and Green team were on hand for the Baldwin Village Community Clean-Up. This clean-up was greatly appreciated because this area has been neglected over the years.

CD 10 and Clean and Green also worked to clean-up several alleyways in La Cienega Heights. The targeted alleys were located at Garth/Corning/Cadillac/Sawyer and Preuss/Shenandoah/Cadillac/Sawyer.



Herb volunteered to work the water sprayer to remove graffiti from the sidewalk.

JEFFERSON PARK COMMUNITY ALLEY CLEAN-UP

The alley cleanup continued with Herb, Clean and Green, the LA Conservation Corps Graffiti Removal Team, friends and neighbors of the Jefferson Park communities gathering at 36th St and 2nd Ave for a Community Alley Clean Up. Assisting Herb for the day's work were residents of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Avenues, staff from the Celerity Charter School, LA Sanitation Department and LAPD.

The morning began with a community blessing delivered by Pastor Glenn L. Jones of West Presbyterian Church and at the end of the day pizza was provided by United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council. Oakes Market provided bottled water thru out the day to the community workers.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

A special thanks to "Clean and Green" team leader K'Hara McKinney, Lindsey Moore of the Department of Public Works, The Department of Transportation and Street Services, Mary Darks of the Baldwin Village Community In Action (BVCIA), T.K. Walton, Luis Moreno, Leo Martinez and the LA Bureau of Sanitation, Elio Altamarino, The LA Conservation Corps, United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council and the Block Clubs of 2nd, 3rd 4th and 5th Avenue.

TAKING CARE OF THE TENTH (cont.)

Herb, Mayor Villaraigosa and Board of Public Works Commissioner Valerie Shaw at groundbreaking

NEW FIRE STATION FOR THE PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD

On February 6, 2006, Councilmember Wesson was on hand in Palms on the corner of Motor and Regent to break ground on the new Fire Station No. 43. Herb was joined by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Fire Chief William Bamattre and Board of Public Works Commissioner Valerie Shaw.

The new fire station is expected to be operational in July of 2007, replacing the current fire station at 10243 National Blvd. The new fire station will be equipped to handle the fast pace of growth in the Palms neighborhood, and respond to the expected increase in calls for service.



Herb helps distribute trees to the constituents



Herb presents a \$50,000.00 check to members of the Korean Federation of Los Angeles

NEW KOREATOWN SENIOR CENTER

Councilmember Wesson convened a press conference to present a check for \$50,000 to the Korean Federation of Los Angeles to fund a portion of the pre-development fees related to the development of a new senior center in Koreatown. The Federation is raising funds for the construction of the facility which will connect with the Koreatown Pavilion.

“Seniors are the fastest growing segment of our community and the Korean Federation is to be commended for taking the leadership role in providing a facility to meet their needs,” said Wesson

FRUIT TREE GIVEAWAY A GREAT SUCCESS

On January 28, 2006, Councilmember Wesson partnered with Tree People to obtain and distribute 130 fruit trees to district residents. Herb and his staff distributed trees to over 50 families.

Tree People’s mission is to inspire the people of Los Angeles to take personal responsibility for the urban forest by educating, training and supporting the residents as they plant and care for trees while making our neighborhoods a more attractive place to live and work.

Future tree giveaways will be announced on the 10th district website.

*TAKING CARE OF THE TENTH (cont.)***\$55,000 REWARD OFFERED IN CASE OF HIT AND RUN DEATH OF DEMARIYA GRANT**

On a motion by Councilmember Wesson, the City Council approved a reward in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the apprehension, arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the hit and run death of nine year old Demariya Grant. The incident occurred while Demariya and his brother were crossing the street in the early evening of December 15, 2005, on Rodeo Road, east of King Boulevard. Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke announced an additional reward of \$5,000 from Los Angeles County.

Police are looking for the driver of a late model red Lincoln Continental with a tire encasement on the trunk. Anyone with any information about the incident should call Officer Sean Williams of the LAPD (323-290-6063).

COMMUNITY FORUMS ON CRIME AND VIOLENCE

CD10 hosted two community forums conducted by the LA City Commission on Youth and Families. The Commission is holding the forums in various parts of Los Angeles to solicit input from residents on how crime and violence impacts family life.

At the first forum at Jim Gilliam Recreation Center, Herb, Councilmember Bernard Parks and Councilmember Jan Perry greeted approximately 100 area residents. A second forum was held at Dorsey High School and attended by approximately 75 residents. Information obtained by the Commission will be used to help city agencies and policymakers more effectively serve these communities.

Future community forums will be announced on the CD10 website

PICO BOULEVARD INITIATIVES MOVE FORWARD

Pico Boulevard is becoming a focal point of commercial revival due to The Pico Revitalization Project's Façade Improvement Program which has started construction on commercial properties between La Brea Avenue and Hauser Boulevard. Some of the properties include Comedy Union, Del Mar Theater, Oki's Dog, Roscoe's, and The Cottage. The first phase should be completed in August 2006.

Also re-energizing the Pico Boulevard commercial district is the Pico Business Improvement District (BID)-- between La Brea Avenue and Crescent Heights Boulevard—which will begin the petition phase in February 2006. The BID will address such issues as security patrols, litter, beautification and other community improvements.

Over the 2005 holiday season, Pico Boulevard also celebrated the arrival of several new business establishments owned and operated by residents of our community. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

JOIN THE HOTTEST TEAMS IN LOS ANGELES

On February 4, 2006, Councilmember Wesson welcomed recruiters from the Fire Department and the Police Department to the Rancho Cienega Sports Center which hosted a weekend long LAFD and LAPD Recruitment Expo and Family Carnival.

The LAPD and LAFD **are committed** to improving the gender balance and increasing the diversity of their personnel. Women are severely under-represented in these departments so, LAPD and LAFD are aggressively seeking women interested in a career in law enforcement.

If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, please contact the recruiters at the Fire Department: 213-847-LAFD or www.lafd.com, and the Police Department: 866-444-LAPD or www.JoinLAPD.com.

HERB HONORS THOSE WHO PAVED THE WAY



Herb honors (l to r) Councilmember Bernard Parks, former Councilmembers Rita Walters and Robert Farrell, artist Patrick Johnson, former Councilmember Nate Holden, Councilmember Jan Perry, David Cunningham III, son of former Councilmember David Cunningham, Jr., and Avis Ridley Thomas, wife of former Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas

AFRICAN AMERICAN COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

On February 24, 2006, in recognition of African American Heritage Month, Councilmember Wesson organized a special tribute to salute the twelve African Americans who have served and who are currently serving on the Los Angeles City Council. Joined by current Councilmembers Bernard Parks and Jan Perry, Herb gathered together former Councilmembers Robert Farrell, Rita Walters and Nate Holden as well as David Cunningham, III, son of former Councilmember David Cunningham and Avis Ridley-Thomas, wife of former Councilmember and now California State Assemblymember Mark Ridley-Thomas to be honored and recognized before the City Council for their commitment and service to the City of Los Angeles. Each of the honorees received a personalized caricature by 10th District resident and artist Patrick Johnson.

As part of the tribute, Channel 35 and the CD 10 staff produced a video documentary, "A Legacy of Service", which chronicles the history of the 12 African Americans who have been elected to the Los Angeles City Council since 1963. The documentary, as well as a photo gallery, was placed on display in the City Hall Rotunda.

The 12 African Americans to serve on the Council include: Gilbert Lindsay, Tom Bradley, Billy Mills, David Cunningham, Jr., Robert Farrell, Nate Holden, Rita Walters, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Jan Perry, Martin Ludlow, Bernard Parks and Herb Wesson.

The "Legacy of Service" documentary is available on the 10th District website at <http://www.lacity.org/council/cd10/>.

*THOSE WHO PAVED THE WAY (cont.)***RICHARD PRYOR: A LEGACY OF LAUGHTER, SOCIAL CONCIIOUSNESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT**

Herb and George Lopez present Mrs. Richard Pryor and members of Mr. Pryor's family with a Resolution declaring December 16, 2005 "Richard Pryor Day" in the City of Los Angeles

Shortly after his election, Herb began planning a special tribute to honor Richard Pryor for his contribution as an important trailblazer to a generation of young artists and for his dedication to the betterment of the community. Unfortunately, Richard Pryor passed away before the ceremony could be held. Nonetheless, in an emotional City Council ceremony following Richard Pryor's death,

JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR.:
A LEGACY OF JUSTICE

The memory of famed civil rights attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. was honored by the Los Angeles Unified School District by renaming Mt. Vernon Middle School "Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Middle School." It was during his youth as a student of Mt. Vernon that Mr. Cochran made the decision to become a lawyer. In conjunction with this honor, Herb has introduced a motion in the Los Angeles City Council to rename the three-block section of 17th Street which is located directly in front of the school, "Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Vista."

Herb presented a City Council Resolution declaring December 16, 2005, "Richard Pryor Day" in the City of Los Angeles to Pryor's wife Jennifer and his children. Also present at the ceremony were other members of the Pryor family, business associates, and actors George Lopez, Mike Epps and Ed Begley, Jr.

CD 10 HEROES:
A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Several other CD 10 residents were honored for their commitment to community service and their exemplary citizenship. A partial list includes: Senior Lead Officer Paul Henry of the Rampart Division; Edgar Palacios of Fundacion ECUA-USA of California Children Network; Dr. Joseph Pierson of Medipro, Inc.; Reverend James McKnight of the Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship; Jessica Sanders, documentary filmmaker; Terry Robinson, founder, Palms-Westside Neighborhood Watch; Larry Grant, Founder of the Los Angeles Kingdom Day Parade; and Willis Edwards of the NAACP.

OUT & ABOUT IN THE TENTH

20TH ANNUAL MLK KINGDOM DAY PARADE



Herb and State Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez take to the streets for the 20th Annual MLK Kingdom Day Parade

For the last 20 years, the Martin Luther King Kingdom Day Parade has been celebrated to remember the life and works of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Over a million people from all across the city lined the streets of Los Angeles commencing at Western Avenue and ending on Vernon Avenue, just south of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall to view more than 150 floats, 20 drill teams, ten dance groups, celebrities, and marching bands.

Herb joined the LA County Federation of Labor in co-hosting a labor breakfast prior to the parade for union members and elected officials. Herb was then joined by State Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez and the Wesson family at the beginning of the parade where they climbed aboard the CD 10 float, which was awarded First Place by parade judges and preceded down the parade route. A few blocks later, the Councilmember, the Speaker and the Wesson family decided to disembark and walk the remainder of the route.



Herb and Mayor Villaraigosa celebrate African American Heritage Month with members of "Our Authors Study Club"

HELPING MAKE DREAMS A REALITY

It has been the dream of the Korean American community in Los Angeles to have a cultural landmark in Koreatown. In January, the dream became a reality with the Grand Opening of the "Koreatown Pavilion Garden", the ceremonial gateway to Koreatown. Herb and Councilmember Tom LaBonge, who represents a section of Koreatown, were on hand to celebrate and view the first major Korean American monument in Koreatown.

The pavilion includes an authentic replica of an historic Korean Pavilion and is located in a small pocket park on the northeast corner of Olympic Boulevard and Normandie Avenue. The creation of the park was a joint effort of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), the City of Los Angeles Departments of Recreation and Parks and Cultural Affairs, the Community Redevelopment Agency, the Korean Chamber of Commerce and the Korean Consul General.

WESSON AND "OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB" KICK-OFF HISTORY TOUR

Since 1963, Our Authors Study Club has led the city's celebration of African American Heritage Month. The club's mission is to educate the community about the many contributions of African Americans. Councilmember Wesson and Mayor Villaraigosa joined them in kicking-off their "Annual Bus Tour of Historic Places."

OUT & ABOUT (cont.)

8TH STREET CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Herb attended the Annual 8th Street Christmas Festival, sponsored by Edgar Palacios, Event Coordinator and Director of the non-profit organization Fundacion ECUA-USA of California Children Network International. The goal of the festival is to provide 50,000 children with toys. The Councilmember received a warm welcome as the 10th District's new Councilmember. A special award was presented to him for providing the necessary resources in order for the event to take place. To initiate the toy give-away, the Councilmember cut the red ribbon and gave away the first toy. He also presented a resolution to.



Herb gives Santa a hand at the 8th Street Christmas festival

Senior Lead Officer Paul Henry, of the Rampart Division, commending him for his many years of serving the community.

HERB HONORED BY THE COMMUNITY



Herb with (l to r) Jason Katz, Marlene Bane, and Janice Freedson

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wesson was honored by the American Jewish Committee, a national human rights advocacy organization. The Councilmember had an opportunity to meet a wide array of leaders from the community and discuss his vision for the council district and the city. Herb was joined by Jason Katz, Director of Government and Public Affairs for the American Jewish Committee, Marlene Bane, wife of the late Assemblymember Tom Bane and Janice Freedson.



Herb and Mayor Villaraigosa with fellow honorees and members of Brookins AME Church

BROOKINS AME CHURCH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Councilmember Wesson was the recipient of the "Brookins Award for Public Service" at the Third Annual Brookins AME Church Prayer Breakfast. Over 300 people attended the event. Rev. Dr. Frederick Murph, Pastor of Brookins AME Church, presented the award to Wesson honoring his many contributions to the community. Also honored at the event were Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Paula Madison, President and General Manager of KNBC Channel 4.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT IN THE TENTH

HOPE RUNS ETERNAL

Currently playing at The Nate Holden Performing Arts Center is Richard Brooks' (*Law and Order*) stage play, *Hope Runs Eternal* starring Brooks, Victoria Plat Tilford (*The Street*), Cynda Williams (*Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*), Roderick Garr (*Mind Games*) and Roger E. Mosley (*Magnum P.I.*).

Hope Runs Eternal is the story of a struggling mid-career Rhythm and Blues artist determined to pursue his dreams in the youth obsessed hip-hop industry. Set against a background of music, mayhem, and the mob this drama features six original songs.

Directed by Donald Douglas (*Hollywood Shuffle*) and produced by Flat Top Entertainment in association with HEAL and the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, *Hope Runs Eternal* is the first Black Equity production to be presented in the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center. The play will continue through April 9, 2006.

Performance schedule:

Wednesdays at 8 PM: March 15, 22, 29; April 5
 Thursdays at 8 PM: March 16, 23, 30; April 6
 Fridays at 8 PM: March 17, 24, 31; April 7
 Saturdays at 8 PM: March 18, 25; April 1, 8
 Sundays at 3 PM and 7 PM: March 12, 19, 26;
 April 9

STEPIN FETCHIT

The Nate Holden Performing Arts Center also hosted a successful run of the play *Stepin Fetchit: Reexamining the Black Image in Mass Media* starring Roscoe Orman. The production was presented by the Black Hollywood Education and Resource Center, and was produced by Sandra Evers-Manley, John Forbes and Wren T. Brown.

NATE HOLDEN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
 4718 West Washington Blvd,
 Los Angeles, California 90016



Herb welcomes Richard Brooks to the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center

HOLLYWOOD COMES TO THE 10th

Council District 10 also served as the filming location for two major feature films: "Fun with Dick and Jane" starring Jim Carrey and the soon to be released "You, Me, and Dupree" starring Owen Wilson and Michael Douglas. The production company for "You, Me, and Dupree" donated \$10,000 to a local school for its drama and creative arts department.

CONGRATULATIONS 10th DISTRICT COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION:

PROJECT NAME:

Celerity Nascent Charter School	Painting Building on Jefferson Blvd.
Gabriella Charter School	A Tribute to Rosseau I
Jefferson Park Improvement Project	Mural Resortation and Knowledge Patio
South Ridgeley Drive	Mid City Ballona Creek Rehabilitation Project
The Square Marker Restoration Project	Neighborhood Marker Restoration La Fayette Square
United Friends of the Hungarian House	Mural and Building Monument
Victoria Avenue Neighborhood Assn.	Hasta La Victoria Project
Wilshire Highland Neighborhood Assn.	Wilshire Highland Pride Neighborhood Identity Project

For more information on the Community Beautification Grant Program, call the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification at 213-978-0225.

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