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REENERGING THE CRENSHAW CORRIDOR: THE TENTH WELCOMES COLISEUM CENTER

On March 30, 2006, Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the community formally welcomed the Coliseum Center and its tenants to the Crenshaw Corridor in Council District 10. Located at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Coliseum Street, the \$17 million Coliseum Center project features 64,000 square feet of retail space and hundreds of jobs – 250 in the construction phase and over 500 permanently.

In the Coliseum Center the community will find a Denny's, a sit-down restaurant as sought by CD10 residents. It is open 24 hours and community-owned. Also at the Coliseum Center is a Magic Johnson Starbucks (already serving coffee drinks although its formal grand opening is scheduled for June 16), 24-hour Walgreens, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Verizon, Washington Mutual, Quiznos and Goodwill Store and Donation Center.

The Goodwill Store is the largest in Southern California and employs 48 people. Goodwill actually had a separate grand opening a few weeks before the Coliseum Center formally opened. A portion of the Goodwill Grand Opening Week proceeds were donated to "Save Africa's Children," a non-profit organization founded by Bishop Charles Blake. The organization is dedicated to raising funds to alleviate hunger and suffering of children in Africa who are afflicted with HIV-AIDS or who have been orphaned because of AIDS.

Long-time residents will remember the Coliseum Center site as the location of the former Holiday Bowl and Majestic Pontiac. As a tribute to the location's history, the Magic Johnson Starbucks is built on the site of the former Holiday Bowl Coffee



Shop. The Coliseum Center also incorporates the iconic "Pontiac Chief" sign. The sign has been completely restored as a community landmark and is now lit in the evenings.

To commemorate the event, Councilmember Wesson distributed bowling pins to Mayor Villaraigosa and other stakeholders from the former Holiday Bowl, a hub of bowling activity in the community for many years.

The Coliseum Center Grand Opening festivities drew over 200 people from the community. The Crenshaw High School Elite Choir performed.

With the Coliseum Center opening, West Angeles Community Development Corporation's planned mixed use development on Crenshaw and Jefferson, and the expected arrival of the Exposition Metro Line – which is slated to have a station at Crenshaw and Exposition – the Crenshaw Corridor is in for significant and interesting changes ahead. Stay tuned!



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TAKING CARE OF THE TENTH

DAY OF SERVICE 2006



"Team Wesson" participated in the "Day of Service 2006" events by joining community volunteers in several of the clean-up sites.

Thanks to all the community volunteers who were on hand to make Big Sunday a success. By working together, we can make our community a better place to live.



On Sunday May 7th, in conjunction with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's "Day of Service 2006" campaign, the CD10 community hosted several beautification projects which included a Big Sunday Tree Planting at Ballona Creek, Goodwill Environmental Community Fair, the Virginia Road Garden Clean Up, 10th Avenue Stop in Center landscaping maintenance, Somerset and Jefferson Parkway garden replanting, 24th Street School Garden Project and the Venice Boulevard Clean-Ups at La Cienega and Hughes.

"My goal is to increase and enhance the quality of life in the Tenth District. With your continued support, we will be able to accomplish this goal."

JEFFERSON PARK MONUMENT CLOCK RESTORED



Councilmember Wesson has led the successful effort to repair and restore the "Jefferson Park Entrance Monument and Clock" at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard. The monument clock site was initiated by the Jefferson Park Business Improvement District (BID) in 1998. It was designed to be the iconic gateway to the Jefferson Park community. In recent years, the clock has been neglected and fallen into disrepair.

Working with the BID, the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (UNNC), Jefferson Park residents and the Jefferson Park Crime Coalition, Councilmember Wesson marshaled the resources to complete the needed repairs.

*Taking Care of the Tenth (continued)***NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCE CLOSED:
AUTO BODY SHOP SHUTS DOWN**

Councilmember Wesson is pleased to announce that the auto body shop located at 5628 West Adams has been closed.

This location has long been an irritant to the community and through the diligent work of the CD10 staff and the Department of Building and Safety, the nuisance has been removed.

Herb thanks the community for their commitment to their neighborhood. "My goal is to increase and enhance the quality of life in the Tenth District. With your continued support, we will be able to accomplish this goal. Thank you for your assistance," Wesson said.

A recent Interim Control Ordinance adopted by the City prohibits the opening of any new auto body shops and junk yards in CD10.

**STUDENTS WITH "YOU THINK" PROGRAM
VISIT CITY HALL**

Councilmember Wesson recently met with students from "You Think," a program of the Zimmer Children's Museum, located at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. The program works with inner city middle and high school students to provide an introduction to state and local government. Under the leadership of their Director, Shifra Teitelbaum, "You Think" educates their students about the basic functions of government and how government can be accessed to address community issues. The students observed a session of the City Council and also toured City Hall and met with a representative from the Mayor's Office.

**WORKING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL LEADERS**

Councilmember Wesson has begun regular meetings with CD10 Neighborhood Council Executive Board Members. These meetings are important to solicit input and share information on city policies that affect our neighborhoods. Key issues discussed at the first meeting included disaster preparedness and public safety.

PROTECTING WILSHIRE PARK PLACE

On May 11th, the City Planning Commission approved Councilmember Wesson's proposed Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) – or moratorium – on demolitions, construction, or any other similar permitting for one year in the Wilshire Park neighborhood. The neighborhood's general boundaries are Wilshire Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, Olympic Boulevard, and Wilton Place.

Over the past few months, Councilmember Wesson became aware of the neighborhood's concerns about new projects that, while technically consistent with existing zoning laws, do not fit in with the existing neighborhood. His staff then worked with the Wilshire Park community to explore ways of addressing the issues and concerns that had been raised.

Councilmember Wesson felt that the ICO would temporarily hold off similar projects while allowing for the appropriate planning tools to be put into place to prevent similar problems in the future. The ordinance now goes to the City Council's PLUM Committee and is expected to go before the full City Council for final approval sometime in late June.

Taking Care of the Tenth (continued)

PRESERVING JEFFERSON PARK

On May 23rd, Councilmember Wesson introduced a motion to propose an Interim Control Ordinance and Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) for the neighborhood of Jefferson Park.

Recently, there have been attempts to dismantle the historic character of the neighborhood, through additions to current homes and demolitions. The motion introduced by Wesson would ensure that any attempts to dramatically alter the character of the neighborhood would receive scrutiny by the City and the residents. The motion covers the residential areas generally bounded by Adams Boulevard to the North, Exposition/Jefferson Boulevards to the South, Arlington/Western Avenues to the East and Crenshaw Boulevard to the West.

The Interim Control Ordinance will take approximately six months to go into effect, while the neighborhood and City work on the HPOZ documentation. An HPOZ was first proposed by former Councilmember Holden, but was never acted upon by the Planning Department and the motion died back in December, 2005.

**CONCRETE NEWS:
NEW STREET REPAIRS AND LIGHTING
MAINTENANCE IN THE TENTH**

Councilmember Wesson considers addressing the local “house-keeping” needs of CD 10 his top priority. You may have noticed several projects that have been completed in your neighborhood including:

Sidewalk repairs at Adams Avenue from Cimarron to Gramercy Place; Cochran Avenue, Cochran Place and Cloverdale Avenue from Venice to Washington Boulevards.

Street Repaving at 29th Place, 29th Street from Cimarron to Arlington Avenue; Cardiff Avenue from Exposition to Venice Boulevards; and Jasmine Avenue from Palms to Venice Boulevards.

In the West Adams, Jefferson Park and Cherrywood neighborhoods *new street slurry seal* was applied as well as red curb, crosswalk and street line repainting.

Street lighting maintenance at Muirfield and Potomac Streets from MLK Boulevard to 39th Street. The new electrical lines are intended to carry a higher current load with a minimum of faulty or intermittent operation of street lighting.

THE MID-CITY BALLONA CREEK PLANTER RESTORATION PROJECT



The planter project is complete! On Saturday, April 22, May 6 and 7 Friends of Ballona Creek, Mid-City Neighborhood Council, Operation Clean Sweep, Clean & Green, KYCC, Environmental Affairs, C & S Nursery, Sierra Bonita Café, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, CD10 residents, Councilmember Wesson and Mayor Villaraigosa participated in the rehabilitation project.

For over a decade, the planters along Ballona Creek located at Hauser Boulevard, Thurman Avenue, Burnside Avenue, Ridgeley Drive, Carmona Avenue, Curson Avenue and Marvin Avenue have been used as a public dump. Committed and dedicated neighbors began the restoration project over a year ago and raised over \$40,000 in donations and matching funds. All the planters have been re-soiled, planted and re-painted.

HATS OFF TO THE MID-CITY BALLONA CREEK PLANTER COMMITTEE!!



Taking Care of the Tenth (continued)

**WILSHIRE VISTA HEIGHTS
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOSTS
SECOND ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP**



CD 10 residents, Councilmember Wesson, Operation Clean Sweep, Clean & Green and the Bureau of Sanitation all pitched in to clean the neighborhood bounded by Ridgeley Drive to the West, Pico Boulevard to the South, San Vicente Boulevard to the North and Cochran Avenue to the East. Over 20 bags of garbage were collected!

**ASHES & SNOW EXHIBIT:
A MEMORABLE TRIP**

On April 27th, the Delta Senior Center and Celerity Nascent Charter School united for a truly memorable experience at the Ashes and Snow exhibit in Santa Monica. Both seniors and elementary students were in awe of the photographic artwork and 35mm film by artist Gregory Colbert. Councilmember Wesson provided a bus and support staff for the trip to the Nomadic Museum.

Upon returning from the trip, Celerity students and chaperones shared the amazing experience with everyone. All who were fortunate enough to attend carry with them lasting memories and a new understanding of how all living things can communicate and live among each other in harmony.

NEW POLICE STATION IN KOREATOWN



Councilmember Wesson recently participated in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new 20th Area LAPD Station located in Koreatown. Located at 11th and Vermont Avenues, the new station will be a modern state-of-the-art facility. It will serve the 139,000 residents in a square mile area encompassing the communities of Koreatown, Wilshire Center, Country Club Park and Pico-Union.

The 53,517 square foot facility will be constructed with funds from Proposition Q and will consist of an 8,812 square foot vehicle maintenance area including parking for 306 vehicles. Construction will be completed in early 2008.

**SORO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
ADOPTS A FIRE STATION**

Through creative partnership and spirited teamwork, the South Robertson (SORO) Neighborhood Council has chosen to participate in the Los Angeles City Fire Department's Adopt-A-Fire-Station Program. The program is designed to enhance the physical presence and capabilities of a permanent community asset. SORO's Neighborhood Fire Station 58 is located at 1556 South Robertson Boulevard in West Los Angeles.

SORO invites stakeholders in the area to meet the dedicated men and women of Neighborhood Fire Station 58 on June 12, 2006. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 AM and refreshments will be served.

For more information on the City's Adopt-A-Fire Station Program, contact Captain Carlos Calvillo at 213/978-3820 or visit your local fire station.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

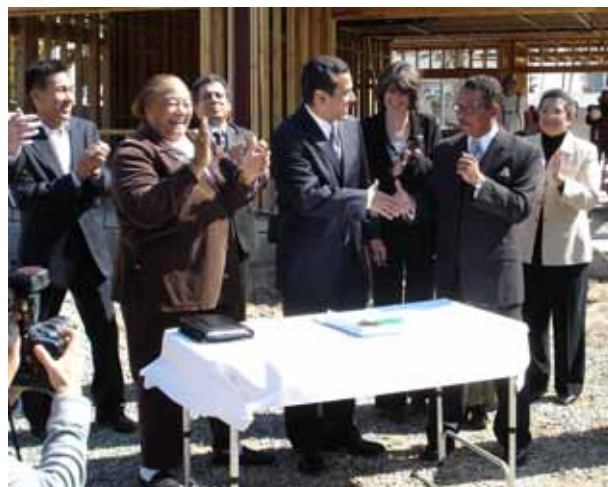
\$51 MILLION HOUSING COMMITMENT

Councilmember Wesson joined Mayor Villaraigosa in announcing the city's commitment to spend nearly \$51 million this year to fund affordable housing projects.

"As Chair of the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee, I am pleased to join the Mayor in launching this vitally important housing initiative addressing the problem of affordability," said Wesson.

The funds have been committed from the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which was established in 2000 to help poor and working class families find homes and address the crisis Los Angeles faces in affordability. The money will fund 14 projects making available a total of 686 new housing units across the city over the next two years. The fund provides grants to housing developers through competitive bidding. An additional part of the funding comes from state and federal tax credits and bond funds. The fund has distributed \$169 million since 2003.

The announcement was made in Council District 10, at the Gramercy Apartments, a 71-unit affordable project now under construction on Pico Boulevard. The project is being developed by MetaHousing Corporation with \$8.5 million from



the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in 2003, and an additional \$3.7 million from the State of California.

Joining Councilmember Wesson and Mayor Villaraigosa at the announcement were Mercedes Marquez, General Manager of the Housing Department; and Housing Commissioners, "Sweet Alice" Harris, Reverend William Epps, Stewart Kim, Stephanie Klasky-Gamer, Peter Navarro, Evengeline Ordaz and Lisa Sugino.

Information about qualifying for affordable housing can be obtained by calling (866) 557-7368.

CONDO CONVERSION HEARINGS



Councilmember Wesson, Chair of the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee, and Councilmember Ed Reyes, Chair of the Planning, Land Use and Management Committee, recently wrapped up a series of three hearings on the state of rental housing in Los Angeles. These joint hearings were held in response to the concerns raised by the loss of rental units to condo conversions and demolitions throughout the City, including the Koreatown area of CD10.

The housing crisis in Los Angeles is very real and Councilmember Wesson wants to ensure that we can balance the interests of tenants and property owners and move forward with the revitalization of our urban areas.

Councilmembers Wesson and Reyes will be developing fair and balanced proposals over the coming months to address the many comments from the public and experts that attended these hearings.



Committee Highlights (continued)**HIRE LA YOUTH 2006**

Mayor Villaraigosa and the City Council recently announced the launching of the **Hire LA's Youth 2006 Summer Employment Initiative**. This new city initiative will provide 5,000 summer jobs for young adults (14-24) and will offer preparation assistance for the California High School Exit Exam. Mixing school and work, this initiative will offer job training and long-term employment opportunities for young adults throughout Los Angeles.

The five components of the program:

Learn and Earn targets 11th and 12th grade students that did not pass the California High School Exit Exam. These students will attend school in the morning and have part-time employment in the afternoon. Dorsey High School and Los Angeles High School, both located in CD10, will be participating in the program.

Summer Youth Employment Program, administered by the Community Development Department, is the traditional summer program that hires youth (14-21).

LA Public Works Summer Employment Program works with young people (16-21) and focuses on outreach efforts to expand recycling and environmental protection throughout LA.

LA City Works is geared towards encouraging young people to develop an interest in careers in government civil service. Adults 18 years of age and above will receive vocational training and employment in administrative positions and the opportunity to transition to entry-level civil service positions.

Hire LA 18-24 targets young adults (18-24) and provides full and part-time employment opportunities with local businesses in the private sector.

Potential employers or youth interested in a job can contact HIRE LA 2006 at 1-800-FOR-A-JOB, or at the website: cdd.hire.la.youth@lacity.org.



EXPO METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Exposition Light Rail Construction Authority invited community members to attend community meetings to update them on the project. Community members had an opportunity to meet the staff, designers and builders of the project and learn about the community involvement process as this project moves forward. The meetings were held in communities along the project alignment. Councilmember Wesson, as a member of the Authority, also attended the meetings.

The community meetings were held at Dorsey High School on May 4, Veterans Memorial Auditorium on May 17 and Los Angeles Trade Technical College on May 23.

Committee Highlights (continued)**MEMBER:
AD HOC STADIUM COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Wesson was appointed by Council President Eric Garcetti to serve on the Los Angeles City Council's Ad Hoc Stadium Committee. The Committee's objective is to facilitate the return of the National Football League to the City of Los Angeles.

"I look forward to working with the Committee to bringing an NFL franchise to Los Angeles and to

ensure that the interests of Angelenos are protected," said Wesson.

As chair of the Council's Committee on Housing, Community and Economic Development, Councilmember Wesson will be in a position to maximize the economic development opportunities for the city that emerge from any future stadium agreement.

Also appointed along with Councilmember Wesson was his colleague, Councilmember Ed Reyes, who chairs the Committee on Planning and Land Use Management. The appointment of Wesson and Reyes will strengthen the ability of the Ad Hoc Stadium Committee to address redevelopment and planning issues that may arise as the city continues its negotiations with the NFL.

Their appointment expands the committee from five members to seven members. Also serving on the committee is Councilmember Bernard Parks, who chairs the committee, along with Council President Eric Garcetti, Councilmembers Jack Weiss, Jan Perry and Greig Smith.

ALERTS & UPDATES**BUBONIC PLAGUE CASE**

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services recently confirmed a case of bubonic plague in an adult woman reported to be a resident in the Country Club Park area of CD10.

Although the person who contracted the disease resides near Country Club Park, the health department is investigating the likely possibility that she may have contracted the disease elsewhere. She has been treated and released from the hospital and is recovering. County health officials advise that there is no reason to panic.

Everyone should understand that this disease is not transmitted by humans. It is spread by fleas from rodents, ground squirrels and other wild animals. Residents are urged to take the necessary precautions. Trim ivy, ground cover and other heavy vegetation around your homes which can provide cover for rats

and squirrels. Seal outside openings to attics and crawl spaces.

Pet owners should make every effort to avoid leaving pet food out where it can attract wild animals and keep their animals free of fleas and have their lawns disinfected. Anyone observing rodent infestations should call the Vector Management Program at (626) 430-5450. Information about this disease can also be obtained at the Los Angeles County Health Department's website: <http://lapublichealth.org/acd/vectorplague.htm> or by calling the Health Information Hotline at (800) 427-8700.

Please contact our District Office at (323) 733-8233 if you have any questions regarding the situation. We will assist you in getting answers to your questions. While at this point this appears to be an isolated incident, be assured that the situation will be closely monitored.

Alerts & Updates (continued)

TRAFFIC ALERT
**NEW AUTOMATED PHOTO RED LIGHT
 ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AT INTERSECTION OF
 RODEO ROAD AND LA BREA AVENUE**

We have all heard the joke "red light: stop, green light: go, yellow light: go faster." If you aren't careful, with the re-installation of the City's updated Automated Red Light Enforcement, the joke may be on you.

In 2005, 9 people were killed and 2,597 people were injured in red light related crashes in the City. The Automated Red Light Enforcement program is designed to modify driver behavior through high profile enforcement. The system is equipped with front and rear facing cameras capable of taking a "high resolution digital video" of each traffic violation. The fine for this violation is \$350.00.

The new system are installed at 32 intersections throughout the City to assist in reducing serious injury and fatality collisions involving motorists who do not stop for red lights. Cameras are placed at intersections that have demonstrated the highest incidence of red light violations and traffic collisions.

The cameras in the 10th District are at the intersection of Rodeo Road and La Brea Avenue.

The new system:

- Provides multiple angles of both front and rear video evidence
- Can be monitored and adjusted remotely from a satellite which ensures the highest quality of photographs

The four officers assigned to the program will each be issued a laptop computer. The computer will be used in court to show a full video of the violation to the judge and the violator. The video presentation of evidence in court will simplify testimony and virtually eliminate not guilty verdicts.

TREES ARE THE LUNGS OF OUR CITY

For more information about the City's tree policies and maintenance go to www.lacity.org/boss/streettree/index.htm or call Bureau of Street Services 213/485-5675

TIMBER!
NEW NATIVE TREE PROTECTION

For those constituents who are considering landscaping their property, please note that on February 28, 2006 the Los Angeles City Council passed an ordinance to assure the protection of, and to further regulate the removal of, protected trees. The new ordinance went into effect on April 23, 2006.

The protected trees are all native to Southern California and include all oaks (excluding the Scrub Oak), the California Black Walnut, the Western Sycamore and the California Bay, and measure four inches or more in cumulative diameter and are four and one-half feet above the ground level from the base of the tree. The fines for cutting down or damaging any of these native trees include a \$1000 fine and six months in jail depending on the LA City Attorney's recommendations. In extreme cases, the new ordinance also allows city officials to withhold building permits for as long as ten years.

Trees protected under the new ordinance:

a.



c.



e.



b.



d.



- California Black Walnut
- California Bay
- Coast Live Oak
- Valley Oak
- Western Sycamore

HERB HONORS...

**ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**



LISA TUCKER: 16 YEAR OLD SINGING SENSATION

Councilmember Wesson welcomed sixteen year-old singing sensation Lisa Tucker to the Los Angeles City Council on May 12, 2006 and presented her with a resolution signed by all Councilmembers, Mayor Villaraigosa, the City Attorney, the City Controller and City Clerk.

Herb met Ms. Tucker several years ago when he and his colleague, Councilmember Janice Hahn, were inducted into the Promenade of Prominence Walk of Fame in Watts and Ms. Tucker performed the National Anthem. Herb, a big fan of "American Idol," then saw Ms. Tucker perform on the show where she went on to be a "Top Ten" finalist. Impressed with her talent, Herb invited her to the City Council to honor and inspire the young artist.

Ms. Tucker then treated the visitors in the John Ferraro Room to an a cappella performance of the National Anthem.

STEVIE STERN: PIONEER WOMAN 2006

The Pioneer Women Awards honor the outstanding accomplishments of women in the City of Los Angeles. Each year 15 recipients are chosen, one from each Council district.

The 2006 Pioneer Woman from CD10 is long-time community activist Stevie Stern, in recognition of her many efforts on behalf of our community.



The city's official commemoration of the 29th Annual Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month recently took place in the City Council Chamber. The ceremony, which was led by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, recognized the vibrant cultures that comprise the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Los Angeles. Councilmember Wesson greeted Dr. Sammy Lee, who was one of the honorees. Dr. Lee won gold medals in platform diving at the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games. Also honored for their contributions to our cultural and civic life were U. S. District Judge Ronald S.W. Lew, the first Chinese American appointed as a U. S. District Judge in the United States; and Andrew and Peggy Cherng, Founders of the Panda Restaurant Group.



Herb Honors...(continued)**DORSEY HIGH CHOIR:
LIVE FROM CARNEGIE HALL & CITY HALL**

Councilmember Wesson welcomed the Dorsey High Choir to the Los Angeles City Council to acknowledge and congratulate them on their performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of an annual series of top school choir concerts organized by Mid-America Productions.

Their concert, with three other area choirs — from Calabasas, Agoura Hills and Northridge — featured, Anton Dvorak's "Te Deum," sung in Latin, and a "Te Deum" in English by contemporary British composer John Rutter. ("Te Deum" in Latin means "a hymn of praise to God"). Although they may have been more comfortable singing gospel music more familiar to South Los Angeles, they accepted the challenge and performed brilliantly.

Marilyn Payne, the choir's musical director since 2003, is not only their inspirational leader, but also an inspirational fund-raiser. She led the successful effort to raise the more than \$30,000 to fund the choir's trip. For some of the students, the trip to New York was the first time they have ever traveled by plane. Congratulations to all!

**BYUNG HYU CHOI:
SOUTH KOREA'S CONSUL GENERAL**

Councilmember Wesson along with his colleagues, Councilmembers Janice Hahn and Tom LaBonge, presented South Korea's new Consul General Byung Hyu Choi with a commendation welcoming him to the City of Los Angeles.

DELTAS: COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to academic excellence and helping people in need. Comprised of predominately African American women, the organization operates the Delta Sigma Theta Senior Center in CD10, providing an array of services to seniors.

OUT & ABOUT

MOTHER'S DAY

Mothers at several senior centers across the 10th District were pleasantly surprised when Councilman Wesson dropped by with best wishes and a special cake to celebrate Mother's Day on Thursday, May 11th.

His last stop – Vineyard Senior Center – was a special surprise for his own mother, Gladys Wesson Strickland who was being honored that day. Herb sat with her for lunch and enjoyed the senior entertainment which included poetry recital and a *line dancing* demonstration.

Though many seniors tried to coax him onto the dance floor, the Councilman promised to join them next time, after he practices his move

PLAY BALL!



Herb put on display his athletic prowess and threw the opening pitch at the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center 2006 Youth Baseball League Opening Day. It is the first time in two years that the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center has held a baseball league due to the modernization of the park.

The two-year wait was long but well worth it when the park reopened with lush landscape and state-of-the-art facility. Councilman Wesson expects the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center to continue its tradition of having great athletic programs for years to come.

HERB WELCOMES GLORIA JEFF TO LOS ANGELES



On Wednesday, May 10, 2006 Councilmember Wesson, Mayor Villaraigosa, along with CD10 residents and other members of the City family welcomed the new General Manager of the Department of Transportation, Ms. Gloria Jeff, to the City of Los Angeles at a reception held in Ms. Jeff's honor at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Theater.

Ms. Jeff joined the Department in March 2006, bringing over thirty years of experience in transportation planning, project management and transit delivery service oversight to the City of Los Angeles.

Prior to moving to Los Angeles, Ms. Jeff served as Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, where she was responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance and regulation of all modes of transportation in the State of Michigan.

We look forward to working with Ms. Jeff. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from which our City will greatly benefit.

PICO DEL MAR COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

On April 29, 2006 at The Tom Bradley Youth and Family Center, Pico Del Mar hosted a Community Information Day; participants included the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, Councilmember Wesson, the Bureau of Street Services, and the Bureau of Sanitation.

It was a wonderful morning: children enjoyed the clown who gave out balloon designs and face painting; the bouncer was a big hit; and, of course the refreshments.

ADOPT-A-PET



On the first and third Friday of each month, Councilmember Wesson presents an animal for adoption from one of the many City of Los Angeles Animal Shelters. When introducing the pet, Herb asks the Councilmember who represents the district from which the animal was selected to join him. Since its inception, all pets presented at Council have been adopted.



All pets are groomed and examined by a veterinarian and include a personality test. For more information on pet adoption, please contact 888-4-LAPET1 or 888-452-7381 or visit your local animal shelter.



ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER INFORMATION

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday & Holidays: Closed
 Tuesday & Thursday: 8am to 7pm
 Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 8am to 5pm
 Sunday: 11am to 5pm
www.laanimalservices.com



South LA Shelter
 3612 11th Avenue
 Los Angeles, CA 90018

North Central Shelter
 3201 Lacy Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90031

West LA Shelter
 11950 Missouri Avenue
 Los Angeles, CA 90025



Harbor Shelter
 735 Battery Street
 San Pedro, CA 90731

West Valley Shelter
 20655 Plummer Street
 Chatsworth, CA 91311

East Valley Shelter
 13131 Sherman Way
 North Hollywood, CA 91605

PARTING SHOTS



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