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**GARCETTI HOSTS PUBLIC SAFETY
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN GLASSELL PARK**
*Community organizing workshop is part of month-long series
of events following gang-related shootout*

Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti hosted a Leadership Academy focused on public safety for residents in the Drew-Estara area of Glassell Park today. The Leadership Academy 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.

“We want to empower every Los Angeles resident to make their community safer,” said Garcetti. “These workshops are helping Glassell Park residents learn what resources are available to them and how they can use them effectively to benefit their families and the neighborhood.”

The Leadership Academy included workshops led by representatives of the L.A. Bridges gang prevention program, Human Relations Commission, local schools, and the City Attorney's Office. Participants learned 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.

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

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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