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**GARCETTI VISITS AT THE PARK AFTER DARK  
ANTI-GANG SUMMER PROGRAM**

*Nationally-recognized program developed by Garcetti  
expanded to two Hollywood parks this summer*

HOLLYWOOD, CA -- Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti joined community and business leaders in visiting the At the Park After Dark anti-gang summer program at Lemon Grove Park in Hollywood on Tuesday. Garcetti greeted participating youth and their families, and thanked partner organizations and sponsors for their support.

“Eliminating gang violence is one of my top priorities,” Garcetti said. “At the Park After Dark gives at-risk youth a safe, supervised, and fun place to go during the late evening hours. The program offers a wide range of fun activities from sports to hip-hop theater. I want to thank everyone who helped make the program a success this summer.”

At the Park After Dark offers extended night-time hours and innovative programming to youth between the ages of 12 and 18 at the Hollywood Recreation Center and Lemon Grove Park in Hollywood. Activities offered through At the Park After Dark include art, music, basketball, and boxing lessons. Gang intervention specialists from Aztecs Rising serve as community mentors for participating youth.

The program was piloted by Garcetti’s office last summer at the Glassell Park Recreation Center, and was nationally-recognized for its innovation. This summer, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa expanded the program at Glassell Park and to other city parks through his Summer Night Lights program, and Garcetti worked to expand the program to the two Hollywood parks.

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