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GARCETTI, VILLARAIGOSA HOST GOVERNMENT 101 WORKSHOP

*Annual workshop teaches local residents how to
access city resources to improve their neighborhoods*

Nearly 100 local residents from across the city today participated in Government 101, a workshop hosted by City Council President Eric Garcetti and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa that trains residents to access city resources and become effective advocates for their communities. The morning training included observation of a City Council meeting, a tutorial on the City of Los Angeles's legislative process and a workshop on how residents can influence the process.

"Everyday I meet people who want to help their communities and want to learn more about how they can do so effectively. I started Government 101 to connect people with city resources and each other. Through the program, we've helped people in neighborhoods learn how to partner with government, businesses, and local organizations to bring real change to their neighborhoods," said Council President Garcetti.

"Government works best when the people know how it works. The leaders we train today have a new responsibility to take the information they learn and use it to improve their communities," said Mayor Villaraigosa.

Garcetti created Government 101 after he was elected in 2001 to encourage local residents to engage in city issues and give them an opportunity to learn more about city resources available to them. Since its inception, the program has graduated more than 1,000 participants.

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