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José Huizar
Councilmember, District 14
2007 Year End Report



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A Message from the Councilmember

Dear Friends:

As we embark upon a new year, I feel truly honored to serve as your Councilmember representing the 14th District. Council District 14 includes some of the oldest, but most dynamic neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles that are currently in the midst of an extraordinary and unprecedented renaissance. From the emerging mini civic center in Boyle Heights, to burgeoning commercial corridors in El Sereno and the Northeast, to the tremendous building boom in Downtown Los Angeles, my district is truly an exciting place in which to live, work, and play. I deeply appreciate your continued support and confidence as we work toward improving the quality-of-life for all residents throughout the 14th District.

Building better communities is a systematic process. It requires extensive planning, careful preparation, and an unrelenting commitment to success. Over the last year, my staff and I have worked extremely hard to improve our neighborhoods. I am proud to report that we have taken significant strides toward that goal.

I pledged to make public safety my top priority. Accordingly, I am pleased to inform you that as of June 2008, we anticipate that the Los Angeles Police Department will have added 780 new officers to the ranks, bringing us closer to our goal of hiring 1,000 new officers over 5 years. But I know that keeping our neighborhoods safe involves more than increasing the number of LAPD officers on the streets. That is why I have championed innovative, community-based programs like the School Safety Prosecutor Program and fought for a comprehensive approach to gang violence that focuses on providing young people with positive, meaningful alternatives to gang life.

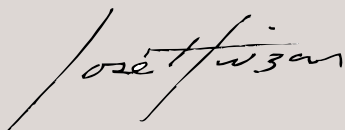


We have also taken steps to further the extraordinary revitalization efforts underway throughout the District. I am fully committed to balancing historic preservation and economic development, and bringing much needed capital improvement projects to our neighborhoods. To that end, I have worked directly with many of you to identify and protect a record number of historic properties and communities, and improvements at parks and recreation centers throughout the District, including Ramona Gardens Recreation Center and the Roosevelt High School Pool & Bathhouse. Currently, I am leading a historic coalition to Bring Back Broadway, the famed theater district located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles.

Most importantly, I have continued to partner with you to improve the quality of life in our community. With the help of community members and organizations, we removed graffiti, picked up trash, painted murals; and witnessed the launch of long-awaited projects like the Valley Grade Separation Project and Garvanza Skate Park. Together we also stood firm against projects affecting our quality-of-life and to that of future generations, such as the proposed 943-megawatt Vernon Power Plant and the Elephant Hill hillside development project in El Sereno.

The past year has been a challenging and exhilarating one. I am confident that we will continue to build upon a solid foundation of things we've achieved together in reaching our goal of creating a better future for our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "José Huizar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

José Huizar

Councilmember, 14th District

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Community Development

Council District 14 is comprised of some of the oldest and most vibrant communities found in the City of Los Angeles. Over the past year, Councilmember Huizar has worked closely with local stakeholders throughout the District to strengthen and improve communities. In order to do so, Councilmember Huizar seeks to empower residents by providing them with the skills they need to effect change in their own communities on issues ranging from planning and land use to economic development.



One Stop Small Business Service Center Proposal

Northeast Los Angeles has a long tradition of small businesses. “Mom & Pop” shops are the heart of its boulevards, and the area’s resurgence in entrepreneurship is a vital part of job retention and development. Successful small businesses are at the very heart of any City’s economic revitalization program by increasing economic stability and retaining consumer spending.

The process for opening a small business in the city is complex, not always properly integrated between departments and can be a lengthy endeavor, especially for those unfamiliar with navigating the intricacies of the process. Small businesses entrepreneurs often face hardships and delays in completing their projects.

To remedy this problem and promote the creation of successful small projects Councilmember Huizar put forward City legislation this year to implement a One-Stop Small Business Pilot Program in Northeast Los Angeles. The program would guide and streamline small projects at all levels so they can be completed in a more reasonable time frame, and with fewer complications.



Boyle Heights Constituent Service Center Under Way

In 2007, Councilmember Huizar won unanimous support from the City Council for the acquisition of the Chicago Plaza building which will serve as the permanent home of the Boyle Heights Constituent Service Center. The Boyle Heights Constituent Service Center at 2130 East 1st Street (corner of 1st and Chicago) will anchor a mini “Civic Center” in Boyle Heights. The Constituent Service Center will bring City government and services closer to residents. The project, once completed, will be similar to the City’s Neighborhood City Halls in Van Nuys and San Pedro.

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Community Development

The center will provide much needed services to the Eastside while helping to build a strong sense of civic pride and engagement with local government. The Boyle Heights Civic Center will also include the Hollenbeck Community Police Station slated for completion in 2008, a refurbished Benjamin Franklin Library, and an existing pocket park located just across the street. Following the proposed renovation effort, the Constituent Service Center will house municipal, community-based, and commercial tenants that will provide services to residents living and working in the area.

Expected building tenants include: the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging, City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, El Centro de Ayuda, Council District 14's Boyle Heights District Office, City of Los Angeles Housing Department, Roybal Youth & Family Center and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, among others. All services and amenities will be linked to the rest of the City by the Eastside Metro Gold Line, slated for completion in 2009.

The estimated total project cost will be \$18.4 million and the Boyle Heights Constituent Services Center is expected to open within the next two years.

El Sereno Constituent Service Center to Open In Early 2008

Bringing City services closer to the community is a top priority for Councilmember Huizar. Throughout 2007, he led the effort to create the El Sereno Constituent Service Center/Barrio Action Youth and Family Center. The Center will house some important programs and services for the District, including the El Sereno District Office, Barrio Action Youth and Family Center, and a new LAPD Community Field Office. The Youth & Family Center will provide numerous services to the El Sereno community, including gang prevention and intervention, youth mentoring, and after-school programs.



Construction is now complete and the new El Sereno Constituent Service Center/Barrio Action Youth and Family Center is expected to open in early 2008.

Roosevelt High School Pool Improvements

In spring 2007, Councilmember Huizar celebrated the installation of more than 450 new wind-resistant pool panels to surround the entire Olympic-sized pool at Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights. Councilmember Huizar secured \$405,000 to replace the damaged, yellowed, cracked panels that had been an eyesore for years. Moreover, this project helped to increase security, privacy and protection for students and swimmers at the pool which is available for use by Roosevelt students and the general public.

In addition to securing the initial funds, Councilmember Huizar worked with Mayor Villaraigosa to secure a \$2.7 million grant from the state to complete the renovation of the pool and bathhouse facilities. The celebration at the pool featured a water polo tournament between the National Olympic Mexican team and the City of Los Angeles Premier Adult team.



Planning Workshops In Northeast Los Angeles

Northeast Los Angeles communities are always eager to provide input on development in the City. To help engage the community in discussions about planning and economic development issues, Councilmember Huizar hosted a series of panel discussions during the months of August and September 2007 that attracted over one hundred residents of Northeast Los Angeles.

The first discussion, Planning 101 focused on how city planning really works in Los Angeles, and included presentations on the City Planning Commission's recently unveiled "Do Real Planning" principles. Other discussion topics included "Smart Growth and Transit Development," "Economic Development and Encouraging Small Businesses," and "Historic Preservation as a Link to Revitalization."

Expert panelists from both the private and public sectors donated their time and expertise to help demystify the planning process for residents.

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Los Angeles River Master Plan

Few Angelenos even know that the Los Angeles River exists. If they do notice the River, most may mistake it for a storm drain, or a flood channel. Along with members of the Council's Ad Hoc River Committee, Councilmember Huizar envisions a revitalized river flanked by trees, landscaping, and pocket parks. Throughout 2007, he worked to bring this vision forward via the creation of the "Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan."

The River has the potential to draw family picnics, bike riders, and Angelenos eager to enjoy a sunny day outdoors. The Master Plan is a comprehensive blueprint to guide this transformation. Councilmember Huizar advocated strongly and was successful in ensuring that the 14th District's Downtown Industrial Area was one of four opportunity areas citywide singled out for targeted investment.



6th Street Bridge

With its world-famous design, the Sixth Street Bridge is both a hallmark of our community and a popular tourist and filming location. However, this beautiful bridge is beginning to show its age including a myriad of structural issues necessitating significant attention in the coming years. On January 30, 2008, the City Council identified 11 iconic bridges spanning the Los Angeles River for refurbishment. Among those bridges are the 1st Street, 4th Street, 6th Street, 7th Street, Olympic Boulevard, and Washington Boulevard Bridges in Council District 14.

As these plans move forward, Councilmember Huizar will work to ensure that elements of the bridge's original design will be incorporated into the new structure. In addition, long before construction commences (estimated to be in 2011 for 4 years), Council District 14 staff will work with the City Department of Transportation to develop a traffic plan to effectively mitigate impacts on the community.



Blueberry Hill / Boyle Heights Green Corridor Project

Throughout 2007, Councilmember Huizar led the Boyle Heights Green Corridor Project, which is a collaborative effort between a variety of public and nonprofit agencies, including teachers and students from Hollenbeck Middle School, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the offices of County Supervisor Gloria Molina and Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez.

The Green Corridor project seeks to create a contiguous green corridor linking the Blueberry Hill steps with Hollenbeck Park along Sixth Street allowing for street greening, parks, storm water management, and installation of recreational park amenities. Councilmember Huizar intends to bring recreational improvements and native ecology to Boyle Heights and secured \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to realize the vision of creating a cleaner, greener, and environmentally sustainable corridor. This project is a symbol of Councilmember Huizar's dedication to providing public infrastructure and resources needed to allow our children and families to take full advantage of the recreational opportunities and green space District 14 residents deserve.

Huntington Drive Cleanup

Huntington Drive serves as a primary transportation artery for the residents living in El Sereno. Councilmember Huizar provided \$50,000 in funding to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Clean and Green program to provide clean-up crews dedicated to keeping Huntington Drive clean and free of trash and debris. Clean and Green started servicing the corridor regularly this year and, according to local residents, is making a noteworthy difference.



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Historic Preservation

Los Angeles is often on the cutting edge, from its economy to its arts and cultural scene. But Los Angeles also has a rich history that captures the unique experiences of its many residents. Los Angeles is continually challenged to preserve the best parts of its past while moving into the future. Councilmember Huizar is a proud supporter of historic preservation. Sixteen properties in 2007 were designated as Cultural-Historic landmarks, far more than in previous years.

Councilmember Huizar is pleased to have taken significant strides to balance historic preservation with the dramatic revitalization underway in communities throughout the District.



Bringing Back Broadway

Councilmember Huizar considers the downtown Broadway theatre district, with one of the largest concentrations of historic theatres in the country, a true treasure of Los Angeles. It is a tragedy that many of the theatres have been shuttered to the public for years and that our Broadway Theatre District, once a vibrant hub for entertainment and activity, has remained dormant for so long.



A number of plans for Broadway revitalization have come and gone over the years, and each has faded away for one reason or another while Broadway struggled. The Councilmember determined that there was no lack of great ideas, but rather a lack of sustained commitment from both public and private entities to move things forward.

Councilmember Huizar envisions a Broadway which harkens back to his youth and to the area's glory days. His

historic Broadway will serve as an important connector to new large-scale entertainment and retail center projects in the City, including LA Live and the Grand Avenue project.

The Bringing Back Broadway initiative will encourage an active, lively and inviting Broadway, which will offer a wide variety of options including concerts, stage performances, great restaurants and a wide variety of retail options.

Throughout 2007 Councilmember Huizar worked to bring all parties to the table and prepare for the launch of the initiative. Bringing Back Broadway is a public-private partnership between City of Los Angeles and Broadway property owners.

Bringing Back Broadway will breathe life into a historic part of our city and link the past with the future. To learn more about the project visit www.BringingBackBroadway.com.

Required Discretionary Review For Older Buildings

Despite the great interest in historic preservation, the City process for obtaining demolition permits does not require discretionary action or public hearings if the structure is not a historic monument or landmark. This often leads to last minute attempts by elected officials and the communities they represent to protect historically significant buildings.

Historic Preservation

Accordingly, the City is embarking on a Historic Resources Survey which will gather and document information about the tens of thousands of parcels in our City. In early 2007, Councilmember Huizar introduced city legislation that would require discretionary review before issuing demolition permits for structures 45 years or older.

This measure will service to protect important structures until the Citywide Historic Resources Survey is completed to prevent historically significant structures from being lost for future generations. Based on work this year, a pilot program will soon be enacted to help preserve the best parts of our past as we look to our bright future.

Garvanza Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Study Approved & Funded

The Garvanza community has long desired to initiate a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) for the historic township and surrounding area. Councilmember Huizar introduced city legislation in early 2007 to create the Garvanza HPOZ and conduct a \$120,000 study that would evaluate the historic significance of the area. The motion was approved by the City Council in July 2007.

HPOZ's are designed to protect and enhance the use of buildings, structures, natural features, and areas which are reminders of the City's history. They also protect unique and irreplaceable assets to the City and its neighborhoods which are worthy examples of past architectural styles. The Garvanza community features many structures which represent significant architectural history, including the original historic township of Garvanza established in the early 1900's. The HPOZ will also offer homeowners various tax, regulatory, and financial incentives that are designed to offset the expense of rehabilitating and maintaining their properties.

Councilmember Huizar Helps Save Historic Southwest Museum in Northeast Los Angeles

In September 2007, Councilmember Huizar announced the formation of the New Southwest Society, which will raise funds to restore and revitalize the Southwest Museum of the American Indian and Casa de Adobe, two cultural cornerstones in the Mt. Washington community. The Southwest Society has 30 members, including Councilmember Huizar, Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Council President Eric Garcetti, County Supervisor Gloria Molina, Representative Xavier Becerra (D-Los Angeles); Assemblymember Fabian Nuñez (D-Los Angeles); Assemblymember Anthony Portantino (D-Pasadena); John Gray, President of the Autry National Center; and Suzanne Lummis, granddaughter of the museum's founder.



Councilmember Huizar will continue working with the Autry National Center to ensure that the Southwest Museum's historic buildings and priceless collection are protected and restored for generations to come in Northeast Los Angeles.

Public Safety

The City's foremost responsibility – and Councilmember Huizar's number one priority – is to ensure the safety of residents, especially our young people. In 2007, Councilmember Huizar worked hard to increase police presence, broker innovative partnerships with residents and the Los Angeles Unified School District, and increase access to high-quality prevention and intervention programs for youth.



Tougher Penalties For Assault On LAPD Officers

In August 2007, Councilmember Huizar introduced a motion calling for tougher penalties for individuals who assault LAPD officers.

Recent crime data show an alarming increase in the number of assaults against police officers. In the first half of 2007, LAPD registered 56 assaults against police officers, representing an increase of 39% compared to last year. In seventeen of those incidents, the officer had been shot or shot at, representing a 42% increase in such crimes.

The City Attorney is currently reviewing the relevant statutes and analyzing whether any changes at the local or state level are necessary to enhance officers' safety.

Councilmember Huizar Supports Additional Resources and Gang Reduction Programs in Ramona Gardens

In cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Mayor's Office, Councilmember Huizar is expected to launch the Comprehensive Law Enforcement and Recovery Program in the community of Ramona Gardens. CLEAR is a multi-jurisdictional program that partners State, County, and City enforcement entities in a targeted effort to help communities recover from violence.

Ramona Gardens has recently been designated as a Gang Reduction and Youth Development Zone. In addition to the CLEAR Program, Ramona Gardens will also be the site of targeted prevention and intervention programs for youth and families as part of a comprehensive approach to addressing gang violence. In order to ensure that these programs and services are tailored to the community's needs, Councilmember Huizar funded a comprehensive needs and resource assessment, being conducted by California State University, Los Angeles and Legacy LA. The assessment is scheduled for completion in early 2008.

Councilmember Huizar Drives The Walking School Bus

In November 2007, Councilmember Huizar joined Mayor Villaraigosa, LAUSD Board President Mónica Garcia, and families from Ramona Gardens in launching the "Walking School Bus Program," a new safety program that aims to create safe passages for children as they go to and from school.

The Walking School Bus Program is a nationally recognized school safety model that enlists parent volunteers to walk children to and from school along a planned route and timetable. Councilmember Huizar, who has championed community-driven safety programs like the Safety Valet Program and KidWatch, walked a group of students from their homes to nearby Murchison Elementary School, and praised parents for becoming directly involved in school safety



Launch Of School Prosecutor In Boyle Heights

In October 2007, Councilmember Huizar joined City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo to launch the School Safety Prosecutor Program at the Roosevelt family of schools in Boyle Heights. The School Safety Prosecutor Program, an offshoot of the highly successful Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, will dedicate a Deputy City Attorney, Ms. Veronica de Alba, to the prosecution of quality-of-life crimes committed in safe school zones (1,000 feet around school campuses). Ms. de Alba will collaborate directly with schools, residents, and law enforcement to identify and target high-priority crimes.

Councilmember Huizar has been a strong supporter of this program since its inception and secured the funds needed to expand the program to Boyle Heights.



Tough Stand Against Copper Wire Theft



In December 2007, Councilmember Huizar joined Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Janice Hahn at a press conference, calling for the formation of a task force to combat the increasing number of copper wire theft from City street lights.

Vandalism has expanded to thieves stealing copper wire from city lights. While the City's Bureau of Street Lighting experienced small amounts of wire theft in the past, due to the rising cost of copper, the amount of theft has vastly increased in the last few months and has affected thousands of residents many of whom live in District 14.

It is estimated than more that \$300,000 worth of copper wiring has been stolen this year costing the city approximately \$1,000,000 to replace.

Increased Patrol Presence

In the summer of 2007, Councilmember Huizar called on the Los Angeles Police Department to increase its patrol presence in properties owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), including Dolores Mission, Estrada Courts, and Ramona Gardens. While the City is experiencing major budget shortfalls, Councilmember Huizar insisted that public safety not be compromised. Councilmember Huizar is currently working closely with the Los Angeles Police Department command staff to increase LAPD visibility in HACLA properties

Councilmember Huizar Enhances The Boyle Heights Tech Center

Councilmember Huizar has partnered with Time Warner Cable to install a new movie studio in the Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center. The donation from Time Warner Cable will provide local youth with access to a state-of-the-art studio, internships with real on-air productions, and production staff from Time Warner, who will provide hands-on instruction to youth and staff members. The Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center opened its doors in 2006 and is run by the Community Development Department's Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement. The \$10.9 million facility hosts a college preparatory high school and a wide range of programming for adults and youth, including ESL, computer literacy, and employment preparedness trainings



Councilmember Huizar Embraces New Gang Intervention Model

A recent study by the Advancement Project notes that the City annually spends \$82 million on prevention, intervention, and suppression programs. The bulk of those dollars go to suppression and law enforcement. Councilmember Huizar strongly believes that the most effective way to combat gangs is to provide positive, meaningful alternatives to youth.

On October 27, Councilmember Huizar joined Councilmembers Tony Cárdenas and Bernard Parks to endorse a new definition and model of gang intervention services for the City of Los Angeles. The new definition was developed by gang intervention service providers, including Communities in Schools, Homies Unidos, Soledad Enrichment Action, and the Youth Justice Coalition, and recognizes a two-pronged approach to gang intervention: hard-core, street based mediation and supportive services for gang members and their families. Councilmember Huizar believes that the City should use the model as a means to define how the City will spend its dollars and hold programs accountable for outcomes.

Councilmember Huizar Increases Youth Opportunities

In 2007, Councilmember Huizar worked hard to increase youth development opportunities for young people living in Ramona Gardens. He partnered with City departments and community-based organizations to provide summer jobs to over 100 youths. A small team of local youth participated in the needs and resource assessment conducted by AltaMed Health Services, which is located in Ramona Gardens. He partnered with CASA 0101, a Boyle Heights-based nonprofit, and Santa Teresita's Church to provide free drama and hip-hop dance classes to youth, and funded a youth camping trip through the Hazard Park Recreation Center.

Councilmember Huizar recently hosted a job fair for youth in Ramona Gardens. He is also in the process of securing funds to renovate the Ramona Gardens gymnasium and convert the loft area into a children's library.

Improving Street Lighting In Central City East

In December 2007, Councilmember Huizar secured Council approval for the installation of enhanced street lighting along pedestrian corridors in Central City East as part of the Safer City Initiative.

The Safer City Initiative is a partnership between the City Council, Mayor's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, City Attorney, LA County District Attorney, Department of Public Works, and non-governmental entities. Based on the well-recognized "broken windows" model, SCI is designed to provide coordinated enforcement, enhancement, and outreach efforts in targeted communities impacted by high crime and blight.

Councilmember Huizar's proposal will create approximately 100 mounted pedestrian fixtures on existing light poles, thereby enhancing personal safety and security in the community.

Environmental Justice and Open Space

Residents have the right to protect themselves and their children from environmental hazards and to have access to open space. In 2007, Councilmember Huizar emerged as a consistent and effective advocate for communities that have borne the brunt of environmental hazards for generations. In addition, he has worked hard to increase open space and enhance existing parks and recreational facilities. Councilmember Huizar continues to work closely with District 14 residents to protect the neighborhoods in which they live, work, and play.

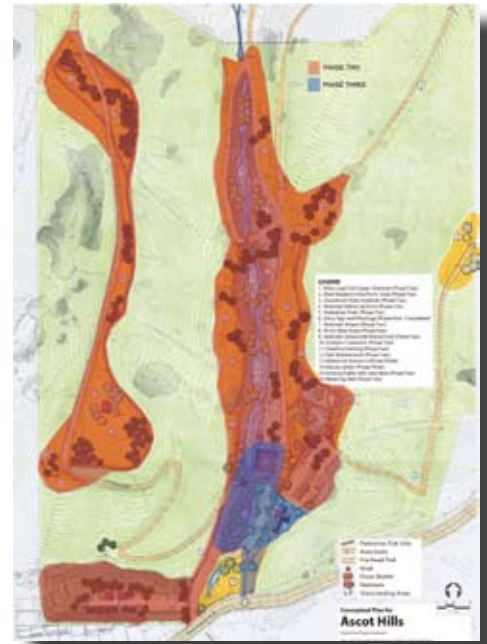


Ascot Hills Nature Park Design Completed

In February 2007, Councilmember Huizar partnered with the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority to create the design for the Ascot Hills Nature Park to provide 100 acres of open space in the community of El Sereno and the Northeast.

This is a historic project for residents of the community of El Sereno who have waited 75 years for the development of this regional park. The improvements will make it a safer and cleaner place for our residents to visit and will be a wonderful gift to the children and families of this community for generations to come.

Residents will be able to enjoy scenic hiking and biking trails, a learning area and numerous picnic areas similar to those currently offered at other regional parks such as Runyon Canyon in the Hollywood Hills or Ken Malloy Regional Park in the Harbor area. The ribbon cutting for the completed park “Is expected to be in 2008.”



Fighting Toxic Waste

In March 2007, Councilmember Huizar filed an appeal of an application by the Industrial Service Oil Company Inc. (ISOCI) to expand and increase operations at the company's 1700 South Soto facility. ISOCI has operated an oil and anti-freeze recycling facility since 1986 and now seeks a permit from the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control to allow the facility to house a significantly wider range of hazardous and toxic materials, which are known to be hazardous, cancer-causing agents.



The facility is proposing to more than double the number of truck and railcar trips per day, increase the size of the facility and increase the tank storage capacity by 272,107 gallons. ISOCI has appealed a provision in the state permit, which would require them to obtain a conditional land use permit from the City of Los Angeles for the expansion before the state permit becomes effective.

The expansion of this facility would pose significant health and public safety risks, endangering the lives of the people of the City of Los Angeles and would undermine plans for revitalization of the community and the adjacent Los Angeles River. Councilmember Huizar will continue to stand with the people of Boyle Heights against this injustice.

In October 2007 Councilmember Huizar led more than 500 Boyle Heights residents in a protest march against ISOCI.

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Opposing A New Vernon Power Plant

In November 2007, Councilmember Huizar introduced City legislation that called for the City to protect the interests, health and well-being of its residents by intervening in the City of Vernon's state regulatory process to build a new 943-megawatt power plant.

The City of Vernon already has a power plant (directly adjacent to Boyle Heights) which expels a total of 198 tons of harmful greenhouse gas emissions that affect our City. The City of Vernon has admitted that the power plant will produce toxic emissions that are associated with cancer, asthma and other respiratory diseases. The South Coast Air Quality Management District has estimated that emissions from the proposed power plant will result in an increase in annual adult mortality of 4 to 12 persons in the area.

Councilmember Huizar led over 300 community members from Boyle Heights and Huntington Park in a protest against the proposed plant.

On December 18, 2007, the State's Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission granted the City's Petition to Intervene filed by Councilmember Huizar who also introduced a motion authorizing the City Attorney to file the petition on the grounds that "the proposed 943-megawatt power plant would likely increase adverse health impacts on children and families in Los Angeles."

Councilmember Huizar will continue to work with the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Coalition Against the Vernon Power Plant, and the Communities for a Better Environment to oppose the new power plant.



Further Environmental Review Required For Elephant Hill

In October of 2007, Councilmember Huizar led the Los Angeles City Council to vote unanimously to determine that public development permits pending for the Elephant Hill hillside development project should not be issued by city engineers until a supplemental Environmental Impact Report was completed.

Councilmember Huizar agreed with community activists from the El Sereno area who are concerned by substantial changes to the project since its original approval in 1993. Thanks to the efforts of Councilmember Huizar, persuasive new environmental information finally was allowed to come to light. The impacts of those changes, especially given new information introduced during testimony in Council committees led by Councilmember Huizar, cannot be known without further environmental review.

The unanimous vote was an environmental victory for the community of El Sereno, and for the City Council. Now the entire city stands with the El Sereno community to fight for environmental justice on the east-side and citywide.

Transportation

Residents throughout Los Angeles consistently cite traffic congestion as one of the biggest challenges they face on a daily basis. Councilmember Huizar has championed increased access to public transportation, smart growth, and infrastructural improvements that ease gridlock and decrease traffic safety hazards.



Valley Grade Separation Project 25% Complete

After more than 30 years worth of delays, construction on the Valley Grade Separation Project began in earnest in June 2007. The project promises to alleviate decades of traffic congestion and pollution for the residents of El Sereno and will mean less congestion and improved air quality in the area. On any given day, commuters spend 30 minutes or longer crossing rail crossings near Valley Boulevard and Marianna Avenue.



Councilmember Huizar's commitment to the project throughout the year prompted MTA board members to reconsider the project and grant full approval and funding. Thanks to his efforts and the support of concerned residents, the MTA reversed its initial recommendation and approved \$9 million in supplemental funds to make this project a reality.

In all, the bridge will cost \$54 million and is now underway, with an estimated completion date in 2009.

Secured \$22 Million For Transportation And Streetscape Improvements

Councilmember Huizar secured \$22 million in new funding from the MTA to improve transportation throughout Council District 14. These projects will ease traffic and address safety issues at key intersections, including the following:

- Chavez /Lorena/Indiana Intersection Improvements - \$10.9 million. Councilmember Huizar's goal is to improve public safety by transforming this five-legged intersection into a roundabout.
- Olympic & Mateo Goods Movement Improvements - \$4.4 million. Councilmember Huizar's goal is to ease traffic by creating a right-hand turn lane, improving traffic signals, and creating sidewalks and bus pick-up areas. The improvements will also entail widening Olympic Boulevard.
- Eastside Light Rail Pedestrian Linkages - \$3.1 million. The funds will be used to prepare for the Gold Line Extension into Boyle Heights by creating crosswalks, improving sidewalks, and adding new pedestrian signage, trees, and street furniture.
- Chavez Transit Corridor Improvements between the 110 Freeway and Alameda - \$2.1 million. Councilmember Huizar's goal is to improve the streetscapes along Cesar Chavez between the 110 Freeway and Alameda Street.
- Fashion District Streetscape Phase II - \$2 million. Councilmember Huizar's goal is to improve streetscapes in the Downtown Fashion District.

Gold Line Extension Right On Track

The Metro Gold Line Extension is scheduled for completion in Fall 2009. The Gold Line extension is a vital component of the extraordinary revitalization taking place in Boyle Heights. Once this project is completed, residents of the Eastside will be one transfer away from Pasadena, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley and the greater Los Angeles area. In partnership with the MTA, the CRA/LA, private developers, and the community, Councilmember Huizar is working to attract and retain mixed-use developments that will create sustainable, transit-driven communities along the Gold Line Corridor.



The Gold Line will be a wonderful gift to the Boyle Heights community that will allow people from many other parts of the City to more easily enjoy what Boyle Heights has to offer. It will make areas of the entire City more accessible and will be complemented in Boyle Heights with bike paths, streetscape improvements, improved sidewalks, crosswalks and street furniture.

Photo Red Lights and New Traffic Signals on Lorena Street

In May 2007, Councilmember Huizar and the Department of Transportation unveiled a brand new, state-of-the-art traffic signal at the busy intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Lorena Street. The traffic signal, equipped with a Photo Red Light (PRL) system, will enable the Los Angeles Police Department to effectively monitor the busy intersection. The light and PRL system were installed in response to last year's fatal accident at that intersection, when a child's life was lost.

The Photo Red Light system has the capacity to snap 30 still frames per second—photos of the front and rear plates of a vehicle as it runs through a red light, as well as clear images of the vehicle's driver. With the installation of this new system, the LAPD will be better equipped to prosecute violators and make the community a safer place for drivers and pedestrians. Councilmember Huizar also pushed for the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Lorena and Atlantic Street, the site of another fatal accident last year.



Health and Quality-of-Life

Residents' health and daily quality-of-life are impacted by the state of the environment in which they live. Over the past year, Councilmember Huizar has been aggressive in preserving parks and open space, securing funding for additional recreational and parks facilities, supporting arts and cultural institutions, and supporting measures to improve access to a healthier lifestyle.



Smoke Free Public Places

In September 2007, Councilmember Huizar instructed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that would ban smoking in the approximately 40 City-permitted farmers' markets. Representatives from local farmers' markets, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the County Department of Public Health all support the ordinance.

The City of Los Angeles has been in the forefront of protecting people from the dangers of secondhand smoke by enacting and enforcing smoking regulations. In 2002, the City banned smoking within 25 feet of playground equipment, sports fields, picnic areas and bleachers. In 2004, the City prohibited smoking on Los Angeles beaches. In August 2007, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance to ban smoking in all City parks.

Councilmember Huizar Launches Zero Grams Trans Fat Program

In November 2007, Councilmember Huizar, County Supervisor Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, Dr. Jonathan Fielding of the LA County Department of Public Health, the California Restaurants' Association, and public health advocates, launched the County of Los Angeles' new Artificial Trans Fat Reduction Program, a voluntary program that commits participating restaurants to eliminate artificial trans fats from their menus.

Participating restaurants will receive a decal that can be displayed on the premises and their menus. Councilmember Huizar introduced city legislation in December 2006 asking for an analysis of how to eliminate trans fats, which health advocates agree increase the risk of coronary heart disease and high cholesterol, from City restaurants.

Councilmember Huizar was instrumental in brokering a groundbreaking agreement with the Los Angeles chapter of the California Restaurants Association to gradually phase out trans fats from Los Angeles County restaurants over 18 months.

Recreational Program For Children In Skid Row

In November 2007, Councilmember Huizar launched an innovative recreational program at Gladys Park to serve children living in Skid Row, including students at 9th Street Elementary School. Gladys Park, located at the corner of 6th St. and Gladys St. in downtown Los Angeles, has long lacked recreational programming.

Councilmember Huizar worked diligently to garner support from the Los Angeles Police Department, the Department of Recreation and Parks and community organizations, including Para Los Niños and SRO Housing Corporation, to fund and develop a high-quality recreation program. The program attracts up to 50 Skid Row children and features a fully-equipped recreational van full of sports equipment, arts and crafts materials.



Education

As a former President of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education, Councilmember Huizar knows that education is key to ensuring that our children have a secure future. Councilmember Huizar has carried his passion for education reform to the City, where he continues to push the City of Los Angeles to partner with schools and residents to support our children's educational experiences.



Breaking Ground on New Schools

As a former LAUSD Board President, Councilmember Huizar oversaw the nation's largest school construction campaign to build 160 new schools over 8 years. In February 2007, the Councilmember broke ground on East LA High #1, the first new high school in East Los Angeles in 85 years.



Amenities will include classrooms and science labs, a library, a multipurpose room, food service facilities, a parent center, underground parking, a competition gym and outdoor physical education facilities. Campus structures are planned to permit after-hours community access to the gym and athletic fields. The school is expected to open its doors to students in the fall of 2009. Councilmember Huizar secured the 1st and Mission site as an LAUSD Board Member.

Ramona Opportunity High School

In May 2007, Councilmember Huizar joined community leaders to break ground on a project to reconfigure Ramona Opportunity High School. The project will make way for the Metro Gold Line's Eastside Extension.

Ramona Opportunity High School serves pregnant teens and other female students in need of an alternative learning environment. Phase 1 of the project, which includes administration, fifteen classrooms, an infant care facility, multipurpose room and food services, is expected to be completed in January 2009. Phase II, which includes the new gymnasium and fields, is expected to be completed in December of 2009.



Councilmember Huizar Champions Early Education For All

In October 2007, Councilmember Huizar and the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) approved an initiative to enroll all foster and probation youth in Los Angeles County in high-quality early education programs, like Head Start or Los Angeles Universal Preschool. Created in 2004, the ECC is charged with the responsibility of raising the educational achievement of foster and probation youth. Councilmember Huizar has been the Chairman of the ECC since its foundation, and has overseen a wide variety of collaborative efforts among the County, City, and LAUSD to improve service delivery for foster and probationary youth.



Say YES to Change

In December 2007, teachers and parents at Roosevelt High School, Stevenson Middle School, and Hollenbeck Middle School overwhelmingly agreed to join Mayor Villaraigosa's Partnership for Los Angeles Schools. In the weeks prior to the historic election, Councilmember Huizar joined Mayor Villaraigosa and Board President Garcia to encourage votes in favor of the Partnership.

The Partnership for Los Angeles Schools is a collaborative effort between the City of Los Angeles and the LAUSD. The Mayor and LAUSD have agreed to an initial five-year collaboration that will include focused resources, greater flexibility for teachers, and enhanced parental and community engagement activities.

Governance

When constituents know what their government is doing, they have a better chance of ensuring that decisions treat everyone equally and directly address their concerns and priorities. In 2007, Councilmember Huizar continued to fight for **greater transparency, communication, and accountability** in City government.



Election Reform

In May 2007, Councilmember Huizar introduced City legislation calling for the City to consider adopting Instant Runoff Voting, an election reform already implemented in San Francisco, Minneapolis, and cities nationwide.

Instant Runoff Voting allows voters to rank their first, second and third choices, and elects majority winners in a single election. The reform would eliminate the need for runoff elections, which historically have had very low turnout in Los Angeles. The reform would apply to City elections for Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, and City Council. When introducing the legislation, Councilmember Huizar noted that the City has spent \$9.2 million to administer runoff elections between 2001 and 2005.

Review of City's Lobbying Ethics Rules

In December 2007, Councilmember Huizar introduced City legislation directing the City Ethics Commission to conduct a review of the City's lobbying laws and policies with regard to former employees' ability to lobby the City. The review will include a comparison with similar policies at other governmental agencies.

Councilmember Huizar is the Chair of the Audits & Governmental Efficiency Committee, and has championed greater transparency and tighter ethics rules in City Hall. He authored Charter Amendment L, which aligned Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education elections policies and practices with that of the City. The Ethics Commission will submit its report to the Audits & Governmental Efficiency and Rules & Government Committees.

Councilmember Huizar Calls for A New Culture in LAFD

During a special joint meeting between the Audits & Governmental Efficiency and Public Safety Committees in November 2007, Councilmember Huizar called on the Los Angeles Fire Department to submit a detailed plan for the creation of a Professional Standards Division.

The Los Angeles Fire Department has been rocked by a spate of lawsuits and allegations of a hostile work environment for females and minorities. Fire Chief Douglas Barry, the Board of Fire Commissioners, and the Personnel Department have developed a proposed structure for a Professional Standards Division that would include an Equal Employment Opportunity unit, enhanced human relations training, an automated complaint and disciplinary system, and a civilian Inspector General. Councilmember Huizar urged the Fire Department to submit a detailed plan in time for consideration for the upcoming City budget.



Cleaning Up Loan Practices

In July 2007, Councilmember Huizar called on the Los Angeles Housing Department and other City departments to stop making loans to bad borrowers. His call came in response to City Controller Laura Chick's audit of loan management practices at the Los Angeles Housing Department. Among other findings, the audit revealed that between 2000 and 2006, at least six borrowers that had already defaulted on City loans were awarded \$16 million in new loans.

Councilmember Huizar proposed the creation of a shared database of borrowers for all City departments and called on the Housing Department to monitor defaulted loans and to collect as much as \$6 million in residual payments owed to the City.

Beautification

Everyone in the District deserves to live and work in clean communities that are free of graffiti, trash, and other forms of visual blight. This past year, Councilmember Huizar and his staff worked closely with residents to pick up trash, trim trees, pave streets, remove graffiti, and preserve public art particularly the many murals found throughout the District.



Supporting and Preserving Public Art

Councilmember Huizar is a long-standing advocate of public art, particularly murals. In 2007 he helped to raise \$10,000 for the restoration of the Multnomah Elementary School mural. Multnomah Elementary School's original mural, painted by the Class of 1976 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, was accidentally painted over during campus renovations several years ago. In December 2007, Councilmember Huizar unveiled the newly restored Multnomah mural which was designed and painted by local artist Daniel Ruiz. This mural portrays many local landmarks of the El Sereno community.

In addition, Councilmember Huizar secured the funding for the "Art Heals" mural project in Ramona Gardens. The mural will be designed by local artist Raul Gonzalez, and will create positive and promising images of hope for residents of Ramona Gardens. Over 70 community members participated in a recent discussion of the project, and gave overwhelming approval. Clean and Green, a program of the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, will be coordinating the program, thus providing at-risk youth with paid employment and the opportunity to participate in an urban beautification project.



Grand Opening of Garvanza Skate Park

In July 2007, Councilmember Huizar dedicated the long-awaited Garvanza Skate Park, a 12,000-square-foot, in-ground concrete skate park that also features a 2,600-square-foot children's play area, and more. The skate park has rails, ramps, stairs, and a bowl that ranges in depth from seven to nine feet. Landscaping has been added, along with a new irrigation system and other drainage improvements, and the existing asphalt walkway has been replaced with a concrete one. Garvanza Skate Park is the City's eighth skate park.



Yosemite Tennis Courts Get A Face Lift

In November 2007, Councilmember Huizar broke ground on much-anticipated improvements to the Yosemite Recreation Center Tennis Courts. For more than 20 years the tennis courts have been used by thousands of Eagle Rock High School students, residents, and local youth without being refurbished. As a member of the City's Budget and Finance Committee, Councilmember Huizar secured Proposition 40 funds for the project. Slated for completion in three months, planned improvements include leveling and refurbishing the old tennis courts, adding new poles, nets, and enhancing accessibility for the disabled.



Leading Efforts to Improve Ramona Gardens

Councilmember Huizar is fully committed to making quality-of-life improvements and increasing access to positive, meaningful alternatives to gang life to our youth. He initiated the renovation of the Ramona Gardens Recreation Center, and also joined community members, including youth from Clean & Green, in a community cleanup. Councilmember Huizar was instrumental in securing summer jobs for over 100 Ramona Garden's students, including those working with Clean & Green to improve their own neighborhoods.



Citywide

In addition to championing the interests of Council District 14's residents, Councilmember Huizar has also been an active advocate for projects and initiatives that improve governmental processes and the quality-of-life for residents throughout the City of Los Angeles



Preventing Over-Concentration of Residential Care Facilities

Communities throughout our City struggle between the desire and need for long term care facilities in residential areas, and the changes a neighborhood can experience if too great a concentration of these facilities are located in close proximity to one another. Current State law considers 6-person care facilities a family use which do not require local permits.

Councilmember Huizar knows that this is an issue of great concern to those communities most affected. He has worked throughout the year to find a reasonable solution that would resolve concerns about potential over-concentration, while still allowing facilities to continue providing quality residential care.

In December 2007, Councilmember Huizar secured unanimous Council approval of a resolution to sponsor State legislation to prevent over-concentration of residential care facilities serving 6 and fewer people in neighborhoods. The legislation would propose the uniform and equal application of the 300-foot distance separation requirement to all new 6-person residential care facilities in order to prevent over-concentration in one community.

Revitalization of City's Birthplace

In September 2007, Councilmember Huizar celebrated the City of Los Angeles' 226th Birthday by leading the annual walk from San Gabriel Mission to El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument. Councilmember Huizar has led efforts to preserve and revitalize El Pueblo, including securing \$500,000 in funds for the renovation of the historic Italian Hall. He has also called for an analysis of the feasibility of implementing a planning concept developed by the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council that would create additional destination points at El Pueblo, adjacent to historic Olvera Street



Securing Aid for Victims of Peruvian Earthquake

In October 2007, Councilmember Huizar and the Los Angeles City Council approved the donation of 10 ambulances to the nation of Peru. Peru was struck by an 8.0 earthquake in August 2007 that devastated portions of the country, and left the capital city of Lima in desperate need of emergency vehicles. Councilmember Huizar secured the ambulances after representatives of the Peruvian Consulate approached him for help. Consul General Alberto Massa attended the Council meeting and thanked both Councilmember Huizar and the City of Los Angeles for its support and assistance.

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Better City Tracking of Cellular Facility Locations

The City of Los Angeles has a policy to encourage co-location of wireless facilities, in order to reduce proliferation. However, right now, if a carrier wishes to look into co-location in a certain area, there is no easy way to find co-location options, and the City does not have or maintain a master list of wireless locations. This makes encouraging co-location nearly impossible, since there is no master list of where all the facilities are located, and makes community awareness difficult to attain as well.

To remedy this situation, Councilmember Huizar filed city legislation, which would make the location of wireless/cellular facilities easier to track by the City and the community by requiring that the information be compiled, mapped, and placed on ZIMAS for public and City access. This legislation requires the City to do the work necessary to support its own policy of encouraging co-location. As a result, the City Planning Department is in the process of changing its procedures for tracking wireless/cellular facilities.

As wireless facilities become less visible, the need to know where they are will increase, and the community at-large will benefit from the information to be provided by these new procedures in years to come.

Councilmember Huizar Hosts Mayor of Mexico City

Councilmember Huizar hosted a breakfast to recognize the visit of Mexico City's Head of State, Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon. The occasion also celebrated the recommitment signing of a Sister Cities agreement between the City of Los Angeles and Mexico City. Community and business leaders from throughout the Southern California region attended and celebrated the cultural and economic ties between the two cities. As Mayor of the world's second largest city, Ebrard Casaubon started his second day in Los Angeles at Placita Olvera, the birthplace of the City of Los Angeles.



2007 Events at a Glance

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Councilmember Huizar poses with youth team at Evergreen Park at their 2007 season kickoff.



Councilmember Huizar, community leaders, and LAPD enjoy Council District 14's first annual concert and firework show at Hazard Park.



Councilmember Huizar thanks the over 200 volunteers who showed up for Council District 14's Community Walk. Local organizations and residents came out to volunteer and walk the streets of Boyle Heights to educate local residents of the many FREE and available City resources and upcoming community events.



Councilmember Huizar with the hardworking volunteers from the Boyle Heights Wolfpack Football and Cheer team.



Councilmember Huizar presents birthday gifts to the children in attendance at the International Kids Day Festival in Highland Park.



Councilmember Huizar honored the CIF Champion football team from Eagle Rock High School for their tremendous achievement. This is the second year in a row that Eagle Rock High School has won the CIF Championship.





Councilmember Huizar joins former Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council President Jim Thompson and residents of Mount Washington to celebrate the refurbishing and re-opening of the Cleland Stairs pedestrian corridor.



Councilmember Huizar congratulates the Eagle Rock Lions Club's outgoing President Jack Tritch, while welcoming incoming President Josefina de Aquino during the annual Eagle Rock Lions Officer Installation ceremony.



Councilmember Huizar and Assemblymember Portantino join host Eliot Sekuler in honoring the dozens of integral volunteers that helped make the annual Lummis Day celebration a rousing success.



Councilmember Huizar hosted "No Secrets," a workshop that teaches parents how to prevent their children from becoming victims of sexual abuse. Bill Dworin from the City Attorney's office addresses a group of parents at El Sereno Early Education Center.



Councilmember Huizar congratulates Wilson High School Valedictorian Betty Chiu and presents her with a certificate of recognition.



As this year's Grand Marshal of El Sereno's 4th of July Parade, Councilmember Huizar is joined in the lead car by his wife Richelle along with their daughters Isabella and Emilia.



Councilmember Huizar joins Central Division LAPD Captain Andrew Smith, who was promoted to Central Bureau Commander, and Captains Jodi Wakefield and Michelle Veenstra, the first all-female command team at an LAPD division.



Councilmember Huizar joins Supervisor Gloria Molina, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, School Board President Mónica García, and Superintendent David Brewer to break ground for Ramona Opportunity High School.



The UCLA Riordan Fellows along with Council District 14 co-sponsor the 2007 “Live Healthy” Health Fair in Boyle Heights. Over 45 health providers, state and local health departments, and medical professionals provided useful information to underserved residents in Los Angeles. Councilmember Huizar is pictured (left) with the Riordan Fellows Class of 2007.



Councilmember Huizar hosts yet another fun and safe Halloween party for the communities of El Sereno and Boyle Heights. El Sereno hosted the “Legend of Creepy Collis,” complete with a haunted maze, magician, and over 100 trick or treat stops. In Boyle Heights, “Nightmare on First Street” was a hit with celebrity visits, USC star athletes, pop-culture characters, costume contests and a variety of treats.



Councilmember Huizar hosts the 2nd Annual Operation Gobble Gobble in Council District 14. Over 2,000 turkeys with all the trimmings were passed out to needy families in the community in the spirit of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The generous support of Food 4 Less and other corporate sponsors allowed us to make this a bountiful Thanksgiving holiday for many families in the 14th District.





Councilmember Huizar hosts the 18th Annual Mariachi Festival in Mariachi Plaza. Over 2,000 spectators watch as some of Los Angeles' most respected and admired Mariachis perform in Boyle Heights. Councilmember Huizar pictured (left) with Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles; Mariachi Sol de Mexico (center) and Folkloric Dancers (right).



Councilmember Huizar joins the Boyle Heights and Eagle Rock communities for Veteran's Day Parades honoring all soldiers who served and who are currently serving in the armed forces. Councilmember Huizar is joined by Chamber President Denise Miller and Michael Black of the American Legion # 17.



Councilmember Huizar brings Winter to Downtown Los Angeles with the 4th Street Bridge Lighting and Toy Giveaway. Over 6,000 toys were distributed to the neediest children in the area, while real snow, live performances and a visit from Santa Claus brought big smiles to little faces



Arte Calidad and Council District 14 co-sponsor the 8th Annual Festival de La Gente on the Historic 6th Street Bridge in Downtown Los Angeles. This free Day of the Dead festival featured Latino Arts & Crafts, carnival-like facades, giant paper mache sculptures, artistic workshops for children of all ages, and live musical entertainment.



Downtown Los Angeles celebrates Mexican Independence Day with a live television special which attracted more than 2 million viewers nationwide. Some of Mexico's most renowned celebrities graced the stage with their musical talent and charm. Councilmember Huizar is pictured (left) with La Autoridad de La Sierra, one of Los Angeles' most popular folk bands from Durango, Mexico.



Councilmember Huizar honors the top five students in all public schools in Council District 14 who demonstrated high academic achievements and a desire to serve their community at the 2007 Adelante Awards. Councilmember Huizar is pictured with nominees from surrounding Wilson High School feeder schools.



Councilmember Huizar hosts the 1st Annual Senior Snow Ball in El Sereno. Over 20 senior clubs attended the event, which included a visit from Santa Claus, over \$600 worth of raffle prizes, a sit-down dinner, and live entertainment by Joe Chico and the Chico Band. Councilmember Huizar is pictured with Juanita Martinez, proud senior and Council District 14 Field Deputy.



Councilmember Huizar, along with local neighbors, unveil the Arroyo View Estate Signs.



Legislative Agenda: Selected Council Motions

Community Development

- **Create Report on How the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Collaborates with Schools (*CFI # 07-0285)**
- **Request Report from Recreation and Park Department of Passive Parks in Council District 14 (*CFI # 07-0555)**
- **Resolution in Support of the Probation Youth Success Act (*CFI # 07-0002-S51)**
- **Resolution to Oppose State Budget Cuts Affecting CALWORKS Program (*CFI # 07-0002-S10)**
- **Resolution to Support HR 1593 and S 1060 – Second Chance Act (*CFI # 07-0002-S82)**
- **Resolution to Support HR 512 and S 500 – Establish a Commission to Create a National Museum of the American Latino (*CFI # 07-0002-S69)**
- **Do “Real Planning” in Los Angeles (*CFI # 07-1311)**
- **Feasibility of Creating a Statue of Antonio Aguilar at El Pueblo (*CFI # 07-2510)**
- **Resolution to Support AB 671 – Emancipated Foster Youth Program (*CFI # 07-0002-S102)**
- **Achieving Equality of Services for Low-Income Communities (*CFI # 07-1659)**
- **Design and Construction of Rainbow Children’s Center (*CFI # 07-1797)**
- **Implement One-Stop Small Business Pilot Program in Eagle Rock (*CFI # 07-2171)**
- **Donation of Surplus Computers to Ramona Gardens Resident Advisory Council (*CFI # 07-3369)**
- **Feasibility Report on Transfer of Property to Skid Row LAMP Community Program (*CFI # 07-3495)**

Historic Preservation




- **Feasibility of Dedicating Onsite Maintenance at El Pueblo (*CFI # 07-0416)**
- **Request Status Update on Citywide Historic Resources Survey (*CFI # 07-0460)**
- **Establish a Historic Preservation Zone in Garvanza (*CFI # 07-1004)**
- **Ceremonial Street Signs for Historic Monuments on Monterey Road (*CFI # 07-1164-S1)**
- **Sale of Surplus Equipment to the L.A. Police Historical Society (*CFI # 07-2926)**

Public Safety


- **Regulate Registration Process at Hotels and Motels to Avoid Prostitution (*CFI # 06-0125)**
- **Create Tougher Penalties for Owners of Warehouses Where Illegal Flier Parties Are Held (*CFI # 07-0184)**

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- **Request Inventory of Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in Ramona Gardens**
(*CFI # 07-0459) 
- **Analyze and Improve System for Approving Marches and Protests in Downtown**
(*CFI # 07-0698)
- **Comprehensive Needs Assessment in Three Gang Reduction Zones** (*CFI # 07-1329)
- **Report on City Strategies to Combat Methamphetamines** (*CFI # 07-1331)
- **Direct LAPD to Investigate the MacArthur Park Incident on May 1st** (*CFI # 07-1383)
- **Resolution to Support AB 1381 – Creation of a Statewide Violence and Gang Prevention Office**
(*CFI # 07-0002-S147)
- **Review City Policies and Procedures Relative to Impounding Vehicles** (*CFI # 07-1983)
- **50,000 Reward in El Sereno Child Molestation Case** (*CFI # 07-0010-S36) 
- **Resolution to Support AB 1251 – Anti-gang Classes for Parents and Juveniles**
(*CFI # 07-0002-S160)
- **Develop Comprehensive Sex Offender Database** (*CFI # 06-1648)
- **Accept Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds for CLEAR Program in Ramona Gardens**
(*CFI # 05-1060)
- **Outlawing Surrogate Stalking in Los Angeles** (*CFI # 07-2615)
- **Increase Penalties for Assaults on Police Officers** (*CFI # 07-2614)
- **\$50,000 Reward in the Murder of Michael Flores** (*CFI # 07-0010-S50)
- **\$50,000 Reward in the Murder of Augusto Zapata** (*CFI # 07-0010-S53)
- **\$50,000 Reward in the Murder of George Rodriguez** (*CFI # 07-0010-S49)
- **\$75,000 Reward in Murder of Ebrahim Torbati** (*CFI # 07-0010-S27) 

Environmental Justice

- **Request Report from Planning Department on the Cumulative Impact of Development Projects**
(*CFI # 07-0161)
- **Oppose the Proposed Vernon Power Plant and Authorize City Attorney to Intervene in State Certification Process** (*CFI # 07-3791)
- **245 Motion to Assert Jurisdiction Over Board of Public Works' Action to Issue B-Permits for Elephant Hill Project** (*CF 04-1413) 

Legislative Agenda: Selected Council Motions

Transportation



- Redesignation of 14th Street, Central Avenue and Naomi Street (*CFI # 07-0417)
- Eagle Rock Community Parking Pilot Program (*CFI # 05-0550)
- Report from Department of Transportation on the Status of Collecting Downtown Parking Data (*CFI # 03-2669)

Education



- Resolution to Oppose Cuts in Funding for the Environmental Protection Agency's Library System (*CFI # 07-0002-S30)
- Joint Use Activities and Cooperation Between LAUSD and the Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families (*CFI # 07-2297)
- Resolution to Oppose State Cuts to Public Education (*CFI # 07-0002-S166)
- Availability and Dissemination of Materials to English Language Learning Students (*CFI # 07-2584)
- Authorize Community Development Department to Accept Equipment, Facility Upgrades and Labor Costs from Time Warner Cable for Upgrades at the Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center (*CFI # 07-4094)

Health and Quality of Life





- Request Presentation on Translation Services Offered to Foreign Language Speakers at HMO's (*CFI # 06-3124)
- Resolution in Support of SB-4 - Smoking Ban on all State Beaches and Parks (*CFI # 07-0002-S66)
- Resolution in Support of SB-7 - Illegal to Smoke in a Car with a Minor (*CFI # 07-0002-S64)
- Report on Establishing A Farmer's Market in Boyle Heights (*CFI # 07-1197)
- Establishing a Pilot Program to Sell Fruits and Vegetables in Low-income Neighborhoods (*CFI # 07-1305)
- Support Legislation that Requires 300 Feet Distance For All New Residential Care Facilities (*CFI # 07-0002-S150)
- Resolution to Support SB 120 - Nutritional Labeling of Menus at Chain Restaurants (*CFI # 07-0002-S197)



NOTE: * You can track any of these motions by going to <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/CFI/> and typing the corresponding CFI Number.

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Governance

- Performance Evaluation and Audit of L.A. Bridges Gang Prevention Program (*CFI #06-0596) 
- Report on Usage and Potential Abuses of Interdepartmental Funds (*CFI # 07-0360)
- Review of Department of Building and Safety Policies Regarding Grading Bond Deposits (*CFI # 06-2442)
- Instant Run-off Voting System in Los Angeles (*CFI # 07-1378)
- Audit of DWP Mismanaged Funds (*CFI # 06-0740-S1)
- Expand Quality and Productivity Awards for City Employees (*CFI # 07-2246)
- Housing Department Audit and Reports (*CFI # 07-2274-S1)
- Tracking and Expenditure System for Quimby Fees (*CFI # 07-2287-S1)
- Ethics Report Relative to Lobbying Laws (*CFI # 07-3732)
- Update Geographical Boundaries of Downtown Arts District (*CFI # 07-1609)
- 245 Motion to Assert Jurisdiction over Planning Commission Relative to Arts District Project (*CFI # 07-4099) 
- Improvement of City's Risk Management Processes (*CF 08-0028)

Beautification

- Review of Effectiveness of Graffiti Removal Programs (*CFI # 07-2083)
- Transfer Funds for the Construction of Pedestrian Ways and Sidewalks (*CFI # 07-1888)
- Approval of Sale and Purchase Prices for Tax-defaulted Property to Preserve as Open Space (*CFI # 07-3843)

Citywide

- Resolution to Oppose Hikes in Naturalization and Citizenship Application Fees (*CFI # 07-0002-S25)
- Resolution to Support SB-1 - Creation of a State Office of Immigrant Affairs (*CFI # 07-0002-S60)
- Simplify Procedure for the Transfer of Floor Area for Residential Buildings (*CFI # 05-1776)
- Accept Consular Identification as a Valid I.D. for Hotel Registration (*CFI # 07-1079)
- Resolution in Support of SB 524 – Provide Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance (*CFI # 07-0002-S85)
- Creation of Master List of All Wireless Facilities in the City (*CFI # 07-1479)
- Additional Conditions for Sale of Beer and Wine (*CFI # 07-1655)
- Sale of Surplus Ambulances to the Country of Peru (*CFI # 07-2925) 

Support for Local Organizations and Activities

- ★ 20th Century Women's Club
- ★ Abuelitos de Boyle Heights
- Arte Calidad
- AYSO Soccer Program
- Barrio Action
- Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce
- Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council
- Boyle Heights Senior Center
- Buenos Amigos Club
- Bushnell Elementary
- CARECEN
- Casa del Mexicano
- Center for Education and Immigration Services
- ★ Center for the Arts Eagle Rock
- Central City Community Outreach
- Central City East Association
- Centro de Ayuda
- CHIRLA
- Cine Sin Fin
- Clean & Green
- Club Olympic Senior Center
- Coalition for Clean Air
- COFEM
- Costello Seniors
- Council of Aging
- ★ Culture Clash's Playwright's Portal Project
- Domestic Violence Task Force
- Downtown Dog Rescue
- Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce
- Eagle Rock Community Cultural Association
- Eagle Rock Elementary Education Fund
- Eagle Rock High School
- Eagle Rock Music Festival
- Eagle Vista Seniors
- East Los Angeles Community Corporation
- El Pueblo de Los Angeles
- El Sereno Bicentennial Committee
- ★ El Sereno Club Deportivo – Anahuac Youth Soccer Association
- El Sereno Senior Center
- Elizabeth Learning Center
- Estrada Courts RMC
- Euclid Elementary School
- Evergreen Recreation Center
- Ex-Braceros Organization
- Families in Schools
- Farmdale Elementary School
- Fire Station # 12
- Franklin High School
- Friends of Hermon Dog Park
- Friends of Mt. Washington School
- Fuego Tech
- Girls Today Women Tomorrow
- Glassell Park Improvement Association
- Greater El Sereno Chamber of Commerce
- Hazard Park Advisory Board
- Hermanos Unidos
- Hermon Advance Team
- Highland Park Heritage Fund
- Hillside Village Property Owner's Alliance
- Hollenbeck PAL
- Hollenbeck Police Business Association
- Hollenbeck Recreation Center
- Hollenbeck Youth Center
- Homeboy Industries
- Hubners Hockey Monsters
- Inner City Struggle
- International Institute
- Jazz Phil USA
- Jovenes Inc.
- L.A. Animal Service STAR's Program
- LA Voice – PICO
- LAPD – Central Division
- LAPD- Hollenbeck Division
- LAUSD Local District 5
- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Support for Local Organizations and Activities (continued)

Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees

Los Angeles International High School

Los Angeles Little League

Los Angeles Music and Art Stars

Mothers of East L.A.

Mt. Washington Elementary School

Mujeres Unidas

Murchison Street Elementary School

Neighborhood Music School

Neighborhood Watch La Purisima

North East Trees

Nuestro Futuro Children's Center

Optimist International - Zone 9

Outpost for Contemporary Art

Peoples CORE

Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission

Resurrection Senior Club

Rock Teen Center

Roosevelt High School

Rose Hills Community

Rose Hills Review

Salesian High School

Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund

Santa Teresita Seniors

Sierra Park Elementary

Soledad Enrichment Action

Stevenson Middle School

Strengthening Our Lives

Tongue to Tongue

UCLA Riordan Fellows Program

University Hills Homeowner's Association

Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance

Victory Outreach

Weingart Center Association

Weingart East Los Angeles YMCA

Wilson High School

Wolfpack Youth Football League

Youth Opportunity Movement





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