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### **COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR LEADS EFFORT TO CREATE GARVANZA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE**

*City Council Approves HPOZ Study- Action Long-awaited by Northeast Los Angeles Community*

**LOS ANGELES**— Councilmember José Huizar, District 14, was pleased to announce that the Garvanza community of Northeast Los Angeles is closer to becoming a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ). The City Council approved a motion introduced by Councilman Huizar, which instructed the City's Planning Department to conduct a \$120,000 study that will evaluate the historic significance of the area.

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 proposed Garvanza HPOZ boundaries cover areas between Pasadena City limits to the north; Metro right-of-way bridge to the south; Eastside of Avenue 66 to the east; and Eastside of Figueroa proceeding to the Westside of Avenue 63 at York to the west. The Garvanza HPOZ will also incorporate the Judson Studios/Thorne Street portion of the current Highland Park HPOZ.

Councilman Huizar advocated strongly, along with the community, for Council to agree to fund the HPOZ study; and hopes the area will be added to the existing 21 HPOZ's in the City.

"I believe this area represents significant cultural and architectural resources which should be protected. Residents have been fighting for this Historic Preservation Overlay Zone for many years – in fact, this issue stretches back several administrations in Council District 14," said Councilman Huizar.

"We are at a critical point in time for the historic portions of Garvanza – many of the structures we are looking to protect with this HPOZ are in danger of being torn down. This HPOZ will also offer homeowners various tax, regulatory, and financial incentives that are designed to offset the expense of rehabilitating and maintaining their properties." he added.

The study is expected to be completed within a year.

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