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COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR LAUNCHED COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOPS FOR NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES

Northeast Community Was Eager to Provide Input into City's Future Development Plans

LOS ANGELES— Councilmember José Huizar, hosted the first of four community planning workshops scheduled to take place during August and September of 2007. The first workshop, titled "Planning 101" attracted over one hundred residents of Northeast Los Angeles.

The workshop demonstrated and familiarized residents of Northeast Los Angeles on how city planning really works in Los Angeles, and included presentations on the City Planning Commission's recently unveiled "Do Real Planning" principles. The workshops were designed by Councilman Huizar to engage the community in proactive planning, preservation, and economic development.

The workshop consisted of expert panelists, from both the private and public sector, including: Jane Blumenfeld and David Gay from the Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles, and Bill Roschen, from the Los Angeles City Planning Commission.

"My goal is to de-mystify the planning process for the average resident. It is important for me to work with the residents of my district and have them provide input into fundamental questions such as: where are we now? where do we want our community to be in ten years? what planning tools can help us achieve those goals?" said Councilman Huizar.

"I want the community to help us identify strategies for encouraging revitalization, managing growth, and creating livable, walkable communities which support economic development and sustainability while still maintaining the small town flair that makes these areas of the City unique," said Councilman Huizar.

(Please see list of remaining workshops)

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Forum #2

Weds. Aug. 15 • 7pm at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock

SMARTGROWTH • URBAN DESIGN • TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT

- William Fain, FAIA, Johnson Fain Architects
- Emily Gabel-Luddy, Urban Design Studio, City of Los Angeles
- Woodie Tescher, EIP Associates, a Division of PBS&J
- Mike Woo, Los Angeles City Planning Commission

Forum #3

Wed. Sept. 19 • 7pm at the El Sereno Senior Center

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • ENCOURAGING SMALL BUSINESS

- Richard Benbow, Community Development Department
- Jack Kyser, L.A. County Economic Development Corporation
- James Rodriguez, CB Richard Ellis, Retail Brokerage Services
- Kent Smith, Fashion District Business Improvement District

Forum #4

Tues. Sept. 25 • 7pm at the Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock

HISTORIC PRESERVATION • A LINK TO REVITALIZATION

- Richard Barron, Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission
- Ken Bernstein, Office of Historic Resources, City of Los Angeles
- Linda Dishman, Los Angeles Conservancy
- Peyton Hall, FAIA, Historic Resources Group
- Michael Olecki, S. Carthay Historic Preservation