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New Public Works Chair Sponsors Massive Community Cleanup

Soon-to-be named Public Works Chair José Huizar joined Saturday by hundreds of volunteers and City workers for massive cleanup in Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Northeast L.A.

LOS ANGELES (August 15, 2009) Councilmember José Huizar joined forces today with the Department of Public Works, Northeast Graffiti Busters, Clean and Green and hundreds of volunteers on 40 separate Community Cleanup projects throughout Boyle Heights, El Sereno and Northeast Los Angeles.

Besides bulky item, trash, weed and graffiti removal, Saturday's event included the addition of 110 new trash receptacles along main thoroughfares throughout Council District 14.

On August 31, Councilmember Huizar will become the new Chair of the City's Public Works Committee and wanted to promote volunteerism, while getting the word out to constituents and residents across the City that despite budget cuts, many vital services, such as bulky item and graffiti removal and pothole repair can be dealt with by notifying your local Council office or by calling the City's 24-hour service number, 311.

"Volunteerism is something we value in this Country," said Councilmember José Huizar. "And in the City of Los Angeles, we have a great sense of taking care of our own and that's what today is all about. We also want to remind the community that despite budget cuts, the City's 311 Hotline will continue to be a valuable asset in dealing with many day-to-day problems."

Saturday's cleanup included the trimming of about 25 trees, which is part of Councilmember Huizar's effort to fund the trimming of more than 1,500 hundred trees throughout his district. Trees in Boyle Heights and El Sereno have already been trimmed, with Northeast Los Angeles in the works.

Residents who want to do their own community cleanups – big or small – can receive resources and small tool loan outs from the City of Los Angeles through the Office of Community Beautification. Call 311 for more information.

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