

DENNIS P. ZINE  
COUNCILMAN, THIRD DISTRICT

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## The Los Angeles City Council has Passed the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004/2005!



At \$5.4 billion, the fiscal year 2004/2005 spending package, larger than the budgets of three quarters of the states in the United States was passed this month by the Los Angeles City Council.

While clearly a large budget, the spending plan accommodates many of my top priorities. From the time I took office, I have made it clear that my fiscal priorities for the City were to provide adequate funding for the Police

and Fire Departments, as well as seeing that funds are available for proper sanitation, that our City's decaying streets are resurfaced as soon as possible, that our dangerous sidewalks are repaired and the overgrown trees in many neighborhoods are trimmed. This new budget embraces all of these priorities, perhaps not at the full level I would like, but this budget will provide the funding necessary to accomplish these objectives.

Within the budget are funds to hire 405 police recruits, barley enough to keep pace with the Department's anticipated attrition, but enough to bring sworn police staffing to 9241 men

and women, a net gain of 30 officers. I have and will continue to work closely with other members of the Council, the Mayor and Chief of Police to address the large number of police officers who, for a variety of reasons, cannot fully perform the field duties of a police officer. During the coming year, a

concerted effort will be made to make sure that every person wearing the badge of the LAPD is ready, willing and able to protect and serve the people of Los Angeles, as we continue to be watchful for terrorists and those who are attempting to destroy our freedoms and liberties.

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### 2001 MISSION STATEMENT!

"As your Public Servant, my Staff and I Pledge to..."

1. Improve The Quality of Life in our District.
2. Maintain Public Safety.
3. Follow up Your Concerns in a Timely Manner.
4. Keep You Informed of Issues in the District.
5. Attend Your Meetings and Events.
6. Have the Communities Priorities Come First.

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Funds are in the budget to open and operate the brand new West Valley Police Division Station, early next spring. In addition, funding is being made available and the City hiring freeze adjusted so that the Police Department can hire necessary civilian personnel for station duty and the communication division, releasing more sworn personnel to patrol our streets.

The Los Angeles City Fire Department will be staffed to restore the tenth person to an additional 14 task forces, the program to place an ambulance in every fire station in the City will continue and necessary tools to address the potential strike by a terrorist have been addressed. It was not possible to add everything I wanted to the Fire Department's budget. We were not able to secure funding to upgrade the Fire Department's inadequate and aging dispatch system or to provide more modern equipment, but even with these limitations, the LAFD will still be the best equipped, best trained large city fire department in the world.

Our over-burdened Sanitation Department employees are being given more personnel and equipment with which to deal

with the tons of solid waste the people of this City produce daily. The herculean task of keeping up with this tremendous burden is mandatory for the City to protect our health and environment and this budget accomplishes that goal.

Every day we drive or walk in Los Angeles, we can see the breakdown in our infrastructure. This budget takes steps to help stem the decay. The Bureau of Street Services will be reporting back to Council before July 1, the start of the new fiscal year, with a new allocation formula for each Council District to address street resurfacing, slurry seal, sidewalk repair and paving of unimproved streets and alleys that are funded in the 2004-05 Budget. Within our Third District we expect to have many of our most urgent street projects moving forward very soon.

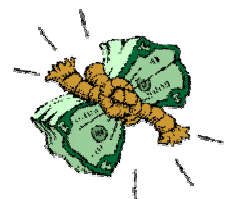


Unlike past years, the City has funded its major priorities first, public safety, sanitation and street repair. Once these obligations were met, the remaining funds were distributed to the remaining City Departments.

No one was more upset than me that City Departments are forced to compete against each other for the limited funding available, but that is the reality of this and perhaps future fiscal years: The Library, Public Works, Recreation and Parks, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Cultural Affairs Department and the small commission departments, all took significant cuts in the budget.

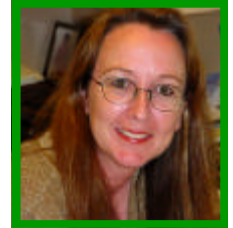
The office of Councilman Zine worked closely with the Mayor and other Council offices, as well as Neighborhood Councils, citizen groups and individual residents, to seek ways to minimize the impact of the budget realities we faced, and the results is that this budget is about the best package possible, a tribute to what can be done when all entities of the City work together.

Throughout the fiscal year, we will be keeping a close eye on Sacramento, trying to stem the cutting of any additional funds from the state. We will also keep close watch on our own fiscal condition to make sure the basic needs of our taxpayers are met in a timely and proper fashion.





**By Tom Henry, Chief Planning Deputy  
& Marianne King, Associate Planning Deputy**



**LAUSD NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATES IN CD3**

LAUSD has embarked on the largest public school construction project in the country. It has been almost 30 years since a new school was built in the school district! As a result, LAUSD is ambitiously trying to relieve current overcrowding at schools, as well as prepare for future student populations and is doing so with plans to build, redevelop or reconfigure 150 schools by 2010. This effort is spurred by the pressing concerns and adverse impacts of school and classroom overcrowding, multi-track campuses, and students not being able to go to schools in their own neighborhoods because there is not enough room.

The following is an update of projects that LAUSD has in providing new seats for schools in Council District 3:

Canoga Park Elementary School #1 - 7505 Canoga Ave. - New School (presently under construction and due to open Fall 2005) - will add 536 new seats to relieve overcrowding at existing Canoga Park ES.

Canoga Park Early Education Center - 7335 Vassar Ave. - Bungalow addition (already completed) - added 48 new seats.

Vanalden Early Education Center - 6212 Vanalden Ave. - Building addition (already completed) - added 48 new seats.

Cleveland HS Early Education Center - 8140 Vanalden Ave. - Modular Buildings (already completed) - added 168 new seats.

Lokrantz State Preschool - 19451 Wyandotte St. - Modular Building (already completed) - added 48 new seats.

Aliso Continuation HS - 18711 Elkwood St. - Addition to campus (proposed) - will add 108 new seats to help relieve overcrowding at Cleveland H/S.

Blythe Elementary - 18730 Blythe St. - Reconfiguration to a K-8 Span School (proposed) - will add 560 new elementary and middle school seats to relieve overcrowding at Northridge MS, Reseda ES, Napa ES and Newcastle ES.

Canoga Park Elementary School - 7438 Topanga Canyon Blvd. - Addition to campus (proposed) - will add 200 new seats to relieve overcrowding.

Valley Region HS # 6 at West Valley Occupational - 6200 Winnetka Ave. - New High School

on same site (proposed) - will add approx. 800 new seats to relieve overcrowding at Reseda and Cleveland HS. New High School is not replacing West Valley Occupational but will be sharing the same site.

In total 2,516 new seats will be added to relieve overcrowding in Council District 3. In every case above, except for the Canoga Park ES at 7505 Canoga (which was a vacant lot), LAUSD is using their own facilities to add the new seats. This was an effort to avoid taking away homes or commercial properties which became a hot button issue with the original Valley Region HS #6 plan, which would have taken away homes and was flatly rejected by community residents and Councilman Zine.

Lastly, LAUSD has abandoned the proposals for the Oso and Hughes School locations due not only to strong opposition but to recent demographic data that did not show a need for schools at these locations. It is likely these sites may become available for Charter Schools at a later date.

**For more information contact your LAUSD School Board Member Jon Laurantzen or Marlene Canter at 213-241-6389 or access the LAUSD website: [www.laschools.org/](http://www.laschools.org/) and [www.lausd.k12.ca.us/](http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/)**

# COMMUNITY UPDATES!



By Marisol Espinoza, Field Deputy  
Serving the Communities of Tarzana & Winnetka

## Fiesta Broadway Crowns Winnetka as Quinceañera Princess!

The **Quinceañera** is a huge event for fifteen year old Latinas worldwide. On April 25, 2004, the Annual Fiesta Broadway celebrated 15 years of entertaining the City of Los Angeles. The Fiesta Broadway is the largest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the nation, and perhaps in the world. Each year the Fiesta draws about 500,000 people to the streets of Los Angeles, bringing some of the hottest Latin entertainment in the world to our communities.

This year, in celebration of the Fiesta Broadway's birthday, the Downtown festival decided to bring each of the fifteen City Council Districts together to crown a Princess from each Council district, and to help them celebrate their fifteenth birthday. In the Third Council District, our very own Lupita Delgado received this

award. Lupita is a student at John A. Sutter Middle School in Winnetka. As part of being selected to serve as the Fiesta Broadway **Quinceañera** Princess, each girl received an "empowerment package" which included a scholarship bond, a dress, a tiara, shoes and an invitation to the Fiesta Broadway VIP Gala.



Councilman Dennis Zine presenting Lupita Delgado with a certificate.

Lupita's story is definitely one of overcoming adversity. At the age of ten, her father gave her a kidney transplant. After this life saving surgery, Lupita began to experience some problems, and had

dropped her GPA to 1.0. Lupita became involved with the wrong group of people as a young teen. Not long after, she was referred to the LA Bridges Program at Sutter Middle School (a gang prevention program), and there began working with Case Manager Maria Perez. She raised her GPA, and wrote a touching poem which resulted in her winning the contest.

It has always been her dream to have a **Quinceañera**. This prize comes at an appropriate time, as Lupita will be turning fifteen this November. Congratulations to the Third Council District's Princess! Councilman Zine, Councilmembers Cardenas, and Villaragosa presented certificates to all fifteen Princesses in a special ceremony at Ninth and Olive Streets in Downtown Los Angeles.

By Sherree Adams, Field Deputy  
Serving the Communities of  
West Hills & Woodland Hills



**ONEgeneration Fashion Show and Silent Auction  
“Stars For All Generations”**

This year’s ONEgeneration Intergenerational Fashion Show had a fun and glamorous theme, “Stars for All Generations”. Held the Saturday before Mother’s Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Warner Center Marriott, the show included fashions from noted Hollywood and film industry Costume Emporium, Reel Clothes & Props, with additional fashions. courtesy of Stein Mart. More than 40 seniors, children and families modeled the fashions and costumes. It was truly a celebration of intergenerational vitality and beauty.

Also during the afternoon event, more than 400 guests explored ONEgeneration’s extravagant and extensive Silent Auction! The aisles and aisles of decorative and delightful items included golf packages, entertainment, wine, sports tickets, get-away vacations and more!

Councilman Dennis P. Zine served as live auctioneer during the luncheon for the third year in a row! He delighted guests while auctioning several vacation packages. He was joined on stage by celebrity Mistress of Ceremonies, Concetta Tomei, popular star of television and stage including the hit series “Providence” and “China Beach”.

**ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSION COMES TO THE 3rd DISTRICT**

**You are Cordially Invited to Attend  
The Animal Services Commission Meeting**

**Saturday, June 26th from 10:00 am—12:30 pm  
Pierce College, Student Center 6201 Winnetka Avenue,  
Woodland Hills**

**The Commission will speak on several items, including addressing concerns from the community regarding coyotes in the District and throughout the City.  
This is another opportunity to participate in your government at work!**

**We welcome the Commission to the Third Council District**





By JENNIFER FORKISH, Field Deputy  
Serving the Communities of  
CANOGA PARK & RESEDA



# City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor Program

On April 22, Councilman Zine, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, and local law enforcement met at 20952 Gault Street, in Canoga Park to demolish a home known to be a popular hangout for drug dealers and gang members. Although local police were aware that this property was a problem location, it was the tenacity of community members and the City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor, Mike Pizzuti, that helped eliminate this blight.



**Councilman Dennis P. Zine on bulldozer demolishes a home used as a hangout for drug dealers and gangs.**

The primary goal of the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program is to respond to neighborhood complaints and address criminal problems proactively to preserve the

quality of life in our neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Prosecutor Program aims to identify, prioritize, and address criminal problems before they are able to grow into serious offenses and larger problems that can lead to urban decay in our communities.

Under the program, Deputy City Attorneys assigned to each of the Los Angeles Police Department's 18 divisions serve as a Neighborhood Prosecutor for the communities within that division. In order to create accessibility to the communities they serve, the Neighborhood Prosecutors are located in either City Attorney Branch offices, Constituent Services Centers, LAPD stations, or other City facilities. Each Neighborhood Prosecutor, assisted by a paralegal or legal assistant, works closely with community groups and police officers to identify and address criminal problems within the assigned area.

The Neighborhood Prosecutors can also identify and refer nuisance abatement cases to the existing Citywide Nuisance

Abatement Program (CNAP). Additionally, they will pursue criminal prosecution of those quality of life offenses that the community has identified as significant problems. Neighborhood Prosecutors also work with community groups and city agencies to formulate non-criminal remedies that address the underlying roots of the community's criminal problems.

If you have questions, or would like to contact the Neighborhood Prosecutor about a problem in your community, please call (877) 522-2737.



**Councilman Dennis P. Zine and City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo at the demolition of a home used as a hangout by drug dealers and gang members.**



**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PRESS RELEASE  
Monday, May 17, 2004**



## "Change In Dispatch Policy For the LAPD"

*Los Angeles:* As of May 16, 2004, the Los Angeles Police Department has changed the policy in which radio calls are dispatched to patrol officers.

*The factors the Department evaluates in categorizing emergency calls for service include:*

- **A serious public hazard;**
- **The preservation of life;**
- **A crime of violence in progress; and**
- **The prevention of crime of violence.**

*In the past, while calls for service were categorized as either emergency, urgent or routine, the Department utilized four designations.*

- **Code Three - Emergency Calls for Service**
- **Code Two High - Urgent or Emergency Calls for Service**
- **Code Two - Urgent Call for Service; and**
- **Routine - Response by Uniformed Officers maybe interrupted by other activities.**

*It is anticipated that the modification of the previous policy; largely the removal of Code Two High classification and the categorization of calls as either Emergency or Urgent, will result in a more effective management of calls for service. It is the judgement of the dispatchers, supervisors and responding officers that determines whether a call warrants an Emergency or Urgent classification.*

*The Department will continue to respond to calls for service, regardless of its designation, in a manner which will enable the police officers to respond as soon as possible with due regard for safety.*

***This news release was prepared by Public Information Officer Edward Funes,  
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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

JULY 17 & 18, 2004

## THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT AND THE ELECTRONICS & COMPUTER RECYCLING EVENT ARE BOTH COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

**The Household Hazardous Waste Team  
Will be Collecting:**

Motor Oil and Anti-Freeze  
Aerosol Products  
Household and Garden Chemicals  
Pesticides and Fertilizers  
Car Batteries  
Pool Cleaners

**The E-Waste Team Will be Collecting:**

Monitors  
Printers  
Network Equipment  
Cables  
Telephones  
Televisions

Cell Phones  
Radios  
Stercos  
VCR'S  
Electronic Toys



**SATURDAY  
AND SUNDAY**



**IN WOODLAND HILLS**

**JULY 17 & 18, 2004**

**Los Angeles Pierce College  
Parking Lot 4  
6201 Winnetka Avenue  
From 9a.m. - 3p.m.**

**Transportation Limit**

It is illegal to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of Household chemicals to a Household Hazardous Waste Event

**We Do Not Accept:**

BUSINESS WASTE  
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Radioactive Material  
Biological Waste  
Tires

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**For Information, Please Call:  
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**Warning:** Disposing of household chemicals in your trash, storm drains or sewers damages the environment, and is AGAINST THE LAW. Illegal dumping carries a minimum fine of \$5000 per day per violation up to \$100,000 per day per violation or imprisonment (Section 25189.5, Health & Safety Code). The City of Los Angeles operates the "HAZMOBILE" drop-off program to provide for the safe and legal disposal of your unwanted household chemicals. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.

Co-sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.



# WARNING TELEPHONE SCAM



## **DO NOT PRESS #90 ON THE TELEPHONE!**

If you receive a telephone call from an individual identifying themselves as an AT&T Service Technician who is conducting a test on the telephone lines, beware. They will state that to complete the test, you should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#) and then hang up. Luckily, I was suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.

I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons. This information has also been verified with UCB Telecom, Pacific Bell, MCI, Bell Atlantic, Verizon and GTE. **Please DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE.**

**The GTE Security Department requested that this information be shared**

## 311

### Make One Call To City Hall

Residents may access information and any non-emergency service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 311 call center is equipped to serve the hearing impaired and information is available in more than 150 languages.



## Zine At Nine

Join Councilman Zine

At Nine on Live Call In Program

Watch

COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE



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Contact Us! We love the emails we receive from you and would like to hear from more.

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**Chair:** Personnel Committee  
**Vice-Chair:** Education & Neighborhoods  
**Member:** Public Safety  
**Member:** Rules & Elections & Intergovernmental Relations  
**EERC:** Executive Employee Relations Committee  
**NLC:** National League of Cities  
**ICA:** Independent City Association - Treasurer  
**LAPD:** Line Reserve Officer  
**LAUSD:** Reserve Motorcycle Sergeant

# ALL AROUND TOWN



**Mayor Hahn and Councilman Dennis Zine with Essay Contest Winners from the Jewish Home for the Aging Mothers Day Event.**



**Councilman Zine with Allen Mendelson of K-CAL 9 News at the Jewish Home for the Aging Mothers Day Event.**



**C-SPAN visits LA City Hall, pictured with Councilman Zine and Lee Kanon Alpert.**



**Frank Bush, Dept. of Building & Safety, Nancy Sweeny, POSSE member, Councilman Zine and Lee Kanon Alpert on Zine @ Nine discussing Councilman Zine's Community POSSE (People Organizing Safe, Secure Environments).**



**Councilman Dennis Zine wins "Man of the Year" at the Shelter for the Homeless, pictured the Marla Maples.**



**Councilman Zine with singer Carrie Wilson at the Shelter for the Homeless Event.**

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**Councilman Zine presents a certificate to Mia Uham of the SFV's Korean American Parents Association.**



**Councilman Zine & Greig Smith honored at the San Fernando Valley Bar Association Event.**



**Councilman Zine presents a certificate to the Israel Independence Festival along with Mayor Hahn and Larry Elder.**



**Councilman Zine with the LA Fire Cert Members at the Emergency Preparedness Fair.**



**Councilman Zine presents certificate to Council General Yuval Rotem along with his wife Miri celebrating Israel's 56th Birthday.**



**Councilman Zine with Congressman Berman at the Israel Independence Festival.**