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Year in Review 2004

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As I look forward to 2005, I would like to step back and reflect on some of the many achievements and successes that were all part of making 2004 a very memorable year. While the following paragraphs will highlight some of the past years accomplishments, I want to express my gratitude to the countless groups and individuals whose combined efforts have made the Third District a better place to live

and do business. The City of Los Angeles - specifically the Third District - has greatly benefited from the dedicated service of Neighborhood Councils, Chambers of Commerce, Business Improvement Districts, the CRA, P.O.S.S.E., schools, non-profits and many individuals.

The list generated below is intended to provide a general overview of some of the items we have been focused on over the last year. If you have any questions, or would like more information on a specific topic, please feel free to contact my office.

Throughout my life I

have been honored for numerous achievements, but no honor is more valuable to me than serving as your Councilmember. While my first term is coming to an end, I look forward to serving you in the years to come.

Outstanding Motions:

Prohibit public funding for LA Coliseum; Violence Prevention at Cyber cafes; Private Property Towing Regulations; Pocket Bikes-stores must post regulations; Canadian Prescription Drug Re-Importation; LAX Security Violators-City Ord., Fines, Penalties, Cost Recovery.

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"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.**

**DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilman, Third District**



Year in Review 2004

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS/ CONSTRUCTION:

Defeated Ahmanson Ranch project-became state park; New West Valley Police Station; Libraries: West Valley Regional, Encino/Tarzana, Woodland Hills and Canoga Park Libraries; Warner Center Park Children's Play Area;

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Serving as an LAPD Reserve Officer; Cited Home Depot for failing to secure spray paint; Created task force to clean up massage parlors in West Valley; Responsible, with City Attorney for Canoga Park Gang Injunction; Increased reward for taggers from \$500-\$1000; Tagger "IMAS" arrested, rearrested, jailed and fined \$20,000; Shut down Show Girls Strip Club in Reseda

POSSE:

More than 300 POSSE members including a Spanish Speaking POSSE

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS:

Trees: 9,181 trimmed; 1,740 stumps removed; 446 trees planted; 67.50 miles of streets resurfaced; 24.78 miles of streets slurry sealed; 17.18 miles of sidewalks reconstructed; 23,953 tons of illegally dumped debris removed; 13,943 streetlights repaired.

CRA PROJECTS: STREETSCAPE/PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Canoga Park: New street trees and furniture - 4 blocks Repair/Replace sidewalks on Sherman Way between Topanga Cyn Blvd. and Canoga Avenue; Reconstruction of 2 deteriorated commercial alleys in Canoga Park; Fabrication and installation of entry signs for Canoga Park and Winnetka. Reseda: 2 traffic signals under construction, enhanced crosswalks throughout business district, bus stop security lighting; Canoga Park Facade and Signage Program improvements on 30 storefronts along Owensmouth; Reseda Facade and Signage Program improvements on 32 storefronts along Reseda Blvd.; Canoga Park Window Replacement Program financial assistance to 30 businesses to replace graffiti/acid etching damage.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Business Attraction and Retention Program provides assistance to new and existing businesses. 4 new businesses have located in project area and 12 existing businesses are receiving assistance.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS:

Each community in the Third District has an active Neighborhood Council: Tarzana, Woodland Hills,

Reseda, West Hills, Canoga Park and Winnetka.

DONATIONS:

\$25,000 a year from my personal salary to non profit organizations, total-to-date \$100,000; each of the six CD3 Neighborhood Councils; the Dennis P. Zine High School Scholarship Fund; and to various CD3 schools; free Concerts in the Park; free 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza; Golden Horn Awards; Raised monies for Temple Aliyah; Haven Hills; Diabetes Association and ONEgeneration.

TRANSPORTATION:

Construction of Warner Center Transit Hub; Construction of the East/West Busway (Orange Line) and secured parking lot; Provides free buses to senior citizen groups and schools; 124 speed humps installed at 49 locations; 31 stop signs, 1 Smart Crosswalk, 1 traffic signal installed and an additional signal and Smart Crosswalk are in design.

EVENTS SPONSORED OR CO-SPONSORED:

Z-Awards for Public Safety Personnel, Free 4th of July Fireworks at Warner Center Park; Dia De Los Muertos; Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade and Concerts in the Park.



**TOM HENRY,
CHIEF PLANNING
DEPUTY**

**MARIANNE KING,
ASSOCIATE PLANNING
DEPUTY**



Valley Hindu Temple Gets Approval for New Facility

After seven South Valley Area Planning Commission meetings and twice as many community and city department meetings facilitated by Councilman Dennis P. Zine, permits were granted for the construction of a new, modern, and architecturally significant Hindu Temple located at 18726 Roscoe Boulevard in Reseda.

The Hindu community has been holding services at this location for a number of years in a building that used to house a small Christian congregation. The layout of that site clearly did not fit the needs of the Hindu religious services and cultural needs. Part of the Hindu culture is for congregants to partake in meals after worship services. Currently this was being done out doors causing noise and litter problems in the community. Further, many of the important high holidays take place out doors at night, and also disturbed neighbors.

Perhaps the biggest problem was the lack of adequate parking on the site. Evidence was presented showing over crowding of cars parked on nearby streets, some

parking in driveways, and people congregating on the street causing noise and blocking traffic.

Through the diligence of temple members, money was raised to build a new facility. The goal now was to make sure that the new facility was going to include the appropriate measures to address the above problems and protect the nearby residences.

All parties agreed that the initial plan presented was way to large and out of scale with the surrounding community. The architect then redid the plans at a significantly lower scale. This turned out to be a perfect fit. Negotiations then took place to come up with compromise solutions to address the neighborhood concerns and the Hindu worshipers needs.

What was negotiated by Councilman Zine turned out to be a win-win for all concerned. There will be a slightly expanded domed worship area with offices and a small library. Adjacent to one of the temple entryways will be a walled inner courtyard for outdoor worship

service. Also access will be provided from the court yard and the temple into a new modern dining room and cultural center. All after-service meals can now be served comfortably indoors.

There will be 86 parking spaces provided on-site and more parking available nearby on special high holidays. Monitors will be posted to make sure traffic flow is smooth through the parking lot and that temple users do not park in the nearby residential area. The neighbors will be further protected by lush landscaping and decorative masonry sound walls built along the perimeter of the facility.

Councilman Zine is very pleased by the cooperation of the neighbors and Hindu community to get this project approved. He is delighted that so many people of different religious faiths are coming to call the West Valley their home. "A spiritual community makes for a good and safe community," Councilman Zine said. "However, religious institutions also have to be good neighbors."



**BY MARISOL ESPINOZA, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
CANOGA PARK, RESEDA & WINNETKA**

Canoga Park Community Gathers to Celebrate Dia de Los Muertos

Every year, on November 2nd, millions of people gather to celebrate those who have passed away before us. Dia de Los Muertos is a much celebrated holiday in Mexican culture as well as throughout Central America. The Dia de Los Muertos tradition dates back over three thousand years. This was a ritual that the indigenous people of Latin America had honored before the Spanish *conquistadores* came to the Americas in the 16th Century. Death was viewed as a continuation of life to the natives, as opposed to the end of one. After the conquest, the Spanish made this tradition coincide with the Catholic Church's All Soul's Day, to allow the indigenous to celebrate this tradition of honoring their ancestors. This holiday is celebrated all over Latin America and in many cities across the United States.

One such event took place on Sunday, November 7, 2004, where the Canoga Park community gathered on Sherman Way, between Canoga and Jordan. The 4th Annual Dia de Los Muertos Family Festival was sponsored by Main Street Canoga Park as well as by several other entities including Councilman Dennis P. Zine, the Community Redevelopment Agency, the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, and the

Canoga Park Improvement Association.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the area, and to increase the visibility of the Canoga Park business corridor. Thousands of people came to this event to ensure its success. Even a little rain in the

morning did not keep people away. Councilman Zine welcomed everyone to the event and helped Main Street Canoga Park hand out plaques to the sponsors of the event. Canoga Park is fortunate to have so many groups working together, like the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, Canoga Park Improvement Association, the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, CRA, and so many more.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine and Leslie Lambert of the CRA on stage.



The Mojacar Flamenco Dancers.



Altars entered in the Altar Contest.

Dia de Los Muertos is an annual effort put together by countless Canoga Park stakeholders. There were many vendors, community groups, and individuals involved to make this a great success. The entertainment included the Delgado Brothers, the LA International Sonora Show, Savor, A Tribute to Santana, and the Mojacar Flamenco Dancers. Some of the activities included an altar contest, a procession to honor departed loved ones, an art exhibit, international foods, and cultural arts and crafts. This event was another great example of different entities coming together, from elected officials, to community groups, to local businesses. This collaboration brought the community together for fun, games, and a great time!



**BY GRETCHEN MARTIN, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF
WOODLAND HILLS**

Reflection of Woodland Hills in 2004

As we close 2004, we look forward to a good and productive year in 2005. It is fitting that we reflect back on the many events that made our community very special this past year.

One of our exceptional events was the 7th Annual ONEgeneration "Mile of Smiles," where Councilman Dennis P. Zine proudly led the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening ceremonies. He also led the start of the walk with Daily News columnist, Dennis McCarthy. There were booths set up with helpful information for both seniors and their care givers. This wonderful event worked to raise funds to benefit our seniors and a good time was had by all who participated in this one - mile walk. The event gave the entire community the opportunity to get together for fun, entertainment, and also to support a very worthwhile cause.

ONEgeneration, is a not -for-profit community and civic leadership organization that promotes healthy aging, successful early childhood development, and quality programs to serve the needs of seniors, children and families in our diverse community.

Some of the programs they offer are: Homebound Meals Program -

Homebound seniors are delivered nutritious meals every day of the week; Care giver Support Group - a discussion on issues, stresses and inspirations that impact your life; Grocery Shopping - volunteer shoppers purchase and deliver the essentials to homebound seniors; Living Library - seniors are brought into local classrooms to share life experiences that enhance curriculum.

ONEgeneration is also the care industry's premier intergenerational program. It is part of a growing movement to provide shared site child care and senior care, thereby delivering real benefits to families and the entire community. ONEgeneration Daycare provides innovative, developmentally appropriate, day care services for both frail seniors and children ages 6 weeks to 6 years.

Founded in 1978, ONEgeneration is a multi-faceted service agency dedicated to maintaining and restoring the independence and quality of life of older persons.

Other highlights of 2004 include the forming of a Coyote Task Force to help resolve dilemmas with the coyote population, and how we can best live in harmony

with nature and still feel safe in our neighborhoods.

There was a ground breaking ceremony for the new regional fire station 84 which is scheduled to open in the future. It will be larger than the current station, and will also include a community room for meetings.

The AYSO held its 40th anniversary celebration and Woodland Hills Elementary School launched its second year of the "Lift-off to Literacy" program which was a huge success. Councilman Zine is also working with the school to install a pedestrian bridge to connect their two campuses.

This by no means is all that has been accomplished during 2004, nor does it include all of the wonderful organizations that have worked so diligently to make Woodland Hills such a desirable place to call home. It is a start, and we will continue to work with everyone and congratulate all who truly care about their community.



**BY NICOLE MOYE, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
TARZANA & WEST HILLS**

Zine Supports “YES I CAN” and Child Abuse Prevention Program

On November 19, 2004, Councilman Dennis P. Zine joined with local organizations, community members and young artists to celebrate “World Day: Prevention of Child Abuse.”

World Day is an internationally recognized event celebrated in conjunction with International Day for the Rights of the Child (November 20th.) Both events share the same purpose, to provide information and to promote awareness and the prevention of child abuse.

The US Department of Health and Human Services reports that in 2002, 1,400 children died from abuse or neglect, and nearly 900,000 children were abused. “While these numbers have declined over the last decade, allowing any violence against our children is too much,” said Councilman Zine. “Child abuse is a community and family issue, but it is also an international concern, which is why we must work to eradicate this epidemic not only at the local level, but throughout the world.”

“Yes ICAN”, - no, that’s not a typo - is an organization based in Canoga



Councilman Dennis P. Zine and Sue Meier, Founder & Executive Director of “YESICAN” with staff.

Park, California which works to eliminate child abuse by teaching people how to recognize the signs of abuse. They do this by providing accurate information about abuse and prevention, and offering international contact information for support and assistance to break the vicious cycle of abuse.

The local celebration of World Day, hosted by the Yes ICAN network, honored children in the West Valley who contributed works of art to the “What Can Children Do?” art show held in Canoga Park.

Child abuse doesn’t discriminate. It crosses gender, racial and socioeconomic lines. Sue Meier, Founder of Yes ICAN decided that an art show would be a perfect way for parents, educators and children to discuss abuse in a comfortable and open environment. The young participants were allowed to use their creativity to express their concerns and feelings about child abuse.

“Child Abuse prevention can be a difficult topic to speak with children about,” said Sue Meier, the founder of Yes ICAN. “By giving the adults a topic for the art work and some ideas for discussion, it gives them an opportunity to speak with children without the anxiety of what to say. It also provides a way for children to interact with their teachers and parents about child abuse prevention without feeling they have to start the

conversation.” “The children that we protect today, are the people who will make society safer tomorrow,” said Councilman Zine.

“Councilman Zine has been a wonderful supporter of Yes ICAN and his participation in our Art Show was an incredible addition to our event,” stated Sue Meier. “To watch the children’s eyes sparkle as they explained their artwork to the Councilman was so touching. He showed the children who created our art work that no matter how busy or how well-known he is he places children as his top priority.”

“Working worldwide to break the cycle of child abuse,” is the mission of Yes ICAN. The agency provides services to anyone who needs assistance or information concerning child abuse.

For more information on Yes ICAN or to view some of the art from the World Day celebration, log on to www.yesican.org.

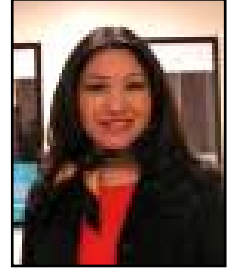


Councilman Dennis P. Zine with one of the artist showing her work.



BRIAN PERRY
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY

TRACEY CHAVIRA
LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY



LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: AGENDAS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS.

The original Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils limited the neighborhood councils to using city funds that they might receive to just neighborhood improvement projects.

In November 2002, the City Council and Mayor adopted Ordinance #174975 that also allowed neighborhood councils to spend money on their operating expenses. The City Council and Mayor adopted a budget that provided \$50,000 a year to neighborhood councils for these expenses.

At the same time, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Council Funding Program (Council File #02-0699) that detailed the procedures through which neighborhood councils could request, receive, and spend their funds.

As the program has evolved, Neighborhood Councils have found that their funds could also be effectively used to support the efforts of other organizations with which they have formed partnerships to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Schools need books and security cameras. Students, the next generation of community leaders, need opportunities and incentives to be motivated by the concept of civic engagement. Non-profit youth diversion programs could benefit from scholarships for after-school programs.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment believes that the neighborhood councils have done a commendable job in spending their money, and accounting for it in a responsible and transparent way. The Neighborhood Councils have earned the ability to be given the maximum amount of freedom to determine the best way to spend their money.

Because of Ordinance #174975, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has been unable to authorize these types of expenditures through the Neighborhood Council Funding Program. For this reason, the Neighborhood Council Funding Program would need to be amended in order to provide neighborhood councils with more options and flexibility in the expenditure of their City funds, in a way similar to the City Council's General City Purposes funding allocation for discretionary expenses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be requested to establish a City Public Purposes Grant Program for neighborhood councils, so such that neighborhood councils can donate funds for public purposes consistent with City, State and Federal laws, thereby permitting neighborhood councils the greatest range of options beyond neighborhood improvement projects and operating expenses.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment report to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee within 60 days with Program recommendations and a draft amendment to Ordinance #174975, as may be required.

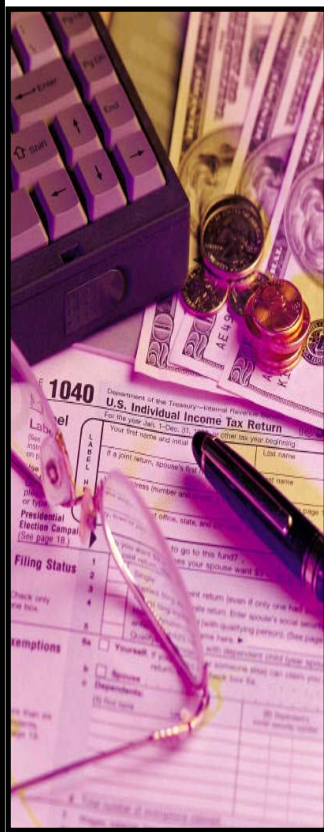
Presented by Dennis P. Zine, Councilman, Third District on December 10, 2004.

2005 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January	1	New Year's Day	June	21	Summer Begins
January	17	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (Observed)	July	4	Independence Day
January	20	Inauguration Day	September	5	Labor Day
February	6	Super Bowl Sunday	September	11	Grandparent's Day
February	9	Ash Wednesday	September	11	Patriot Day
February	12	Lincoln's Birthday	September	22	Autumn Begins
February	14	Valentine's Day	September	23	Native American Day
February	21	President's Day	October	4	Rosh Hashanah*
February	22	Washington's Birthday	October	10	Columbus Day (Observed)
March	17	St. Patrick's Day	October	13	Yom Kippur*
March	20	Palm Sunday	October	30	Daylight Saving Time Ends
March	20	Spring Begins	October	31	Halloween
March	25	Good Friday	November	8	Election Day
March	27	Easter	November	11	Veteran's Day
April	3	Daylight Saving Time Begins	November	24	Thanksgiving Day
April	22	Earth Day	December	1	A.I.D.S. Awareness Day
April	24	Passover*	December	7	Pearl Harbor Day
April	29	Arbor Day	December	10	Human Rights Day
May	5	Cinco de Mayo	December	21	Winter Begins
May	8	Mother's Day	December	25	Christmas Day
May	21	Armed Forces Day	December	26	Chanukah*
May	30	Memorial Day	December	26	Kwanzaa Begins
June	14	Flag Day	December	31	New Year's Eve
June	19	Father's Day			
June	19	Juneteenth			

*Holiday begins at sundown on the evening before date shown.
All information is subject to change.

Low-income Tax Counseling!



Councilman Dennis P. Zine has once again offered the use of the West Valley Municipal Building to California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to prepare income taxes for low-income families and individuals.

They will be located in the Conference Room of the West Valley Municipal Building at 19040 Vanowen Street at the corner of Vanalden Street in Reseda.

The volunteers will be offering **FREE** tax assistance every **Tuesday from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM**

beginning

February 8th through April 5th.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (818) 677-4519.

\$1000 REWARD



For any individual providing information to the police which results in the apprehension and conviction of vandalism suspects.

If you or any of your employees have any information which may be helpful in ending the current assault of graffiti and vandalism in your area, I urge you to contact **LAPD at (818) 756-9891 or call my office at (818) 756-8848.**

Please know that I am reviewing every possible option and will take appropriate action to end this attack on our neighborhoods. I appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter.

Together we can keep our community safe and beautiful.

**DENNIS P. ZINE,
COUNCILMAN
Third District**

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.



Donate Now 

“South Asia Tsunami Relief”

To donate by phone or for more information, contact the **American Red Cross Santa Clara Valley Chapter** at **(408) 577-1000**. Contributions can also be dropped off or mailed to the Santa Clara Valley Chapter Office - 2731 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134. Make checks payable to the **"American Red Cross"** and write **"South Asia Tsunami Relief"** in the memo line.

Information about U.S. citizens in affected areas of Southern Asia may be obtained from the **U.S. Department of State, Office of Overseas Citizens Services, at 1-888-407-4747 or (202) 647-5225.**

The following Embassy websites include special information regarding the disaster:
www.indianembassy.org/Tsunami/Tsunami.htm (Indian Embassy in DC)
www.thaiembdc.org (Royal Embassy of Thailand in Washington DC)

Continue to try and contact your loved ones through normal means of communication. Phone and cellular service has been possible – though sporadic – in some parts of the area.

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

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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

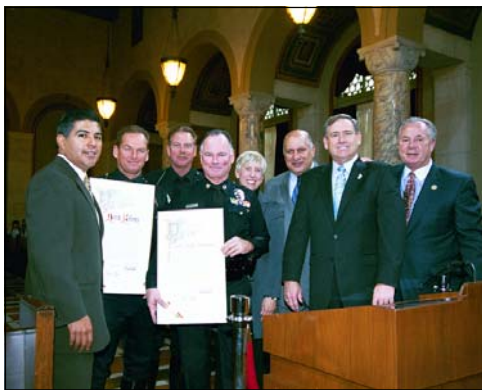
ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilmember's Dennis P. Zine, Ed Reyes and Jack Weiss honor the new Consul General of Israel, Ehud Danoch.



Councilmember's Dennis P. Zine, Eric Garcetti and Antonio Villaroagosa bid farewell to Cynthia Ruiz exiting Public Works Commissioner.



Councilmember's Dennis P. Zine, Greg Smith, Tony Cardenas, Wendy Greuel and Tom LaBonge honor Captain Greg Meyer of LAPD—Valley Traffic Division.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine and former First Lady of California Sharon Davis honor Daphne Ziman for her work with children.



Councilmember's Dennis P. Zine and Eric Garcetti with Mike Brown the new Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol .



Councilmember's congratulate former Chief Legislative Analyst, Ron Deaton on his newly appointed position as General Manager of Department of Water & Power.

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Dennis P. Zine at a Press Conference stressing the safety of Christmas Toys.



Councilmember's Zine, Villaragosa and Supervisor Yaroslavsky feeding the homeless at the Fred Jordan Mission on Thanksgiving Day.



Councilmember's Dennis P. Zine and Council President Alex Padilla with Steve Larson the Mayor of New Brighton, MN.



Councilmember's Dennis P. Zine and Eric Garcetti with WVLAPD Senior Lead Officer Jodi McGee who serves the community of Woodland Hills in the 3rd Council District.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors Don Sweeny & Buddy Childers in Council.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Issac Hayes as LA City Council proclaims November 4th Issac Hayes Day.