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#### MAYOR HAHN TO HOST CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Will bring together Neighborhood Council leaders from across the city to establish relationships with city departments

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Jim Hahn announced that this Saturday, August 3 the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) in collaboration with Mayor Hahn's Office of the Neighborhood Advocate will hold the first Congress of Neighborhoods at the Universal Sheraton in Los Angeles. The Congress of Neighborhoods is a conference that will bring together Neighborhood Council leaders from across the city for valuable training sessions and networking opportunities.

"I encourage all representatives from the 39 certified Neighborhood Councils to attend the Summer 2002 Congress of Neighborhoods to meet with city department representatives one-on-one," said Mayor Hahn. "Over 45 topics will be discussed during the workshops held throughout the day to assist Neighborhood Councils with city services that will benefit their communities."

Registration for the Congress of Neighborhoods will start at 8:30 a.m. Following registration Mayor Hahn, City Controller Laura Chick, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, and several members of the City Council and the Board of Education will participate in the opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m.

The first workshop sessions will begin at 10:45 a.m., followed by a networking luncheon for all participants. Over 470 people have registered for the Congress of Neighborhoods event and registration will be available by walk in the day of the event.

The Universal Sheraton Hotel is located at 333 Universal Hollywood Drive in Los Angeles. For additional information regarding the event, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) General Manager Greg Nelson at 213-216-7468.

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