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**MAYOR HAHN ANNOUNCES CERTIFICATION OF SOUTHEAST/CENTRAL AVENUE
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Over 3 million people now represented through neighborhood councils

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Jim Hahn today announced that the Southeast/Central Avenue Neighborhood Council completed the certification process after a unanimous vote by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

“The leaders of the Southeast/Central Avenue Neighborhood Council have the experience and desire to improve life in their area,” said Mayor Hahn. “Now, as a neighborhood council, they have the added resources and support they need to make it happen. I look forward to seeing great things come out of the community.”

“We wanted to be a neighborhood council in order to create a vehicle for the political empowerment of our community,” said Southeast/Central Avenue Neighborhood Council Interim Chairwoman Mary Wong. “As a low-income and working class community, we are rarely invited to participate in policy decisions that directly affect the community. We will now be evolving from citizen groups into a single neighborhood.”

This was the 77th neighborhood council to be certified into the citywide system. There are 28,593 residents in the Southeast/Central Avenue Neighborhood Council area, raising the total number of people inside certified neighborhood councils to over 3 million.