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To: Neighborhood Council Leaders
From: Greg Nelson, General Manager
Subject: MAYOR'S BUDGET DAY
THE MAYOR INVITES YOU TO ATTEND BUDGET DAY ON OCTOBER 1

Mark it on your calendars!

Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to noon in City Hall.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is inviting you to join him and his Finance Team at Budget Day for the development of the 2006-07 city budget.

There will be an explanation of the new process through which Neighborhood Councils will have an opportunity to work with the Mayor as he prepares the new city budget. Your questions will be answered, and your comments will be heard. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Mayor's office has been made aware of the suggestions that the Neighborhood Councils made in the five public meetings that were held following the last budget process. The details are being worked out, and you will be receiving more information between now and October 1.

One of the recommendations was that the Neighborhood Councils be able to begin the process earlier than in the past. But because the Mayor and his staff are new, they are starting into the budget process later than normal. And, it wasn't possible to have this first Budget Day event before there was a Mayor and a finance director. It's a special challenge for all of us.

Parking will be free. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Stand-by for more information.

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