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## **GARCETTI ANNOUNCES GRANT FUNDING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS**

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles Council President Eric Garcetti today announced that more than \$56,000 has been awarded to local organizations in the 13<sup>th</sup> City Council District to be used for neighborhood beautification projects. The grants are awarded and administered through the City of Los Angeles's Department of Public Works Office of Community Beautification.

"These funds help local organizations make a real difference in cleaning up their neighborhoods and providing more opportunities for the people who live in them. I am excited about all of the projects that received grant funding and look forward to the day when they are completed and being used by the community," said Council President Garcetti.

The 2007-08 grant recipients in Garcetti's Council District are:

- **Echo Park United Methodist Community Living Room.** The Echo Park United Methodist Church was awarded \$8,578 to add benches, trash receptacles, and other outdoor amenities to its sidewalk space in front of the church's main entrance. This space is often used by people attending the many community meetings held in the church.
- **Discover the Wonders of Reading Mural at Clifford Elementary School.** Friends of Clifford Street School was awarded \$9,925 to fund a mural that will promote reading and direct students to the school's under-utilized library. Students at the Echo Park school will participate in creating the mural.
- **Landscaping for New Community Center in Hollywood.** The Hollywood Highlands Democratic Club was awarded \$8,278 to provide landscaping for the new community center being established by the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council. The Club will install drought-tolerant plants to create a 1.9 acre park, doubling the park acreage around the new community center.
- **Staying Fit @ Lemon Grove Park's Trail.** The Hollywood Studio District

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Neighborhood Council was awarded \$10,000 to purchase and install exercise equipment along the existing trail at Lemon Grove Park.

- **New Gates for the Rosewood Community Beautification Garden.** The Rosewood Community Garden was awarded \$10,000 to improve the entrance to the East Hollywood garden with new steel gates designed by local artist Michael Amescua.
- **Berendo Esquina Bonita Garden and Beautification Project.** Trinity Episcopal Church in East Hollywood was awarded \$10,000 for its Berendo Esquina Bonita project, which includes creating an eco-friendly garden and lighting to improve safety after dark.

Grant recipients are selected through a competitive application process. Each project is eligible to receive up to \$10,000 and local organizations are required to provide matching funds for their own projects. Applications for the 2008-09 grants will be available in July. For more information about Community Beautification Grants, please visit: <http://lacity.org/bpw/OCB/NMF/index.html>.

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