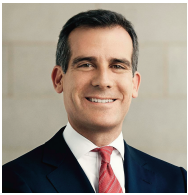




Happy Women's History Month

March 31, 2018

STREET TALK



Eric Garcetti
Mayor



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From the desk of
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Bureau of Street Services



The Cities of Los Angeles and Mexicali Share Infrastructure Challenges and Solutions

Cities like Los Angeles and Mexicali suffer similar infrastructure challenges. Some of these challenges include street potholes, broken sidewalks, overgrown trees, and aging infrastructure in general. As a result, both cities developed a partnership to exchange knowledge and experiences to mutually support each other. On March 27th, BSS Director Nazario Saucedo visited Mexicali and met with Mexicali's Mayor, Gustavo Sanchez Vasquez to reinforce our city's commitment by donating three dump trucks that will be utilized to address quality of life issues such as illegal dumping, street resurfacing, removal of tree trimmings, pothole repairs, etc. The donation was made possible through the leadership Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Jose Huizar.



Going Above and Beyond

On March 22nd, Investigators of our Enforcement Division assisted the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in rescuing a driver who was trapped in an overturned vehicle. The incident occurred at the westbound 10 freeway ramp at Soto Street. The Investigators acted without hesitation and displayed a selfless act of courage. Their heroic acts embody their Division's motto: "Commoda ef Conface" - Adapt and Achieve-.

Through a surgical collaboration effort and a brave reaction, the members of the CHP, LAFD, and BSS were able to save a human life.



Council District's 14 Cesar Chavez Street Plaza Groundbreaking

On March 8 and as part of the Cesar Chavez Transit Corridor project, Councilmember Jose Huizar broke ground in implementing the first of two plazas.



This great project involves numerous city agencies including the Departments of Transportation, Cultural Affairs, General Services, as well as the Bureaus of Street Lighting and Street Services. The proposed project will close a right-turn lane and transform the site into a 7,000 sq. ft. landscaped commemorative plaza. The plaza will celebrate LA's diversity with a Bracero monument, an inlaid brick timeline of historical events, and a series of bronze plaques engraved with cultural and historic quotes from the 19th Century. The Bureau is honored to be part of the design and construction of this new iconic site in Los Angeles.

Ladybugs: The Real Deal to Preserve Trees

Not all bugs are bad for trees and plants. Within the City of Los Angeles' Urban Forest, there are beneficial insects that contribute to the preservation of city trees. One insect in particular that is extremely vital is the Coccinellidae, commonly known as the "Ladybug." In reality, the Ladybug is not a bug, but instead, a Beetle. They prey on small insects that may become destructive pests. Ladybugs can consume 50 to 60 Aphids per day in addition to other harmful insects which might otherwise attack our city trees and landscape. Ladybugs are a great alternative to using insecticides that can be environmentally unfriendly so if Ladybugs land on you, treat them with respect and place them on the nearest plant so they can continue making our lives greener and better.



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