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FROM: BongHwan Kim, Assistant General Manager 
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RE: Neighborhood Councils Collaborating with Schools
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Since the first Neighborhood Council (NC's) was certified, there has consistently been an interest and awareness coming from NC's on the importance of partnering with schools. The role of DONE has and continues to be to help facilitate and coordinate any and/or all projects NC's are interested in accomplishing. Projects have included:

- Emergency Preparedness Fairs
- Tree planting/landscaping Projects
- School Repairs/Painting
- Graffiti Removal
- Funding for books/supplies
- Funding for school signs/marquees
- Funding for musical instruments
- Funding for after-school programs
- Funding for tables/chairs/bleachers
- Partnering with LAPD & DOT on traffic mitigation and safety projects
- Providing announcements in school newsletters & yearbooks
- Funding for athletic equipment
- New curtains for school auditoriums.

The following are just some of the Neighborhood Councils that have and continue to partner with schools. While this does not include the entire NC system, this does provide an overview for how NC's are partnering with schools.

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Arleta	6	Arleta Hi	Has held multiple events at elementary schools such as Big Sunday with food, arts, greening activities and public safety displays; and Emergency Preparedness Fair for community awareness. Purchased banners for school.	Many NC's develop relationships with schools because they meet at schools for committee, board meetings, events and many boards have seats designated for education.
Arroyo Seco	1, 14	Mt. Washington Elementary	Purchased plants and materials for outdoor classroom, purchased insurance so that the new multipurpose room can be used for free for public meetings.	Coordination
	1	Bushnell Way Elementary	Assisted with the purchase of a large sign for the front of school	Coordination
	1	Arroyo Seco Museum & Science Magnet	Assisted with the purchase of recorders and music and teachers for their after-school program	Coordination
Atwater Village	4, 13	Atwater Elementary	Funding to schools (books & supplies)	Coordination
Bel Air-Beverly Crest	5	Wonderland Community Magnet School Roscomare Road	Funding for projects to beautify school, playgrounds, repair lunchrooms, and enhance libraries (through purchasing books and materials). Funding new tables for the Community Magnet School. Partnering with the LAPD to contact the principals of all schools in the BABCNC area to request that they use a survey to identify traffic problems related to morning drop-off and afternoon pick up of students.	Assist the Board with solutions to funding issues, facilitated the funding process, and conceptualized funding strategies.
Canoga Park	3	Canoga Park Elementary	At-risk youth diploma project	Coordination
	6	Columbus Middle	After school supplies	Coordination
Central Alameda	9	Hoover Elementary	Ongoing general partnership with the school	Coordination
Central San Pedro	15	Port of Los Angeles	Having ads in their business programs and yearbook. Also helped with their luncheon	Coordination
Chatsworth	12	Chatsworth Park Elementary	Purchased bleachers	Coordination
	12	Superior St. Elementary	Purchased bleachers	Coordination
	12	Lawrence Middle	Purchased bleachers. Partnered with school by funding projects that benefit the youth and the community.	Coordination
	12	Chatsworth High	Partnered with school by funding projects that benefit the youth and the community, purchased bleachers	Coordination
Coastal San Pedro	15	Point Fermin Elementary	Collaborated with school by purchasing new books for the school's Wonder of Reading Library	Coordination
		South Shores Elementary	Partnered with school for Mayor's Big Sunday event.	Coordination
Del Rey	11		Collaborated with several schools within their boundary for the Mayor's Day of Service. Funded community beautification projects at two elementary schools within their boundary.	Coordination
Downtown Los Angeles	1, 9, 14	9th Street School Elementary	Learning materials and special classroom furniture	Coordination
Eagle Rock	14	Eagle Rock High	New Board member planning to develop education committee to work with Eagle Rock High staff/parents re: LAUSD polices	Coordination
Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Area	8,10	King, Mack, Bright & Norwood Elementary	Provides funding and programs for youth groups. Some of the major programs the ECNANDC has funded are: book drives for nine LAUSD elementary schools, such as King, Mack and Bright Elementary Schools, funding for and production of Kids Science Days at the Denker, EPICC and Hoover Recreations Centers and at Richardson Park, creation of a teen lounge at the EPICC Center, assistance with the Norwood Elementary School mural	Assist the Board with solutions for funding issues, facilitated the funding process, and conceptualized funding strategies.
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Empowerment Congress West Area	8, 10	Hillcrest Elementary,	Supported the Hillcrest Family Affa a community event where the parents, students and the community were invited to learn about the services the school offers in addition to the various City and community resources available to families.	Assist NC with funding and getting City departments to the event. LAPD brought out the K-9 unit and the Mounted Unit.
	8	Audubon Middle	Collaborated with the Malcom X Festival. The event showcased workshops on cultural awareness, poetry, film making and writing.	Assist NC with funding and get LAPD and school police to attend in addition to DWP and Public Works.
Foothill Trails District	2	Fenton Elementary	Partnered with school in the past	Coordination
Glassell Park	13	Irving Middle	Education committee still in the planning stages. Former board provided funding for school (musical instruments).	Coordination
Greater Cypress Park	1	Aragon Elementary	Purchased stage curtains for the school auditorium. On June 19, approved a program for third graders which will be administered by the non-profit "I See My River". The program's curriculum will teach the children to appreciate the Los Angeles River through field trips and other activities (2007).	Coordination
	1	Northeast High School (2010 Completion)	Sent a letter of support to school board last year regarding the use of eminent domain to acquire the original parcel for the school (2006). On June 19, 2007, approved a letter of support for use of land adjacent to the parcel for the school.	Coordination
Greater Toluca Lake	4	Rio Vista Elementary	Supported Rio Vista Elementary on the Hidden Garden project (Community Beautification Grant) and purchased the sign and work on the garden for the Day of Service in May.	Coordination
	4	Toluca Lake Elementary	Funded a tutorial program. Provided supplemental funding for after school program	Coordination
Greater Valley Glen	3		Student Logo Design Competition - April through June 2006 the Arts & Education Committee hosted a logo design contest open to students who live, work or attend school in Greater Valley Glen. Ads were placed in the <u>Daily News</u> and <u>Grant High</u> newspaper. Three schools responded: 1) Summit View School 2) Amherst Junior & Senior High 3) L.A. Valley College Graphic Design Department. The winner was a student at L.A. Valley College's Graphic Design Department. Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office presented the winner and the runner up from Amherst with certificates of merit. The Council adopted the logo and it is in use.	Coordination
	2	Grant High	Assistance with the Serenity Garden - Since the board was seated in 2006, the Arts & Education Committee has donated members' generous time working in the garden as well as money for plants and tools as well as out door fine art signs currently in production to be fastened to the fence on Oxnard and Ethel to bring awareness to the garden.	Coordination
Harbor City	15	Narbonne High	Collaborated with school on Mayor's Big Sunday event. Used to meet at Narbonne until they moved their meetings to the Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Branch Library.	Coordination
Lincoln Heights	1	Abraham Lincoln High	Over the last two years the LHNC developed a working relationship with Abraham Lincoln H.S. At least three school educators / faculty and one student joined the board. During their last election, the LHNC held their election at the high school in an effort to inform and increase student participation. Students were encouraged to participate and vote at the election. Also, several students volunteered to staff the election in exchange for volunteer credits. As a result of this, there was a high student turn out at the polls. Purchased sports equipment and sports safety equipment, and electronic marquee for Lincoln High School.	Coordination
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MacArthur Park	1	Charles V. Elementary	The NC collaborated with the school, v principal sits on the Board of the NC, to organize a holiday outreach event at the school with parents and children from the school and a soccer league from MacArthur Park. Over 300 children and parents attended the event where they learned about NC community resources, and the children received toys. Another event is planned for next holiday season where books will be distributed to the children.	Coordination
	1		Tenants Right and Responsibilities Fair. The NC and the school, along with other community organizations, teamed up to organize a community fair to inform tenants in about their rights and responsibilities as renters. The event was held on school grounds, using the auditorium for the opening session, and in classrooms where workshops were held. Outreach was done through the school. Councilmember Reyes co-sponsored the event and attended as well.	Coordination
Mar Vista	11		Collaborated with several schools within their boundary for the Mayor's Day of Service. Funded community beautification projects at two elementary schools within their boundary.	Coordination
Mid-City South	10	Alta Loma Elementary	During Mayor's Day of Service planted gardens of flowers and vegetables	Coordination
Mid-City West	4,5	Carthay, Hancock Park & Rosewood Elementary	Funded a before school library program for children in three of the four public elementary schools in the area. This rose out of a concern for the number of children who had to be dropped off early, before school opened. This program allowed children to go in the library and read, do homework or get help instead of waiting unsupervised outside.	Coordination
	4, 5	Hancock Park, Rosewood Elementary	Living History Project-children in the elementary school were asked to interview elderly people to get their ideas about community. Children wrote essays about what they learned from their interviews	Coordination
	5	Fairfax High	Current project involves partnering with Fairfax High School, the only public high school in the area. An ad hoc committee was formed to meet and discuss the needs of the high school. The committee was made up of Board members and included input from the school. A program was put together to provide a tour and highlight the needs of the school. A motion to establish a partnership with the school passed unanimously (2007)	Coordination
Mid-Town North Hollywood	4,2	Sendak Elementary	Worked with school on beautification programs, planted trees, Mayor's Service Day	Coordination
Mission Hills	7		Close working relationship with previous administrator which allowed the circulation of NC flyers with the children, NC sponsored an Art in Community Day at the school with a mural, food, etc. NC sponsored lights on campus for increased safety and to deter vandalism. NC held a recognition presentation at a meeting for the Principal and her leadership and care to the NC and community.	Coordination
North Hills East	6, 7	Sepulveda Middle	NC meets on campus of school. Also partnered with several schools in area during the Mayor's Big Sunday event. Currently, the NC distributes flyers to at least 10 schools in the area. The outreach flyers advertise the meeting of the NC and the schools make it a point to send the flyers home with the kids in order to foster participation by the community in the formation of the NC.	Coordination
North Hollywood Northeast	6	Arminta, Camelia Elementary	Worked closely with schools by assisting with the funding of projects that have an overall benefit for the youth in the area	Coordination
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Northwest San Pedro	15		Has collaborated with the Rotary Club in schools within the NWSPNC boundaries on their Service Awards program. They recognize one outstanding fifth grader at each of the four elementary schools: Bandini Avenue, Park Western Place, Seventh Street and Taper Avenue (all LAUSD elementary schools). Students are chosen based on community service, grades, and/or outstanding achievement within the school setting. They also recognize an outstanding high school student from San Pedro High School (the only LAUSD public high school in San Pedro).	Coordination
Pacoima	6 & 7	Discovery Charter School	In 2006 partnered with school during Mayor's Big Sunday event.	Coordination
Palms	5, 10, 11	Charnock Road Elementary	Provided funding for expanding the school library (wonder Reading program). Allocated funding for a Big Sunday volunteer project that beautified the Charnock Road Elementary school grounds. One of the key goals of the Palms NC is to improve the quality of education in the PNC area. Palms NC has a set of guidelines which they use when funding community projects.	Assist the Board, provided solutions for funding issues, facilitated the funding process, and conceptualized funding strategies. Staff also provided assistance during the Bike Rodeo event at the Board table and worked to secure a meeting location and insurance paperwork for the Marshal High School Orchestra event that was held at Palms Elementary School.
	11	Palms Elementary	Provided funding to help expand the school library (Wonder Reading Program). Funded a kid's bike rodeo. Local police officers taught the "rules of the road" to local youth as they rode their bikes through different exercise. The NC funded a bike giveaway to children who participated in the event.	Coordination
	11	Palms Middle	Allocated funding for L.A. Scores to help fund a pilot after-school	Coordination
	10, 5	Hamilton High	Helped to produce a concert by the high school band that was held at Palms Elementary	Coordination
	10	Pacifica Community Charter	Allocated funding for parenting classes (parents as adults in a non-violent environment).	Coordination
Pico	10	Saturn Street Elementary	Student assemblies by the "Singing Cop" promoting safety and conflict management. Event was brought on to the school on behalf of the NC to address safety issues in the school and as a way for the NC to outreach to parents and teachers. Event was well-received by students and teachers and a couple of other local elementary schools have plans for working with the NC to do bring the assembly to their campuses.	Coordination
Pico Union	1	Magnolia Avenue Elementary	The NC assisted the school in securing and installing a water fountain for the main entrance of the school to beautify the school grounds. A plaque was included recognizing the NC for its support of the school in its beautification efforts in the community.	Coordination
Sherman Oaks	2, 5	Chandler Elementary	Nutrition project	Coordination
	2, 5	Chandler/Sherman Oaks Elementary	Completed the process of funding grants for Chandler Elementary and Sherman Oaks Elementary. These grants were approved last year under the leadership of the then-chairman and SONC member.	Coordination
			Held an informational evening with all of the Sherman Oaks public schools to educate parents about enrollment, registration, magnet points, etc. There are plans to hold another such evening in the fall of 2007.	Coordination
			Participated in Beautification Days at local schools through the Sherman Oaks Beautification Committee. Compiled a brochure publicizing our local public schools.	Coordination
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Sun Valley Area	6	Sepulveda Middle	Continuously partnered with schools around the area by funding school projects that have presented a benefit to the youth as well as the community	Coordination
Sunland-Tujunga			Conduct recognition ceremony for outstanding educator or program in any of the schools within the boundaries. Facilitated education forums on issues of concerns with the local school superintendent.	Coordination
Sylmar	7	Hubbard Elementary	Currently meets at Hubbard Elementary School, therefore this group is continually fostering a relationship with the school.	Coordination
	7	Sylmar High	Collaborated with Sylmar High to recruit students to participate in the Mayor's Big Sunday Event. Worked closely with one classroom made up of juniors and seniors. The Department assisted by providing access to the classroom and assisting the NC in the recruiting of youth for the event.	Coordination
Tarzana	3	Wilbur/Nestle Elementary	TNC Outreach and Public Safety committees launched a TERN (Tarzana Emergency Resource Network) kit distribution and worked with Wilbur Elementary School and Nestle Elementary School. Provided and delivered to the schools a free kit for every student. The kit was a joint effort of local business sponsors and TNC funds. Also worked with the Woodland Hills/Tarzana Chamber of Commerce, Tarzana Community & Cultural Center, and Tarzana Property Owners Association, to distribute them. The Tarzana Community & Cultural Center agreed to host the CERT training classes in conjunction with this effort and nine people completed the program. In total we distributed 5000 kits	Coordination
	3	Wilbur Elementary	Worked with Wilbur Elementary to provide them funds to repair and replace their musical instruments.	Coordination
Van Nuys	6	Milliken Middle	Member of the Board invites her students from Milliken Middle School to the monthly meetings to interact with council. There are always 7-12 students in the audience at the meeting. They ask questions and help out during the meeting. Currently working on a movie night in the Van Nuys Government Center Space (behind Van Nuys City Hall) to be sponsored by the VNNC.	Coordination
Venice	11		Venice Education Funding Initiatives: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Education Committee has not been able to function as effectively as they would like. However, the VNC has always provided workers for Big Sunday school beautification projects at local schools such as: Venice High School, Beethoven Elementary School, and Walgrove Elementary School.	Assist the Board with solutions to funding issues, facilitated the funding process, conceptualized funding strategies Project Coordinator worked on Big Sunday projects at some of the locations
West Adams	10	Cienega Elementary	Organized a project with school and with the Mayor's Office for Mayor's Day of Service 2007. Provided the school with cleaning supplies for the clean up on that day.	Encouraged partnerships between NCs and local schools and has provided support to NCs when needed.
	10	Dorsey High	Provided computers and books and supplies that were needed	PC informed NC of acceptable/unacceptable purchases
West Los Angeles	11		WLANC consistently reaches out to University High and funds programs organized by Stoner Recreation Center; LAUSD youth participate in programs they would otherwise not have had access to, including: Summer camp trip to Decker Canyon. Youth baseball and soccer, programs by the Stoner Activity League (SAL) geared toward at risk youth, in partnership with LAPD WLA station, providing a free one spring camp at Stoner park.	Assist the Board, provided solutions for funding issues, facilitated the funding process, conceptualized funding strategies
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Westchester Play Del Rey	11	Westche	Organized a clean-up/beautification project with the students from Westchester. The beautification project was part of the Mayor's Day of Service in 2006. They painted the school, planted greenery, cleaned up.	Coordination
Westside	5	Overland Elementary	Purchased science lab equipment, created a science lab with experiments and study materials. The science lab allows teachers to create a hands-on science learning experience for their students Since its inception, the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC) has shown a strong commitment to its local schools. Rather than dictate how schools should spend the funding they receive from the Council, the WNC's Funding Committee has created a community improvement project application for each school (and other priority community recipients) to use when requesting the funds from the Council.	Assist the Board, provided solutions for funding issues, facilitated the funding process, and conceptualized funding strategies. The Project Coordinator worked directly with LAUSD Administration to help facilitate funding for some of these projects.
	5	Westwood Charter Elementary	Replace old chalkboards with new, state-of-the-art whiteboards and bulletin boards	Coordination
Wilmington	15	Banning High	Collaborated with Banning High School's (Wilmington's only LAUSD public high school) football program by purchasing new practice shorts and jerseys for the football team.	Coordination
			Collaborated with Banning High School by partnering with them on the Mayor's Big Sunday event on April 28-29th.	Coordination
			The Wilmington NC commented that it is difficult to partner and work with LAUSD.	Coordination

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