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Councilwoman Hahn Welcomes Attorney General Eric Holder to Watts



Yesterday, Councilwoman Janice Hahn welcomed US Attorney General Eric Holder to Watts. The Councilwoman and the Attorney General, along with Mayor Villaraigosa and Police Chief Bill Bratton, toured Nickerson Gardens to observe the Summer Night Lights Program, followed by a meeting with the Watts Gang Task Force. The Attorney General listened to the stories and experiences shared by task force members, and asked questions of the group in order to learn more about their highly successful efforts to reduce gang violence.

Three and a half years ago, the Councilwoman, along with Watts community members, founded the Watts Gang Task Force in an effort to put an end to violent crime and gang activity in Watts. Since then, crime has been reduced by over 50% in the Watts neighborhood.

“The Watts Gang Task Force has brought a new approach to keeping the peace in the Watts community, and it has worked extremely well. We were thrilled to share our very successful formula with the Attorney General, so that he can help to bring it to other parts of the nation,” said Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

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