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Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)
*GAP Receives Commendation from the Los Angeles City
Office of Community Beautification (OCB)*

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (April 21, 2014) – On Monday, April 21, 2014, the Gang Alternatives Program’s Community Clean Up Department received a commendation from the Los Angeles City, Office of Community Beautification (OCB). GAP received the award at the Board of Public Works Meeting held in the Port of Los Angeles Administration Building. OCB Executive Director, Paul Racs presented the award to GAP, and Executive Director Doug Semark, Board President Jane Tokubo, and Director of Community Clean Up Mario Martinez and the PGA Team were present to receive the award.

With more than 25 years of collaboration with GAP, OCB is a steady, trustworthy partner in GAP’s Community Clean Up efforts, providing opportunity, support, and leadership in the fight to keep LA’s neighborhoods clean and graffiti free. With its innovative Educational Outreach Program (EOP) and Community Beautification Projects, OCB exemplifies GAP’s commitment to its Gangfree Streets® initiative. Director Paul Racs provides the leadership and vision that has made OCB the gold standard in community clean up, beautification, and empowerment, and GAP is honored to be entrusted with the opportunity to work alongside OCB in this vitally important work.

About Los Angeles City, Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification

The City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification (OCB) seeks to create a clean and beautiful Los Angeles by forming partnerships with volunteers, residents, community based organizations, and non-profit agencies, focusing on volunteerism and beautification efforts. OCB serves as a resource for community improvement programs throughout Los Angeles. OCB programs are designed to empower neighborhoods and community groups. By utilizing OCB services, participants improve their environment while building partnerships with the City of Los Angeles.

About The Gang Alternatives Program

GAP is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation, providing multi-service community based programs to promote a gangfree lifestyle to young people and their families. Since 1986, GAP’s leadership in primary prevention in anti-gang strategy has been instrumental in violence reduction and community rebuilding. Headquartered in Wilmington, California, GAP, is the only gang prevention program in Los Angeles focused on keeping elementary school children out of gangs. For more information about Gang Alternatives Program (GAP) events, activities, services, programs, and facilities, go to www.gangfree.org, or contact (310) 519-7233.

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