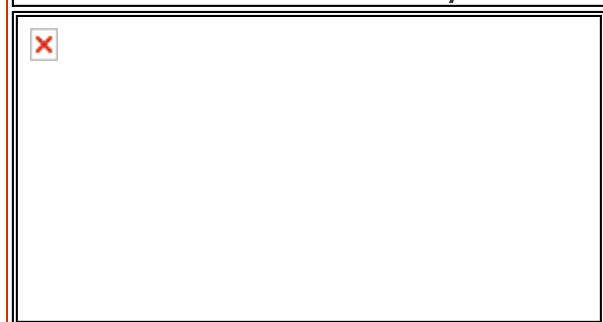


The broom, the hat and the vest all may be too big for her, but this volunteer's enthusiasm knows no bounds.

Photos by Jose Ubaldo



Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa helped kick off the Community Cleanup Day with praise for the volunteers' efforts.

Community Cleanup Day Volunteers Make Cypress Park, Lincoln Heights Streets Shine

(Jan. 31) With brooms and plastic trash bags in hand, some 75 hard-hatted MTA volunteers and others in bright orange vests gathered Saturday to attack the graffiti and trash accumulated on major streets in Cypress Park and Lincoln Heights.

Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, a former SCRDT Board member recognized as the "father" of the MTA's Zero Tolerance program, helped kick off the Community Cleanup Day.

He was joined by LA City Council Member Jackie Goldberg, MTA Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky, Transit Operations chief Tom Conner and Capt. Vance Proctor, commanding

officer, LAPD Transit Bus Division.

Trucks hauled trash away

Working in teams, crews spread out to cover the streets around Division 3. Others were assigned to Cypress Avenue, North Figueroa, Avenue 26 and North Broadway. The City Sanitation Department dispatched trucks to haul the trash picked up by the volunteers.

Volunteers from the MTA's Division Advisory Committee (DAC) worked along with Metro Clean Community Services, the city's Operation Clean Sweep and other community volunteers. Bus Operator Lisa Smith, a member of the Division 3 DAC was in charge of the event. Bill Gay, senior communications officer, provided overall coordination.

The event was



covered by KNX
Radio, KABC-TV,
KMEX-TV and the
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