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City of Los Angeles Joins International Walk to School Month

LOS ANGELES, California (October 3, 2012) – The City of Los Angeles is joining the global community in the "International Walk to School Month". The goal is to celebrate the benefits of walking and to educate kids about pedestrian safety. Walk to school month kicks off with "Walk to School Day" on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

"Our city streets can and should be places where children can safely walk to and from school," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Councilwoman Jan Perry continued, "Walking is a great way to get children and their parents to live healthier with a more physical and active lifestyle."

Councilwoman Perry will host three "Walk to School" events in south Los Angeles during October at the Accelerated Elementary School, Main Street Elementary School, and Trinity Elementary School. The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) will make pedestrian safety presentations and distribute safety materials at school assemblies during the events.

LADOT makes pedestrian safety improvements to city streets and educates students about traffic safety as part of our Safe Routes to Schools program. For more information about the "International Walk to School Month" go to: http://www.iwalktoschool.org/.



