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## Senator Bradford Sponsors Holiday Toy Giveaway



CARSON – Yesterday, Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Carson, for “Holiday In the Park” event, and distributed toys to over 500 families in Senate District 35 and beyond. The giveaway provided toys and Gift Cards to children of all ages.

“I can’t think of anything else I’d rather be doing right now,” said Senator Bradford. “Despite the rain, we had a great turnout. It was great to see everyone’s faces light up as they were given the opportunity to choose the toys and items they wanted. The warmth the community creates by supporting one another is what makes the holidays so enjoyable.”

Senator Bradford sponsored the event, hosted by Boys and Girls Clubs of Carson, in collaboration with Los Angeles County’s Parks and Recreation Department, Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and a special thank you to Mattel Inc. and California Highway Patrol for donating toys. Mattel donated over 10 pallets of toys, their generosity will continue to help additional children beyond yesterday’s event, who will receive gifts throughout the holiday season and beyond.

Senator Bradford, his staff and community volunteers provided by Ikea and Marathon also facilitated photos with Santa Claus, arts & crafts, and handed out cookies and hot cocoa.

“The pandemic has been especially hard on children, who have had to endure two full years of a completely altered lifestyle,” continued Senator Bradford. “For many of us, two years pass like two months. But for kids that can be a quarter, half or even their entire life. Days like today are an especially important reminder that during difficult times, uplifting one another is crucial. Happy Holidays to everyone and a big thank you to all who participated and made this event such an enormous success.”

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*Senator Bradford is Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus, Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and represents the Los Angeles County communities of Carson, Compton, Gardena,*

*Harbor City, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, San Pedro, Torrance, Watts, Willowbrook, and Wilmington.*