POLICE FOUNDATION

His Gift Is His Song... and Charity

Elton John, touched by a personal connection. generously supports the Los Angeles Police **Memorial Foundation.**

 $S^{\text{inger/songwriter}} \stackrel{\text{Elton}}{\text{Elton}} \stackrel{\text{John}}{\text{John}} \text{ was}$ recently honored by the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation for his generosity to the charity.

According to the foundation, several years ago a tragedy occurred to the family of one of Elton John's security personnel, an off-duty LAPD Officer. Elton was so impressed with the response of the Memorial Foundation to the family's needs that he has become one of the Memorial Foundation's largest contributors, having donated more than \$100,000.

The LAPD Memorial Foundation provides grants for widows and orphans of officers killed in the line of duty, and for many other catastrophic occurrences within the LAPD

To donate, go to: lapmf.org

Save the date: The 41st Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at Rancho Park Golf Course in West Los Angeles. Hall of Fame Dodgers broadcaster Vin Scully is the celebrity-host.



From left: Elton John is honored for his generosity to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation by Alan Atkins, Executive

COUNCIL

Breath of Fresh Air

Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, leads students on hike in Griffith Park.

On May 3, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and his staff hosted the seventh annual Hike for Health, leading some 500 fifth- and sixth-grade students on a hike from the Griffith Observatory to the peak of Mount Hollywood, 1,625 feet above sea level in Griffith Park.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to come out and enjoy the natural beauty of Griffith Park, get a little exercise and learn about the creatures who live here," he said.

Classes from Franklin Avenue, Lankershim, Rio Vista, Maurice Sendak and Frances Blend schools were bussed to the park. Each kid received a goodie bag and some snacks and

refreshments at the top of the mountain. The Los Angeles ZooMobile brought several interactive exhibits, teaching kids about the critters who make their home in southern California, including black widow spiders and tarantulas. A Park Ranger rescue vehicle was also there to show children all the equipment - including a bee suit - to keep people safe and well while visiting the parks. LAPD and LAFD helicopters did flyovers of the mountaintop, thrilling the students and adults gathered on the peak. Public Works/Sanitation brought out Robbie the Recycler and a blue-bin robot to teach kids about the importance of recycling.



Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and Sharie Abajian, Sr. Park Ranger, Rec and Parks, lead a class from Rio Vista Elementary School in Toluca Lake at the top of Mount Hollywood after the Hike for Health.

