

**Westside Bulletin:**  
**News from the Mayor's Rep - 10/7/19**

*Recent Announcements from the Mayor:*

- **Mayor Garcetti Convenes Inaugural Meeting of Youth Council for Climate Action:** The Mayor joined his newly formed Youth Council for Climate Action at its first official meeting in City Hall. The council members laid out their plans and objectives for the year ahead to help influence decisions and raise awareness around climate action, encourage more young people to get involved, and kick off a coordinated campaign with the Mayor's Office to address climate change. **Read more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Joins Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar to Open New Consulate in Los Angeles:** The consulate in Los Angeles will serve the large Irish diaspora in the region, promote cultural understanding, and support business and investment. The L.A. region is home to over 380,000 Irish Americans, the second largest Irish population in the United States. **Read more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Nominates M. Teresa Villegas to Board of Public Works:** Villegas - who has been a top policy advisor to several elected officials, and currently serves as community and government affairs representative for the L.A. County Department of Public Works -- would replace Board Vice President Cecilia Cabello, who has stepped down. Her appointment is subject to City Council confirmation. **Read more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Launches 'Connect to Success' to Provide Free laptops to LA College Promise Students:** The Mayor was joined by the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), the Annenberg Foundation, through its Annenberg Tech initiative, and other partners to launch 'Connect to Success' – a new program to provide free laptops to every first-year student participating in LA's College Promise. **Read more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Names Nora Adriana Preciado Director of Immigrant Affairs:** Preciado, an immigrant, brings with her almost fifteen years of experience advocating for the rights of immigrant communities. Her energy and expertise will help ensure Los Angeles remains a city of refuge, belonging, and opportunity for all. **Read more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Announces New Americans Citizenship Center at Echo Park Public Library:** The Mayor announced the City's seventh New Americans Center at the Echo Park Public Library -- an initiative to help guide immigrant Angelenos through the process of earning U.S. citizenship. All of the New Americans Initiative's programs are free to the public. **Read more [here](#).**

- **Mayor Garcetti Launches Country's First City-Developed Threat Sharing Platform and Public Cybersecurity Mobile App:** The Threat Intelligence Sharing Platform and mobile app will advance the LA Cyber Lab's work that has made our city a national cybersecurity model, all while better defending Angelenos from cyber threats. **Read more [here](#).**

### *Resources and Opportunities:*

**Straws-on-Request Ordinance:** Effective October 1, the City of Los Angeles' plastic straws-on-request ordinance goes into effect for Los Angeles restaurants of all sizes. Approximately 300-500 million plastic straws are used in the United States each day. Straws are the 6th most common item during beach cleanups, and they are often consumed by marine life – which suffocate, starve or are poisoned as a result. **Learn more [here](#).**

**Safe Sidewalks LA Rebate Program:** The City's Sidewalk Rebate Program reopened on October 1. Property owners within the City of Los Angeles with sidewalks that are not compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements are eligible to participate. The program will accept new applications for a limited time, based on available funding. **For more information on the Rebate Program, review the program's [FAQ](#). Apply [here](#).**

**Resources for Public Charge Rule:** If not blocked in court, the Public Charge Rule will go into effect on October 15. To learn more about the Public Charge Rule's impact on immigrant families accessing and maintaining federal housing assistance programs, see the National Housing Law Project's [Public Charge and Housing Basic FAQs](#) and the [Public Charge and Housing Technical Fact Sheet](#). **Learn more about the Public Charge Rule [here](#).**

**U.S. Department of Labor Los Angeles Job Corps Center:** Job Corps Centers offer students access to room and board while they learn skills in specific training areas for up to three years. The Center is currently seeking 200 students to participate as commuters. **Learn more about Los Angeles Job Corps Center [here](#). Apply for enrollment [here](#).**

**City of Los Angeles Green Business Program:** The City of Los Angeles provides a free business assistance program to help you "go green" and become more efficient, profitable and sustainable. This assistance program is aimed at increasing energy and water efficiency, generating cost-savings, reducing waste, and creating a healthier environment for Angelenos. **Learn more [here](#).**

**Home-Sharing Registration Now Open:** On July 1st, the Department of City Planning opened the home-sharing online registration portal. The launch of the online registration system implements the recently adopted Home-Sharing Ordinance and establishes a framework for hosts to share space in their primary residences. **Register for home-sharing [here](#).**

**Human Trafficking Hotline and Survivor Resources:** If you or someone you know are the victim of human trafficking, critical resources are available. **Text the National Human Trafficking Hotline by texting BeFree (233733) or call (888) 373-7888.** Report a tip online [here](#).

**Application Deadline for Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program:** The UAIZ program allows local landowners to enter into a voluntary contract with the City of Los Angeles for active agricultural purposes. Landowners receive a property tax reduction in exchange for committing their land to urban agricultural use for a period of at least five years. Apply to the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Program by October 15th. **Learn more [here](#).**

### *Opportunities to Help End Homelessness in Los Angeles:*

**Get Help Building a Secondary Home on Your Property:** L.A. was selected as a winner of Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge for its innovative approach to combating the City's homelessness crisis: Offering incentives to make it easier and cheaper for single-family homeowners to build accessory dwelling units — in exchange for renting it to a resident experiencing homelessness. In 2017, updates to California State law made it easier for Angelenos to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their properties. **Learn about the various types of ADUs, explore how to finance your ADU, and apply to partner with the City through this [website](#).**

**Join the Everyone In Campaign:** [Everyone In](#) is a campaign powered by the United Way of Greater L.A. that brings together a coalition of nonprofit organizations, businesses, labor and community leaders, and everyday Angelenos to deliver on the promise of [Measure H](#) and [Proposition HHH](#). The ballot initiatives were passed by voters in 2016 and 2017 to end homelessness by creating thousands of units of supportive housing across L.A., and delivering anti-addiction, housing, and mental health services that will help Angelenos stay off the streets for good. **Visit [EveryoneInLA.org](#) to join the coalition and champion supportive housing in your community.**

**LA HOP – Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Portal:** You can connect homeless Angelenos in your neighborhood with the support and services they need to start a new chapter. Measure H dollars are at work — expanding outreach teams by hiring hundreds of new workers who are delivering help to the streets. LA HOP is a new online portal that allows Angelenos to pinpoint the location of their homeless neighbors — so that outreach workers can meet them where they are. **Help connect people to services at [LA-HOP.org](#).**

**Learn About Bridge Housing:** While thousands of units of supportive housing are being built to house homeless Angelenos, we need opportunities now for our neighbors living on the streets to move indoors. That's why Mayor Garcetti launched [A Bridge](#)

[Home](#), his initiative to open bridge housing across our city and provide a path for homeless Angelenos to move off the streets and get all the support they need to transition to permanent housing. **Learn more about [A Bridge Home](#) and the role it plays in our [plan to end homelessness](#).**

**Volunteer LA:** Our [VolunteerLA portal](#) connects Angelenos with meaningful opportunities to make a difference in our communities. You can give your time, talent, and energy to projects that can change--even save--lives. Many of the VolunteerLA projects assist Angelenos struggling with homelessness or transitioning into new homes — including serving hot meals to homeless veterans, tutoring homeless students, distributing hygiene supplies to people living on the streets, mentoring families moving into housing, and more. **Go to [Volunteer.LAMayor.org](#) to sign up to volunteer for service opportunities across our city.**

**LeaseUp Los Angeles:** LeaseUp LA has collaborated with property owners and managers to help end homelessness through bold and innovative approaches to increase access to LA County's rental market. LeaseUp offers property owners professional support, incentives, and collaboration to help their homeless neighbors find a home. LeaseUp LA uses a housing app, landlord engagement, and community engagement to build communities. **Learn more [here](#).**

**LAHSA City and Community Dashboard:** The Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority has created an interactive dashboard to present data about the number of individuals who are experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. To improve the user experience, the dashboard can be filtered by community, city, or year (2016-2019). The data also identifies if the unsheltered person is living in a car or on the street. Currently, there over 49,000 homeless persons in Los Angeles county. **Click [here](#) to access the dashboard and learn about homelessness in Los Angeles.**

### *[Community Events and Programs:](#)*

**Free Citizenship Workshop:** The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs is collaborating with the L.A. Law Library and Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) to host a free workshop dedicated to assisting patrons in filling out and submitting their citizenship applications on Saturday, October 26th. **Register for the workshop through the Citizenship Hotline: (213) 814-5248. Appointments are required. Learn more [here](#). Explore L.A. Law Library's Pro Bono Workshops [here](#).**

**Los Angeles Learn to Code:** Galvanize Los Angeles is hosting a workshop series dedicated to helping participants solidify their understanding of Fundamental JavaScript. This workshop will review four concepts each month. Participation is ideal for beginners with limited JavaScript experience. **Learn more about the workshops Galvanize Los Angeles hosts [here](#).**

- **Thursday, October 10th** (6:00-9:00 PM) – JavaScript 201 Function and Scopes
- **Saturday, October 12th** (10:00 AM-4:00 PM) – JavaScript Mini Bootcamp Fundamentals 2

**Skirball Harvest Festival:** The Skirball Cultural Center will host its community Sukkot Celebration on Sunday, October 13th. Bring in the fall harvest season and celebrate the Jewish holiday of Sukkot at this day-long festival, featuring live music, dancing, and maker stations. **Learn more information [here](#).**

**Women Rise Together:** Women Rise Together covers the best practices to foster support among women in the workplace, and strategies for breaking the glass ceiling and moving up the corporate ladder. Female professionals in the digital and tech industries are encouraged to participate on Thursday, October 17th. **Learn more about Together Digital Los Angeles and its mission [here](#).**

**Look What SHE Did! – Call for Female Artists in the City of LA:** Look What SHE Did! has received funding from the California Arts Council to create a series of short films featuring female artists from each of Los Angeles' fifteen Council districts. Look What SHE Did! is seeking looking for female artist recommendations and community allies from all across the city. Artists can be working in any medium. **Priority deadline for nominations is Friday, October 18th. Learn more [here](#). Nominate an artist [here](#).**

**Cash for College:** The annual Cash for College Event, taking place on Saturday, October 19th, is organized by the LA Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Latino Resource Organization and the West Los Angeles FamilySource Center to provide youth and families with an opportunity to explore college and financial aid options. **Learn more [here](#).**

**Create the Change Day Los Angeles 2019:** Create the Change Day Los Angeles is a hands-on service event curated for youth and families. Projects, such as assembling hygiene kits for people in need and stuffing backpacks to benefit students experiencing homelessness, will benefit various nonprofits. **Learn more [here](#).**

**Volunteer for 826LA's Los Angeles Personal Statement Weekend:** 826LA will host its 10th Personal Statement Weekend Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th to help over 300 high school seniors gain admission to the colleges of their dreams by writing personal statements that reflect their experiences, character, and dedication as students. **Register to volunteer for either or both days [here](#).**

**5th Annual Veteran Stand-Down:** The VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) will host its 5th Annual Veteran Stand-Down event on Friday, October 25th from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Veterans Welcome Center. This event connects Veterans experiencing homelessness with permanent housing programs, immediate interim housing options, supportive services to improve health and well-being, and access to benefits. **Learn more [here](#).**