

Westside Bulletin: News from the Mayor's Rep -11/11/19

Recent Announcements from the Mayor:

- **Mayor Garcetti Celebrates Final Approval of Largest Solar and Energy Storage Project in the U.S.:** The Mayor announced the unanimous City Council approval of power purchase agreements for the Eland Solar and Storage Center. The Center will capture and store enough energy for nearly one million residents, reducing the need for natural gas when the sun isn't shining. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Elected Chair of C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group:** The Mayor has been elected Chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, an international network of the world's largest cities committed to concrete action to combat climate change. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Signs No-Fault Eviction Moratorium Ordinance:** The new citywide ordinance brings a temporary halt to no-fault renter evictions. The emergency measure seeks to protect Angelenos from unjust evictions and keep families in their homes before the statewide rental cap, Assembly Bill 1482, goes into effect on January 1st, 2020. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Proposes First-Ever Paid Parental Leave for L.A. Municipal Employees:** The Mayor unveiled a proposal for the city of Los Angeles to offer paid parental leave to municipal employees, which could create a new benefit for tens of thousands of full-time City workers who are ineligible for paid parental leave from the state. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Kicks Off Tree Planting Season:** The Mayor kicked off tree planting season and launched a new citywide street tree inventory to help grow and manage L.A.'s urban forest, and confront the climate crisis. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Kicks Off "Cool Streets LA":** This pilot program is the first of ten projects taking a comprehensive approach to bringing down the temperature in neighborhoods. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Announces Formation of International Gender Equity Network:** Los Angeles will form the first-ever international gender equity network for cities. The network will assemble cities throughout the world committed to promoting gender equity initiatives, exchanging best practices, and using the gender equity toolkit developed in Los Angeles to build their own models for progress and action. **Learn more [here](#).**

Resources and Opportunities:

Getty Fire – How You Can Help: Since the Getty Fire, we have heard from individuals and families across West LA who want to know how they can help. [LAFD Foundation](#) is dedicated to providing the women and men of the LA Fire Department with essential tools, equipment, and resources. [American Red Cross in LA](#) provides services to over 10 million residents and was essential in operating evacuation centers during the fire. Youth who are interested in being trained as Red Cross volunteers can sign up [here](#). For more volunteer opportunities across Los Angeles, visit the VolunteerLA site [here](#). We are grateful for the courage and dedication of all our first responders.

Emergency Renters Relief Program: The Los Angeles City Council approved the Emergency Renters Relief Program to assist renters facing exorbitant rent increases and prevent displacement of renters and families by providing a temporary subsidy through December 31, 2019. Beginning on January 1, 2020, the Tenant Protections Act of 2019 will protect renters from excessive rent increases. **Learn more about eligibility requirements and the subsidy [here](#).**

Feedback for the City's Floodplain Management Plan: The City of Los Angeles has begun a planning process to reduce the adverse impacts of flood hazards. This planning process for this effort is being overseen by a Steering Committee made up of stakeholders from within the planning area. The Steering Committee and planning team are seeking input from the residents of Los Angeles on local knowledge of and information on flood related hazards. This survey will take approximately 5-15 minutes to complete. **Learn more [here](#).**

Lung Cancer Awareness Month: November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. According to the National Cancer Institute, over 3,600 people develop lung cancer in Los Angeles every year. The American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative is seeking opportunities to deliver information presentations to community groups. To bring a representative to present to your group, reach out to Yoyo Wang at yiwang93@stanford.edu. **Learn more [here](#).**

Women Coach LA Basketball Coach Training Program: There are six million youth sports coaches in the United States and less than a quarter of them are women. The LA Department of Recreation and Parks and Nike have teamed up to inspire the next generation of female athletes. Training is available to women 16 years of age and older. **Learn more [here](#).**

Housing Stability Loan Fund: The Jewish Free Loan Association (JFLA) and Cedars-Sinai have partnered to provide Angelenos with interest-free loans. Loans can be used for emergency housing assistance to prevent eviction, Section 8 housing needs, critical living expenses, and other crucial housing-related needs on a case-by-case basis. **Learn more [here](#).**

Straws-on-Request Ordinance: Effective October 1st, the City of Los Angeles' plastic straws-on-request ordinance went 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 1st. 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](#).**

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](#).**

Pets in Rental Housing: Landlords and tenants are invited to a workshop at the West LA Animal Shelter on Thursday, November 21st to learn more about pets in rental housing, and tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities. The workshop will include information related to fair housing accommodations for service and companion animals, as well as information on licensing, spaying and neutering, and microchipping. **Sign up [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. **Learn how to register [here](#). 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](#).**

[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:

2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count: In January 2020, thousands of Los Angeles County residents will volunteer to help count their homeless neighbors as part of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Coordinated by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the count provides a critical picture of the trends, progress, and scope of community members experiencing homelessness within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. West LA will be counted on January 22nd. **Sign up to volunteer [here](#).**

L.A. Zoo Lights – Los Angeles City Employee Night: L.A.'s must-see holiday light experience returns, and is wilder than ever, with more animal characters to discover and other dazzling additions throughout. Explore this fantastical, wildlife-inspired wonderland while enjoying classic seasonal delights under the stars at the L.A. Zoo. **Learn more [here](#).**

Del Rey Supportive Housing Tour: Join the Del Rey Neighborhood Council for a tour of supportive housing and safe parking sites on November 17th, from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. RSVP to DRNC president Matt Wersinger at matt.wersinger@delreync.org.

Tree, Wreath, and Garland Fundraiser with LAPD: The Pacific Division's tree pre-sale ends soon! Order yours today. See full selection [here](#). To place an order, contact Officer Robert Hoebink at 38280@lapd.online or (310) 482-6397. All proceeds benefit the Pacific Cadet Programs and the Pacific Area Officers.

Chalk Art Festival: Hosted by the Arts Community Collective, the Chalk Art Festival will take place on Saturday, November 17th at the Pacific Avenue Parking Lot, between North and South Venice Avenue. This event helps to further the Venice Community Housing's work in continuing arts and architecture in Venice as VCH continues to work to end homelessness and preserve the arts culture through affordable housing, education programs, and supportive services. **Email VCH at artCsquared@vchcorp.org with questions. Learn more [here](#).**

Westside Science Club: Venice Community Housing's Westside Science Club provides students with opportunities to explore science and technology through fun, hands-on experiential learning. The bi-weekly program is led by a volunteer science educator, and through a partnership with the California Institute of Technology, allowing students to interact with and learn from Caltech professors and researchers. The program meets on Saturday mornings in the community room of VCH's Tabor Courts apartment building. **Learn more [here](#).**