

## Westside Bulletin: News from the Mayor's Rep -12/9/19

### [Recent Announcements From the Mayor](#)

- **Mayor Garcetti, LAUSD Announce Expansion of Program to Assist Homeless and Housing-Insecure Families:** The Mayor announced that 500 homeless families with students in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) system will receive Section 8 vouchers — an invaluable resource in the fight to get Angelenos off the streets and into housing. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Announces Griffith Parkline Shuttle:** The Mayor announced the new Parkline Shuttle, a free service at Griffith Park that provides car-free access to over a dozen destinations — alleviating demand for parking and easing congestion in the area. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Meets with Community Leaders to Urge Neighborhood Census Action:** The Mayor joined members of the Koreatown community this evening to highlight the City's Census Goodwill Ambassadors program, which empowers local residents to educate their neighbors on the importance of the Census, encourage participation in next year's tally, and ensure a full and accurate count in 2020. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Joins Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator to Announce New Transportation Electrification Targets:** The Mayor announced the release of the Zero Emissions 2028 Roadmap 2.0 — an ambitious blueprint to help cities accelerate progress on goals to reduce emissions. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Launches Streetlight Design Competition:** L.A. Lights the Way, an open, international competition for a new standard streetlight design for Los Angeles, kicked off its application process today at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Launches America's First Public-Private Partnership for Transportation Innovation:** The Mayor announced the creation of Urban Movement Labs, a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership that will work to accelerate transportation innovation across Los Angeles. **Learn more [here](#).**

### [Give Back During the Holidays](#)

**Mayor's Homelessness Volunteer Corps:** Angelenos are coming together to deliver the housing, healing, and hope that our unhoused neighbors urgently need. Every effort to help end homelessness makes a difference. VolunteerLA will be releasing new ways to get involved in these efforts. We hope you will join this work. **Sign up to be the first to learn about new opportunities [here](#).**

**The Giving Spirit:** The Giving Spirit provides immediate aid and a human connection to individuals experiencing homelessness by assembling and distributing 3000 supply kits filled with medical supplies, hygiene essentials, food, clothing, protection from the elements and much more. **Participate DEC. 12-15, 2019; [Sign up here.](#)**

**Food Forward:** Food Forward gleans surplus produce at farmers' markets and harvests fruit from trees across the county with nearly 200 volunteer monthly events to prevent food waste and alleviate food insecurity. Volunteers as young as 12 are invited to take part. **Participate in the next orientation: SATURDAY, JAN. 11, 2020; [Sign up here.](#)**

**The Mission Continues:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day is one of two National Days of Service. Help bring the spirit of social justice, love, and inclusion spirit to George Washington Carver Middle School with The Mission Continues as the organization paints, beautifies, and gardens to improve the campus. **Participate SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 2020; [Sign up here.](#)**

**LA Works:** School environments play an important role in overall morale and student motivation. L.A. Works is seeking hundreds of volunteers to paint murals, build benches, and garden to bring the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day to life at its annual day of service benefiting Orville Wright Middle School Steam Magnet. **Participate MONDAY, JAN. 20, 2020; [Sign up here.](#)**

**Wrapping Holiday Gifts for the Elderly:** Join the LA Department of Aging, Project CARE, and the Los Angeles Police Department Detective Bureau to provide low-income older adults a holiday gift bag during the winter holidays. All other adults enrolled in various senior center programs are eligible to be part of Project CARE. **Participate TUESDAY, DEC. 10 - FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 2020; [Sign up here.](#)**

### [Resources and Opportunities](#)

**Emergency Winter Shelters Now Open:** Winter shelters are available now and will be open through March to ensure that people living on the streets have a safe place to keep dry and warm while getting access to services. Connect homeless Angelenos in your area to outreach services [here](#). **Locate a shelter [here](#).**

**Free SAT Workshops:** Central City Neighborhood Partners will be hosting a series of Free SAT workshops with Accesso Academy from January 11th through March 7th. Forty spaces are available. To qualify, CCNP FSC Enrollment is required with proof of an L.A. City address and proof of income. Application deadlines are Friday, December 20th. **For more information, contact [Celene Rodriguez](#) or call (213) 482-8618.**

**Budget Resources:** Our budget is a statement of our values—a bold expression of how we plan to invest in a Los Angeles defined by innovation, smart planning, shared prosperity, and efficient progress. Every year, we develop our spending plan based on a wide range of resources, from departmental budget requests to other relevant tools that are considered in the development of the Mayor's Proposed Budget. **Access the Mayor's Budget Policy Letter, the CAO's Budget Instructions, and Department Budget Requests [here](#).**

**Westchester/Playa SafeParking Program:** The [Westchester SafeParking LA](#) 90-day pilot program has opened. Each night patrons now have a safe place to park their vehicles and get a good night's sleep. Nightly security and on-site restroom facilities are provided. Program participation also includes engagement with a social services provider, working to find a more permanent place to call home. Learn more about the Westchester/ Playa's SafeParking Program [here](#). **Find other SafeParking sites and learn more about the program [here](#).**

**Census Goodwill Ambassador Program:** The Census Goodwill Ambassador (CGA) program is an effort by the City of Los Angeles to recruit, train, and deploy volunteers to educate and motivate hard-to-count populations before the 2020 Census. CGAs will be on-the-ground in our neighborhoods, reaching out to Angelenos to educate them about how census data determines federal funding for our schools, social and health services, and infrastructure. If you have time to spare for your community, you should consider becoming a Census Goodwill Ambassador. **Learn more [here](#).**

**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 1st, the Tenant Protections Act of 2019 will protect renters from excessive rent increases. **Learn more about eligibility requirements and the subsidy [here](#). Find a shortcut to the application [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](#).**

**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 Homeless Angelenos Move Indoors](#) □

**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](#).**

**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](#)

**St. Joseph Center Job Fair:** St. Joseph Center provides working poor families, as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages with the resources and tools to become productive, stable, and self-supporting members of the community. A Job Fair will take place on Wednesday, December 11th. **For more information or to RSVP and send your resume, contact [Nikki Gilbert](#).**

**Palisades Symphony Orchestra Concert:** The Palisades Symphony Orchestra (PSO) is the Palisades' own symphony orchestra, founded in 1966 by Music Director Joel Lish, and performs seven concerts annually. The Sunday, December 8th concert at Community United Methodist Church features an evening of choral music by Mozart, with the Brentwood-Palisades Chorale. **Learn more [here](#).**

**SPY's First Annual Holiday Concert & Artisan Gift Market:** On Monday, December 16th, Safe Place for Youth is hosting its first annual Holiday Concert & Artisan Gift Market. This special event will include performances by SPY members and a holiday market featuring handmade items by SPY's social enterprise program. **Learn more [here](#).**

**HCD Fair Housing Community Meeting:** The California Department of Housing and Community Development is in the process of developing California's 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (2020 AI). This analysis will assist the state develop housing programs and priorities, establish community goals, and guide federal and state resources in order to encourage fair housing access and opportunity. To assist in the development of the 2020 AI, HCD invites community members and stakeholders to participate in this public workshop on Wednesday, December 18th. **Learn more [here](#).**

**18th Annual Palisades Cares Holiday Toy Drive:** The last day of the Palisades Holiday Toy Drive is Wednesday, December 18th. Drop off new unwrapped toys for preschool through middle school-aged children at the Palisades-Malibu YMCA, CVS, Regal Cleaners, Berkshire Hathaway, Cypress Center, Vittorio's and other locations. Toys will be donated to Head Start kids served by One Voice and to foster kids served by Happy Trails for Kids. **Learn more [here](#).**

**West LA CERT Training:** Community Emergency Response Team Training is now available in Brentwood. The program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response. There will be 7 once-a-week sessions that must all be attended in order to receive a "Certificate of Completion." Space is limited and registration opens Saturday, January 4th. **Learn more [here](#).**

**Annual West LAPD Holiday Toy Drive:** The last day of the West LAPD Holiday Toy Drive is Saturday, December 21st. Drop off unwrapped toys for children ages 8-12 at the Community Police Station's front lobby. **For more information, contact [Officer Luis Garcia](#) or see [LAPD Toy Drive Flyer](#).**