

Westside Bulletin:

News from the Mayor's Rep - 1/20/20

[Recent Announcements From the Mayor](#)

- **Mayor Garcetti and Entertainment Industry Leaders Launch 'LA Collab' Initiative to Increase Latinx Representation in Hollywood:** The Mayor launched LA Collab, an unprecedented effort to connect Latinx talent, executives, and creators to opportunities in the entertainment industry — and double Latino representation in Hollywood by 2030. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Announces \$10 Million Investment in Jobs Program for Formerly Incarcerated Angelenos:** Mayor Garcetti announced that Los Angeles has received a three-year, \$10 million grant from the California Department of Transportation to extend New Roads to Second Chances — a program that gives formerly incarcerated Angelenos training, support, and jobs maintaining and cleaning our roads. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Celebrates Opening of First HHH-Funded Supportive Housing Development:** The Mayor celebrated the opening of 88th and Vermont, the first HHH-financed supportive housing development to be completed since the bond measure passed in 2016. Mayor Garcetti led the coalition to pass the \$1.2 billion bond designed to leverage financing to more than triple L.A.'s annual production of supportive housing and support the addition of 10,000 units for homeless Angelenos across the city. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Announces L.A. Public Library Will End Late Fines:** The Mayor announced that the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) will end late fines for all library patrons beginning next spring, making LAPL the largest public library in America to eliminate overdue fines. **Learn more [here](#).**
- **Mayor Garcetti Nominates Carolyn Hull as General Manager of Economic and Workforce Development Department:** The Mayor nominated Carolyn Hull to serve as General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), a central agency in the City's work to foster job growth, strengthen L.A.'s workforce, and create career opportunities. **Learn more [here](#).**

[Resources and Opportunities](#)

Free VITA Tax Prep Services: The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is offering free assistance to promote tax understanding and awareness. VITA will help to assist with Income Tax Return preparation and E-File and Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). Services are by appointment only. **For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (424) 293-8297.**

Jobs with Summer Night Lights: Summer Night Lights ("SNL") operates at 32 locations across Los Angeles, keeping recreation centers and parks open between the hours of 7:00 PM – 11 PM during the summer and adding extended programming. SNL expands the menu of

activities at each site beyond what is traditionally offered. As a result, community members can participate in free sports, arts and recreational activities, resource fairs, health screenings, workshops, and connections to resources that they can utilize year round. **Apply for a job [here](#).**

Legal Advocacy Project: The Latino Resource Organization/West LA Family Source Center's Legal Advocacy Project offers services in consultations, immigration, family law matters including divorce, paternity, child custody and visitation, spousal support, restraining orders and any other legal assistance. The project's attorneys are available on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM (by appointment only). **To schedule an appointment, call (424) 293-8297.**

Provide Your Feedback on Proposed BONC Policies: Based on community feedback and participation, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) has drafted a set of proposed resolutions and policies regarding leadership orientation, the neighborhood council resolution process, and transparency measures. The board is seeking feedback stakeholders at its meetings on January 21st and February 4th. **Learn more [here](#).**

CHIRLA's DACA Renewal Clinic: The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) hosts DACA renewal clinics every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Clinics are open to the public. Participants must be in line before 8:00 AM. **Learn more [here](#).**

Free Financial Coaching: The Latino Resource Organization/West LA Family Source Center offers free assistance in creating a plan to achieve your financial goals. Workshop titles include: FDIC MoneySmart Curriculum, First-Time Homebuyer Workshop, Capital One's Ready, Set, Bank!, Individual, Development Account (IDA), Bank Account, and Reduce Debt, Improve Credit Scores. Coaching is available every Monday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **With questions, call (424) 293-8297.**

LA Sanitation & Environment at Neighborhood Councils: The City's Sanitation & Environment Department is seeking neighborhood councils who would like a representative to deliver presentations on the department's programs and services. **Learn more [here](#).**

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](#).**

Budget Resources: Our city's 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](#).**

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](#).**

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](#).**

LADOT Speed Hump Application: LADOT Speed Hump Application is Around the Corner! The Speed Hump Program opens up a review cycle every 6 months to take petitions for speed humps. The speed hump application window will open Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 8:00 AM. **Learn more [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: This week, thousands of Los Angeles County residents are volunteering 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](https://www.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](https://www.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](#)

DCA's 2020 Festival Guide: The Department of Cultural Affairs' Festival Guide for 2020 has arrived! More than 400 festivals and events are taking place across the city—and the Festival Guide has something for everyone: music, art, and cultural festivals for those looking to experience all that Los Angeles has to offer with family and friends. **See the Festival Guide [here](#).**

Rent Stabilization Division: HCIDLA will be hosting workshops throughout all of January to provide guidance and assistance to landlords in completing their annual rental unit registration for 2020. **To learn more click [here](#) and to RSVP call 213-928-9075 or click [here](#).**

LAPD Red Cross Blood Drive: The LAPD Pacific Division will host a blood drive through the American Red Cross on Tuesday, January 28th. **Sign up [here](#).**

'We Count LA' Census Table Meetings: The We Count LA Census Table is hosting meetings throughout Los Angeles, offering the opportunity to get involved with the 2020 Census. Attend one of the meetings to expand your network, engage with other Angelenos who are about the Census, and receive campaign updates and outreach materials. **Sign up [here](#).**

Mental Health Town Hall: The Los Angeles County Department of Department of Mental Health, in collaboration with the County's Mental Health Commission, will hold a stakeholder event to educate, inform, and hear from community members on how to improve the landscape of mental health services in West Los Angeles. The day-long event includes presentations on the Strategic Plan and Budget and will take place on Saturday January 25th. **Sign up [here](#).**

Westside Coalition's Bowlathon 2020: The Westside Coalition is an alliance of 56 organizations, public agencies and faith communities committed to working collaboratively on issues of housing, hunger and health through service coordination, public education and advocacy. The Coalition will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day bowling event on March 17th. **Sign up [here](#).**

Iconic Westwood Village Guided Tour and Bar Crawl: The Los Angeles Conservancy will lead this walking tour of Westwood Village's iconic history and architecture on Saturday February 22nd. Participants will enjoy drinks and small bites at every stop while learning little-known facts and fun tidbits about Westwood Village's rich and iconic history. **To buy tickets click [here](#).**

Youth Homelessness Coalition Meeting: The Los Angeles Coalition to End Youth Homelessness (LACEYH) brings together service providers, government agencies, and other stakeholders who are committed to supporting youth experiencing homelessness throughout LA County. The quarterly membership meetings are designed to bring together the entire LACEYH community to share resources, and provide information on best practices. **Learn more [here](#).**