

News for the Week of June 5, 2017

180 FORMERLY INCARCERATED JOB SEEKERS ATTEND FAIR CHANCE JOB FAIR



A view from the stage at the City's second Fair Chance Job Fair, held June 1, 2017.

On June 1st, approximately 180 individuals recently released from incarceration attended the City's second Fair Chance Job Fair, where they were given the opportunity to interview for good paying jobs. Held at Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTC), the fair was hosted in partnership by the office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles Trade Tech WorkSource Center and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The job seekers in

attendance completed a week-long Job Fair Preparation Academy facilitated by the Mayor's Office of Reentry, the Los Angeles Trade Tech WorkSource Center and other partners. The Academy graduates were recognized during a morning program and recognition ceremony prior to the job fair. EWDD General Manager Jan Perry provided remarks extolling the virtues of the LA Trade Tech WorkSource Center and encouraged attendees to become clients of the City's 17 WorkSource Centers to receive job training services. Remarks were also made by Deputy Mayor Brenda Shockley, Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Scott Kernan, District 9 Councilmember Curren Price, two Job Fair Academy graduates and others. Approximately 300 interviews took place throughout the day and 85 individuals were scheduled for follow-up interviews with employers.

EWDD HOSTS FINANCIAL LITERARY TRAINING FOR YOUTHSOURCE STAFF



With summer approaching and the HIRE LA's Youth Summer Youth Employment Program about to begin, EWDD hosted an annual training for YouthSource staff to better equip them on how to guide youth toward developing financially responsible habits. On May 31 and June 1, EWDD hosted the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for financial literacy training. Approximately 60 City of Los Angeles

and County of Los Angeles YouthSource agency directors, managers, and staff were trained on how to answer questions about managing finances. EWDD hosts the annual training for agencies to better serve the youth population by helping them budget earnings from their first jobs toward their financial goals.

LAVC CELEBRATES 14 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ACADEMY GRADUATES



LAVC Advanced Manufacturing Students in action, receiving training to prepare them for manufacturing careers.

Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) celebrated the graduation of 14 students, including two veterans, from its Advanced Manufacturing Academy on June 7, 2017. The six-week course provided training on manufacturing theory and applied principles, including blueprint reading, inspection procedures, shop safety and technical math. Seven employers attended the graduation to interview students, including representatives from the San Fernando Chapter of the National Tool and Manufacturing Association, Goodwill Industries, design and manufacturing company Fralock, Prompt Machine Products, Inc., Xceliron Corporation, Vanderhorst Brothers, Inc., Superior Thread Rolling Company, Inc., Meschkat Precision Machining, and staffing company Express Pros. The group was the first to be enrolled in a 3-unit Computer Numerical Control (CNC) class. Four students have begun new careers in manufacturing and several have pending job offers. The program is funded by a City of Los Angeles National Emergency Grant provided through the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board (WDB).

TRAINING UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE JOB AND EDUCATION SERVICES TO 6,000 ELIGIBLE CLASS MEMBERS OF GANG INJUNCTION CURFEW SETTLEMENT

EWDD is executing contracts and launching training efforts for the 22 service providers that will supply job and educational services for the 6,000 eligible class members in the case of Rodriguez v. City of Los Angeles. EWDD provided training to its WorkSource Center contractors on June 7, and to Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (LA: RISE) service providers on June 8. EWDD anticipates that all contracts will be executed by mid-June 2017, obligating all funds of the \$30 million settlement, which will be distributed from the City's General Purpose funds over a four-year period. The jobs and education program, known as the Los Angeles Reconnections Academy (LARCA 2.0), will provide class settlement members with job readiness and employment services. Opportunities include apprenticeship and vocational training to connect them with employment in high demand industries, along with educational training such as English as a Second Language (ESL) courses and post-secondary education. A Court designated Claims Administrator will pre-approve all eligible participants of the LARCA 2.0 Program, with the average cost per participant estimated at approximately \$10,000. Class members may elect to obtain LARCA 2.0 services for themselves or their families. A claimant may

transfer only their jobs and education benefits to a first-degree relative including a parent, child, sibling, or spouse or a second-degree relative, including a cousin, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece. Transfers to second-degree relatives will have the same priority of service as claimants, but will only be provided with program benefits if the City's minimum annual contribution of \$1.125 million has not already been reached. Tattoo removal services or the gang injunction removal application is not transferrable to a family member. Plaintiffs' attorneys are still reviewing claim forms and related program information, so letters to the Class Members have yet been distributed. The settlement is provided to eligible class members who were subjected to unlawful curfews included in city gang injunctions.

JORDAN DOWNS BREAKS GROUND ON NEW RESIDENTIAL HOUSING



Community members celebrated the on June 5 groundbreaking of the Jordan Downs housing redevelopment in Watts.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held June 5 to celebrate the first phase of new residential construction for Jordan Downs, a 1950s-era public housing development in Watts. EWDD staff has been working closely with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), the City's Department of Public Works (DPW) and other partners to make sure local residents from the neighborhood are hired to work on the project's construction. At least 80 people from the neighborhood are slated for opportunities related to the project in construction, apprenticeships, Heating, Ventilation and Air

Conditioning (HVAC) and gardening. The Southeast Los Angeles, Watts/Los Angeles and Vernon Central/Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTTC) WorkSource Centers, along with the YO! Watts Youth Source Center have been working closely with the community to employ Jordan Downs residents on the project. Phase 1A, developed by nonprofit BRIDGE Housing, will consist of 115 affordable rental apartments in 12 buildings on 3.15 acres. Partnering with residents and a broad spectrum of stakeholders and HACLA, a plan was initiated in 2008 to rebuild Jordan Downs into a mixed-use, mixed-income community and vibrant urban village that will serve as a national model for the renewal of public housing.

HARBOR-WATTS BUSINESSSOURCE CENTER ASSISTS SAN PEDRO CHAMBER

The Harbor-Watts BusinessSource Center recently provided assistance to the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce that allowed them to obtain a line of credit. Earlier this year, the San Pedro Chamber and the Harbor-Watts BusinessSource Center partnered to kick off Small Business Roundtable, a series of free monthly workshops offered to local small businesses. After this partnership was established, the Chamber turned to the Harbor-Watts BusinessSource Center for services after experiencing difficulty renewing an existing line of credit. In April 2017, Harbor-Watts BusinessSource Center introduced the San Pedro Chamber to a specific lender that was open to the Chambers' non-traditional business model, an obstacle that prevented the Chamber from receiving a line of credit from other lenders. The San Pedro Chamber was then approved for a \$75,000 line of credit that aided the Chamber in maintaining its current level of service. The chamber serves 424 small businesses in the Harbor area.

2017-2018 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD ANNUAL PLAN READY FOR APPROVAL

EWDD and the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board submitted the transmittal on May 31 for the approval of the Year 18 WDB Annual Plan for Program Year 2017-2018. The plan includes recommendations for the allocation of approximately \$67.8 million in state, federal and competitive grants, including Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I funds (WIOA) and city and county funding toward EWDD programs. The plan also outlines the priorities, strategies, budget and policies for the City's Workforce Development System (WDS), including funding recommendations for the City's WorkSource Centers, YouthSource Centers, the City's year-round Youth Employment Program and other key programs designed to provide economic and workforce opportunities for City residents while meeting the demands of the region's employers. Last year, the City's WDS programs served approximately 93,463 people in the City and assisted 44,718 in finding jobs. The City's Economic Development Committee will review the plan at its June 13 meeting.

BUSINESS METRICS:

LABSCs Reporting: North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor	
LABSCs Not Reporting: None.	
Pre-Startups Enrolled	43
Pre-Startups Assisted	39
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Enrolled	25
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Assisted	21
Workshops: Number of Clients Attended	152

WORKFORCE METRICS:

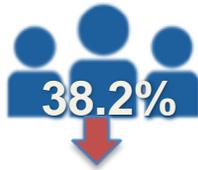
(Arrows indicate weekly trend)

JobsLA (online and mobile)



Page Views

(Up 33.5%)



New Visitors

(Down 0.8%)



New Sessions

(Up 26.5%)



Registrations

(Down 16%)

WorkSource Centers



Enrollments

(Up 1%)

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