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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

L.A. County Library Named Finalist for the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service

L.A. County Library is among the 29 finalists for the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, and one of just 14 libraries selected nationwide.

The National Medal for Museum and Library Service is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). For 24 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service, and are making a difference for individuals, families, and communities.



The L.A. County Library was selected, in part, for its development of the *iCount* equity initiative, which refocuses strategic priorities, making a conscious effort to design services and programs that address the diverse needs of the communities of Los Angeles County.



L.A. County Library Director Skye Patrick welcomes a young library supporter to the South Whittier Library grand opening.

“We are thrilled to be one of this year’s finalists for the IMLS National Medal, the most prestigious recognition in our field, and we would love to bring this medal home to the people of Los Angeles County,” said L.A. County Library Director Skye Patrick.

“L.A. County Library strives to improve lives through our many programs that focus on the whole person. Libraries are no longer just about books; libraries are becoming more people-focused. This recognition proves that L.A. County Library isn’t alone in this quest; many of the nation’s libraries are moving in the same direction,” said Patrick.

This recognition from IMLS not only validates the work of L.A. County Library, it is also a testament to the success of the Library’s collaborative efforts with other County departments.

National Medal winners will be announced this spring. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions at a ceremony on May 24, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

This year’s finalists include public libraries and library systems; a statewide digital library; art, science, and children’s museums; and many other types of institutions that exemplify the great diversity of libraries and museums across the country. To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).

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Calendar of Events

Center Theatre Group

(213) 628-2772

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

May 3 through June 10 – Soft Power

June 19 through July 29 – The Humans

Kirk Douglas Theatre

April 19 through April 29 – Ameryka

May 10 through May 20 – Die, Mommie, Die!

Mark Taper Forum

Through May 13 – Soft Power

Grand Park

(213) 972-8080

www.grandparkla.org

Every Tuesday through Thursday – Lunch A La Park Food Trucks

Every Wednesday – Lunch A La Park Yoga reTREAT

Every Thursday – Lunch A La Park Spring Concerts

Every Friday – Lunch A La Park Yoga reTREAT

April 19 – Earth Day LA

April 27 through April 29 – Our LA Voices - Spring Arts Festival

The Music Center

(213) 972-7211

www.musiccenter.org

April 20 through April 22 – Complexions Contemporary Ballet's
Star Dust (West Coast premiere) and Mixed Repertory

Walt Disney Concert Hall

(323) 850-2000

www.laphil.com

May 13 – Reid & Riley

June 9 through June 10 – Brahms Requiem

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

(323) 857-6010

www.lacma.org

Through July 16 – City and Cosmos: The Arts of
Teotihuacan

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The County's Enhanced Equity Complaint Filing Website

ELEVATE: Respect. React. Report.

by Vickey Bane

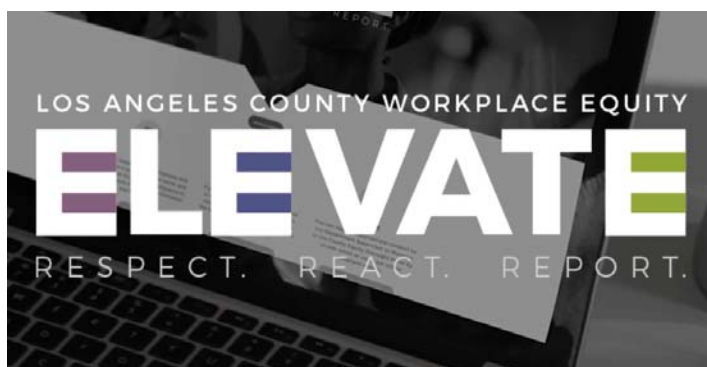
County Equity Oversight Panel

Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors first established the County Policy of Equity (CPOE) Program in 2011, in furtherance of efforts to promote workplace equity, inclusion, dignity and professionalism. Fast forward to more than six years later, and our CPOE Program is still running strong and is successfully achieving its intended purpose. Not only is this true, our Program is also serving as a model process for other jurisdictions.

While all of us who work to successfully administer the Program are very proud of our process, there is always room for improvement. And thanks to our Board, we are excited to unveil a couple of those improvements. Allow us to introduce our new campaign initiative called “ELEVATE: *Respect, React, Report.*” This concept reinforces the importance of rejecting inappropriate workplace behavior and immediately reporting such conduct, so that our County workplaces are ELEVATED to environments that are free from discrimination, harassment, and inappropriate behavior connected to protected categories (including sexual harassment).

We are also excited to introduce a new and improved website which features our ELEVATE campaign and was re-designed with ‘user-friendliness’ in mind. The website is accessible from any internet connected device (e.g., smartphone, tablet, personal computer, etc.) and supports common operating systems, allowing individuals greater access outside of the workplace. You can also check in and take a look at important updates impacting the County workplace, as well as other helpful information. Check it out at <https://ceop.bos.lacounty.gov/>.



L.A. County Celebrated National Public Health Week

The theme this year was, “Changing Our Future Together,” which recognized the importance of building partnerships across County departments, academic institutions, community partners, and residents to ensure that all County residents have the opportunities and resources needed for optimal health and well-being. The Department of Public Health (DPH) hosted a series of events that highlighted our commitments to collective actions that support a diverse workforce, thriving communities, and healthy families.

Our shared commitment to a diverse health workforce: In collaboration with DPH, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and community partners, Charles Drew University announced the expansion of Pathways to Health, an academic and community internship initiative to build youth leaders and career pathways in the health field for underrepresented youth.

Our shared commitment to promote healthy workplaces and employee well-being: The Department of Human Resources and DPH hosted an Employee Wellness Expo to engage colleagues in shared learning opportunities so that the County’s greatest resource, our employees, have the tools needed to support wellness.

Our shared commitment to honor the diverse cultures and experiences of those we serve: DMH and DPH united County staff and community partners to learn from community health workers on how to integrate cultural respect in all our direct service efforts.

Our commitment to prepare residents to support each other during unanticipated emergencies: The Emergency Preparedness and Response Division mobilized County residents to respond during natural disasters and emergencies. Emergency preparedness and hands-only CPR trainings were provided in each of the supervisorial districts.

Our commitment to aligning our work to ensure that everyone has the resources and opportunities to achieve optimal health: DPH convened partners to identify innovative strategies for addressing high rates of infant mortality impacting Black, Native American, and Native Hawaiian families. The event marked the launch of a five-year action plan for closing the gaps in infant mortality rates.

To learn more about public health, please visit the DPH website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov>.



Volunteer!

Help Make a Difference

The County of Los Angeles' Department of Animal Care and Control relies on volunteer support from the community to provide the additional public service and animal care programs that are vital to a healthy community.

How you can help:

Animal Adoption Specialist & Outreach Events—Encourage and participate in the adoption of homeless animals and provide public education.

Shelter Host—Provide quality customer service to the visiting general public and to the support staff.

Dog or Cat Companion—Provide quality care for shelter animals and support the kennel staff by assisting with basic cage cleaning, feeding, exercising, care & socialization.

Foster Home Care—Provide a temporary home for the shelter animals that require special attention until they can be returned to the shelter for adoption.

Groomer—Groom animals in preparation for adoption.

Professional Services —To enhance existing shelter services. Licensed Veterinarians, Registered Veterinarian Technicians, photography, web design, fundraising etc...

Animal Care Centers

Downey
11258 S. Garfield Avenue
Downey, CA 90242
562-940-6898

Carson
316 W. Victoria Street
Gardena, CA 90248
310-523-9566

Baldwin Park
4275 N. Elton Street
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
626-962-3537

Agoura
29525 Agoura Road
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
818-991-0071

Lancaster
5210 W. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93534
661-940-4191

Castaic
31044 N. Charlie Canyon Road
Castaic, CA 91384
661-257-3191

Palmdale
38550 Sierra Highway
Palmdale, CA 93550

Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care & Control

5898 Cherry Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90805
562.256.1367
animalcare.lacounty.gov



Stories From the Homefront

From Temp(LA) to Permanent

Denise Bowen joined the County’s Temporary Services Registry (TempLA) on May 5, 2017 – a program headed by the Department of Human Resources. She is a resident of the Fifth District and is currently an Office Support Assistant with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) in Lancaster. She will soon be another TempLA employee who gains permanent County employment. She is in the hiring process with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and will be an Intermediate Typist Clerk. Way to go Denise!

Q: How has TempLA helped you in your situation?

A: Where do I start? TempLA has been a blessing to me. Being selected for this program and having the tools provided helped me be better. Not just for the TempLA program but as a person. I have been working since I was 13 years old and I thought I knew everything about jobs and skills. Now thanks to TempLA, I’ve enhanced my skills and have become more professional and ready to become a successful County of Los Angeles employee and provide a better life for my son.

Q: About how long were you homeless or housing insecure?

A: Right before I started TempLA, I had been bouncing around with family members for about three years. Then I had my son in 2014. Still bouncing with family members, I was contacted by the Housing Authorities in 2016 and my son and I moved into our place in July of 2016.

Q: What public services did you use while you were housing insecure and what impact did it make on you and your situation?

A: I knew that I had to better my situation. I had just became a mother when I was told I couldn’t even have children. There was no way I was going to mess up my chance of being a good mother.

While receiving assistance from CalWORKs, I participated in GAIN and went to a Job Club. An associate told me about the Office Support Assistant position for TempLA through the County of Los Angeles. I applied and was selected. I was so excited. I knew that this was going to be a life changing opportunity for me.

Through this program, I’ve had the opportunity to assist at the Department of Children and Family Services doing inventory and then went on to DPSS in Districts 67 and 34.

As jobs came up, I applied and continued to utilize the training tools that TempLA provided through Lynda.com and Saba Learning.

One position was for Intermediate Typist Clerk where I was placed in Band 2. In case you’re wondering, the typing training material through Lynda.com helped me prepare for the typing test portion of my application.

I am jumping for joy because I am going through the pre-employment process for Intermediate Typist Clerk with the County Department of Mental Health.

Q: Anything else you would like to share?

A: I will forever be humble and grateful for this opportunity. Embrace it. A lot of people have worked hard to give us this opportunity. Use the tools, ask questions, and be the person that represents TempLA to the point where they say thank you so much, you have been very helpful. How do I apply for the job you have?

Thank you again, Team TempLA.

General Member Elections

Board of Retirement and Board of Investments of LACERA

LACERA Elections will be held this year to elect the Third Member of the Board of Investments and the Third Member of the Board of Retirement for terms of office commencing January 1, 2019. The elections will be held this summer, and will conclude on **Tuesday, July 24, 2018**.

General Members interested in running for these offices may obtain nomination packets from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA 90650. Candidate filing begins **Monday, April 16, 2018**, and ends **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 50 active County employees who are General Members. Petitions must be filed with the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk, before 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**.

For more information, contact your Departmental Election Coordinator.

Retirees

*Congratulations for your many years of service
to the County of Los Angeles*

50+ Years

HEALTH SERVICES: Albert E. Gaskin

45+ Years

ASSESSOR: George Queen

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Bernice Lawrence

HEALTH SERVICES: Maria G. Barajas

PROBATION: Paul M. Preston

PUBLIC HEALTH: Robert E. Lucero

40+ Years

ASSESSOR: Octavio Girbau

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Roger L. Campbell

HEALTH SERVICES: Irma Almazan, Gloria Ingram, Allan P. Hander, Amy A. Pilarca Lent, Terry G. Rausch, Laura A. Rico, Marsha A. Traylor

INTERNAL SERVICES: Dennis Hanley, Lilian L. Jung, Harris O. Wainbuch, Bonnie S. Zanardi

MENTAL HEALTH: H Patsy Ayala

PROBATION: Juereata Butler

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Samuel L. Torres

PUBLIC HEALTH: Ricardo Solis

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Anna B. McLaurin

PUBLIC WORKS: Ramiro Rodriguez

SHERIFF: Jaime Baltazar

35+ Years

ASSESSOR: Dante Reyes

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Armida Franco

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Maria D. Avina

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Roberta T. Schwartz

FIRE: Daniel Brock, Mark S. Collet, Johnny D. Hannah, Ernest J. Ramirez, Michael M. Will, Dave A. Wise

HEALTH SERVICES: Violeta Bautista, Ana E. Boicey, Nageswari Krishnareddy, Sonnie Mak, Robert D. Montgomery, Pamela L. Moore, Byron Wakayama

INTERNAL SERVICES: Angelica Acevedo, Ching M. Jang

MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER: Elaine Palaiologos

PARKS & RECREATION: James Hughes, Kaye L. Michelson

PROBATION: Eric M. Nevarez

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Kathy A. Quant

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Christopher DeHerrera

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Queen E. Jones, Khue D. Phan

PUBLIC WORKS: Zaven M. Abrahamian, Jeffrey A. Lenz, Wei-Yi Lo, Martin Martinez

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: Loreto R. Uson

SHERIFF: Anthony J. Baudino, Nan-Chu Hsu, Shaun J. Mathers, Ralph J. Webb

SUPERIOR COURT: Arthur Aguilar, Jo Ann Byas, Inna R. Matthews Dot, Richard B. Rothell, Joann E. Willcuts

30+ Years

ASSESSOR: Ronilo Telebrico

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Jenny Yuen

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Annemarie Acosta, William Clark, Dennis R. Fuhrman, Michael Grosbard

FIRE: James M. Armijo, Brian M. Askari, John W. Boyle, Salvador F. Chavez, Michael J. Dodd, Mark J. Gocke, Gregory J. Hisel, Tracy K. Lizotte, Bert E. Simonton, Robert L. Tribe, Stanton S. Uyehara, Barbara C. Yu

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INTERNAL SERVICES: Brenda E. Harris, Deborah S. Migliaro, Charles L. Moore, Alice A. Shen

MENTAL HEALTH: Jennifer L. Rice

PARKS AND RECREATION: Michael A. Corral, Sr.

PROBATION: Fernando Buitrago, Michael K. Clemons, Karim C. Kleckley, Paul L. Lajoie, Joseph F. Lujan, Marvin D. Mc Whorter, Agnes McGuire, Gerald H. Murray, John E. Obanor, Gail R. Palaeologus, Ricky T. Shorts

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Harriet J. Woo

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Maria E. Durant, Rosemarie Gaines, John Gonzales, Lengoc T. Ho, Shelly D. Range, Wully Solomon, Sergio A. Torres

PUBLIC WORKS: Dennis F. Hunter

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SHERIFF: Jeffrey A. Dirks, Marianne Fiely, Brian J. Goodwin, Guillermo A. Guerrero Jr., Gary A. Hatfield, Gary A. Hinkle, Michael J. Kampen, Shannon W. Laren, Kelly J. McMichael, Elsa V. Nix, Kanzo Oguri, Frank Rivera, Ricardo Rivera, Michael T. Rosson, Katherine E. Stone, Eric W. Torgeson, Warren L. Toy, Jane E. Trejo, Michael G. Varvais, Alejandro Villanueva, Joseph W. Villanueva, Byron G. Wainie, Steven K. Williams, Gordon L. Wright, Wendy M. Wu, Bruce R. Yoell

SUPERIOR COURT: Maria L. Barretto, Bailey Chin, Maria L. Gamez Wales, Gloria Razo-Garcia, Cynthia Sanders, Shirley M. Stokes

25+ Years

ASSESSOR: Webster Aggrey, Theodora Davis, Virgilio D. Wong

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Imdad A. Khan

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Lori Howard Glasgow
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Laura M. Belis
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Marc Chomel, Gail Ehrlich, David L. Schorr, Frederick M. Scott
FIRE: William Douglass, Kraig V. Johnson, Gordon N. Kirio, Craig T. Mizutari, Kevin P. Muno, Bob Nasser, Michael J. Nava, Steve D. Olson, Anthony L. Payne, Ramon D. Rodriguez, Terry Yamamoto
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PARKS AND RECREATION: Justo Acosta
PROBATION: Daniel E. Harrigan, Debra Hawkins-Shorts, Newgene Rawls
PUBLIC HEALTH: Sola O. Atandare, Belen Muro, David S. Volk
PUBLIC LIBRARY: Suzanne Alziebler, Linda I. Fernandes
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Share Your Heart
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Become a Foster/Adoptive Parent
Dept. of Children and Family Services

“If you are going to stay, then stay forever. If you are going to care, then care for me completely.”

—i9Author Unknown

These are not just words our kids will need to hear once. But for kids in foster care, they will need to hear them and feel them many times. When you have your heart broken multiple times, it takes time to trust again. Sometimes our kids can feel brave and ready to give love another try. Sometimes they can become frozen by the “what ifs.” What if they walk away like the others? What if they don’t love me 100 percent? What if they ask the social worker to come get me when I am not perfect? But children, like Elizabeth can be amazingly strong and resilient and willing to take another chance to have a family.



Elizabeth, 10, has experienced her share of loss and this has led her to sometimes guard her heart. The idea of being adopted is often scary to her and she needs to know that it’s ok to say that she is afraid to be adopted. Because what Elizabeth is really saying is “*please don’t give up on me.*” With a permanent family in her corner, Elizabeth will eventually realize that having a family who loves her unconditionally is what matters most in this world.

Elizabeth is a very affectionate, friendly, social, and talkative girl. She enjoys interacting with everyone she meets. Some of her interests include: dancing, arts/crafts, sports, such as soccer and being part of a team. She also enjoys her after-school program and has many friends. She attends regular school and is performing at grade level. Elizabeth does maintain contact with her older sister and hopes that her forever family will support this relationship. Let’s help Elizabeth trust in the power of love again.

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