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## LOCAL SUPPORT

LAX is a proud supporter of civic, community, and educational events. To learn about our community outreach programs, visit us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### Following are local events we are supporting:

- 1/20 Westside Council of Chambers - State of the Westside 2016
- 2/4 LAMP Industry Forum
- 2/10 City of Angels Awards Gala
- 2/10 State of the City - Manhattan Beach
- 2/14 LA Marathon
- 2/16 Flight Path Museum Speaker Series - Salute to African-American Flight Attendants

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## CITY FLOAT WINS TOP AWARD IN ROSE PARADE

The City of Los Angeles' "Discover Los Angeles" float won the Mayor's Award for Most Outstanding City Entry-National or International at the 2016 Rose Parade, thanks to members of Team LAWA, the LAX employee volunteer program. Over 20 employees and their loved ones volunteered to decorate the float which featured the airport's Theme Building and 'LAX' lettering, Capitol Records, Hollywood Bowl, Venice Beach and a giant sun wearing trendy sunglasses.



## SMALL LAX OFFICE HAS BIG IMPACT



It is about the size of a conference room, but the Hire Inglewood Program (HIP) Office in Inglewood City Hall has had a big impact on the community. A record-breaking 900 job seekers visited the Community Relations Division's satellite Job Resources office in 2015.

Inglewood Councilman Alex Padilla said, "Having access to this office in City Hall has been tremendous. We hear from our folks at events saying, 'Thanks to this office now I have a job and I can provide for myself and my family.'"

The HIP office is a LAWA community benefits program in partnership with Inglewood since 2008.

The friendly staff at the HIP office provides local job seekers with information on job opportunities at the airport and help with online applications. "You do not have to be an Inglewood resident to use HIP office. We get visitors from as far away as Long Beach and Gardena," said Sontue Beacham, LAWA First Source Hiring Program Coordinator.

The HIP office located at One Manchester Blvd., in Inglewood City Hall, 2nd Floor, is open Monday and Wednesday. For more information, call (310) 412-4812.

## AIRPORT WORKSHOP HELPS BUSINESSES

Navigating the waters of getting a contract with any city department can be complicated, but the *Doing Business with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)* workshop makes it easier for businesses to understand the requirements for contracting with the city's three airports. The monthly workshops are coordinated by Community Relations' Business Outreach team in conjunction with the LAX Procurement Services Division.

Rose Cote, Business Outreach Coordinator, said "Our primary objective is to increase participation in LAWA's procurement process by reaching out to more small, minority, woman, and veteran-owned businesses, but everyone is welcome including multi-million dollar primes." In 2015, 138 companies attended the workshops to learn how they could successfully bid on contracts.

The workshops provide information on the procurement process, including registration on the Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network, City of Los Angeles and LAWA administrative requirements, certifications, and business assistance. The workshops are held the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, or to rsvp registration please visit [www.lawa.org/bjrc](http://www.lawa.org/bjrc) and click on the 'Business' tab.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### STAR WARS RED CARPET MOMENT AT FLIGHT PATH MUSEUM



All Nippon Airways (ANA) new Star Wars-themed Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, painted in the likeness of Star Wars droid R2-D2, touched down at LAX to fly the cast of the original and new 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' blockbuster to the movie premiere in London on Dec. 15, 2015. The stars gathered at the Flight Path Learning Center Museum to take off for the European world premiere gala. ANA began international flights with the R2-D2 plane in mid-October from its base in Tokyo.

Flight Path, one of the world's most notable aviation museums, is located in the LAX Imperial Terminal, 6661 W. Imperial Highway. It is open to the public Tuesday - Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parking and admittance is free.

### SANTA FLY-IN VISIT DELIGHTS STUDENTS

LAX Community Relations Division hosted its Annual Santa Fly-In holiday program at Flight Path Learning Center on Dec. 11, 2015. Santa Claus made a pre-holiday flight to LAX by helicopter to visit with over 250 pre-kindergarten, kindergartens and first-grade students from local schools.



### Santa Fly-In cont'd

Santa met with students from Oak Street Elementary (Inglewood School District), Huerta Elementary (Lennox School District), Westport Heights Elementary (Westchester), and Cabrillo and De Anza Elementary Schools (Wiseburn School District). The entertainment also included the LAX PUPs (Pets Unstressing Passengers), Los Angeles Airport Police K-9 Unit, Hawthorne Police Dog Officer Scotty and more.

The Community Relations has hosted the annual Santa Fly-In for 14 years as an outreach program to bring young travelers to the airport and expose them to the world of aviation. The departing students were treated to a holiday goodie bag to mark the memorable occasion.

### TEAM LAWA SUPPORTS L.A. MARATHON

On Feb. 13, Team LAWA volunteers helped the LA Marathon Health & Fitness Expo inside the South Hall of the Los Angeles Convention Center. Team LAWA, an LAX Community Relations program for LAWA employees, provided registration and participant services at this pre-marathon event for runners.



### PROGRAM SALUTES FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

The 2016 Flight Path Speaker Series will open with Casey Grant giving an account of her experiences as one of the first African-American airline flight attendants. This special Black History Month program will be held on Feb. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Flight Path Museum in the LAX Imperial Terminal, at 6661 W. Imperial Highway, Los Angeles.

Ms. Grant's presentation will relate the challenges and rewards she and her African-American colleagues faced as they sought the glamor and prestige of a career in the sky. She will share the powerful, but little known story of these women role in the civil rights movement.

The Flight Path Speaker Series will continue throughout 2016 with programs featuring a salute to the 100th anniversary of the Boeing Aircraft Company, a memoir of World War II pilot General Jimmy Doolittle, and more. For further information on upcoming dates visit the Flight Path website at [www.flightpathmuseum.com](http://www.flightpathmuseum.com).

## LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### LAMP INDUSTRY FORUM



Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) hosted an Industry Forum on February 4th, to share information on its \$5-billion dollar Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP). The event featured an overview of LAMP, discussed details of the Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain delivery method, and provided an opportunity to obtain input from industry representatives prior to release of the Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) or Requests for Proposals (RFPs).

Over 1,000 participants attended the Industry Forum held at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel located in Los Angeles at 6101 W. Century Blvd. Guest speakers included Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Bob Blumenfield, Board of Airport Commissioners President Sean Burton, and LAWA Chief Executive Director Deborah Flint.

LAMP will transform the accessibility and efficiency in and around LAX by providing an array of new and convenient transportation options. For more information, visit the LAMP website at <http://connectinglax.com> and the LAMP Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/connectinglax](http://www.facebook.com/connectinglax).

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**Q: How can I get the most current information about conditions at LAX?**



**A:** The fastest way to get real-time news on all LAX happenings is to visit [www.lawa.aero](http://www.lawa.aero) or LAX Twitter (@flyLAXairport). LAX Twitter is also a valuable way to ask questions related to LAX and its partners. It is especially a key player during emergencies, when it becomes the go-to-source for updates. Questions and comments during emergencies are addressed as soon as possible and during non-emergencies, within 24 hours. Not connected? The VIP Information Desk staff in red vests on the arrivals level in each terminal have the answers.