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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 [www.lawa.org](http://www.lawa.org) or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

**The following events are samples of our local support:**

- 12/30 Rotary Club of Inglewood  
Morningside Adult Day Care  
Center Holiday Luncheon
- 12/31 Team LAWA "Decorate a Float"  
Experience

LAX Community UPdates is an online newsletter produced by LAX Community Relations Division. LAX is part of a system of two Southern California airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a department of the City of Los Angeles.

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FORUM

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and LAWA officials addressed nearly 1,000 local business owners at the LAMP Business Opportunities Forum held on Dec. 14, encouraging them to get involved in the estimated \$1.8-billion second wave of contracts for construction of the LAX Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP).



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"The forum was designed for the local and small business community to engage and have networking opportunities with firms proposing on three new LAMP projects," said LAWA Chief Executive Officer Deborah Flint. "It's essential that a program of this size and duration must create new jobs and opportunities, and the participation of LA's small, local and diverse businesses will be one of the key indicators of success for Los Angeles World Airports."

The overall LAMP will deliver a world-class transportation system for LAX that is designed to relieve traffic congestion within the Central Terminal Area and on surrounding streets, improve access options and the overall airport guest experience for travelers, and connect via a station to Metro's light-rail system. Major components of the program are expected to be completed by 2023. For more information, visit the LAMP website at <http://connectinglax>.



LAWA Executive Director Deborah Flint speaks to the attendees.

## USO COLLECTION DRIVE BREAKS RECORD

The 2016 LAX Collection Drive for the Bob Hope Hollywood USO was a resounding success. Employees and friends recently donated more than 2,000 travel-sized, personal-care items to the Bob Hope Hollywood USO at LAX, topping last year's collection effort by 25 percent. The LAX Community Relations team organized the three-week drive to collect items to distribute to military personnel and their families, who stop by the USO center.

Local organizations such as the Renaissance Los Angeles Airport Hotel, Four Points by Sheraton LAX, and the Rotary Club of Inglewood also donated to this second year of the collection drive. The donations are timely as more than 93,000 troops and military family members are expected to visit the state-of-the-art facility this year.



USO Manager Jill Villalpando and soldiers accepting donations with Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs Trevor Daley, Airport Commissioner Val Velasco and Deputy Executive Director of Facilities David Shuter.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### Santa Fly-In Brings Holiday Cheer

LAX Community Relations welcomed over 300 local pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students to the airport for a special holiday program, highlighted by Santa Claus flying in by Hawthorne Police helicopter to visit with the students. Also on hand to spread holiday cheer were cheerleaders and mascots from the UCLA Spirit Squad and LMU Cheer Team, LA Kings mascot Bailey, dogs from the LAX PUP Program, Silly Sally the Clown and dog Officer Scottie of the Hawthorne Police Department. Each student received a t-shirt for the event and a goodie bag that featured donated boxed toys from Mattel, Inc. LAX Community Relations has coordinated this fun-filled event to introduce students to the airport since 2004.



Santa with Hawthorne Police Pilot Matt Manley and Community Relations' Maria Graciano.



T-shirts and goodie bags each student received at the event.



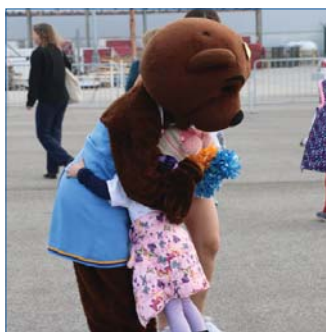
LA Kings mascot Bailey with Santa.



Mascots and cheerleaders lead the children in singing holiday songs.



Silly Sally entertaining the students.



UCLA's Josie Bruin hugs a student.

### LAX Hosts Holiday Mixer for Community Partners

Celebrating community engagement was the theme of the first annual LAX Holiday Mixer on Dec. 20. LAX Community Relations Division hosted the event to thank the organizations and service groups that partnered with Los Angeles World Airports to enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses in the communities surrounding the airport.

Airport Commission Vice President Valeria Velasco and LAWA Deputy Executive Director for External Affairs Trevor Daley welcomed the nearly 120 guests attending the reception held at the iconic Flight Path Learning Center & Museum.



Genesis-The Balm welcomed attendees with holiday carols.

Guests including community leaders from Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, Councils, and LAX Area Advisory Committees, were treated savory food, spirited entertainment, and lively conversation.



One of the raffle prize winners from the mixer.

The choral group 'Genesis-The Balm' entertained in the entrance and Main Hall of the museum, and Kiwanis Club members, Raul Matute on piano and singer Joe Houston entertained guests in the LAX Room with music and song. Everyone was wished a happy holiday, peace and goodwill from LAWA!



Community members enjoying the inaugural holiday mixer.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Laylah Ali puts her star on the wall.

### Holiday Wish Wall of Hopes and Dreams

Students from four local elementary schools helped decorate more than 250 stars to adorn a wall in the Great Hall of Tom Bradley International Terminal. Each star represents holiday wishes from each of the students, ranging from getting a new iPhone 7 to a new car! Wishes included iPhones, new car, Shopkins, a Razor scooter, peace, no war, and love.

Participating schools include Graham Elementary School in Watts, Wish Charter School in Westchester,

Loyola Village Elementary School, and Playa Vista Elementary School. In the spirit of the season many LAWA employees collaborated on this project helping children's dreams reach new heights. The wall was designed by Pier Ali, LAX Airport Operations Division; Harold Johnson, LAX Community Relations Division coordinated with the schools and a LAWA maintenance crew installed the holiday wall. Loyola Village student, Laylah Ali, was all smiles as she placed the final star on the wall.



### Team LAWA Volunteers as Santa's Helpers

The season of giving is alive and well at LAX! Employees volunteered to join Santa's team of holiday gift wrappers through the Team LAWA program in support of St. Margaret's Center's Holiday Program in December at Morningside High School in Inglewood. Toys are provided to over 1,000 children who attend the annual program.



Team LAWA volunteer wrapping gifts.

Volunteers Michelle Irwin (Commercial Development); Sharon Jackson (Finance & Budget) and kids, Jonathan and Nervaca; Paula Miura (Facilities Engineering) and friend, Debi Horibe-Robbins; Denise Chang (Airport Police) and best buds, Susan Hung and Erin Bui; and Kim Somvongsiri (Planning & Development Group) dressed warmly, wearing their blue Team LAWA t-shirts and Santa hats ready to tackle gifts of all sizes.

It's the volunteer experience that Team LAWA members enjoy all year long as they give the gift of time to the communities we serve.

### Aviation Career Day



Students got to sit in a Coast Guard helicopter and speak with pilots about their careers.

LAX officials welcomed more than 700 local high school students to the first annual LAX Aviation Career Day in November. The event, hosted by LAX Community Relations, focused on giving students the opportunity to discover careers in the aviation field.

"This event shows us we can fuel the future of aviation by inspiring students to develop a passion for aviation at an early age," said Trevor Daley, Los Angeles World Airports Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs.

LAX Aviation Career Day featured more than 30 exhibitors from airlines, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Customs and Border Protection, Los Angeles Airport Police, air cargo companies, and other aviation/aerospace companies. Student attendees met industry professionals, viewed interactive exhibits, toured helicopters and Beechcraft and Cessna aircraft, and saw live demonstrations.



High school students spoke with United Airlines pilots and representatives to learn more about opportunities in aviation.



High school students had the opportunity to meet with various aviation and aerospace representatives during the Aviation Career Day.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### Day of Discovery Popularity Rises



LAWA Executive Director Deborah Flint (l) with astronaut Dr. Anna Fisher and Congresswoman Maxine Waters (r).

The 2nd Annual Day of Discovery, a community aviation and aerospace event was held in early November at Loyola Marymount University (LMU). This free community event hosted by Loyola Marymount University and LAX Community Relations drew over 400 local residents and students to campus to learn and be inspired by the aerospace and aviation industries. The event featured more than 20 expo exhibitors and an amazing keynote address by Astronaut Dr. Anna Fisher, a 38-year veteran with NASA and the first mother to fly in space.

There were new interactive activities at this year's event including a STEM challenge for local middle school and high school students sponsored by Boeing in partnership with LMU's Seaver School of Science and Engineering, and breakout education sessions on the history of the Goodyear Blimp and on LAX's Landside Access Modernization Program. Event attendance was 33 percent higher than in 2015.



Boeing STEM Challenge



Community Relations' Harold Johnson and Daniel Osztreicher share news about the LAMP project with visitors to the LAX Community Relations booth.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### Westchester Celebrates 75 Years

Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin invites LAX Community Relations' Treva Miller to join a group of Westchester community leaders in a ceremony at city hall commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Westchester. She serves with a local civic association and worked on public safety issues in the community. City Council declared Dec. 6, Westchester Day, in honor of its rich history in the region's aviation and aerospace industry. The resolution notes William M. Mines leased a small portion of ranchland just south of the Westchester area to build an aircraft landing strip in the early 1920s, would eventually become Los Angeles International Airport (LAX); and the region became the major center of aviation-related industry.



Councilman Mike Bonin (c, kneeling) with local community leaders.

## LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### Airport Commissioners Approve Plans for Terminal 1.5

Los Angeles Airport Commissioners approved environmental and aesthetic plans related to the proposed Terminal 1.5 Project, which would enhance the guest experience at LAX by providing additional space for ticketing, security screening, and baggage claim, along with connecting Terminals 1 and 2.

The proposed project, which requires final approval from the Los Angeles City Council, includes a 417,515-square-foot, six-level building that will span the 400-foot-long space between Terminals 1 and 2. It would also require demolishing a boarding gate in Terminal 1.

If approved by the City Council, the Terminal 1.5 is expected to be completed in 26 months, opening Summer 2019. More information about the proposed project, is available at [www.ourlax.org](http://www.ourlax.org).

## EDITOR'S CORNER - TREVA MILLER

**Q:** As a small, local business owner, how can you get the latest information on the LAX Landside Access Modernization Program's (LAMP) second wave of contracts?

**A:** For more information on the LAMP second wave of projects, or to receive program updates, simply subscribe to our mailing list by visiting [www.connectinglax.com](http://www.connectinglax.com). If your organization would like to schedule a LAMP presentation, please email: [lax-lamp@lawa.org](mailto:lax-lamp@lawa.org).

