Office of Immigrant Affairs Opens in Los Angeles County

Immigrants face unique challenges. It’s critical that they understand their rights and know where to turn for trusted help to make informed choices for themselves and their families.

Los Angeles County strives to serve all its residents, including the approximately 3.5 million immigrants who call L.A. County their home. Angeleno immigrants can now turn to the County’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) for assistance. The Board of Supervisors created OIA in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs as a one-stop-shop for all Angeleno immigrants. OIA works closely with County departments and external partners that serve immigrants and their families to:

- Protect their rights and promote their success and well-being.
- Ensure that they know and access all available County services.
- Protect them from fraud, such as immigration scams and wage theft.
- Recommend policies and initiatives to the Board of Supervisors to promote immigrant success and recognize their contributions.
- Facilitate legal representation through the L.A. Justice Fund to eligible immigrants who are facing deportation.

To provide seamless, wrap-around, and effective service to all Angeleno immigrants, OIA partners with all County departments and external stakeholders such as legal aid and advocacy organizations, philanthropic foundations, academic and labor organizations, chambers of commerce, and media networks.

Located in the East Los Angeles County Hall, OIA services can be accessed in person at 4801 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90022; by phone at (800) 593-8222; or on its brand-new website: www.oia.lacounty.gov. Assistance and resources include:

- Referrals to free or low-cost legal representation for eligible immigrants.
- **Materials:** Know Your Rights PocketCard©, “Red” cards, fillable legal forms, and brochures on minimum wage and common consumer scams.
- **Fraud Protection:** How to recognize, prevent, and resolve immigration, wage, and other frauds that affect immigrants. Includes complaint investigation.
- **Resources:** Immigration Emergency Preparedness Kit, immigration-related workshops, self-help legal services, and an electronic complaint filing system.
- **Opportunity:** Citizenship forms and study guides, calendar of citizenship classes; assistance to start, grow and preserve small businesses; and financial education classes.
- **NewsMatters:** The latest news affecting immigrants and their families.
Calendar of Events

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
(323) 857-6010
www.lacma.org

Through October 15 – Home-So Different, So Appealing

The Music Center
(213) 972-7211
www.musiccenter.org

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
July 23 through July 25 – Eifman Ballet of St. Petersburg’s Tchaikovsky

Center Theatre Group
(213) 628-2772
www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre
August 2 through September 10 – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Kirk Douglas Theatre
Through August 6 – King of the Yees

Mark Taper Forum
Through August 6 – Heisenberg

Grand Park
(213) 972-8080
www.grandparkla.org

Every Tuesday – Bootcamp
Every Tuesday through Thursday – Lunchtime! Food Trucks
Every Wednesday and Friday – Lunchtime! Yoga Retreat

Hollywood Bowl
(323) 850-2000
www.hollywoodbowl.com

July 15 – Tony Bennett & Dudamel
July 16 – Jack Johnson
July 18 – Beethoven’s Ninth with Dudamel
July 19 – Ella and Dizzy: 100 Years, 1,000 Memories
July 20 – Dudamel Conducts Wagner
July 21 through July 22 – Kool & the Gang, The Village People

Ford Theatres
(323) 461-3673
www.fordtheatres.com

July 15 – IGNITE! Series: Savion Glover in Concert
July 16 – IGNITE! Series: Culture Clash’s OG Summer Desmadre
July 17 – JAM Session: Hip-Hop Dance
July 21 – Fantasm - Odyssey of Dreams by Bellydance Evolution
July 22 – Big World Fun: Grandezza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company
July 24 – JAM Session: Broadway Sing-Along
Meet Jonathan Lucas, M.D.
Medical Examiner-Coroner

Dr. Jonathan Lucas received his Bachelor’s degree in Science from UC Riverside after growing up in the San Joaquin Valley. He obtained his Medical Degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine in 1994 and went on to complete an anatomic and clinical pathology residency at UCLA in 1999. This was followed by a one year subspecialty fellowship in Forensic Pathology at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in the City of New York.

Dr. Lucas remained on staff in the Queens New York office for just over a year before returning to California in 2001 to take a job at the San Diego County Medical Examiner Office. In 2011, he was promoted to Chief Deputy Medical Examiner. Over his career, he has performed or supervised nearly 5,000 autopsies, attended many death scenes, and testified in countless criminal and civil proceedings.

While in San Diego, Dr. Lucas made operational improvements, implemented a variety of IT solutions including a new case management system, and designed and promoted the Annual Medical Examiner Report, which regularly provides information on trends and regional patterns to decision makers and community partners. He has a particular interest in improving business processes and finding ways to work smarter and not harder.

Dr. Lucas sits on committees in the College of American Pathologists and the American Board of Pathology, has overseen the successful accreditation inspection process for both the National Association of Medical Examiners and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, regularly attends national professional conferences, and has published several articles in forensic pathology. He regularly deals with the media about cases and trends in the community. He actively participates in regional task forces for methamphetamine abuse and prescription drug abuse, which includes monitoring and responding to the opioid epidemic. Dr. Lucas oversees the education and training of Pathology resident physicians and medical students and has been the program director for the Forensic Pathology Fellowship training program.

Dr. Lucas values integrity, accountability, strong communication, collaboration, and a clear vision. As a native Californian, he considers it a great honor to serve as Chief Medical Examiner for this exceptional jurisdiction. A world class County should have a matching Medical Examiner-Coroner’s Department. Dr. Jonathan Lucas is excited to be brought in to be part of the Medical Examiner-Coroner team, as well as the larger County team.

Share Your Heart
Share Your Home
Become a Foster/Adoptive Parent
Dept. of Children and Family Services

Summer is in full swing with backyard BBQs, trips to the beach, and vacations. Summer can be about slowing down the pace and spending quality time with family and loved ones. For some of our kids in foster care, spending time with their family is no longer an option. Through no fault of their own, these kids can’t return home to their birth families. Everyone longs for family connections and love, but sadly some of our kids may age out of foster care not knowing what it feels like to have a family to call their own. When we can’t reunify kids with their birth family, adoption is the best option for them and we know that all children deserve a loving and permanent family. We have children of all ages, all ethnicities, and all abilities. Our children in foster care are as diverse as Los Angeles, but they all have one thing in common: a longing to be a part of a family.

Meet Mary, age 7, an extraordinary little girl looking for a family to call her own. Nothing gets cuter than pigtails and missing front teeth. Coupled with a perfect smile and a sparkle in her eyes, Mary elicits joy from everyone she meets. She lights up the room with her happy exuberance and she doesn’t let her cerebral palsy get in her way from living life to the fullest. Every day, she is learning new things and understands everything you tell her. She is able to ambulate with the assistance of a walker and has gotten stronger in this area with physical therapy. Communicating with words is a bit of a struggle for Mary, but she has the smile and hug thing down pat. She is developing her vocabulary every day and everyone knows that with the support of a dedicated and loving adoptive family, the sky is the limit for sweet Mary.

To learn more about adopting Mary or another waiting child, please call (888) 811-1121.
LACoFD USAR Members Receive Ben Franklin Award for Valor

Three members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team received the prestigious 2016 International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)/Motorola Solutions Ben Franklin Award for Valor at last year’s Fire-Rescue International conference in San Antonio, Texas.

They shared the honor with Virginia’s Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department’s USAR team when both groups, deployed as USA Task Force 1 (USA-1) and USA Task Force 2 (USA-2), were sent to Nepal after a devastating earthquake struck the country in 2015.

The honorees include:

- **USA-1**: Lieutenant Robert Garza, Lieutenant Lawrence Mullin, and Technician Ryland Chapman.
- **USA-2**: Battalion Chief Gerald Gonzales, Fire Captain Daniel McKeen, and Fire Fighter Paramedic Matthew Prasch.

Named after the nation’s first fire chief, the Ben Franklin Award for Valor recognizes firefighters around the world for their expert training, leadership, heroic actions, and safe practices.

Both teams received the award for displaying true courage and heroism when they acted selflessly to save dozens of lives. USA-1 and USA-2 worked together in the remote village of Singati, treating dozens of injured people after a large aftershock rattled Nepal.

During the mission, they received reports of people trapped in a collapsed building. The team members raced to the building and dug their way through deep mounds of rubble to find and rescue victims.

In one case, they worked tirelessly and in precarious conditions to save a Nepalese woman who was trapped beneath collapsed floors.

The crew not only endured repeated aftershocks that triggered landslides during the rescue, but were also challenged by the limited number of basic rescue tools available to them. For more information about the Ben Franklin Award for Valor, please visit [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org).
Owning a Pet Can Make Us Happier and Healthier
Department of Animal Care and Control

Did you know that owning a pet can improve your overall health? Research has shown that owning pets provide several health benefits. Pet ownership not only can influence our health, but also our happiness.

There are many other benefits to owning a pet. The physical, emotional, and social benefits that one can reap when living with pets are consistent amongst people of all age groups.

It is very interesting that the human-animal bond positively impacts the health and happiness of both the pet and its owner(s). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have completed countless studies on the benefits of pet ownership. According to the CDC, one of the heart-healthy results of owning a pet is lower cholesterol. People who own pets—and men, in particular—have significantly lower cholesterol and triglyceride levels than those who don’t have pets.

Another source concluded, “pet ownership, perhaps by providing social support, lowers blood pressure response to mental stress” (Allen, 2001). We want all employees to be happy and healthy, so why not adopt today!

If you’re interested in adopting a pet within Los Angeles County, please visit animalcare.lacounty.gov and select View Our Animals under the Our Animals tab on the homepage to see the animals available for adoption. The many benefits of adopting from our County Animal Care Centers include lowcost spaying/neutering, a free veterinary checkup, the peace of mind knowing that your new pet has received its initial vaccinations against contagious diseases, and the satisfaction of providing companionship to a shelter animal.


L.A.’s Freshest Series
Ford Theatres

Joining L.A. County artists on the Ford Theatres’ stage this summer are some of the most compelling world-renowned artists in a new series called IGNITE @ the FORD!, made possible by L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. Curated by Interim Executive Director Olga Garay-English, the series features world-renowned artists who intrigue, whose work is compelling, contemporary and reflective of the world in which we live. IGNITE @ the FORD! complements the Ford’s venerable Artists Partnership Series, which provides a platform for L.A. County-based artists to present music and dance styles reflective of the region’s many diverse communities.

The IGNITE series kicks off the Ford’s celebratory 2017 summer season with Savion Glover in Concert (July 15) and LA-based Latino/Chicano performance trio Culture Clash (July 16). Other highlights include Senegalese vocalist and GRAMMY® Award-winning Youssou NDOUR (August 6), Cuban music ensemble Síntesis and LA-based Cuban-born violinist Dayren Santamaria (August 25), celebrated flamenco dancer Jesús Carmona and his company of 11 dancers (September 8), and the 30th anniversary concert of the contemporary classical music project Bang on a Can (October 14).

The series also brings to the Ford stage cultural collaborations with The Lincoln Center Festival, New York’s The Apollo Theater, The Music Center, LA Opera, the Skirball Cultural Center and the Fountain Theatre. Highlights of these collaborations include Rufus Wainwright (August 20), as part of The Music Center On Location; a celebration of Ella Fitzgerald’s 100th birthday featuring GRAMMY® Award-winner Patti Austin (September 24), presented with The Apollo Theater; and the virtual reality experience The Hubble Cantata (October 11), presented in association with LA Opera. Tickets on sale now at FordTheatres.org.
County’s Demographic Changes
15th Annual Leadership Conference

“Today, we will hear from a dynamic group of speakers, sharing the innovative ways their agencies/organizations are engaging a diverse population,” said Commissioner Shawn Landres, Chair, Quality and Productivity Commission (QPC) and facilitator for the County’s annual Leadership Conference.

The gathering of more than 175 department directors, commissioners, senior executives, division chiefs, supervisors, and productivity managers was held in the Music Center on May 25, 2017.

“The County of Los Angeles is one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the nation, and within the L.A. Unified School District more than 80 different languages are spoken,” said Commissioner Landres. “But today isn’t just about facts and data. It’s about how we can learn effectively and then do what we can with what we learn to enrich lives.”

And with that charge, the 15th annual Leadership Conference commenced under the theme, “Embracing a Changing Demography.” It was jointly sponsored by the Board of Supervisors, the Chief Executive Office, and the QPC.

New Ideas Panel
Members of the capacity audience were riveted by the presentations given by Efrain Escobedo, Vice President, California Community Foundation, and Laura Trejo, General Manager, L.A. City Department of Aging for the New Ideas Panel. Escobedo enlightened the audience on communicating with Generation Z and Millennials. “An app doesn’t make you cool. Information is king,” he said.

Millennials make up 42 percent of the U.S. population and Generation Z is 26 percent, of which 42 percent come from a multicultural background. “This digital generation communicates with a purpose and mission,” said Escobedo. “They expect to learn things themselves and seek help only if they need it. And you can expect feedback.”

Trejo, who has been praised by the U.S. Library of Congress as a force for social change, broadened the audience’s definition of old. “Boomers will change everything. The process of aging is shaped by both genetic givens and a number of psychological, social and environmental factors that accumulate and interact to comprise experience,” she explained.

“No two people age the same way,” she said, adding that “aging is a dynamic process.” In current vernacular, “older adult” refers to the last 40+ years of the lifespan, she said. “The age groups now are 60-64, young old; 65-84, middle old; 85+, oldest old; 100 – centenarians; and 110, super centenarians,” said Trejo. “There will need to be an array of direct services available at the neighborhood level to support older adults and their family caregivers,” she added.

LACMA’s Outreach
Michael Govan, CEO and Director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), highlighted the “Museum’s Community Connections.” Levitated Mass became a major “event” as various communities turned out to see the massive rock travel westward from a quarry in Irwindale to LACMA. The Museum also has collaborated to restore Simon Rodia’s Watts Towers, grow a pilot program designed to diversify the curatorial ranks, and launch LACMA exhibitions in East Los Angeles and at Charles White School in the McArthur Park area of Los Angeles.

Laura Zucker presented findings from a Board-commissioned study that recommended ways to enhance the participation and leadership of underrepresented communities in the arts. Sara Burd-Sharps opened the conference by defining human development and sharing information on societal well-being. Jeramy Gray, Assistant Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, filled in for Executive Officer Lori Glasgow with a rousing recap of the day’s events, and reiterating the Board’s commitment to providing services to a diverse populace.

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, delivered the invocation and Lt. Tom Giandomenico, U.S. Army Veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Lt. Giandomenico is with the Sheriff Department’s Special Enforcement Bureau.

Overall, conference attendees rated the event “excellent,” and agreed that the conference achieved its objective. Nearly 400 people viewed the audience live on the web.
Working for You

Department of Public Health

Summer is peak travel season for many families. Fun, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones can be a great way to unwind and relieve stress. Taking a vacation is a great way to promote a healthy work life balance and prevent work related exhaustion and burn out.

Whether you are traveling locally or internationally, it’s important to plan ahead. Take steps to protect your health, so you can relax and enjoy your vacation.

Use these health tips when traveling:

- Get plenty of rest before and after travel to avoid jet lag.
- Pack a first aid kit, sunscreen, and mosquito repellent (spray or ointment) if traveling to countries affected by mosquito borne diseases.
- Bring healthy snacks like dried fruit and nuts for the flight or long road trip.
- Drink water during your flight to prevent dehydration.
- Carry extra prescription medication and your doctor’s information in case of a health emergency.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water to prevent disease.

If you are planning to travel internationally:

- Talk to your doctor: Visit your doctor 4-6 weeks before your travel date. Some immunizations or vaccinations may be required when traveling to certain areas.
- Do some research: Before you travel abroad, research the areas you plan to visit. It’s helpful to know if the areas you’re visiting are experiencing any health issues like Zika Virus Disease, flu outbreak, or other health related outbreaks in order to be prepared. Visit https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/ for more information before you travel.
- Check your health insurance: Before you travel abroad, contact your health insurance plan to determine health coverage abroad. Emergencies can happen, so plan ahead in the event that you will need to access health care while visiting another country.

Protect yourself and those you love when you prepare to travel. Plan ahead and take steps to ensure that you’re healthy before, during, and after your vacation.

Visit the following websites for additional information:
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/Travel/IZ.htm
https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

BBQ Safety Tips
Fire Department

Summer is peak time for grilling fires. While many people barbecue year-round, July tends to be the busiest month for grilling which also increases the risk of home fires.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fire departments across the country responded to a yearly average of 8,900 home fires caused by grills, hibachis or barbecues.

Knowing what to do to prevent grill fires can make a difference in the safety of your family, friends and home. The Los Angeles County Fire Department urges you to follow these safety tips to protect you and your guests from grill fires this summer:

- Protect yourself. Use grilling gloves and utensils with long handles.
- Read the owner’s manual. Make sure the grill is assembled correctly.
- Keep your grill clean. Remove grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Start a gas grill with an open lid. Starting a grill with a closed lid results in a dangerous buildup of gas.
- Grills should be placed away from structures. Place a grill well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Be responsible with starter fluid. Keep charcoal fluid away from children and heat sources.
- Shut your grill down correctly. For a gas grill, turn off the burners and the fuel supply. For a charcoal grill, wait for the coals to stop burning and cool off completely before disposing of them in a metal container.
A DAY OF FAMILY FUN

CHILL OUT!

Join us for boogie boarding, power walks and yoga.

Dockweiler Beach
Youth Center
12505 Vista del Mar
Playa del Rey, CA 90293
4th Supervisorial District

Saturday,
August 26, 2017
8:00 a.m. – Noon

*Free use of boogie boards

RSVP to secure your giveaways at
http://employee.hr.lacounty.gov/counrywide-fitness-challenge-2/

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Retirees

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after their many years of service to the County of Los Angeles:

40+ Years

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SUPERIOR COURT: Cheryl D. Pantaleo

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Yolanda De La Mora
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FIRE: James F. Fitzpatrick, Paul G. Hatherley, Robert J. Ryan
MENTAL HEALTH: Carolyn M. Black, Leticia M. Sparkes, Daphne Teoh
PROBATION: Jerry W. Cohen, Joseph G. Gonzalez, Lucky M. Kpaki, Joe Raseknia

PUBLIC WORKS: Mary L. Camacho
SUPERIOR COURT: Sharron K. Charles, Angelina Monteiro
TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR: Estella Bellorin

Rideshare L.A. County!

from Department of Human Resources

Beginning this month, the County will initiate the annual mandatory Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) survey and the AVR Survey Challenge. All County employees at worksites with 100 or more employees are required to participate in the survey. When you complete the mandatory survey, you will also have a chance to receive your free, personalized commute information in a Metro RideGuide. Employees who check “yes” to the RideGuide will be included in an opportunity drawing for a chance to win an Apple iPad2. So be sure to check “yes.” For more information about the AVR Survey Challenge, contact your Employee Transportation Coordinator or visit www.rideshare.lacounty.gov.
2017 MARINA DEL REY Summer Concert SERIES
Burton Chace Park • 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey

SYMPHONIC THURSDAYS | 7PM

JULY 6 • MARINA DEL REY SYMPHONY
“Opera By The Shore”
Featuring finalists from the Loren Zachary Competition

JULY 20 • MARINA DEL REY SYMPHONY (Tentative)
Craig Safon’s score for Chaplin’s The Kid, plus Korngold’s “Violin Concerto” by soloist Will Hagen

AUGUST 3 • MATTHEW MORRISON
Symphonic/Pops

AUGUST 17 • MARINA DEL REY SYMPHONY
Giuseppe Verdi’s Aida
Staged opera production

POP SATURDAYS | 7PM

JULY 15 • JOE
R&B

JULY 29 • ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO
Alternative/Roots Rock

AUGUST 12 • YO LA TENGO
Indie Rock

AUGUST 26 • ARTURO SANDOVAL
Jazz

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