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#### L.A. COUNTY INITIATIVE TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES SUCCEED DURING MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES

The County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) will hold a resource fair on Thursday, June 30 at East Los Angeles College. The event will introduce businesses to departments and agencies involved in the Small Business Initiative; a five-year Countywide initiative (through 2021) designed to help small businesses succeed and grow during the upcoming minimum wage increases. The flyer is attached.

The Small Business Initiative includes: low-interest loans through the Community Development Commission; workplace development and layoff aversion assistance through the Department of Community and Senior Services; assistance in applying for County procurement contracts through DCBA, and several other programs for small business owners in Los Angeles County.

"Businesses and employees thrive when we have a strong and vibrant economy," said DCBA Director Brian J. Stiger. "The Small Business Initiative helps small businesses transition through the new minimum wage increases."

Starting July 1, 2016, the minimum wage in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County will be \$10.50 an hour for businesses with 26 or more employees. Those who work at least two hours in a one-week period in any unincorporated area of the County are entitled to the new wage. Smaller businesses with 25 or fewer employees will pay \$10.50 an hour starting July 1, 2017. DCBA will enforce the new minimum wage in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has served Los Angeles County consumers, businesses, and communities through education, advocacy, and complaint resolution since 1976. We work every day to educate consumers and small business owners about their rights and responsibilities, mediate disputes, and investigate consumer fraud complaints. DCBA enforces the minimum wage in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. For more information, visit <u>dcba.lacounty.gov.</u>

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# **L.A. COUNTY** BUSINESS **RESOURCE FAIR**

# **Small Business Initiative**

Will your business be affected by the minimum wage increase? Attend our event to:

-Find out about funding opportunities

-Connect with County contracting and procurement agents

-Receive business needs assessment and layoff aversion information

-PICK UP YOUR L.A. COUNTY SMALL **BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE** 





**RSVP** online on Event Calendar at dcba.lacounty.gov

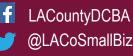


## **JUNE 30, 2016** 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**EAST LOS ANGELES** COLLEGE (S2- Recital Hall)

1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez **Monterey Park, CA** 91754

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