



## First Homeless Veteran Housed Using New Landlord Incentive Program



Miguel Hernandez is the first homeless veteran to benefit from the Landlord Veteran Incentive Program (Landlord VIP), administered by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA). He received keys to his apartment on March 1, 2016, just one week after the unit passed inspection and the landlord received incentive monies.

a security guard. He is thankful for the many organizations that assisted in his road to securing housing and commented that, “it took a village to help me find housing and I’m grateful.”

Hernandez proudly served four years in the United States Air Force and sadly, like so many veterans, returned home and struggled to adapt to civilian life. He quickly found himself homeless and spent the last few years living in and out of hotel rooms in the Antelope Valley. With the supportive services offered by People Assisting the Homeless’ Veterans Connections Initiative, a partner of HACoLA, he learned of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program and received a HACoLA VASH Voucher in October 2015.

With 4,000-plus homeless veterans in Los Angeles County, the challenge to find them housing and a stable place to live has been ongoing for years. With the help of County funding, HACoLA officially launched the Landlord VIP in January 2016. The program is designed to incentivize local L.A. County landlords by providing one month’s rental payment to hold vacant units and an expedited process to get veterans who have secured a VASH voucher through HACoLA, into an apartment or house. Landlords receive Fair Market Rent (FMR) amounts for the corresponding bedroom size of the unit being held.

Unfortunately, it took Hernandez over four months and a couple of failed attempts before he was able to secure housing. He encountered several landlords who were hesitant to rent to someone with a prior eviction and were unwilling to participate in a subsidized housing program. Fortunately, the Landlord VIP was just the incentive needed. Less than a month after meeting a potential landlord and touring a unit, Hernandez was able to secure housing. During the same time, he learned of other resources available at the Military Resource Center and was able to receive funding for move-in assistance including the move-in deposit, a brand new bed, and startup costs for the gas and electric utilities. He is optimistic that he will now be able to secure fulltime employment. In fact, he is scheduled for a job orientation as

For example, the participating landlord who ultimately rented to Hernandez informed HACoLA of a vacant rental unit and scheduled an inspection on February 22. The unit passed the very same day and the landlord received \$1,490, the FMR for a two-bedroom unit on February 23. Hernandez was then referred to the unit within one week.

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# Calendar of Events

## Los Angeles County Museum of Art

(323) 857-6010

[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

Ongoing – Revealing Creation: The Science and Art of Ancient Maya Ceramics

Through August 7 – Royal Hawaiian Featherwork: Na Hulu Ali'i

Through September 5 – The Stowe Vase: From Ancient Art to Additive Manufacturing

Through September 25 – Japanese Prints and Photographs: Paths through Modernity

July 23 through November 27 – Picasso and his Printers

## Ford Theatres

(323) 461-3673

[www.fordtheatres.org](http://www.fordtheatres.org)

July 23 – Big World Fun: Minyo Station (Japanese folk music)

July 23 – Forever Flamenco by Fountain Theatre

July 24 – The Fil-Am Collective Music Show featuring The Filharmonic

July 29 – Mythili and Aditya Prakash present MARA

July 30 – Big World Fun: Kayamanan Ng Lahi Philippine Folk Arts

July 30 – Fiesta Mexicana: Inolvidable

July 31 – Element Band Live

## Center Theatre Group

(213) 628-2772

[www.centertheatregroup.org](http://www.centertheatregroup.org)

### Ahmanson Theatre

Through August 14 – Grey Gardens

## Grand Park

(213) 972-8080

[www.grandparkla.org](http://www.grandparkla.org)

August 6 – PROUD + Outfest Movie Night

Through August 30 – Bootcamp

Through September 2 – Dance DTLA

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – Lunchtime Food Trucks

Every Wednesday and Friday – Lunchtime Yoga Retreat

## Hollywood Bowl

(323) 850-2000

[www.hollywoodbowl.com](http://www.hollywoodbowl.com)

July 29 through July 31 – A Chorus Line

August 7 – Sufjan Stevens, Kurt Vile and the Violators & Ibeyi

August 21 – The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma

September 18 – Kraftwerk 3-D and Lyris Quartet

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## health talk



by *Christopher Metchnikoff, M.D.*  
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# Protect your children from HPV...get them vaccinated!

As parents, you do everything you can to protect your children's health for now and for the future. Today, there is a strong weapon to prevent several types of cancer in our kids: **the HPV vaccine.**

### What is HPV?

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted disease (STD) in the U.S.
- HPV can lead to cervical cancer in women, as well as other oral and genital (sex organ) cancers in men and women.
- HPV also causes genital warts.

### How do you catch it?

- HPV is usually spread during sex. You can spread (or get) the virus without knowing it.
- Sometimes babies become infected from their mothers during birth.
- Almost all sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives, though most will never even know it.

### Is HPV serious?

- Yes. HPV is the main cause of cervical cancer. In the U.S., about 10,000 women get cervical cancer every year, and about 4,000 die from it.
- HPV can also lead to cancers of the vagina, vulva, penis, anus, throat, and mouth.
- In the United States each year, there are about 17,600 women and 9,300 men affected by HPV-related cancers. Many of these cancers could be prevented with the HPV vaccination.

### How can I protect my child from HPV?

- Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from HPV infection.

- The vaccine is most effective if given before a person becomes sexually active. However, even if sexual activity has begun, a person can still be protected by the vaccine and should be vaccinated.
- Both girls and boys should get 3 doses of HPV vaccine, starting at around 11–12 years of age.
- Teens and young adults who didn't start or finish the HPV vaccine series also need HPV vaccination.
- Young women can get HPV vaccine until they are 27 years old and young men can get HPV vaccine until they are 22 years old.
- Young men who have sex with other men or who have weakened immune systems can also get HPV vaccine until they are 27.

### Is the HPV vaccine safe?

- Yes. HPV vaccination has been studied very carefully and continues to be monitored by CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- No serious safety concerns have been linked to HPV vaccination. These studies continue to show that HPV vaccines are safe.
- Serious side effects from HPV vaccination are rare.
- Teens who are pregnant should not be given HPV vaccine.
- Children with severe allergies to yeast or latex should not get certain HPV vaccines.
- Be sure to tell the doctor or nurse if your child has any severe allergies.

### Help paying for vaccines

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines for children ages 18 years and younger who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, or American Indian/Alaska Native. Learn more about the VFC program at [www.cdc.gov/Features/VFCprogram/](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/VFCprogram/).

For more information on HPV and the HPV vaccine, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine.html>.

### LANDLORD VIP

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In addition to the expedited process, HACoLA has also signed interagency agreements with several housing authorities within L.A. County and is in talks with a total of 16 agencies in an effort to eliminate jurisdictional barriers. This means that landlords with available units in the cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, Inglewood, Baldwin Park, and HACoLA's usual jurisdictions, may also participate in the Landlord VIP. Lastly, HACoLA is working with partnering agencies to assist landlords with small unit repairs and veterans with move-in costs.



# Phishing Awareness

*from the Countywide Information Security Program*

Email use in the County of Los Angeles (County) is critical and a primary business communication tool used by our employees; however, it is also an attack avenue by cyber criminals. Recently, the County has seen an uptick in email phishing attacks targeting some of our employees including senior management.

The attacks attempt to trick employees into opening malicious file attachments or disclosing sensitive information, such as email passwords, social security numbers, etc. You are the best line of defense when it comes to email phishing attacks. If you pay attention to potential phishing traps and watch for telltale signs of a scam, you can minimize your risk of becoming a victim.

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## Ask Dr. Jones, DVM

*Department of Animal Care and Control*

### **“What are hot weather safety guidelines to follow for our pets?”**

As the weather warms, there are a few safety precautions that pet owners should be doing in order to keep our animals safe. We all know about animals in hot cars but have you ever thought about the ground your animal walks on or the water coming out of your garden hose?

- Animals should not be left in unattended cars for any amount of time.
  - Even at an outdoor temperature of 70 F, a closed car can reach over 100 F within 30 minutes.
  - Cracked windows does not provide enough air flow to keep the car under reasonably comfortable conditions.
  - Dogs do not have the ability to cool themselves off the way people can.
  - If you see an animal in a closed vehicle, call 911 immediately for assistance.
- Careful with walking your animal outdoors on a hot day.
  - Because we wear shoes, we may not be aware of how hot the ground actually is on our animal’s paws.
  - Check the ground before allowing your pet to walk on it.
    - Place your hand, palm up, on the ground and hold for 5 seconds.
    - If you cannot keep your hand there, then your pet shouldn’t walk there.
- This applies to any ground cover- sand can be just as hot, if not hotter, than asphalt.
- Also be mindful of general walks in the middle of the day, especially with brachycephalic breeds.
  - Dogs with a short nose and muzzle (like English Bulldogs) have a hard time cooling down and can suffer from heat stroke very quickly.
- An unexpected source of danger to your pet is the water coming out of your garden hose.
  - Water in a garden hose can reach boiling temperatures on a hot summer day.
  - When attempting to bathe your animal outside, or even just cool them off, you may inadvertently cause significant burn damage.
  - Always check the water coming out of the hose before applying it to your animal.

Now that the weather is warming up, please be mindful of your furry family members. They can suffer from burns, heat stroke, and heat damage just like humans. If you see an animal in a dangerous situation, call your local animal control or 911 for assistance. For more information on hot weather dangers with your animal, speak with your local veterinarian.

# Car Heat Dangers

Leaving a dog in a car for “just a minute” may be too long.



Elapsed Time  
(Minutes)

Outside Air Temperature (°F)

70	75	80	85	90	95
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Inside Closed Car Air Temperature (°F)

Elapsed Time (Minutes)	70	75	80	85	90	95
0	70	75	80	85	90	95
10	89	94	99	104	109	114
20	99	104	109	114	119	124
30	104	109	114	119	124	129
40	108	113	118	123	128	133
50	111	116	121	126	131	136
60	113	118	123	128	133	138
More than 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140

## County of Los Angeles

### Animal Care and Control

Downey ACC .....(562) 940-6898

Carson ACC .....(310) 523-9566

Baldwin Park ACC .....(626) 962-3577

Lancaster ACC .....(661) 940-4191

Castaic ACC .....(661) 257-3191

Agoura ACC .....(818) 991-0071

PLEASE KNOW  
THE FACTS!!!!

\*Temperatures are approximant



# Coming Together to Build the County's Youth Workforce

Whether looking for a new job, information on career paths, college education, or training options, about 800 youth, ages 14-24, came from every corner of Los Angeles County to find a wealth of opportunities at the *L.A. County Youth Summer Job & Resources Fair* on June 18, 2016. It was presented by the Board of Supervisors, Community and Senior Services and the L.A. County Workforce Development Board, and hosted by East Los Angeles College.



Supervisor Hilda L. Solis gave a warm welcome to the youth and a personal note about the value of events like this. "I am very pleased that the County is joining with a coalition of more than 60 employers, community-based organizations, and community colleges to provide our region's youth with career exposure, employment opportunities, and supportive resources. My own life story demonstrates that when communities come together to invest in their youth, it is truly an investment in the leaders of tomorrow."

Of the 800, 89 were foster youth and another 63 were part of the Special Needs Network Project. They left with invaluable experience from 25 workshops and over 60 exhibitors that included potential employers and community resources. They also gained exposure to career and educational pathways in high-growth sectors, such as: healthcare, biosciences, construction, global trade and logistics, hospitality, and manufacturing. Starbucks met with 150 potential candidates and referred 42 of them to interviews with store managers in their area. Our own L.A. County family, consisting of the Sheriff, Public Library, Fire, Probation and more, took advantage of this opportunity to recruit and tap into the talents of these youth and expose them to careers in public service.

Thirty-six of the 121 volunteers were Community and Senior Services staff. "I could not be more excited that my department is spearheading this regional effort to connect youth to career opportunities and resources, said Cynthia Banks, Director, Community and Senior Services. One of the leading goals of this department is to ensure every youth in the County has the tools and opportunities to gain meaningful work experience that will help them advance their education and careers." The 85 other volunteers were staff from L.A. County Youth Jobs, America's Job Centers of California, and six Workforce Development Boards across L.A. County, making this a truly regional event!

This event is part of the County's ongoing commitment to regional efforts that meet the employment and educational

needs of the County's youth, particularly those who are out of school and out of work. Two in five people who are unemployed in the County are between the ages of 16 and 24. The event builds on the 100k Opportunities Initiative Hiring Fair held in February 2016 in Los Angeles, which brought together dozens of employers and more than 4,000 youth.

## *"Off the Shelf" at the View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library*

The County Public Library proudly hosted "Off the Shelf," a "pop-up" event to mark the start of renovations at View Park Library, which is being renamed in honor of author Bebe Moore Campbell.

"Bebe Moore Campbell lived in View Park for 20 years, writing four New York Times Bestsellers and numerous magazine articles," said Library Director Skye Patrick.

"Off the Shelf" showcased imagery, music, and spoken word from dozens of local artists. It was the brainchild of County Public Library architect Jeff Haber, who remarked afterward: "As I walk my dog through the neighborhood, I have not stopped hearing from folks what a surprise the event was, how much they loved the art, music, and spoken word and how nice it was to have a community gathering space even if for one evening."

View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library is undergoing modernization thanks to a \$1 million investment by Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

**PHISHING**

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**Protecting Yourself**

In almost all cases, opening and reading an email message is fine. For a phishing attack to work, the bad guys need to trick you into doing something. Fortunately, there are clues you can look for to determine if an email message is an attack. Here are the most common clues:

- You receive an email with an attachment that you were not expecting or the email entices you to open the attachment. Example: an email with an attachment from the IRS saying you are being prosecuted.
- The email creates a sense of urgency, demanding “immediate action” before something bad happens, like closing your account. The attacker wants to rush you into making a mistake without thinking.
- Instead of using your name, the email uses a generic salutation like “Dear Customer.” Most companies or friends contacting you know your name.
- The email requests highly sensitive information, such as your credit card number or password.
- The email says it comes from an official organization, but has poor grammar or spelling, or uses a non-business email address like [your.name@gmail.com](mailto:your.name@gmail.com).
- Web links in the email look odd or unofficial. One tip is to hover your mouse cursor over the link until a pop-up shows you the actual website to which the link is taking you. If the link in the pop-up does not match the expected destination, don’t click it.
- You receive a message from someone you know, but the tone or wording just does not sound like him or her. If you are suspicious, call the sender to verify they sent it. It is easy for a cyber-attacker to create an email that appears to be from a friend or coworker.

**Always Remember**

- Never click on suspicious links or open suspicious attachments. If you clicked on the link, never enter any personal information (e.g., password, social security number)
- Only open an email attachment if you are expecting it and know what it contains. Be cautious about container files, such as .zip files, as malicious files could be packed inside.
- Legitimate organizations would never request personal information via email.
- Be wary of urgent requests for sensitive, confidential, or personal information.

- If the email with questionable content appears to come from a company or a person you know, use the contact details you already have on file to contact the sender and verify that they sent you the message.
- Use discretion when posting personal information on social media or social networks. The more personal details you share, the easier it is for cyber attackers to craft a phishing email that appears relevant and genuine.
- Report any potential phishing email by forwarding it as an attachment to your Departmental Information Security Officer (DISO) or local help desk.

Here’s an example of a phishing email:



For more information, visit <https://www.stopthinkconnect.org>, County’s cyber security partner STOP|THINK|CONNECT.

## Rideshare L.A. County!

*from Workplace Programs and Marketing*

Would you like to work your regular work hours without having to drive in traffic? Maybe even have breakfast at home and a commute of about 20 seconds? Then **Telework** may be the solution for you.

**Telework**, a management option program, is defined as working at home or a location closer to home that reduces the trip to work by 50 percent or more. By eliminating or reducing the commute to work, **Telework** helps improve the air by reducing the harmful emissions from driving to work. Helping to improve the air also helps with the effort to reduce the number of deaths associated with pollution in Los Angeles County.

Please visit [www.rideshare.lacounty.gov/telework](http://www.rideshare.lacounty.gov/telework) for more information. Take pride and share the ride.



## Working with Families and Children?

### *A Special Invitation to: Community Leaders and Social Service Staff*

# “Update on Child Support Services 2016”

Two free workshops presented by  
The Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department

Learn about important updates from Child Support Services:

- Overview of child support case management
- How to open a child support case
- How to establish paternity
- How to modify child support orders
- How to release a license suspended for non-payment
- Question and answer session on child support

**Registration: 8:30 a.m.**

**Program: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



**Thursday, August 4, 2016  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274**

Register online at:  
<http://go.usa.gov/cSWB5>

For more Information contact:  
Al Reyes, Division Chief at  
(323) 889-2719  
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(323) 889-3426  
[Pete\\_Salazar@cssd.lacounty.gov](mailto:Pete_Salazar@cssd.lacounty.gov)

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016  
Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center  
7555 Van Nuys Blvd.  
Van Nuys, CA 91405**

Register online at:  
<http://go.usa.gov/cSW9Y>

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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:*

## 45+ Years

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Louis Kelly  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Linda J. Marts

## 40+ Years

**ASSESSOR:** Paul Miller  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Edward G. Sosa, Henry E. Williams, III  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Craige O. Brown, Maria Castro, Ruby D. Davis, Michael S. Flores, Nancy Juarez, Gloria S. Padilla, Ellis Williams  
**PARKS & RECREATION:** Kandy Hays, Sandra L. Taylor  
**PROBATION:** Alberto M. Duran, Jr., Saul Miral  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Terry Johnson  
**TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:** Vivian Resendez

## 35+ Years

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Patricia M. Griffin, Concepcion C. Jorge, Beverly J. Williams  
**FIRE:** David B. Schaefer, Mike A. Welch  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Sylvia Anguiano, Stacy A. Carames, Renee Crenshaw, Linda T. Nieto, Jose R. Perez, Rebeca Sabogal  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Bruce S. Schneider  
**MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER:** Irma A. Reyes  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Kevin T. Tsang  
**PUBLIC WORKS:** Elliott Orcutt  
**SHERIFF:** Rose M. Terminel  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Nancy S. Gast, Diane R. Hild

## 30+ Years

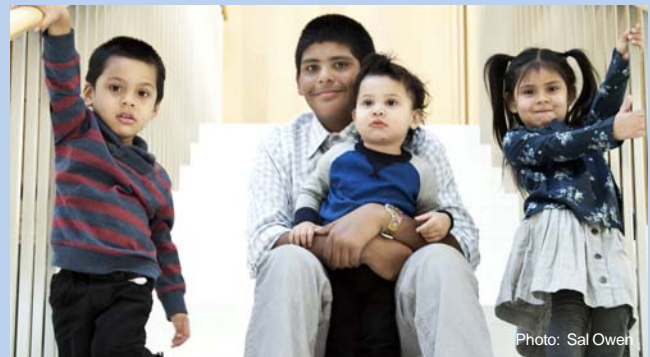
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Caroline M. Rodriguez  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Robert C. Decarteret, Karen L. Parsons  
**FIRE:** Mario F. De Fina  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Felipa A. Baltazar, Gui H. Cho, Nancy F. James, Vilma Ladores, Margaret J. Nazarey, Emenike C. Okeke, Penelope Voelker  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Edward J. Vidaurri  
**PARKS & RECREATION:** Alice Y. Ying  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Lynn D. Meltzer-Brewer  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Nelly Batista, Leda L. Green  
**SHERIFF:** Michael R. Caouette, Larry J. Mossberg, Anthony W. Van Beek, Amy C. Wang-Biagini  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Margaret Little, Nada M. Parham

## 25+ Years

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES:** William L. Milligan, III  
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**HEALTH SERVICES:** Evelyn L. Carmichael, Mila A. Del Rosario, Leslie W. Manning, Kennis L. McDaniel, Juanita C. Nery, Victor Passy, Deborah E. Tucker, Michael Washington  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Anthony H. Morris  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Lori D. Prince, Gayle L. Stevenson  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Vivienne B. Pixley  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Mildred Gibson  
**PUBLIC WORKS:** Patricia C. Moy  
**SHERIFF:** Lolita C. Duero, Magdalena P. Farol, Gloria P. Ferra, Daniel R. Jordan, Steven L. Lehrman, Manuel O. Llanera, Cristian N. Lokuan, Kevin P. Lutz, Deborah Richardson, Steven S. Saylor, Patricia M. Williams, Collette D. Wilson  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Charmain D. Campbell, Vickie A. Chatigny, Alicia O. Espinoza, Patricia M. Ito, Cheryl A. McDaniel, Elva Y. Meza

## Share Your Heart Share Your Home

*Become a Foster/Adoptive Parent  
Dept. of Children and Family Services*



This picture really says it! **Santiago**, 12, is the big brother and loves his younger siblings with all of his heart. **Erika**, 3, is a calm and loving little sister. **Eric**, 2, is a happy-go-lucky toddler. **Emiliano** is not yet 2 and loves to do everything his siblings do and more. And here's an update: a newborn baby girl was just born and can be a part of this sibling set if you have the room in your home...and your heart. Call (888) 811-1121 to learn more about adopting this wonderful sibling set today.



## Boosting Local Businesses

### L.A. County Small Business Initiative

Do you have a small business or know a small business owner in Los Angeles County? Through the Small Business Initiative, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) is here to help small business owners save money, make money, and grow their businesses during the minimum wage increases.

The Small Business Initiative is a five-year Countywide initiative (through 2021) designed to help small businesses succeed and grow during the upcoming minimum wage increases. It includes components such as:

- Low-interest loans through the Community Development Commission;
- Workplace development and layoff aversion assistance through Community and Senior Services; and
- Assistance in applying for County procurement contracts through DCBA and more.

“Businesses and employees thrive when we have a strong and vibrant economy,” said DCBA Director Brian J. Stiger.

DCBA is your one-stop shop to connect you to all the resources involved in the Small Business Initiative. We have developed the L.A. County Small Business Resource Guide, a 32-page handbook filled with County programs and opportunities. Get a PDF version of the Small Business Resource Guide at [http://file.lacounty.gov/dca/cms1\\_245883.pdf](http://file.lacounty.gov/dca/cms1_245883.pdf).

Effective July 1, 2016, the minimum wage is \$10.50 an hour for businesses with 26 or more employees. Small businesses, defined as having 25 or fewer employees, will follow a staggered schedule, seeing the first increase in 2017. DCBA will be enforcing the minimum wage in unincorporated areas of L.A. County.

To learn more about the Small Business Initiative and other County programs for businesses, contact DCBA Small Business Services, formerly the Office of Small Business, at (323) 881-3964. Visit the DCBA website at [dca.lacounty.gov](http://dca.lacounty.gov).

## LACERA Election

Safety Members are encouraged to vote in the LACERA elections for the Fourth Member of the Board of Investments and the Seventh and Alternate Members of the Board of Retirement.

Ballots were mailed to all eligible Safety Members starting June 27, 2016 through July 5, 2016. Completed ballots must be submitted to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

For more information, contact your Departmental Election Coordinator or visit <http://bos.lacounty.gov/Services/ConflictOfInterestLobbyist/LACERAelection.aspx>.

## The Music Center's Moves After Dark™

The Music Center's *Moves After Dark*™ (*Moves After Dark*) returns for a second season this August featuring four contemporary dance companies that will provide compelling and inventive performances in a variety of distinctive, non-traditional performance spaces around The Music Center campus and in Grand Park. *Moves After Dark* asks audiences to travel to where the dancers are performing and select their own vantage point for a distinctive, personal experience. The companies include contemporary Indian dance theatre ensemble **Blue13 Dance Company** with Artistic Director Achinta S. McDaniel; **Decadancetheatre** with Artistic Director Jennifer Weber; **Invertigo Dance Theatre** with Artistic Director Laura Karlin; and Afro-Brazilian **Viver Brasil Dance Company** led by Artistic Directors Linda Yudin and Luiz Badaró. *Moves After Dark* will be held on August 8, 15, 16, and 17, 2016 at 8:30 p.m.

Each evening of the engagement will feature the same companies and works with performances lasting approximately 15 minutes each. Audiences will gather in groups and follow three different paths around The Music Center's campus and in Grand Park that lead to each of the four performances; all groups will end with a culminating presentation on The Music Center Plaza. There will be a free special post-performance dance party featuring a DJ and cash bar.