

LET YOUR CITY WORK FOR YOU

“Putting people first” is what city government should be about.

This guide was produced in order to provide you with valuable information about the services the City offers and lists crucial telephone numbers for you to call in order to solve important problems or make your voice heard.

City government exists to help you, but it’s often up to you to take the first step. Hopefully, you can do so by using this guide and calling the right office for assistance. Indeed, many people have come to depend upon it, and consider it to be a “lifesaver” in times of need.

This new Harbor area edition should make it easier for you to access the broad range of governmental services and programs available to residents of the Harbor area. If it enables you to get better and quicker service, it will have served you well.

Meanwhile, if you have any concerns about the city, the community, or current local issues, please use this guide to find out how to contact city officials and departments, or visit the city’s web site at: **<http://www.lacity.org>**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Telephone Numbers

City Hall

Los Angeles City Hall East..... (213) 485-2121
200 North Main Street Toll-Free: (310) 548-7721
Los Angeles 90012

Dialing these numbers will connect you with the City switchboard, which can connect you with any City department phone number.

Federal, State, County Governments

Other governmental offices and services are listed in the white pages of your telephone directory under Los Angeles County, State of California, and United States Government. If you need help in finding the offices you want, call one of these numbers:

Federal Information..... (800) 688-9889
State Information..... (916) 657-9900
County Information..... (213) 974-1311

Many public offices and agencies have brochures describing their services and responsibilities, which are available upon request. If you are dissatisfied with the service you receive from any governmental agency, contact your elected representative.

Info Line

Info Line is California's largest and most comprehensive social service information and referral service. You'll get caring assistance from a trained professional who can direct you to the nearest agency able to provide the help required. Assistance is available 24-hours a day, in many different languages.

Toll-free..... (800) 339-6993
Airport Area..... (310) 671-7464
Harbor..... (310) 603-8962
Los Angeles Metro Area..... (323) 686-0950
San Fernando Valley..... (818) 501-4447
West Los Angeles..... (310) 551-2929
TDD..... (800) 660-4026
Internet..... www.infoline-la.org

ANIMALS

This section contains information concerning a variety of topics relating to animals, including city animal services, adoptions, licenses, complaints about dogs, dog training, equestrian associations, bees, rodents, dead animal pick up, and rabies vaccinations.

Department of Animal Services (City)..... (213) 473-7555
419 South Spring Street, Room 1400 Fax: (213) 473-7511
Los Angeles 90013

Works toward prevention of animal cruelty, promotion of animal welfare, and the protection of the residents and animals in the city. Provides brochures with valuable information on emergency preparedness for pets.

Animal Service Centers(888) 452-7381
 Volunteering: (213) 485-8542
Harbor Area(888) 452-7381
 735 Battery Street, San Pedro 90731

Problems with barking, loose, dangerous or lost dogs, or cruelty to animals should be reported to your local center. Animal Service Centers also offer training classes, and a variety of adoption services for cats and dogs. Stray animals, and certain unwanted and problem pets may be brought in and put up for adoption. The Animal Service Centers have lists of private beekeepers that can help you resolve problems with bees. Open Tues-Sat 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Open 24-hours for receiving animals only.

Dogs

Barking Dogs

Barking dog complaints must be submitted in writing to your local Animal Service Center with the name, address, and telephone number of the complaining party, a description of the nuisance, and the name and address of the dog owner. The department will request that the owner comply with regulations. If the barking does not stop after a second complaint is filed, the issue is resolved through an administrative hearing.

Dog Nuisances

Pet owners who allow their dogs to create a nuisance on any parkway, sidewalk or other public property, and do not immediately remove and dispose of such material in a sanitary manner violate a city ordinance.

Leash Law

Dog owners must either confine pets to their property or put them on a leash that is no longer than six feet when walking them. Dogs, on or off leashes, are not permitted on beaches. Complaints about loose dogs should be reported to your nearest Animal Service Center. Please note that the City does have some park facilities where dogs are permitted to be off leash.

These parks are:

Laurel Canyon.....(818) 756-8060
 8260 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles 90046

Dogs may run off leash 6 a.m.-10 a.m., and 3 p.m.-closing.

Sepulveda Basin.....(818) 756-7667
 17550 Victory Blvd., Encino 91316

Dogs may run off leash sunrise-sunset, except Fridays, which is 11 a.m.-sunset.

Silver Lake(323) 664-3946
 1850 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles 90026

Dogs may run off leash sunrise-sunset.

Peninsula Dog Parks, Inc......(310) 514-0338
P.O. Box 1937, San Pedro 90733

A non-profit organization dedicated to creating off leash dog parks in the Harbor area. Sponsors dog walking and other dog-related events.

Licenses.....(213) 473-7550

Dog and equine licenses are available at Animal Service Centers and participating veterinarians.

Cat: A license is not required, but you may wish to purchase an identification tag for \$5, which is good for the life of your pet. A maximum of three cats per household is permitted.

Dog: A license is required after a dog is four months old. If a dog has been spayed or neutered, or has been certified by a veterinarian to be incapable of breeding, the fee is \$10. Otherwise, the fee is \$30. Valid for one year from the date of issuance. A maximum of three dogs per household is permitted. Free licenses for sterilized dogs are available to seniors (62+) who meet financial requirements, and to people with disabilities who own a guide dog or service dog.

Horse: An annual fee of \$14 must be paid for each horse over the age of one year.

Rabies Vaccination Clinics Hotline: (213) 473-4744

L.A. Animal Services sponsors low-cost clinics at different times during the year.

Training Classes Hotline: (888) 452-7381

In addition to the training classes available at your local Animal Service Center, The American Kennel Club provides a list of all AKC-approved show, obedience, and tracking clubs available for dogs. For a free list, write to the American Kennel Club at 5580 Centerview Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390.

Sick, Injured, Stray, or Dead Animal

Bring the animal to the nearest Animal Service Center or contact the Center so that field personnel can respond. Veterinary medical staff will examine the animal, provide treatment if appropriate, and make the animal available for adoption if it is not claimed by its owner. If an animal is critically ill or injured, does not respond to treatment, or upon owner's request, it will be humanely euthanized. If you find a stray animal, call your local Animal Service Center. It is against the law to keep someone else's pet.

Dead Animals(800) 773-2489

For dead animal removal, call the Bureau of Sanitation at the above number. They will not remove dead animals from under your

house or inaccessible places. If the 800 line is busy, call your local sanitation yard directly.

Dead animals found on the freeways should be reported to Caltrans at (213) 897-0380 or (800) 773-2489.

Spaying and Neutering

For information regarding spaying and neutering, call your veterinarian or a local humane organization. Many humane groups provide subsidies and referrals for sterilization. A list of non-profit humane organizations is provided at the end of this section.

Wild Animals and Pest Control

Animal Traps(888) 452-7381

Animal traps are available from Animal Service Centers for a variety of fees (see page 4).

Deer(562) 590-5132

Deer are protected by State law. They cannot be hunted within city limits. Call for suggestions on how to control deer that may be a nuisance on your property.

Exotic and Wild Animals.....(818) 899-5201

Wildlife Waystation, a non-profit organization, provides rehabilitation, food and shelter to wild animals. Serves as a refuge for abused, orphaned, abandoned or unwanted exotic and wild animals. Will rescue and relocate these animals to zoos or wild animal parks. Open 24-hours a day for emergency animal care.

Vector Management Program(323) 881-4046

County Health Department

2525 Corporate Place, Suite 150, Monterey Park 91754

Most pest control problems must be handled by a private exterminator that can be found in the telephone book. However, the department will help you identify a rodent or insect infestation and recommend a course of action. They will, in certain situations, provide traps, baits, and other assistance. They can be called in to give citations to landlords or other property owners who refuse to deal with pest control problems.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Actors and Others for Animals.....(818) 755-6045

11523 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood 91601

The Amanda Foundation(310) 278-2935

351 North Foothill Blvd., Beverly Hills 90210

American Humane Association.....(818) 501-0123

15366 Dickens Street, Sherman Oaks 91403

- Animal Birth Control**.....(310) 539-7887
1950 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita 90717
- The Animal Guardians Society** (310) 652-6469
8558 Holloway Drive, 204A, West Hollywood 90069
- Animal Rescue Volunteers**.....(818) 888-1718
1464 Madera Road, Room N350, Simi Valley 93065
- Cat and Dog Rescue Association/
Have a Heart Foundation**.....(323) 525-1471
473 1/4 South Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles 90036
- Cat Crossing, Inc.**(818) 759-6554
P.O. Box 3696, Canoga Park 91396
- Equestrian Trails**.....(818) 362-6819
13741 Foothill Blvd., Room 100, Sylmar 91342
- Greater Los Angeles Zoo
Association (GLAZA)** (323) 644-6400, ext. 363
5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles 90027
- Horse Owners Association**.....(818) 896-9687
Wildlife Waystation (818) 899-5201
14831 Little Tujunga Canyon Road Fax: (818) 890-1107
Angeles National Forest 94314-5999
- Los Angeles Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)/
Southern California Humane Society**(310) 676-1149
12910 Yukon Ave. Hawthorne 90260
- Mercy Crusade**.....(805) 520-0734
P.O. Box 3265, Van Nuys 91501
- Pet Orphans Fund**(818) 901-0190
7720 Gloria Ave., Van Nuys 91406

BICYCLING

The bicycle is the most energy efficient form of transportation. Riding a bike is a fun and a non-polluting way to make short trips.

Bicycle Facilities(213) 580-1199

The City Department of Transportation (DOT) continues to develop its bicycle program with the goal of making bicycling safer and more feasible as a mode of transportation.

License

Effective for three years and required by law. Aids in recovering lost or stolen bicycles and identifying children without identification. A license may be purchased at any local LAPD station (call first to confirm when licensing is available) or bicycle dealer (with the purchase of a bicycle).

Safety

Careless cycling can be a major cause of traffic accidents. Bicyclists should keep as far to the right as possible while riding a straight line in traffic. Watch for the doors of parked cars, and, in general, be on the defensive when mingling with cars. Riding against traffic is both illegal and unsafe. Reflectors, good brakes, and a light at night are required by law. The law also requires that minors wear helmets while on a bicycle. This includes infants on bicycle seats.

Government Agencies

Citizen’s Bicycle Advisory Committee..... (213) 580-1199
 221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles 90012

City Council appoints this committee to make bicycling better, safer, and more attractive. Meetings are held 7 p.m. the first Tues of each month at the above address.

MTA Customer Relations.....(213) 922-6235
 Provides bike/rail passes and maps.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

California Bicycle Coalition.....(916) 446-7558
 P.O. Box 162848, Sacramento 95816-2848

Promotes bicycle riding and bicycle rights and funding. Organizes the annual California Bike Commute, which attracts over 10,000 cyclists.

Concerned Off-Road Bicycling Association(818) 773-3555
 P.O. Box 789, Woodland Hills 91365-0784

Dedicated to promoting off-road bicycling through education, beautification of bicycle paths, and advocacy for the creation of more off-road cycling opportunities.

Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition.....(213) 629-2142
 617 South Olive Street **www.labikecoalition.org**
 Suite 1110, Los Angeles 90014

Dedicated to improving bicycling conditions, promoting bicycling, and other bike-related activities. Associated with the California Bicycle Coalition.

L.A. Wheelman Bicycle Club.....(310) 556-7967
 P.O. Box 2156, Hawthorne 90250-2156

Recreational bicycling club. Arranges bike rides and tours. Provides information concerning bike safety as well as links to other clubs throughout Los Angeles County. Meets every Sun at Olympic and La Cienega for a bike ride.

National Center for Bicycling and Walking(202) 463-6622
 1506 21st Street NW, Suite 200 **www.bikefed.org**

BUILDING AND SAFETY

Department of Building and

Safety (LADBS) (City)..... (888) 524-2845

Customer Call Center

201 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 90012

638 South Beacon Street, Suite 276.....(310) 732-4545

San Pedro 90731

A single point of contact for customers and the best place to start with any building and safety questions. Staff will help guide you through the permit and inspection process of LADBS, and transfer you to the appropriate office for the desired service. Protects public safety through the implementation of the zoning, building, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical codes, as well as engineering, energy, and disabled access regulations. Through inspections, ensures that local and state laws for construction and maintenance of commercial, industrial, and residential buildings are followed. If you are building any structure within the city, or making an alteration to an existing structure in excess of \$200, you must obtain the proper permits and advice from LADBS. Conducts inspections and issues permits for existing buildings, new buildings, elevators, residential property, electrical work, plumbing, heating systems, billboards, and other construction-related activities.

CABLE TELEVISION

Information Technology Agency (City)..... (213) 485-2751

120 South San Pedro Street, Room 600, Los Angeles 90012

Monitors the performance of franchise holders, and assists in resolving problems. Los Angeles is divided into 14 franchise areas each served by a privately-owned cable TV company. A franchise, granted by the City, permits the company to use city rights-of-way to install cable. In turn, the City exercises regulatory powers that are limited by state and federal laws. Most of the current cable franchises in the city will expire in 2002. Please call if you need information, or are having problems with your cable company.

Cityview

ITA is also responsible for the operation and management of L.A. Cityview, the government access cable television channel seen on Channel 35, L.A. Cityview airs live and replayed coverage of all City Council meetings. Original and acquired programming related to city departments, events, and services are also aired.

CHARITIES AND FUNDRAISING

Los Angeles Police Commission (City) (213) 580-1001
Charitable Service Section Fax: (213) 580-1018
201 North Figueroa Street, Room 160, Los Angeles 90012

Regulates and investigates charitable solicitation, and issues information cards to legitimate charities within the city. Charities soliciting door-to-door must show you this card. Processes requests for business-tax exemptions and police permit applications. Issues special permits for rummage sales and other fundraising activities. Your club or organization must apply for a permit in advance of such an event. The Bingo Division provides a free booklet which explains how to obtain a bingo license and the rules, regulations, city ordinances, and state laws pertaining to bingo games.

For a list of non-profit assistance organizations please see the “**Financial Assistance**” section.

CHILDREN’S SERVICES

Government Agencies

Commission for Children, Youth and

Their Families (City).....(213) 485-3821
333 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013 Fax: (213) 485-5439

Serves as an advocate, catalyst and broker to ensure strong, safe communities, and support for families in the development of children and youth. Supports a Youth Council composed of thirty 14-18 year old representatives from each City Council district. The Council provides youth input and response to city initiatives and leadership development for other youth through programs such as Student Day in Government, Youth Outreach Day, and annual youth summits.

Neighborhood Networks4Kids/NN4K (City).....(213) 485-3821

Organizes and facilitates involvement of neighborhood residents, including youth, in working with city departments, schools, local businesses and others in developing a plan and process for creating neighborhoods that provide "something to do, someone to do it with, and a safe place to do it" for every child and youth.

Department of Children and

Family Services (County)(213) 351-5602
425 Shatto Place, Los Angeles 90020 Fax: (213) 367-0939

Region II

2325 South Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance 90501(323) 846-2000

The main public agency overseeing the welfare protection and rights of children throughout Los Angeles County. Offers numerous services and referrals for children and their parents

including child abuse protection, day care assistance, foster home placements, financial assistance, low-cost medical services, and child advocacy.

Adoptions/Foster Homes

Government Agencies

Department of Children’s Services (County)(888) 811-1121
Adoptions Division, 695 South Vermont Ave. (213) 738-2367
Los Angeles 90005 Applications: (213) 738-4577

Foster Home Licensing (County)(800) 735-4984
Community Care Licensing Division
Licenses foster homes and investigates complaints.

Out-of-Home Care Evaluation Section (County)..(213) 351-4802
425 Shatto Place, Fifth Floor, Los Angeles 90020

Investigates complaints relating to foster homes and care.

Foster Care Recruitment (State)(800) 735-4984
1111 Corporate Center Division, Room 303, Monterey Park 91754

Office dedicated to the screening and recruitment of foster parents throughout the state. A good number to call if you wish to become a foster parent, or want to report problems with foster parents.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Adoptees Liberty Movement Association (ALMA)(212) 581-1568
P.O. Box 727, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10101-0727

Support groups for adult adopters and their friends and relatives.

Children’s Bureau(323) 953-7356
3910 Oakwood Ave., Los Angeles 90004 Fax: (323) 661-7306

Referral and social service agency on children’s issues providing specialized foster care, short- and long-term home-placement.

Child Abuse

For immediate dangers to children call the police at 911, or report suspected abuse to your local police station. Most child abuse cases eventually come under the jurisdiction of the County of Los Angeles.

Government Agencies

Department of Children and Family Services (County).....(213) 351-5602
425 Shatto Place, Los Angeles 90020 Fax: (213) 367-0939

This is the central number to call with any complaint of child abuse or neglect. Investigates and provides information and referrals. If a child has been abused, emergency child placement is provided. The child is placed in protective custody until the parents go to court, usually within 72 hours. Potential abusers should call this number for immediate counseling.

Child Abuse Hotline (County)..... (800) 540-4000
TDD: (800) 272-6699

Answered 24-hours a day. Accepts reports of child abuse and offers crisis counseling, and refers caller to local agencies for further information and services.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (County)..... Hotline: (800) 843-5678

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health (310) 390-6612
4760 South Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City 90230

Provides a full range of mental health programs including crisis intervention. Counseling for children and families. Treatment of child abuse, with group and individual counseling.

Drew Child Development Corp...... (323) 249-2963
Child Abuse Program

1770 East 118th Street, Los Angeles 90059

Provides intake, individual assessments, family and group counseling (including play therapy and crisis intervention), parent education groups, in-home counseling, respite care, in-home teaching and demonstration. Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Must be an abused or neglected child or teen, or at high-risk. Bilingual staff.

Julia Ann Singer Center (310) 202-0669
3321 Edith Ave., Los Angeles 90064

Family-oriented treatment center for emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, autistic and abused young children (3-12 years) and their families. Offers family therapy, therapeutic school (3-8 years), child abuse treatment, play therapy, speech and language therapy, tutorial and remedial services, consultation to preschools. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Bilingual staff. Sliding fee scale. Accepts Medi-Cal.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Child Stealing and Abduction Hotline (800) 843-5678

www.ncmec.org

Stuart House (310) 319-4248
1250 16th Street, Santa Monica 90404

Provides multidisciplinary approach to the investigation of child sexual abuse cases. Child and non-offending family treatment services also provided. On-site Department of Child Family Services, law enforcement, District Attorney, child advocates, physician, and therapists. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and evenings for certain programs. For investigations and medical treatment referrals from Children's Services or law enforcement necessary. No restrictions for therapy.

Voices of Incest.....(310) 859-5528
P.O. Box 5593, Santa Monica 90409

Provides weekly group therapy, one-day seminars, and referrals for adults who were sexually molested as children. Sliding fee scale \$10-\$45.

Childcare

Government Agencies

Los Angeles Board of Education.....(213) 625-6506
Child Development Division
1360 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90026

Administers 102 children's centers, six infant center sites and 19 school-age sites (latchkey) 52 state preschool programs at elementary school sites, and six non-traditional hours programs. Many centers also offer a state preschool program. Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Must meet income guidelines. Wait varies by program and area. Bilingual staff. Chinese and Korean in some areas. State fee scale for subsidized families.

Head Start State Preschool Program(562) 940-1770
17315 Studebaker Road, Cerritos 90703 Fax: (562) 940-1740

Operates Head Start and state preschool half-day and full-day programs. Full-year preschool programs in collaboration with childcare providers in center and family-home settings, including meals. Designed for low-income 3-5 year old children and their families. Comprehensive early childhood curriculum includes health, social services and parent involvement components. Programs mainstream disabled children. Offers child abuse prevention program. Program is operated by 32 agencies and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) throughout the county. Special program for mothers with children under three years. Must meet low-income guidelines. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Assistance League of San Pedro(310) 832-8355

1441 West 8th Street, San Pedro 90732

Non-profit community aid program that provides programs primarily for children. Latchkey and after-school programs available for children, as well as emergency family assistance, and a dental clinic with \$7 per visit. Sliding fee scale.

Assistance League of Southern California(323) 466-8164

Learning Center for Young Children

1375 North St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles 90028

Programs for children 0-6 years. Model infant care, pre-school and kindergarten programs. Year round school provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Childcare Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Must be need for safe and affordable children. Bilingual staff. Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center/

Early Childhood Center(310) 855-3576

8730 Alden Drive, Room E103

(310) 855-3500

Los Angeles 90048

Free telephone service to discuss problems and concerns about childcare. Does not provide medical advice. Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Childcare Connection(800) KIDS-793

111 New Montgomery Street, Seventh Floor, San Francisco 94105

A great starting point to locate licensed and low-cost childcare centers near you. Works with the California Department of Education to provide free connections to local non-profit childcare referral agencies. The local agencies will then connect you to a licensed, state-approved childcare center based on your geographic and financial needs.

Info Line Los Angeles(800) 339-6993

Free 24-hour multilingual information line that provides information and free referrals to numerous social services in the county, including childcare.

Los Angeles Childcare and

Development Council(323) 223-3313

2701 North Main Street, Los Angeles 90031

Provides childcare services for children ages 6 months-4 years.

People Coordinated Services(323) 735-1231

1221 South Western Ave.

TDD: (323) 735-5849

Los Angeles 90006

Multi-service agency. Food and nutrition services, substance abuse prevention and treatment, youth development and juvenile diversion services, family resource (for families with children 0-5), and summer youth employment.

Salvation Army Day Care Center(213) 623-9022

836 Stanford Ave., Los Angeles 90021

Fax: (213) 623-9093

Childcare ages 2-5 years. After school program for ages 6-12 years from 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Childcare Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Serves breakfast, lunch and snack. Bilingual staff. Walk in or call.

YMCA

Gardena-Carson (310) 523-3470
1000 West Artesia Blvd., Gardena 90248

San Pedro (310) 832-4211
301 South Bandini Street, San Pedro 90731

Torrance-South Bay (310) 325-5885
2900 West Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance 90505

Offers childcare for ages 2-5 years. After school programs also available. Walk in or call for information.

Child Support

Government Agency

District Attorney’s Office (County) (800) 615-8858

Bureau of Family Support

5770 South Eastern Ave., City of Commerce 90040

Enforcement agency for the collection of child support.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Association for Children for Enforcement

of Child Support (ACES) (800) 738-ACES
2260 Upton Ave. **www.childsupport-aces.org**

Toledo, OH 43606

40,000 members and numerous local volunteer chapters dedicated to helping mothers receive child support. Offers videos, literature and other information to callers on the best methods to collect child support. Acts as an advocate and guide for mothers trying to go through the government system of child collection. Lobbies state, local, and federal authorities for stricter child support laws.

Center for Enforcement of Family Support (310) 399-6776
5855 Green Valley Circle, Suite 315, Culver City 90230-6969

Committed to the collection of over-due child/ spousal support.

For more child services information also see the **“Youth,”** **“Health Services,”** and **“Legal Services”** sections.

CITIZENSHIP, IMMIGRATION, AND PASSPORTS

Government Agencies

**Department of Justice Immigration
and Naturalization Service (Federal)**.....(323) 526-7647
300 North Los Angeles Street, Room 1001 Forms: (800) 870-3676
Los Angeles 90012

Accepts applications for citizenship from persons who have been in the United States for at least five years, or who have been married to an American citizen for three years or more.

Passport Agency (Federal).....(310) 575-5700
11000 Wilshire Blvd., Room 1000
Los Angeles 90024

Contact for information on how to obtain or renew a passport. Applicants must submit their forms in person.

United States Postal Service (Federal).....(800) 275-8777

Post offices all over the city provide passport applications, assistance, and processing. Call for the nearest post office authorized to process passport applications. To obtain a passport, you must fill out an application at either an authorized post office or the Federal Building. Plan at least a month in advance of your trip. Bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or an expired passport; a second identification (such as a driver's license); and two 2"x 2" identical photographs in either color or black and white. A passport is valid for 10 years and costs \$60. If under 16, cost is \$40. Renewal fees are \$40.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

El Rescate(213) 387-3284
1340 South Bonnie Brae Street, Los Angeles 90066

Legal and social service assistance for the Central American Community. ESL classes are available.

International Institute of Los Angeles(323) 264-6217
435 South Boyle Ave., Los Angeles 90033

Provides comprehensive social services for new immigrants. Focus on seniors.

One-Stop Immigration and Educational Center...(323) 268-8472
3600 Whittier Blvd., East Los Angeles 90023

Provides assistance with all types of immigration and citizenship problems for low-income people. The Center also has various educational programs.

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council is the governing body of the City of Los Angeles. The City Council meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall East, Room 300, and in special sessions as necessary.

City Clerk Information

www.lacity.org/clk/index.htm

City Clerk Calendar.....(213) 485-5701

To find out when an issue is scheduled to be heard in Council.

City Clerk Index(213) 485-5703

Status of Council matters.

City Clerk Council and

Committee Legislative Assistants.....(213) 485-5703

Each committee has a legislative assistant who follows the progress of each item.

Council Phone

You may listen to the live proceedings of the Council and committee meetings by calling:

Harbor(310) 547-CITY

Metro.....(213) 621-CITY

Valley(818) 904-9450

Westside.....(310) 471-CITY

Internet Web Site..... www.lacity.org/clk/index.htm

The City Home Page is a resourceful avenue to accessing information about city government, including general information, information about upcoming events, and information on the various city agencies serving the city.

Public Services Division(213) 485-5706

For a copy of an ordinance.

Subscriber Service(213) 485-8347

A subscriber service for Council and committee agendas and minutes that are also available on the Internet at the above address.

Tape Recordings.....(213) 485-8347

Video and audiotapes of City Council meetings may be played for free and without appointment in the City Clerk’s Office, Room 615, City Hall East. Videotapes may be purchased for \$25. Audiotapes cost \$10. Audiotapes of Council committee meetings are also available through each committee legislative assistant.

Televised Meetings

City Council meetings are live and replayed later in the day and on weekends on Channel 35 by all the cable television operators in the city.

Members of the City Council	Room	Telephone
1st Mike Hernandez	413	(213) 485-3451
2nd Joel Wachs	402	(213) 485-3391
3rd Laura Chick	415	(213) 485-3486
4th John Ferraro	514	(213) 485-3337
5th Michael Feuer	309	(213) 485-5013
6th Ruth Galanter	515	(213) 485-3357
7th Alex Padilla	312	(213) 847-7777
8th Mark Ridley-Thomas	501	(213) 485-3331
9th Rita Walters	508	(213) 485-3351
10th Nate Holden	403	(213) 485-3323
11th Cindy Miscikowski	407	(213) 485-3811
12th Hal Bernson	319	(213) 485-3343
13th Jackie Goldberg	408	(213) 485-3353
14th Nick Pacheco	504	(213) 485-3335
15th Rudy Svorinich, Jr.	507	(213) 485-3347

Don’t know which City Council district you live in? If you have access to the Internet, go to **<http://citycouncil.cityofla.org>**. Click on “Find your Council District” and type in your address. Or you can call the Election Division of the City Clerk’s Office at (213) 485-3581.

Council Committees

There are 15, three-member standing committees appointed by the President of the Council. Each council member chairs one committee, and is a member of two others. Special committees are appointed as needed. Committees make recommendations to the full City Council. To find out the time and location of committee meetings and to ask general committee related questions, contact the City Clerk's Office at (213) 485-5705, or at <http://citycouncil.lacity.org/calendar>.

Committee	Time and Location	Members
Arts, Health and Humanities	2 nd & 4 th Monday 2 p.m. Rm 316	Walters (Chair) Bernson Padilla
Budget and Finance	Wednesdays 2 p.m. Rm 316	Feuer Walters Miscikowski
Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 9 a.m. Rm 317	Galanter Svorinich Ferraro
Community and Economic Development	1st & 3rd Monday 2 p.m. Rm 316	Hernandez Holden Pacheco
Environmental Quality and Waste Management	1st & 3rd Wednesday 9 a.m. Rm 315	Ridley-Thomas Wachs Galanter
Governmental Efficiency	1st & 3rd Monday 2 p.m. Rm 314	Chick Feuer Ridley-Thomas
Housing and Community Redevelopment	Wednesdays 2 p.m. Rm 315	Pacheco Goldberg Holden
Information Technology and General Services	1st & 3rd Wednesday 2 p.m. Rm 314	Padilla Chick Svorinich
Intergovernmental Relations	1st & 3rd Tuesday 1 p.m. Rm 317	Holden Ferraro Goldberg
Personnel	2nd & 4th Thursday 2 p.m. Rm 316	Goldberg Ridley-Thomas Feuer
Planning and Land Use Management	Tuesdays 1 p.m. Rm 316	Bernson Miscikowski Hernandez

Public Safety	1st & 3rd Monday 10 a.m. Rm 315	Miscikowski Pacheco Wachs
Public Works	2nd & 4th Tuesday 9 a.m. Rm 316	Wachs Padilla Walters
Rules and Elections	1st & 3rd Tuesday 9 a.m. Rm 316	Ferraro Galanter Chick
Transportation	1st & 3rd Tuesday 9 a.m. Rm 315	Svorinich Hernandez Bernson
Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Implementation	2nd & 4th Monday 2 p.m. Rm 300	Chick Feuer Goldberg, Holden, Wachs
Ad Hoc Committee on Secession	Rm 300 (as needed)	Miscikowski Pacheco Holden, Svorinich, Wachs

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

If you have suffered damages caused by negligence on the part of the City of Los Angeles you may file a claim against the City by contacting the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Room 615, (213) 485-5705.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY

Board of Supervisors Executive Office.....(213) 974-1440
Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383, Los Angeles 90012

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

Department (CDD) (City).....(213) 485-2956
State Enterprise Zone (213) 485-5725
Industrial and Commercial Development Division
215 West 6th Street, Third Floor, Los Angeles 90014

City: www.lacity.org/cdd/icd

Federal: www.hud.gov/cpd/ezec/ezeculist.html

www.irs.ustreas.gov

Enterprise zones are specific geographic areas that have been within the City designated by the State to be targeted for economic revitalization and investment. The five Los Angeles area Enterprise

zones are the Harbor Area, Eastside, Mid-Alameda Corridor, Northeast Valley, and Central City. The zones offer business-related incentives and tax credits, such as a five-year electrical discount, hiring and sales, and tax credits, a business expense deduction, sewer hook-up fees spread over five years, and linkages for public financing opportunities.

CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PROTECTION

Be on guard for consumer fraud, such as deceptive advertising, miracle medical cures, and get-rich-quick schemes. If you have a problem, the following consumer protection agencies can help. Call immediately.

Government Agencies

City Attorney (City).....(213) 485-4515
Consumer Protection Section
200 North Main Street, City Hall East
Room 1600, Los Angeles 90012

Provides information and assistance.

District Attorney (County)(213) 580-3273
Consumer Protection Section
201 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 90012

Prosecutes wrongful business practices. Handles consumer complaints involving automotive repairs, electronics and appliance repairs, home furnishings and thermal installation, security and investment services, and tax preparer’s program. Provides referral numbers for other persons or practices licensed by the State.

Department of Consumer Affairs (County)(213) 974-1452
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012-2706

Investigates complaints from anyone living in, or who has done business in the County of Los Angeles.

Department of Consumer Affairs (State).....(800) 952-5210
400 “R” Street, Room 1080, Sacramento 95814

Handles consumer complaints involving electronics and appliance repairs, home furnishings, thermal installation, landlords, tenants, sales, and promotions.

California Bureau/Auto Repair (State).....(800) 952-5210

Registers and regulates automotive repairs shops. Mediates disputes between customers and repair dealers, auto repair facilities, and smog check facilities. Staff also speaks Spanish and Vietnamese. Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Department of Insurance (State).....(213) 897-8921
300 South Spring Street **www.insurance.ca.gov**
South Tower, Los Angeles 90013

Regulatory agency covering 22 different classifications of insurance agencies, including auto insurance, life insurance, and home insurance. Regulates, examines, and licenses insurance companies, their staff, and insurance company practices and policies. Investigates complaints against insurance companies relating to business practices, rates, claims processing, non-renewal, fraud, and other insurance-related problems. For complaints, first try contacting your insurance company for the fastest service. Call if you feel your issues are not being addressed.

Department of Justice (State)(800) 952-5225
Office of Attorney General Fax: (916) 323-5341
P.O. Box 944255, Sacramento 94244-2550 **www.caag.state.ca.us**

Investigates cases of fraud statewide. Makes referrals to local law enforcement agencies.

Energy Commission (State)(800) 822-6228
1516 9th Street, Sacramento 95814 (916) 654-4287

State Bar of California (State)(213) 765-1000
1149 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 90015

Oversees and handles complaints concerning attorneys in California.

Consumer Information Center (Federal).....(888) 878-3256
Pueblo, CO 81009 **www.pueblo.gsa.gov**

Offers numerous catalogs, pamphlets, links, and booklets of information designed to educate consumers and help save money. Most guides are available free online, or at low-cost by mail.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (Federal) (800) 638-2772
5300 Beach Blvd., Room 420, Buena Park 90621
C.P.S.C. Publication Lists, Washington, DC 20207

Information concerning the safety of products in your home.

Federal Trade Commission (Federal).....(310) 824-4343
10877 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles 90024

Department of Transportation (Federal).....(800) 424-9393
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street SW, Room 2318, Washington, DC 20590

Information on automobile recalls and vehicle importation.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Southern Calif. Automobile Club (AAA) **www.aaa-calif.com**
South Los Angeles:(323) 754-2831
Torrance.....(310) 325-3111

Members can take advantage of roadside assistance, low-cost car maintenance, no-hassle license and vehicle registration, auto insurance, a safe and effective forum to buy and sell cars, a full-service travel agency, travel tips, and maps. Special services are available for disabled members. Membership entitles you to a wide range of discounts, including savings on airline tickets, car rentals, restaurant bills, hotel reservations, and amusement park tickets.

American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)..... (703) 739 2782
1101 King Street, Suite 200 **www.astanet.com**
Alexandria, VA 22314

World's largest travel trade association, with over 26,500 members in more than 165 countries. Approved travel agencies are held to a strict code of conduct, and are under constant monitoring by ASTA, greatly reducing your risk of becoming a victim of fraud or a scam. Provides useful tips to save money on your travels and how to avoid cons. Offers a new online service, ASTAnet Trip request service. Simply click on the trip request feature and fill in your point of origin, destination, day of trip, and your budget, and ASTAnet will automatically connect you with ASTA-approved travel agents who can offer you their best deals.

Better Business Bureau..... (213) 251-9696
3400 West 6th Street, Room 403, Los Angeles 90020

An association of businesses which voluntarily choose to self-regulate by registering with the Bureau, and agreeing to comply with Bureau standards and regulations. Also provides services to consumers, including acceptance of consumer complaints regarding businesses, and provision of detailed company reports upon request.

California Public Interest Research Group (CalPIRG)..... (310) 397-3404
11965 Venice Blvd., Room 408, Los Angeles 90066

Consumer research and public education programs.

Coalition for Economic Survival (CES)..... (323) 656-4410
1296 North Fairfax Ave., West Hollywood 90046

Activist group involved with affordable housing and tenant/landlord issues. Offers group legal services. Discounted senior memberships.

Consumer Reports..... **www.consumerreports.org**
Consumers Union, Department WJW
101 Truman Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703-1057

Has no commercial or industry ties. Independently tests and rates almost every major consumer product. Hunts for bargains on airfares, automobiles, travel, home loans, credit cards, and other services. Most libraries and newsstands carry back issues. Web site provides faster and sometimes more detailed information, and has search capabilities. Depending on services or subscriptions, there may be a small fee.

Consumer Worldwww.consumerworld.org

A public service, non-commercial site which has gathered over 1,800 of the most useful consumer resources on the Internet, and categorized them for easy access. Among the many services offered you can find buying advice, see product reviews, comparison shop for bargains and last minute travel, file a consumer complaint with a government or company, read hundreds of consumer rights booklets, find a low-rate credit card, look up the wholesale price of a car, get personal finance tips, read news of the latest scams, research a law, or clip electronic coupons.

Direct Marketing Association.....(202) 955-5030

Ethics and Consumer Affairs Fax: (202) 955-0085

1111 19th Street NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036

Oversees its membership of national telemarketing and mail order businesses. Provides information on how to avoid getting on mailing lists, sweepstakes scams, avoid telemarketing scams, and aides complaints against national mail order and telemarketing organizations. Provides a service that allows you to remove yourself from the national database direct marketing organizations used in their direct marketing and telemarketing operations. This removes you from the databases of national organizations for five years. It will not protect you from calls and mail from local telemarketing organizations. The DMA can reduce, but not completely eliminate mailers and callers. To remove your name from mailing lists, send your name, address, and your signature to:

Mail Preference Service

P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, New York, 11735-9014

To remove your name from national phone calling lists, send your name, address, phone number, and signature to:

Phone Preference Service

P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, New York 11735-9014

Experian.....(800) 682-7654

P.O. Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013-2104 (800) 392-1122

A copy of your credit profile is available for \$8 plus tax, upon your written request. There is no charge if credit has been denied. One complimentary profile per year.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Cultural Affairs Department (City)(213) 485-2433

433 South Spring Street, Tenth Floor **www.culturela.org**

Los Angeles 90013

Sponsors exhibitions, arts instruction, theatre, music and dance performances, photography, festivals and folk arts. Concerned about the aesthetics of city property, and historic preservation. The

Los Angeles Arts Endowment is funded primarily by a 1% fee included in all major public projects. Administers cultural grants, and art in public places programs.

Cultural Facilities

Angel's Gate Cultural Center(310) 519-0936
 3601 South Gaffey Street E: mail- artatgate@aol.com
 San Pedro 90731

Art-In-The-Park(323) 259-0861
 Arroyo Seco Park
 5568 Via Marisol, Los Angeles 90042

Barnsdall Art Park(213) 485-4581
 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 90027 TDD: (213) 660-4254
 A center point of artistic and cultural enrichment for citizens.

Barnsdall Arts Center(213) 485-2116
 Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-
 4 p.m. Free.

Gallery Theatre.....(213) 485-2460
 Mon-Fri noon-4 p.m.

Hollyhock House.....(323) 913-4157
 Group Tours of this Frank Lloyd Wright house are available.
 Wed-Sun noon-3 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for
 seniors. Children under 12 are free.

Junior Arts Center.....(213) 485-4474
 Offers art classes for children. Sessions run eight weeks at a
 time. Call for prices.

Junior Arts Center Gallery(213) 485-4474
 Exhibit hours are Wed-Sun 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Municipal Art Gallery(213) 485-4581
 Wed-Sun 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Colburn School of Performing Arts(213) 621-2200
 200 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

East West Players(213) 625-7000
 120 Judge John Aiso Street www.eastwestplayers.com
 Los Angeles 90012

Produces a variety of different plays, including classics and
 musicals, and plays specific to the Asian-American experience.

El Camino College Center for the Arts.....(310) 329-5345
 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance 90506 (310) 660-3734

Provides high quality, culturally diverse performing arts events
 for the entertainment and education of the community.

Grand Performances.....(213) 687-2159
 350 South Grand Ave., Suite A4 (213) 687-2190
 Los Angeles 90071 www.grandperformances.org

Offers free performing arts programs and live performances in dance, music, and theater.

Hollywood Bowl Museum/Hollywood Bowl(323) 850-2059
2301 North Highland Ave., Los Angeles 90068

18,000-seat amphitheater sits on 77 hillside acres and includes six picnic areas, a restaurant, concession stands, and a gift shop. The museum presents memorabilia and archival materials that tell the story of the development of the Bowl and artists who have performed on its stage. Tues-Sat 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free.

Los Angeles Center for Photographic Studies(323) 466-6232
6518 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 90028

Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibition (LACE).....(323) 957-1777
6522 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 90028 Fax: (323) 957-9025

Los Angeles Theatre Center (LATC)(213) 485-1624
514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013 (213) 627-6500
Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Warner Kids Annex.....(310) 548-2496
438 North Mesa, San Pedro 90732

Warner Grand Theatre(310) 548-2493
478 West 6th Street Show information: (310) 548-7672
San Pedro 90731

Watts Towers Arts Center.....(213) 485-1795
1727 East 107th Street, Los Angeles 90002 (213) 847-4646

Towers are under extensive restoration, temporarily suspending tours. Gallery hours are Tues-Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun noon-4 p.m.

Museums

Autry Museum of Western Heritage(323) 667-2000
4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles 90027

Tues-Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 students and seniors, and \$3 for children ages 2-12.

California Afro-American Museum(213) 744-7432
Exposition Park
600 State Drive, Los Angeles 90037

Tues-Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Parking \$5.

California Science Center.....(213) 744-7400
700 State Street, Los Angeles 90037
Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Craft and Folk Art Museum (City)(323) 937-4230
5814 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036
Wed-Sun noon-5 p.m.

George C. Page Museum of

La Brea Discoveries(323) 857-6301

5801 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

Tues-Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children ages 5-10, \$3.50 for students and seniors. Children 5-10 are free.

Getty Center.....(310) 440-7300

1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles 90049

Call for museum hours and to make reservations for parking. The museum is free, but on-site parking is \$5.

Huntington Library Art Collection and

Botanical Garden.....(626) 405-2100

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino 91108

Tues-Fri noon-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for students and children 12+. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Advance reservations required on Sunday.

Japanese American Cultural and

Community Center(213) 628-2725

244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles 90012

Gallery and gift shop hours are Tues-Fri noon-5 p.m., and Sat 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Cultural Center hours are Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Gallery admission is free with the exception of special exhibits.

Japanese American National Museum(213) 625-0414

369 East 1st Street, Los Angeles 90012

Tues-Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, students, and seniors. Children under 6 admitted free.

Korean Cultural Service Center(323) 936-7141

5505 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Latino Museum of History, Art and Culture.....(213) 626-7600

112 South Main Street, Los Angeles 90012

Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

Los Angeles Children's Museum.....(213) 687-8800

310 North Main Street, Los Angeles 90012

Hours change weekly. Admission is \$5 for children and adults. Infants under 2 are free. An adult must accompany all children.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art.....(323) 857-6111

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

Tues-Thurs 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Exhibition Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, and \$1 for ages 6-17. Free second Wed of each month.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) West.....(323) 933-4510
6067 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

Tues-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors 55+, \$2 children 7-18, under 6 free.

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA).....(213) 626-6222
250 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

One Los Angeles' premiere cultural facilities. World-class exhibits may be seen at the museum Tues-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thurs 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Mon. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65+ and students. Free to children under 12. Also visit the Geffen Contemporary at MOCA located in Little Tokyo at 152 North Central Ave., Los Angeles.

Museum of Cultural Diversity(310) 324-4702
20700 Avalon Blvd., Carson 90747 Fax: (310) 639-6662

Exposes the public to the existence, suffering and contributions made from our culturally diverse society, through contemporary and traditional art forms.

Museum of Latin American Art.....(562) 437-1689
628 Alamitos Ave. (562) 901-9162
Long Beach 90802 **www.molaa.com**

Museum of Neon Art (MONA)(213) 489-9918
501 West Olympic Blvd. Fax: (213) 489-9932
Los Angeles 90015

Exhibits fine art in electric and kinetic media and documents and preserves outstanding examples of neon signs and marquees. Offers classes in neon design and techniques and guided tours of the city's sign and electric fine art installations.

Museum of Television and Radio(310) 786-1000
465 North Beverly Drive Administration: (310) 786-1034
Beverly Hills 90210 **www.mtr.org**

Museum of Tolerance.....(310) 553-8403
9786 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 90035

A high-tech, hands-on experimental museum featuring unique interactive exhibits that focus on the dynamics of racism and prejudice. Mon-Thurs 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors, \$5.50 for students, and \$3.50 for children 3-10.

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.....(213) 763-3466
900 West Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007

Tues-Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for youth ages 13-18, students and seniors, and \$2 children ages 5-12.

Norton Simon Museum(626) 449-6840

411 West Colorado Blvd., Pasadena 91105

Thurs-Sun noon-6 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students. Children under 12 free.

Pacific Asia Museum.....(626) 449-2742

46 North Los Robles Ave., Pasadena 91101

Wed-Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students with I.D. Children under 12 free.

Peterson Automotive Museum(323) 930-2277

6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

Showcases how American culture is driven by cars, and how the history of Los Angeles goes hand-in-hand with the automobile.

Plaza de la Raza.....(323) 223-2475

3540 North Mission Road, Los Angeles 90031

Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Free.

Skirball Museum and Cultural Center.....(310) 440-4500

2701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 90049

Reflects a history of 4,000 years with 25,000 artifacts related to Jewish life and culture. Tues-Fri 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat noon-5 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, children under 12 free.

Southwest Museum(323) 221-2163

234 Museum Drive, Highland Park 90065

Cultural Organizations and Associations

ARTS, Inc.(213) 627-9276

315 West 9th Street, Suite 201, Los Angeles 90015

Dedicated to advancing the arts and culture of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles Conservancy(213) 623-CITY

523 West 6th Street, Suite 1216, Los Angeles 90014

Cultural heritage and architectural preservation.

Los Angeles Theatre Center(213) 485-2437

514 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 90013-2026

This four-theatre performing arts complex is operated by the City as rental spaces. Houses a performing arts cooperative comprised of local repertory companies.

Music Center of Los Angeles County(213) 202-2200

135 North Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012-3013

Ahmanson Theatre.....(213) 628-2772

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.....(213) 972-7211

Los Angeles Master Chorale.....(213) 626-0901

Los Angeles Opera.....(213) 972-7219

Los Angeles Philharmonic(213) 972-7290

Mark Taper Forum.....(213) 628-2772

San Pedro Art Association.....(310) 833-3976

222 West Sixth Street, San Pedro 90731

Founded in 1936, monthly meetings, demos, gallery exhibits and art classes.

Southern California Historical Society(323) 222-0546

200 East Avenue 43, Los Angeles 90031

Dedicated to preserving Southern California's history. There are several programs a year, and free tours of the Charles Lummis home and gardens are given throughout the year.

Theatre Los Angeles(213) 614-0556

644 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 90017

Association of legitimate theatres presenting a variety of live entertainment. Excellent source of news regarding play schedules, ticket information, and workshops. Special discount plan available.

DISABLED SERVICES

The following public and private agencies provide services for persons with disabilities which include, but are not limited to financial assistance, job training, employment, transportation.

Government Agencies

Department on Disability (City).....(213) 485-6334

700 East Temple Street, Room 380

TDD: (213) 485-6655

Los Angeles 90012

Fax: (213) 485-8052

Information and referral services for persons with disabilities in wide variety of social services.

Department of Health Services (State)(800) 639-0597

Genetically Handicapped Persons Program

Fax: (916) 654-6319

714 "P" Street, Room 300, Sacramento 95814

Helps pay for medical cost of persons with Hemophilia, Sickle-Cell, Cystic Fibrosis, Huntington's, etc. Pays for genetic counseling. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sliding fee scale. Accepts Medi-Cal.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Autism Society of Los Angeles(310) 559-5664

3975 Landmark Street, Culver City 90232

Information and referral service. Offers monthly parent and support groups, as well as resources, libraries, newsletters, and speakers. Advocacy for appropriate services for people with autism is also available. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free.

Ahead with Horses.....(818) 767-6373

9311 Del Arroyo Drive, Sun Valley 91352

Provides a therapeutic and developmental program of equestrian therapy primarily for disabled youth three months old through adults. Best times to call are Tues, Thurs, and Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sliding fee scale from \$0-\$20 per session.

California Assistive Technology Services (CATS) (800) 390-2699
P.O. Box 1325 TTY: (800) 900-0706
Simi Valley 93062 **www.catsca.org**

Helps people with disabilities find assistive devices and services they need. Free.

Casa Colina Wheelchair Sports(909) 596-7733
2850 North Garey Ave., Pomona 91769-6001

Recreational activities for physically or developmentally disabled children and adults. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Crippled Children's Society(213) 874-3300
7120 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles 90046

Provides services for children with physical disabilities.

Drew Child Development Corporation.....(323) 249-2958
1770 East 118th Street, Los Angeles 90059

Program promotes the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of children (ages 0-3) with special needs. Also assists in educating family members on special needs of these children.

Easter Seal Society.....(323) 462-2424
6515 Sunset Blvd., Fourth Floor, Hollywood 90028

Services include physical, occupational and speech therapy, vocational training and employment, preventive screening, residential camping and transportation.

Exceptional Children's Foundation.....(310) 204-3300
8740 West Washington Blvd., Culver City 90230

Supervised work centers provide on-the-job training regarding skill development, work habits, social interaction. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Orthopedic Hospital.....(213) 742-1000
2400 South Flower Street Fax: (213) 742-1435
Los Angeles 90007 Adult Referrals: (213) 742-6509

Children's Clinic Appointments: (213) 742-1300

152-bed orthopedic hospital provides both inpatient and outpatient services for adults and children with chronic orthopedic and neuromuscular disorders. 80 outpatient clinics for children provide care for a wide range of problems: spina bifida, scoliosis, cerebral palsy, bone tumor, arthritis, osteogenesis imperfecta, and muscle disease. Bilingual staff. Accepts Medi-Cal for children's clinic patient services. Provides orthopedic care for children under 18 years, regardless of family's ability to pay.

Stroke Association of Southern California.....(310) 575-1699
2001 South Barrington Ave., Suite 308, Los Angeles 90025

Support groups, information, and referrals for stroke victims and their families.

United Cerebral Palsy/Spastic

Children's Foundation.....(818) 782-2211

7630 Gloria Ave., Van Nuys 91406

Early intervention program for developmentally delayed children ages 0-3, and after-school program for ages 5-17.

Advocacy

Americans with Disabilities Act Hotline (800) 466-4232

Disabilities Rights Education and Defense

2212 6th Street, Berkeley 94710

Provides information, advocacy, training and referral services for people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. Offers information about disabilities civil rights laws, technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Helping Hands For the Blind.....(818) 830-3907

8237 Sepulveda Place, Van Nuys 91402

(800) 576-5786

Political advocacy for the blind.

Team of Advocates for Special

Kids, Inc. (TASK) (714) 533-8275

100 West Cerritos Ave., Anaheim 92805

Helps disabled children and their families. Information and referral services are offered and advocates are on call to help parents of disabled children secure proper services.

Western Law Center for Disability Rights.....(213) 736-1031

919 South Albany Street, Los Angeles 90015

Provides legal representation for persons with mental and physical disabilities, persons who have legal problems related to civil rights, accessibility, and other issues.

**Auditory, Visual, and
Communicative Disabilities**

Braille Institute.....(323) 663-1111

741 North Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 90029 Fax: (323) 666-5881

Braille Institute Youth Programs.....(323) 851-5695

3450 West Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles 90068

Provides library, cassettes, Braille books, records and rehabilitation services, training, and adjustment and job counseling.

California State University, Northridge

Language, Speech, and Hearing Center.....(818) 677-2856

18111 Nordhoff Ave., Northridge 91330

Provides therapy and diagnosis for hearing, language, and speech impairments. Serves all age groups.

Center For the Partially Sighted(310) 458-3501
720 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 200 Fax: (310) 458-8179
Santa Monica 90401

Low-vision services for the partially sighted and/or legally blind. Training with prescribed visual devices, psychological counseling, diabetes education and support group, HIV and vision loss program, pediatric vision assessments, orientation and mobility instruction, independent living skills classes, and independent living aids, home safety assessments. C.A.P.S. (Career Access for Partially Sighted) ages 18-55. Introduction to specific devices for work or school, such as computer software and telescopic lenses. Transportation for patients in L.A. area. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment.

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc......(541) 826-9220
10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, OR 95902

Rescues and trains dogs to aid people who are deaf and hard of hearing. The organization provides hearing dogs nationally free of charge. Applicants must meet certain hearing and responsibility requirements. Must be prepared to be placed on a waiting list as long as eight months and must undergo five days of in-home training before receiving a dog.

Foundation for the Junior Blind(323) 295-4555
5300 Angeles Vista Blvd., Los Angeles 90043

School for persons with visual impairments ages 6-21.

Greater L.A. Council on Deafness (GLAD)(323) 478-8000
2222 Laverna Ave., Los Angeles 90041

Publishes a directory of resources and services to deaf persons.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Inc.(323) 664-5525
5022 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 90027

Provides free tape-recorded educational books for blind and visually impaired persons.

Employment Training and Placement for Disabled

Government Agencies

Department of Rehabilitation (County).....(213) 736-3904
3251 West 6th Street, Suite 300 TDD: (213) 736-3960
Los Angeles 90020

Lawndale.....(310) 793-1157
15901 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 110, Lawndale 90260

Long Beach.....(562) 422-8325

4300 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach 90807

Mid-Cities(323) 241-1700

11130 South Western Ave., Los Angeles 90047

Offers vocational assistance including employment counseling, training and job placement.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Goodwill Industries.....(562) 435-3411

800 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach 90806

Occupational therapy, sheltered workshops, re-socialization and employment service.

Also see the “**Employment**” section.

Parking

Blue Curb Zones for Disabled Persons (City)(323) 913-4620

Department of Transportation Regulations Analysis

411 North Vermont Ave., Second Floor, Los Angeles 90004

For installation or removal of handicapped blue curb zones, and investigation of improper installation of a blue curb zone. For misuse of handicapped parking permits, call the Department of Transportation’s Residential Task Force at the number listed below.

Disabled Person Placard or Plates

Temporary or permanent disability placards or plates may be obtained through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Submit an application, a doctor’s statement of need, and \$6 fee for placards (plates are free). You can get an application from your local DMV, by calling any DMV and following the telephone instructions to request an application be mailed to you, or accessing the DMV web site at www.dmv.ca.gov. This form may be mailed directly to the DMV. Placards and plates expire every other June and need to be renewed. Check your phone book for your local DMV office. Your local Auto Club can also help you fill out an application.

Please see the “**Auto Club**” section on pages 22-23.

Disabled Placard Task Force.....(323) 224-6591

1016 North Mission Road, Los Angeles 90033

Investigates reports of abuse and misuse of handicapped placards and parking spaces. Callers will be asked to identify the license plate of the car in question, if there is a pattern to the time of day, and the location of where the car in question is parked.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS **RECOVERY/ASSISTANCE**

Government Agencies

Office of the City Administrative Officer (City)...(213) 485-5231

Emergency Preparedness Division

200 North Main Street, Suite E-121, Los Angeles 90012

Coordinates the City's emergency preparedness and operations. Emergency preparedness information and speakers are also available.

Department of Water and Power (City)(213) 367-1291

Call for a free copy of the City's Earthquake Survival Guide.

Fire Department (City)

Response Team Training..... (818) 756-9674

Fire and Safety Education Section..... (818) 756-9671

5021 North Sepulveda Blvd. Fax: (818) 756-9681

Sherman Oaks 91403

Provides useful information to educate and prepare the public for a major catastrophic event such as an earthquake or brush fire. Emergency Response Team Program is designed to provide community self-sufficiency during a major disaster. A seven-week course is open to individuals and businesses. It includes earthquake preparation and response team operations, team management, disaster fire suppression techniques, search and rescue operations, disaster medical operations and simulation exercises. Free.

Department of Public Works (County)(626) 458-5100

900 South Fremont Street, Alhambra 91803

Provides various services to residents in the event of local flooding. Its primary objective is to attempt to prevent property damage in case of heavy flooding. Officials from DPW will meet with property owners and provide engineering advice on how to property deflect major rainflow, mudflow, etc.

Water Works and Sewer

Maintenance (County)(626) 458-7119

900 South Fremont Ave., Alhambra 91803

Provides assistance and information about city streets, sewers, storm drains and natural watercourses.

Office of Emergency Management (State)(562) 795-2900

11200 Lexington Drive, Bldg. 283 Fax: (562) 795-2877

Los Alamitos 90720-5002 **www.oes.ca.gov**

Free information materials on disaster preparedness, and what to do during a natural or man-made disaster.

Small Business Administration (Federal)(800) 488-5323

330 North Brand Blvd., Room 1280 (818) 552-3210

Glendale 91203-2308

After the President declares an area an official disaster area, this agency provides low-interest loans to families and businesses that have suffered disaster-related damage. Shortly after the declaration, local offices may be established. Open from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

American Red Cross(562) 595-6341
3150 E. 29th St., Long Beach 90806

Provides emergency assistance to the victims of a disaster, such as setting up shelters. Provides food, rent, clothes, and financial assistance in time of emergency.

Salvation Army.....(800) 725-9005
900 James M. Wood Blvd., Los Angeles 90015 (213) 896-9185

Provides access or referrals to temporary shelters, mobile feeding station, hot meals, donations to victims, assistance to emergency personnel, counseling services.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Alcohol Abuse

Hotline1-800-ALCOHOL

Privately operated toll-free line that provides referrals to alcohol and drug treatment programs.

Al-Anon Family Groups.....(818) 760-7122
4936 Lankershim Blvd. (888) 684-6444
North Hollywood 91601

Provides support for the family and friends of people who are alcohol dependent.

Alcohol and Drug Programs.....(213) 607-1435
1926 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 90057

Provides information and referral to alcohol and drug services available in the community. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous.....(323) 936-4343
4311 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 104, Los Angeles 90010

Provides supportive assistance for the alcohol dependent.

National Council on Alcoholism and

Drug Dependence(818) 997-0414
14557 Friar Street, Room 107, Van Nuys 91411

Public education, information and referral agency. Free literature and films to non-profit groups. Speakers bureau.

Drug Abuse

Government Agencies

DARE Program (City).....(213) 485-4856
4125 South Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles 90008
Drug abuse educational program for elementary through high school age students.

Department of Justice, Investigations and Narcotics Enforcement (State)(323) 887-4111
5700 South Eastern Ave., City of Commerce 90040

Seeks to aggressively combat drug abuse.

Drug Enforcement Administration (Federal).....(213) 894-2650
255 East Temple Street, 20th Floor, Los Angeles 90012

Seeks to aggressively combat drug abuse.

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Families Anonymous.....(818) 989-7841
P.O. Box 3475 (310) 815-8010
Culver City 90231-3475 24-hours: (800) 736-9805
Provides support for the relatives and friends of drug abusers.

Nar-Anon Family Groups.....(310) 547-5800
P.O. Box 2562, Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274

Provides support for the family and friends of drug dependent individuals.

Narcotics Anonymous Hotline(800) 262-2463
Offers referral numbers for meetings and counseling as well as access to sponsors and former addicts for personal support.

Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers

Avalon-Carver Community Center.....(323) 232-4391
4920 South Avalon Blvd. Fax: (323) 234-1008
Los Angeles 90011-0864

Drug and alcohol abuse services, community organization service, crime and delinquency prevention services, informal educational services, weatherization services and summer youth employment. Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

BAART and California Detoxification Program..(323) 235-5035
4920 South Avalon Blvd. Fax: (323) 235-2023
P.O. Box 11869, Los Angeles 90011-0869

Offers free medical service to those with low-income or no insurance. Provides general medicine, family planning, women's services, children's services, vaccinations, and free prescriptions. Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mary Lind Foundation.....(213) 483-9201
Royal Palms Recovery Home
360 South Westlake Ave., Los Angeles 90057

135-bed shelter for substance abusers. Maximum stay is six months. Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Must be single male age 18-70 years, social security card, picture ID and urinalysis.

Salvation Army/Adult Rehabilitation.....(310) 450-7235
 Long Beach Adult Rehabilitation Center
 1370 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach 90813

Provides adult male alcohol and drug rehabilitation program (six Months maximum), 50-bed facility, individual and group counseling, AA, CA and NA 12-step work, work therapy program and weekly chapel and bible study program. Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Must be single male 21-65 years, have picture I.D., Social Security card, and drug-free for five days prior to admission. Free.

EDUCATION

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)(213) 625-6000
 450 North Grand Ave. (818) 997-2300
 Los Angeles 90012 Fax: (213) 626-2815

The seven elected members of the Board of Education are responsible for the policies and budget of the Los Angeles schools, including all Adult Education programs. Members are elected by districts. The City Council is a separate entity and has no legal authority over financing or policy decisions of the District. Inquiries and complaints should be directed to the Board of Education.

District Board Members

	Phone
1st Genethia Hudley Hayes	(213) 625-6382
2nd Victoria Castro	(213) 625-6180
3rd Caprice Young	(213) 625-4201
4th Valerie Fields	(213) 625-6387
5th David Tokofsky	(213) 625-6383
6th Julie Korenstein	(213) 625-6388
7th Mike Lansing	(213) 625-6385
Board of Education Information	(213) 625-6389

Important LAUSD Offices

Adult and Occupational Education	(213) 202-5400
Environmental Health and Safety	(213) 743-5086
Español	(213) 625-4643
Executive Officer of the Board	(213) 625-6273
General Information (Recording)	(213) 625-6000
General School Information	(213) 625-5437
Office of Communications	(213) 625-6766
School Traffic and Safety Section	(818) 997-2455
Superintendent of Schools	(213) 625-6251
Office of School Operations	(213) 625-6281

450 North Grand Ave., Room A417
Los Angeles 90012

Call for questions involving non-curriculum based concerns that arise on school campuses, such as emergencies, suspension/expulsion appeals questions, and campus lock-downs. Will put you in touch with the best person available to address your need.

Division of Special Education(213) 625-6701
Hill Street Building, Room H-119 (818) 997-2345
Los Angeles 90012-2100

The LAUSD has established special education schools to meet the needs of disabled students. Students attending these may have mental, emotional, or orthopedic problems.

Adult Education

Los Angeles Unified School District(213) 62-LEARN
Adult and Occupational Division
1320 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles 90017

Offers interesting classes for adults in many different subjects.

General Education Development Test Center(213) 745-5516
1646 South Olive Street, Los Angeles 90015

Provides General Educational Development (GED) exams, which are equivalent to receiving a high school diploma.

Hollywood Community Adult School (LAUSD)...(323) 467-6191
1521 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 90028

Provides a variety of courses for adult 18+ and high school graduates. Services include adult basic education, adult high school diploma courses, GED instruction, leisure instruction, and vocational education. There are no geographic restrictions. The school offers basic classes that lead to an eighth grade or high school diploma, vocational and special interest classes, the GED test, and individualized instruction in basic subjects. Students can work at their own pace to complete some requirements in the individualized learning centers. Classes are also available which help people prepare for a job, enhance their skills, or address special interests. There is a \$15 registration fee per course, per trimester, except for people 60+, public assistance recipients, or the disabled.

Abram Friedman Occupational Center.....(213) 745-4593
1646 South Olive Street (213) 745-2013
Los Angeles 90015

This is a full-time regional occupational center which provides education services for youth ages 16-21, and adults 22 and older who live in the city of Los Angeles. Services include high school diploma, class work, GED preparation and ESL classes. Adult Basic Education and Adult Literacy, Citizenship preparation and

English as a Second Language are also provided. Communication Skills classes include Sign Language and Speech Reading classes. The center provides several alternative methods of study, including Individualized Instruction, Distance Learning (video ESL and Parenting Education), and an Alternative Education Work Center (AEWC). There are no fees for high school students, senior citizens 62 and older, or for people who have a disability. Other adults pay a fixed registration fee of \$20 per semester; class fees range from \$10 to \$45.

Los Angeles Community Colleges

Los Angeles Community College District(213) 891-2000
770 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90017

The community colleges are governed by an elected seven-member Board of Trustees. They offer an extensive range of courses, which may be taken on a credit or not-for-credit basis.

East Los Angeles College.....(323) 265-8650
1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park 91254

Los Angeles City College.....(323) 953-4000
855 North Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 90029

Los Angeles Harbor College(310) 522-8200
1111 Figueroa Place, Wilmington 90744

Los Angeles Pierce College (818) 719-6401
6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills 91371

Los Angeles Southwest College.....(323) 241-5225
1600 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles 90047

Los Angeles Trade Technical College.....(213) 744-9500
400 West Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 90015

Los Angeles Valley College.....(818) 781-1200
5800 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys 91401

West Los Angeles College.....(310) 287-4200
4800 Freshman Drive, Culver City 90230

State Colleges and Universities,

California State University, Los Angeles(323) 343-3000
5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles 90032

California State University, Long Beach(562) 985-4111
1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach 90840

Loyola Marymount University.....(310) 338-2700
7900 Loyola Blvd., Los Angeles 90045

Occidental College(323) 259-2500
1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles 90041

Pepperdine University.....(310) 456-4000

24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu 90263
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).....(310) 825-4321
405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles 90024
University of Southern California (USC).....(213) 740-2311
University Park, Los Angeles 90089

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Federal

President

President Bill Clinton.....(202) 456-1414
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20500

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White House Electronic Publications
www.whitehouse.gov/whpublications

This site provides access to White House publications electronically, including press releases, policy briefings, speeches, executive orders, congressional testimony, and more. Search features let you find specific topics or categories. You also can sign up for free e-mail subscriptions to specific government publications.

U.S. Senators

Senator Barbara Boxer(213) 894-5000
312 North Spring Street, Suite 1748 senator@boxer.senate.gov
Los Angeles 90012 www.senate.gov/~boxer

Senator Dianne Feinstein(310) 914-7300
11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 915 senator@feinstein.senate.gov
Los Angeles 90025 www.senate.gov/feinstein

U.S. Senate..... www.senate.gov

In addition to phone and mail contacts, the directory of senators lets you send e-mail messages or link to web sites where available. E-mail addresses are also provided for various committees, the Senate Historical Office, and the Office of the Senate Commission on Art. The site includes information on legislative process, a glossary of Senate terms, historical information, and a virtual tour of the U.S. Capitol.

U.S. Congressional Representatives

Congressman Steve Horn(562) 425-1336
38th District steve.horn@mail.house.gov

4010 Watson Plaza Drive, Suite 160, Lakewood 90712
Congressman Steven T. Kuykendall..... (310) 543-1098
 36th District **steven.kuykendall@mail.house.gov**
 21311 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance 90503
Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald.... (310) 538-1190
 37th District **millender.mcdonald@mail.house.gov**
 970 West 90th Street, Suite 900, Torrance 90502
U.S. House of Representatives **www.house.gov**

Learn about the internal organization of the House, as well as its members and committees. Contact members by phone, postal mail, or e-mail or click a link to a member's web site. You can stay informed about bills and resolutions being considered in Congress, browse through schedules of legislative activity, familiarize yourself with U.S. and foreign laws, obtain educational documents, and link to other government sites and information resources.

State

Governor

Governor Gray Davis.....(916) 445-2841
 State Capitol Building **www.governor.ca.gov**
 Sacramento 95814
 300 South Spring Street, Suite 16701(213) 897-0322
 Los Angeles 90013 Fax: (213) 897-0319

Lieutenant Governor

Cruz Bustamante(916) 445-8994
 State Capitol, Room 1114 **www.ltg.ca.gov**
 Sacramento 95814

Treasurer

Phillip Angelides(213) 620-4467
 725 South Figueroa Street, Suite 400 **www.treasurer.ca.gov**
 Los Angeles 90017

Secretary of State

Bill Jones(213) 897-3062
 300 South Spring Street, Room 12513 **www.ss.ca.gov**
 Los Angeles 90013

Controller

Kathleen Connell(310) 342-5678
 600 Corporate Point, Suite 1150 **www.sco.ca.gov**
 Culver City 90230

State Senators

Senator Betty Karnette (562) 997-0794

27th District www.sen.ca.gov/karnette
 3711 Long Beach Blvd., Suite 801, Long Beach 90807
Senator Debra Bowen (310) 318-6994
 28th District www.sen.ca.gov/bowen
 2512 Artesia Blvd., Suite 200, Redondo Beach 90278

State Assembly Members

Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal (310) 548-6420
 54th District democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a54
 445 West 7th Street, Suite A, San Pedro 90731
Assemblyman Richard Floyd..... (310) 518-3324
 55th District assembly.ca.gov
 1 Civic Plaza, Suite 320, Carson 90745

County

Board of Supervisors.....(213) 974-1411
 500 West Temple Street, Room 383, Los Angeles 90012

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

District	Supervisor	Phone & e-mail
First	Gloria Molina	(213) 974 – 4111 molina@bos.co.la.ca.us
Second	Yvonne Brathwaite Burke	(213) 974 – 2222 seconddistrict@bos.co.la.ca.us
Third	Zev Yaroslavsky	(213) 974 – 3333 zev@bos.co.la.ca.us
Fourth	Don Knabe	(213) 974 – 4444 don@bos.co.la.ca.us
Fifth	Michael D. Antonovich	(213) 974 – 5555 fifthdistrict@bos.co.la.ca.us

City

Mayor

Honorable Richard Riordan.....(213) 847-2489
 Mayor of Los Angeles www.cityofla.org/mayor
 200 North Main Street, City Hall East
 Room 800, Los Angeles 90012

Other Elected Representatives

City Council district lines do not coincide with district lines for county, state, or federal legislative offices. You can also call the County Registrar of Voters, (562) 462-2748 or (800) 481-8683, for the names and phone numbers of your elected state or federal representatives.

EMPLOYMENT

Los Angeles is one of the fastest growing economies in America with numerous job opportunities. The following is a list of agencies that can offer job referrals, training, and education. This section also includes information for those who are injured on the job, or feel that they are the victims of job discrimination.

Government Agencies

Community Development Department (City) ..(800) 367-2562
Youth and Employment Services Division
215 West 6th Street, Tenth Floor, Los Angeles 90014

Provides a program which subcontracts to both public and private agencies in order to provide job training for low-income, disabled, veterans, older workers, economically disadvantaged youths and adults, and laid-off workers. Programs include classroom training, work experience and on-the-job training. Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Must be primarily economically disadvantaged or laid-off from job. Bilingual staff.

Summer Youth Employment Program.....(213) 485-4675
215 West 6th Street, Room 900 Fax: (213) 847-0221
Los Angeles 90014

Applications are available in mid-March through local state employment development offices. Must be 14-21 years old, qualify under federal poverty levels, live in city, and have a legal right to work in the U.S., plus a Social Security card; a work permit is needed for those 17 and under. Workers are placed in a government office or a non-profit organization.

Los Angeles Technology Center (LAUSD).....(323) 732-0153
3721 West Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 90018

On-the-job training programs in business, office, and medical fields for high school students, the disabled, and adults. Provides the following training programs: Clinical Medical Assistant (Back Office), Emergency Medical Technician I, Nursing Assistant, Vocational Nursing, Medical Office Assistant, Front Office Assistant, word processing, computer literacy, and bookkeeping.

Los Angeles Unified School

District (LAUSD)..... Teaching Jobs: (213) 625-6200
Board of Education Non-teaching jobs: (818) 997-2533
450 North Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90051

Provides information about available teaching jobs to persons with a teaching certificate.

Division of Adult and Career

Education (LAUSD).....(213) 625-5677
1320 West 3rd Street, Suite 208 Fax: (213) 975-9376
Los Angeles 90017 Public Info Line: (213) 625-3276

Employment preparation, ESL, assessment and guidance, occupational and basic skills, plus job placement. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Bilingual staff.

Personnel Department (City).....(213) 847-9240
700 East Temple Street, Room 100 (213) 847-9424
Los Angeles 90012 Police/Fire Recruitment: (213) 847-9060

Carson Job Service Office (County).....(310) 518-8100
1 Civic Plaza, Suite 500
Carson, 90732

Job listings and referral, youth placement, employment counseling, and unemployment insurance payments. Call for a referral to the regional office near you.

California Department/Industrial

Relations (County)Job Hotline: (213) 351-5478

Division of Apprenticeship Standards..... (213) 897-1385
320 West 4th Street, Suite 830 Fax: (213) 897-1392
Los Angeles 90013

Joint apprenticeship programs offer a combination of information, on-the-job training and education in such areas as building trades, plumbing, masonry, etc. An apprenticeship information guide is available for review at the office above. For any adult over 18. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

California Conservation Corps (State).....(909) 594-3894
3530 West Pomona Blvd., Pomona 91768

Work ethic program with a dual mission: the employment and development of young people, and enhancement of natural resources. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Must be 18-23 years of age and California resident. One month wait. Call for appointment.

CALJOBS (State)..... www.caljobs.ca.gov

CALJOBS is an Internet-based job-opening and resume-listing system that increases the public's access to employment services. Provided by California Employment Development Dept, Job Service Division. Program serves both employers who want to fill job openings and individuals seeking employment.

Personnel Board (State)(213) 620-6450
Los Angeles Job Corps Center (Federal).....(213) 748-0135
106 South Broadway, Los Angeles 90015

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor. Youth training program for disadvantaged youth ages 16-24. Resident and non-resident program.

Occupational Centers

Publicly-funded occupational centers and non-profit community groups offer job-training and other services. Call first for eligibility requirements.

Harbor Regional Occupational Center (ROC) .(310) 547-5551
740 North Pacific Ave., San Pedro 90731

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) .(213) 202-5400

Regional Occupational Center (ROC)/

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

1320 West 3rd Street, Room 200, Los Angeles 90017

San Pedro Skill Center.....(310) 831-0295

920 West 36th Street, San Pedro 90731

Wilmington Skill Center.....(310) 549-9831

217 North Island Ave., Wilmington 90744

Private Non-Profit Organizations

Armenian Relief Society(323) 669-0471

1205 North Vermont Ave.

Fax: (323) 669-1235

Los Angeles 90029

Provides employment referral, placement, translation, training and vocational counseling. A free job listing is available to employers looking for qualified workers. Assists with legal, housing and emergency needs. Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Walk-in or call. Staff speaks Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, French, and Russian.

Career Planning Center.....(310) 273-6633

1623 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles 90035

Career counseling, testing and assessment, resume critique, job training programs, free job board. Vocational training and assessment and career counseling also available. Fees vary depending on services utilized.

Jewish Vocational Service of L.A......(323) 761-8888

5700 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2303, Los Angeles 90036

Career counseling, vocational training, job placement program for the homeless and economically disadvantaged, and workshops in resume writing and professional job search techniques.

Los Angeles Job Corps Center.....(213) 748-0135

106 South Broadway, Los Angeles 90015

Training program for disadvantaged youth, ages 16-24.
Resident and non-resident program.

Los Angeles Urban League.....(310) 419-8745
Information Technology Center Fax: (310) 419-8755
110 South La Brea Ave., Third Floor, Inglewood 90301

Courses in client/server business application programming, microcomputer operations, office technology and administration. Objectives are to provide free quality training for unemployed and underemployed who cannot afford such training at commercially available rates. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Must pass aptitude test, oral interviews, security clearance, high school diploma.

Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center (323) 564-1431
10925 South Central Ave. Fax: (323) 566-0147
Los Angeles 90059

Short-term vocational courses with emphasis on job training and placement. Flexible to meet individual needs. Extensive vocational counseling. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$10 registration fee.

One-Stop Job Training Program Hotline (800) FOR-A-JOB

Services include educational, vocational, and on-the-job training, job search skills and placement, dislocated workers program, older workers program, and youth programs. Hours are Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

United Way(562) 988-2500
3515 Linden Ave., Long Beach 90807

Provides assistance to the unemployed in finding jobs in federally-funded programs.

Youth Program.....(323) 292-8111
5414 South Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles 90043

Provides training and placement for youth ages 16-21 years. Classes in secretarial and word processing. Literacy training for 3rd grade through adult. Provides job placement. Mon 8a.m.-6:30 p.m., Tues-Wed 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Thurs 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Also see ‘**Employment**’ in the ‘‘**Women’s Services**’’ section, and ‘**Employment**’ in the ‘‘**Disabled Services**’’ section.

Disability Insurance Claims

The Office of Disabilities Insurance Claims is under the Los Angeles County Employment Development Department (EDD) that handles disability insurance related claims and filings. Most disability claims are handled by mail. Workers’ Compensation covers only work-related injuries or illnesses and is paid for by your employer’s insurance carrier. For more information about

other insurance and unemployment claims call the EDD at (213) 744-2244. Disabilities Insurance claim offices serving the Harbor area:

4300 Long Beach Blvd., Suite 600.....(562) 984-1630
Long Beach 90807
221 North Figueroa Street(213) 580-3001
Los Angeles 90012-2601

Job Discrimination

The following list of organizations can provide with information, services, and advocacy if you feel you have been the victim of job discrimination. Job discrimination can occur during the hiring process, the promotion process, and during the termination process.

For more information, please see the “**Legal Services**” section.

Government Agencies

City Attorney (City).....(213) 485-6370
200 North Main Street, City Hall East
Room 1800, Los Angeles 90012

AIDS Discrimination Unit(213) 485-4579
200 North Main Street, City Hall East
Room 1600, Los Angeles 90012

**California Department of Fair
Employment/Housing (State)**.....(800) 233-3212
1515 Clay Street, Suite 701, Oakland 94612

Civil rights agency for the State of California. Will accept, investigate and conciliate complaints in the areas of employment, housing discrimination. Complaints must be filed within one year of offense. Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Equal Employment Opportunities

Commission (Federal)(213) 894-1000
255 East Temple Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles 90012

Offers consultation and advice concerning the numerous federal anti-discrimination laws. If your case meets certain criteria, they will help you file or refer you to the proper agency. In order to be eligible you must file within 300 days of the alleged incident of discrimination.

Private Non-Profit Organization

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).....(213) 977-9500
1616 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 90026

Web Sites

America's Job Bank..... www.ajb.dni.us

Access job listings of the public employment services operated by the states. Search by word, numeric category, keyword, or state.

CareerCity www.careercity.com

Search more than 125,000 job listings by employment category, state, keyword, description, or any combination of these. Plus, you will find feature articles, advice about how to get the interview, and more. Can search more than 100 job newsgroups and links to more than 650 corporate employment sites.

Career Mosaic www.careermosaic.com

Find tens of thousands of job listings, company profiles and online job fairs. A "Career Resource Center" offers resume and cover letter writing tips, relocation resources, wage and salary information, and other research tools. Post your resume to a database made available to recruiters.

Job Hunt www.job-hunt.org

A list of online job-search resources and services that has more than 700 hyperlinks to job listings, companies, and classified ads from big-city newspapers, and employment newsgroups.

Monster.com www.monster.com

Their slogan is "the premier career hub on the WWW." So take advantage of the powerful options, such as the Job Search Agent. You'll find a variety of science, medical, IT, and business positions available, and you can search for contract, part-time, and full-time employment. If you create a "My Monster" account, your job search agents will be stored and summaries of matches to your search criteria will be mailed to you daily.

National Internships www.internships.com

Search state and international listings for basic internship information concerning businesses, non-profit organizations, academic fields, government positions, and resources. Lists opportunities available for a particular area.

Telecommuting Jobs www.tjobs.com

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ENVIRONMENT AND POLLUTION

Environmental issues are often broad and quite complicated, crossing numerous public, private, municipal, state and federal interests. Although no one agency has total jurisdiction over environmental issues, the federal and state governments have the most control. Thus the City's primary role is to use its resources to

act as an advocate for local environmental concerns and promote environmentally friendly agenda within its own borders.

Government Agencies

Environmental Affairs Department (City).....(213) 580-1052
201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles 90012

The City's representative on environmental issues. Operates a citywide, toll-free, environmental information and referral hotline service for city residents and businesses, and publishes the *Community Guide to Environmental Services*.

Integrated Solid Waste Management (City).....(213) 847-1444
433 South Spring Street, Fifth Floor, Los Angeles 90013

Provides recycling workshops, and info on where to buy recycled products. A small business or anyone using a private hauler can obtain information on how to set up a recycling program in their place of business or apartment building.

Air Resources Board (State)(800) 242-4450
9528 Telstar Ave., El Monte 91731

Responsible for compliance with the air quality standards established by the state and federal governments. Concerned with both stationary and mobile sources of pollution.

Coastal Commission (State).....(415) 904-5200
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000 Fax: (415) 904-5400
San Francisco 94105

200 Oceangate, Tenth Floor(562) 590-5071
Long Beach 90802

Responsible for the preservation and development of California's coastal areas.

Environmental Protection Agency (State).....(916) 327-1848
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 525, Sacramento 95814

Provides for general information and assistance regarding state environmental regulations, policies and programs.

Integrated Waste Management Board (State).....(800) 553-2962
Call for the location of the recycling center nearest you.

South Coast Air Quality

Management District (State).....(909) 396-2000
21865 East Copley Drive (909) 396-3271
Diamond Bar 91765 (800) CUT-SMOG

Regional authority for the regulation of air pollution from stationary sources. Also provides information about smog alerts. Call the 800 number to report polluting vehicles you see. Give them the license number and description of the vehicle, along with