

# EWDD UPDATES



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## News for the Week of November 19, 2018

### “DELICIOUS AT THE DUNBAR” GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION – EWDD \$500K ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN PAVED WAY FOR DUNBAR VILLAGE PROJECT



*EWDD General Manager Jan Perry (center) with Jordan Pynes (right), President of Thomas Safran & Associates, at “Delicious at the Dunbar” grand opening celebration 11-8-18.*

With the support of EWDD and \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds as part of the Dunbar Village revitalization project, the new restaurant Delicious at the Dunbar celebrated its grand opening November 8, 2018, bringing new energy to a location once considered the heart of the Central Avenue jazz scene and cultural center of Los Angeles’ African American community. In the 1930s the nightclub at the art deco Dunbar Hotel hosted jazz legends Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong and others, before

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falling into a period of disrepair. EWDD provided \$500,000 in CDBG funds toward the Dunbar Village revitalization project, which will add up to 15 full-time permanent jobs for local community members. “The crown jewel of Central Avenue is the home of a full-service, sit-down restaurant. Aptly named ‘Delicious,’ it is not only beautiful inside, but the food, a fusion of soul food and Mexican food is flavorful beyond words,” said EWDD General Manager Jan Perry, who attended the opening and in her previous role as Councilwoman for the 9<sup>th</sup> District, helped pave the way for the Dunbar Village project. “EWDD was proud to work with the council office and Thomas Safran and Associates to bring this amenity to the community for all to enjoy.”

## CENTRAL & EAST REGION YOUTHSOURCE ATTEND CASH FOR COLLEGE EVENT



Approximately 54 Central and East Region YouthSource Center participants from EWDD partner Para Los Niños (PLN) attended the City’s Cash for College 17<sup>th</sup> Annual College & Career Convention on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Los Angeles Trade Technical College. The students attended college prep workshops and met college representatives. One lucky PLN student also won a \$1,000 scholarship.

*Para Los Ninos students from both the Central and East Region YouthSource Centers attended the Cash for College 17<sup>th</sup> Annual College & Career Convention in early November at LATTC*

## MID CITY REGION BSC HELPS ENTREPRENEUR LAUNCH JEWELRY BUSINESS

The Mid City Region BusinessSource Center (BSC), run by EWDD partner Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE), helped entrepreneur Wendy Lopez secure a \$2,000 mini-microloan to launch her handmade jewelry business Valeomana Fragoso.. After years of working as a seamstress, Wendy began making jewelry in 2017. In September 2018, Wendy walked into the Mid City BSC where she met with a business coach who helped her file a DBA and obtain her LA Tax Certificate. To help her launch her business, the business coach guided her through the loan process. Once approved for the \$2,000 loan, Wendy purchased supplies and materials to create more original designs. Wendy also continues to work with her business coach at the Mid City BSC and plans to take more business workshops at the center.

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**BUSINESS METRICS:**

<b>LABSCs Reporting:</b>	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor	
Microenterprise enrolled		28
Microenterprise assisted		37
Small businesses enrolled		11
Small businesses assisted		18
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops		58

**WORKFORCE METRICS:**

*(arrows indicate weekly trend)*

**CalJobs** *(online and mobile)*



472 Registrations  
32% ↓

**WorkSource Centers**



1,437 Enrollments  
17% ↓

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