



News for the Week of SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

**HUD \$3.7M JOBS PLUS INITIATIVE TO BENEFIT WATTS/LA WORKSOURCE CENTER**



*From left to right, Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, HACLA President and CEO Doug Guthrie, EWDD Interim General Manager John L. Reamer, Jr. and Mayor Eric Garcetti at the Wednesday September 4, 2019 press conference announcing the \$3.7M Jobs Plus grant.*

The Watts/Los Angeles WorkSource Center, operated by EWDD partner the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), will administer job training and supportive services to 250 Nickerson Gardens residents through a \$3.7M Jobs Plus grant. Awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the grant is geared toward training public housing residents for employment. Through the grant, Nickerson Gardens residents will receive training and placement for careers in healthcare and construction. HACLA was the only Jobs Plus grantee in the nation to also

operate an America’s Job Center which was an instrumental factor in HACLA’s success in obtaining the grant, said David Eder, Deputy Director of the City’s Workforce Development Board (WDB). Pamela Paige, Workforce Development and Section 3 Manager for the Watts/LA WorkSource Center, credited David and the WDB for collaborating with HACLA

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toward the successful award of the grant. The WDB advises how the City of LA will meet workforce development needs through job services provided at EWDD's WorkSource Centers. "I want to thank EWDD for their support," she said. "We're happy to be part of the system." Another highlight of the grant is that it will subsidize rent increases for participants for the duration of the grant to help enrollees save money, Pamela said. As part of the grant, HACLA will open a WorkSource Center Computer Lab at Nickerson Gardens specifically for residents. The lab is scheduled to open Thursday September 5, 2019, Pamela said. EWDD was represented by Interim General Manager John L. Reamer, Jr. and Assistant General Manager Robert Sainz, who attended the press conference on Wednesday September 4, 2019 at the Nickerson Garden Sage Center announcing the award.

## **CENTRAL/WEST REGION BSC SECURES \$23K MICROLOAN FOR JUICE BUSINESS**

The Central/West Region BusinessSource Center (BSC) assisted William Mercado (right) in securing a \$23,000 Small Business Administration (SBA) microloan that allowed him to launch his mobile organic juice company, The Juice Market. With more than 10 years of experience in the restaurant and hospitality industry, William noticed a rising trend for healthy eating and knew he wanted to be in a business that promotes healthy living. In August 2019, William attended a startup workshop held at the Central/West BSC, where he met with a business counselor. William received ongoing business consulting and was referred to a loan counselor based at the center to obtain the financing he needed. Within a week, William was awarded a \$23,000 microloan for working capital to launch The Juice Market.



**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	13
Microenterprise assisted	54
Small businesses enrolled	0
Small businesses assisted	6
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops	103

**WORKFORCE METRICS:**

*(arrows indicate weekly trend)*

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



704  
Registrations  
14%

**WorkSource Centers**



361  
Enrollments  
3%

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