

LAABP

Black History Month Events

Join the LAABP (Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel) for several festive, meaningful events honoring Black History Month.

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The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) will kick off its African American Heritage Month observance with a variety of events throughout February, announced Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP President, and Director, Public Affairs, Public Works.

"We invite employees and the general public to join us as we celebrate the rich history and contributions of African Americans to this great country," Jackson-Fossett said. "All of our events are free and we encourage everyone to participate."

The first activity is a literary event and book signing in the City Hall Rotunda from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 11, featuring local authors, published and recorded City employees, a writing seminar, and giveaways. Join authors for a rousing discussion of books, writing techniques and ideas and have your books personally autographed.

Would you like to squeeze in some fun, entertainment, and food in a one-hour lunch and share a cultural experience with your friends and co-workers? Meet them at the "Kuonja: Flavors of Soul and Marketplace" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 24 and 25, at the Fletcher Bowron Square (Triforium) in Downtown Los Angeles on Temple Street between Main and Los Angeles Streets. While you are sampling the food (soul, barbeque, Caribbean, or African), friends and co-workers will entertain with spoken word and performance art. Be sure to shop at the various booths displaying artwork, crafts, jewelry, fashion and

more! Employee's culinary talents will be judged during a bake-off of delectable desserts.

Mark your calendars to attend the fourth annual Trailblazer Reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. The event includes food, entertainment and an awards program in the beautiful Tom Bradley Room at the Los Angeles City Hall. While the event is free, you must call (213) 978-0319 for a reservation due to limited space. The event honors the efforts of

African Americans working for the City who have blazed a trail for others to follow by being an example of leadership, professionalism and excellence.

The LAABP, with the other affirmative action associations representing the workforce of the City, is dedicated to the advancement and development of African Americans. Visit www.laabp.com to learn more or become a member.



City Employees enjoy the food and gift items available at the African Marketplace.



The annual Fashion Show at the African Marketplace features many City workers as models.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Presented by the
Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel
For more information, please go to www.laabp.com

JAZZ BY THE SEA

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 12
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hyperion Wastewater
Treatment Plant
12000 Vista Del Mar
Playa Del Rey, CA
90293

LITERARY EVENT & BOOK FAIR

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 11
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: City Hall Rotunda
200 N. Spring St.
90012

TRAILBLAZERS RECEPTION

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 18
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tom Bradley Tower
Room (City Hall)
200 N. Spring St.,
90012

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90012
(Temple, between Main &
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