

CONVENTION CENTER

A Day for the Earth

Convention Center celebrates Earth Day with a midday festival.



Carpenter Mario Sanchez (left) helps Ashley crush a can. Senior Carpenter David James is in the background.



From the Convention Center Food Services Division, from left: Jorge Romero, Willie Ruffie and Sue Franco show students the biodegradable forks, spoons and knives used at the Convention Center.



Event Manager Haruka Murakami plays "Putt for Green."



Environmental Engineering Associate Zafar Karimi provides information to students from Bushnell Elementary. Zamar works with Public Works/Sanitation.



Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facilities Services Division; Kings mascot "Bailey," and Miguel from 10th Street Elementary.



Convention Center Chief Building Engineer Rey Castro (left) explains how solar power works.

Story and photos courtesy Luis Aguilar, Convention Center

On National Earth Day, April 22, the Convention Center hosted its first "Los Angeles Convention Center Earth-Aware, Doing Our Share" community event at its outdoor Gilbert Lindsay Plaza.

One key activity at the festival was the planting of a tree donated by Million Trees LA in commemoration of the Convention Center's LEED-EB certification and commitment to a healthier environment.

The festival was an interactive community event where local students, friends, family and the general public could partake and experience many green-related activities that are happening/implemented at the Convention Center and throughout other City departments and divisions.

The DWP, General Services, and Public Works/Sanitation supported the event.



Convention Center General Manager Pouria Abbasi leads the tree-planting ceremony with kids from 10th Street Elementary.



From left: Convention Center Event Services Director Greg Rosicky and Assistant General Manager Mary Jane Aquino listen to a lecture by Mike Clemens and Greg Dies from Virtual Water Services.



Eighth grader Timothy Le explains his wind turbine to students. Timothy presented this project at the Science Fair, held at the Convention Center.



Event Manager Denise Bell crushes a can with Jazmine from 10th Street Elementary.



Convention Center Administrative Assistants celebrate Earth Day: Luis Aguilar, Adria Ybarra, Julia Lizarde, Heddy Guinto, Amber Leslie, Cristine Villorante, Gwen Miller, Brad Atwell, Denise Chavez, Shirley Krumme, Maria Gutierrez, Ripsime Nikogosyan, Derek Young, Drena Hills, Herlinda Timbol, Lucy Bonilla, Reina Legaspi, Erin Christovale, Ulises Lara, Latina Smith, Raquel Velazquez and the L.A. Kings mascot "Bailey."



Convention Center employee Drena Hills (in hat) plays hoops with Sandra and Kimberly from 10th Street Elementary. A parent watches in the background.



Senior carpenter David James and Executive Chef Rick Wineman bake cookies with students.



Recycling Ambassador Jose M. Alonso from Public Works/Sanitation shares some recycling tips with students.



Art Rios and Michael Rubio observe as Miguel plays "putt for green."



Nativity Catholic School eighth grader Kristina David explains to kids her project "Distilling Water." She presented this project during the recent Science and Engineering Fair at the Los Angeles Convention Center.



Floyd and Maureen from the Science and Engineering Fair show a solar project presented by Cierra Mason at the recent fair at the Convention Center.



Convention Center General Manager Pouria Abbasi welcomes kids from 10th Street Elementary to the Convention Center.



Executive Administrative Assistant Rachel Griffone crushes a can with Brad Atwell.



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins, Assistant General Manager Mary Jane Aquino, Assistant General Manager Phillip Hill, L.A. Kings mascot "Bailey," General Manager Pouria Abbasi, and Chief Building Engineer Rey Castro.