

LACECA

'El Grito' Meet and Greet

Hispanic employees association hosts first 'El Grito' mixer.

Story and photos courtesy Charles Aguilar Rogers, President, LACECA

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) held its first "El Grito" mixer Sept. 16 at Señor Fish downtown.

The mixer commemorated Mexican Independence Day during Latino Heritage Month. The El Grito celebration marks Mexico's 1810 war for independence from Spain and was the cry for independence and the call to arms that rang from church bells across the Mexican countryside.

The mixer attracted approximately 80 guests. The crowd was comprised of a mix of City of Los Angeles employees, other governmental employees, and family and friends of LACECA members. Guests enjoyed delicious appetizers provided by Señor Fish, and listened and danced to great music provided by DJ Maximus. The evening also included an El Grito contest. The contestant who gave out the loudest and most compelling Grito won a beautiful gift basket comprised of various goodies. This year's winner was Ben Avalos, DWP. Other contestants, who were awarded consolation prizes, were Angie Roman, LAPD; Anthony Garcia, Public Works; and Blanca Mercado, who works for the State of California.

Due to the great turnout, LACECA plans on making the El Grito Mixer an annual event. Other upcoming LACECA events include the annual picnic, Oct. 17, at Griffith Park (Crystal Springs); and the annual holiday party and toy drive, Dec. 17 at Tamayo's Restaurant.

Information about these upcoming events can be found on LACECA's Website: www.LACECA.org.

LACECA would like to thank Enrique Ramirez, the owner and operator of Señor Fish, and his assistant Jesse. LACECA would also like to give out a special thank you to LACECA Executive Board members Leonor Garcia, Lupe Durazo and Ann Marie De La Riva for volunteering their time and effort in planning and coordinating the event. But LACECA would especially wish to thank all of the guests who made the El Grito mixer a huge success.



Welcoming guests to the mixer were (from left) Leonor Garcia, LACECA First Vice President, DWP; Charles Aguilar-Rogers, LACECA President, DWP; and Lupe Durazo LACECA Secretary, Personnel.



Guests, from left: Art Irigoyen, Personnel; Luis De La Torre, DWP; and Ruben Vasquez ITA.



Mixer guests, from left: Ann Marie De La Riva, LACECA Treasurer; Val Amezquita; Lilly Calvache; Alma DeGarcia; Anita Ortega; and Adan Reinoso.



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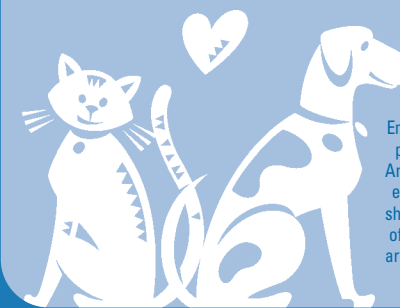
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spice

Spice is a four-year-old female rabbit. She was surrendered by her owner because they decided they wanted a dog! Spice was an indoor rabbit that uses a litterbox. She is good with children.
ID# A1056605 – West LA Animal Care Center.



tippy

Tippy is a one-year-old female Jindo mix. She was being looked after by a homeless person who brought her to adoption events with a local rescue, but could no longer take care of her. Tippy is now looking for the perfect home.
ID# A1057438 – West LA Animal Care Center.



jimmy

Jimmy is a one-year-old male German shepherd mix. He is a great dog that is housebroken, great with other dogs and is looking for a home that has lots of love to give.
ID# A1057690 – West LA Animal Care Center.



oscar

Oscar. B. Wild is a 1-year-old male Irish wolfhound mix. He is a very sweet boy that loves to run and play! He loves to give kisses and really wants to play with the other dogs at the shelter.
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