



SISTER CITIES OF LOS ANGELES, INC.



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JOURNALISTS REPORT TO LOS ANGELES



Nearly 20 professional journalists have visited Los Angeles in the past three years in an intensive, immersion program to familiarize them and their audiences with the city through the Los Angeles-Sister Cities Journalist Fellowship program.

Launched in 2006 at the suggestion on LA City Councilmember and Sister Cities champion Tom

LaBonge, the program hosts journalists from media outlets serving LA's Sister Cities for a week-long, all-expenses-paid professional fellowship comprised of casual, roundtable conversations with civic leaders and site visits to leading cultural destinations throughout the city. The program is organized by LA INC. The Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau.

SISTER CITIES OF LOS ANGELES, Inc. 2010 GALA FUNDRAISER

*Honoring our new Friendship Cities
London and Manchester, U.K.*

Thursday, May 6, 2010, 5:30pm-10pm
Gilmore Adobe At Farmer's Market
3rd St. at Fairfax Ave.

Tickets are \$75 each (cash and checks only, please) Accommodations are limited to 250 guests, so reserve early. For more information, contact: Kamilla Blanche at (213)485-3337 or Kamilla.Blanche@lacity.org.

LOS ANGELES ART SHOW

Councilmember LaBonge was proud that Los Angeles Sister Cities, Inc. - which he serves as President - exhibited art from several Sister Cities at the prestigious LA Art Show in January. More than 100 fine art dealers from around the world displayed a broad range of paintings at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

"Los Angeles boasts several outstanding museums - LACMA with the new Broad Contemporary Art Museum, MOCA and the Getty Center - to name just a few," Councilmember LaBonge said. "As a world-class art center, we're happy to have a Sister Cities booth with terrific art on display."



Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Jose Huizar were joined by Juan Marcos Gutierrez, Consul General of Mexico in marking the 40th Anniversary of the Sister Cities relationship between Los Angeles and Mexico City. The ceremony took place at El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historic Park, where Los Angeles was established. In honor of the anniversary the officials re-dedicated a sign commemorating the long and lasting relationship between the two cities, which share a common bond of culture in two of the world's major metropolitan areas. Mr. Huizar said, "We are in essence, familia." Octavio Pescador, Mexico City Sister City President and Chair, was also on hand, along with many members of the city's Mexican-American community.



Los Angeles and its 25 Sister Cities
<http://sistercitiesofla.com>



The Los Angeles Berlin Sister Cities organization had an exciting 2009. The year marked the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall & the LABSCC did much to continue to foster and promote the special relationship that Los Angeles and Berlin share. Along with the Wende Museum and new Consul General Wolfgang Drautz, the committee commemorated the fall of the Berlin Wall with a re-enactment of the historic moment with a temporary wall built across Wilshire Boulevard.

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| Athens, Greece | Lusaka, Zambia |
| Auckland, New Zealand | Makati, Phillippines |
| Beirut, Lebanon | Mexico City, Mexico |
| Berlin, Germany | Mumbai, India |
| Bordeaux, France | Nagoya, Japan |
| Busan, South Korea | St. Petersburg, Russia |
| Eilat, Israel | Salvador, Brazil |
| Giza, Egypt | San Salvador, El Salvador |
| Guangzhou, China | Split, Croatia |
| Ischia, Italy | Taipei, Taiwan |
| Jakarta, Indonesia | Tehran, Iran |
| Kaunas, Lithuania | Vancouver, Canada |
| | Yerevan, Armenia |



Mumbai Sister City chairperson Mira Advani Honeycutt joins Indian actor Ajay Mehta, Nancy Ruff and stand-up comic Komal Bhojwani at dinner.



Please Join Us!

Sister Cities Cultural Day International Folk Festival on Sunday, June 27, 1-5pm. at The Grove, 189 The Grove Dr., Los Angeles, CA (Corner of Third St. & Fairfax Ave.) Admission is free.

11th Annual Summer Solstice Hike & Sunset Picnic in Griffith Park with Councilmember LaBonge on Sunday, June 20th at 6 p.m. Hike begins at the Section 9 Parking Lot at the north end of Fern Dell Drive (1 block north of Western Ave. & Fountain Blvd.) For more info on either event, email: Kamilla.blanche@lacity.org.