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."

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Councilmember 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.
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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.