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Gateway Disaster Relief Group Takes on the Coronavirus

TEAM RUBICON IS THE FRONTLINES ACROSS THE NATION FIGHTING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Their offices may seem quiet at the moment, but for Gateway company Team Rubicon, work has not slowed during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has accelerated.

Not only did the disaster relief organization founded by veterans turn to a work-from-home stance, it also pivoted from helping survivors of natural disasters—such as Hurricane Dorian—to helping Americans affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

In the last three months, Team Rubicon has been assisting with feeding operations, standing up field medical hospitals, and helping run coronavirus testing centers—such as the one currently operating at LA's Exposition Park. Oh, and their volunteers have also been responding to a tornado or two.

"In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we've done everything from partner with the Patient Advocate Foundation to provide emergency food assistance to Americans with cancer, MS, and rheumatoid arthritis to launch an

initiative that enables any person to respond to their community's needs through safe individual acts of service," said Team Rubicon Co-founder and CEO Jake Wood. "We're built to serve, and we're going to find a way to help people on their worst days."

As of the end of May, Team Rubicon's volunteers had already helped package and deliver more than 15 million pounds of food, test more than 600 people for COVID-19, and helped care for 1,550 patients at the Navajo Nation, in Arizona.

While their Gateway offices may remain mostly shuttered for a while longer, Team Rubicon is actively recruiting new volunteers (teamrubiconusa.org/volunteer) for what promises to be a busy summer: Hurricane season begins on June 1, followed by California wildfire season. Natural disasters this year are especially likely to hit hard at communities already



disadvantaged by the coronavirus pandemic.

By pairing the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders, medical professionals, and technology solutions, Team Rubicon aims to provide the greatest service and impact possible. Through continued service, Team Rubicon seeks to provide veterans with three things they lose after leaving the military: a purpose, gained through disaster relief; community, built by serving with others; and identity, from recognizing the impact one individual can make. Coupled with leadership development and other opportunities, Team Rubicon looks to help veterans transition from military to civilian life.

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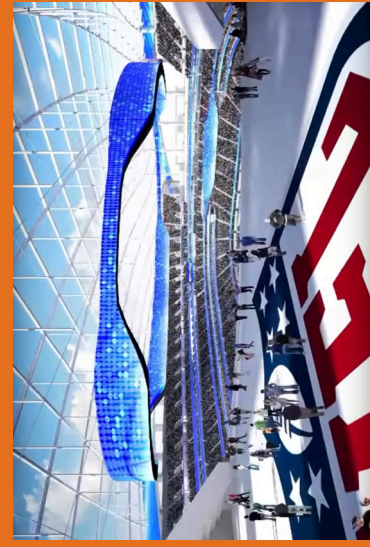
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BOAC MAKES ERBACCI'S POSITION PERMANENT
Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) has voted unanimously to approve Mayor Eric Garcetti's nomination of Justin Erbacchi as the next Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). Erbacchi, who joined LAWA in 2016, has served as Interim CEO since January 1, 2020. Erbacchi was selected after an exhaustive national search.

SoFi Stadium Getting Closer to Opening

SOFI STADIUM IS NEARING COMPLETION AND PROMISES TO BE A HUGE BOOM FOR GATEWAY AREA HOTELS

SoFi Stadium is set to open on August 14 for its first official event, a preseason game between the Rams and Saints. But with the NFL and NFLPA discussing the possibility of trimming the preseason to only two games, that grand opening could be pushed back a few weeks. When it does eventually open to fans, those buying suites will have some of the best views in the entire building. There are plenty of TVs, a massive bar in the middle and seats just outside the suite so you can feel close to the action. Perhaps the highlight of the entire stadium is the Oculus video board, which appears to be raised to its peak now after it was lifted off the ground slightly a few weeks ago. The video board is so large that there is space for workers to fit inside. When finished, SoFi Stadium is expected to cost around \$5 billion and will be home to the Rams and Chargers in Inglewood.



GATEWAY-AREA RESTAURANTS NOW OPEN FOR DINE-IN

Local restaurants are complying with city and county requirements and welcoming back diners.



TEAM RUBICON HELPS IN WAKE OF COVID-19

The Gateway-area organization has spread across the country to help those affected by the outbreak.



Crenshaw/LAX Update

One of Los Angeles's most anticipated transit projects, an 8.5-mile light rail line connecting South LA to the South Bay, won't open in 2020, as planned. According to a Metro staff report, the agency's Crenshaw/LAX Line, once expected to open in 2019, is now projected to be ready for riders by next year at the earliest. The report indicates that Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors has fallen behind schedule due to "damaged, incomplete and missing components" in "several areas of work" along the new rail route. The Los Angeles Times reports that steel reinforcements were installed incorrectly in more than 100 locations where this work will now need to be redone.





Gateway Restaurants Offering Dine-In Option After Lockdown

On Friday, May 29, both the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles announced that dine-in restaurants were permitted to reopen. Both the city and county have also issued guidelines for restaurants to follow in the reopening of their dine-in operations.

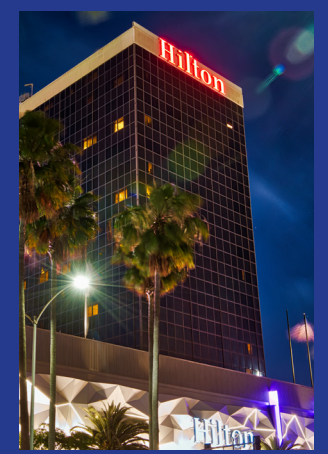
Many Gateway-area restaurants have re-opened for dine-in operations, and all continue to offer pick up and take out meals.

Both the city and the county have issued a variety of protocols for the reopening of on-site dining

for restaurants and other permanent retail food operations. For restaurants, the guidelines include a restriction to 60% of capacity. Customers and employees will be screened for symptoms such as cough or fever, physical distancing measures will be enforced and customers will be required to wear face coverings when not eating. Customers are encouraged to make reservations at many locations, and they will be asked to wait for their table either in their cars or outside the restaurant. Bar areas of restaurants will remain closed (as of June 15, 2020).

Restaurant Name	Address	Outdoor		
		Dine-In	Dining	Take Out
Daily Grill	5401 West Century Boulevard	YES	YES	YES
Rinaldi's	6171 West Century Boulevard	YES	YES	YES
Denny's	5535 West Century Boulevard	YES	NO	YES
Z Pizza Tap Room	5933 West Century Boulevard	YES	YES	YES
Jersey Mike's Subs	5933 West Century Boulevard	NO	YES	YES
Starbucks	5933 West Century Boulevard	NO	YES	YES
Waypoint Kitchen (H Hotel)	6151 West Century Boulevard	YES	NO	YES
Carl's JR	5625 West Century Boulevard	YES	NO	YES
McDonald's	5223 West Century Boulevard	NO	NO	YES
Panang Thai	5301 West Century Boulevard	NO	NO	YES
Subway	5300 West Century Boulevard	NO	NO	YES
Subway (H Hotel)	6151 West Century Boulevard	NO	NO	YES
Coffee Bean (H Hotel)	6151 West Century Boulevard	NO	NO	YES
Taco Bell	5307 West Century Boulevard	NO	NO	YES
Trimana Café	5901 West Century Boulevard	NO	NO	YES

* Openings subject to change. Data correct as of June 15, 2020



COVID-19 RESPONSE Hilton Donates Rooms to Medical Staff

Beginning in mid-April through the end of May, Hilton partnered with American Express to donate up to one million rooms to frontline medical professionals in the U.S.

To date, Hilton Los Angeles Airport has donated 1,194 rooms, with an additional 963 future reservations. The total estimated value is over \$320,000.

"This is our way of supporting and honoring those heroes who are literally putting their lives on the line to protect us and serving our community," said Hilton Los Angeles Airport General Manager Grant Coonley.

Hilton has worked with 10 associations who collectively represent more than 1 million healthcare workers to provide access to the program, designed to support individuals who would otherwise have to spend their own money on accommodations.

"During this crisis, we have seen so many examples of medical professionals working in the most challenging circumstances, sacrificing their own needs for the greater good. They truly are heroes," said Hilton President and CEO, Christopher J. Nassetta.



Gateway Ambassadors Keep BID Area Safe, Help Visitors

Perhaps, now more than ever, finding a friendly face with important information in the airport area is important for travelers, visitors and local workers, alike.

So, whether it's a visitor struggling to find an address, a hotel guest looking for directions to a restaurant or a hotel security director comparing notes on what's happening around town, Gateway LA's Goodwill Ambassadors are on the job.

The team, clad in their distinctive yellow shirts, are often the first people visitors encounter when coming to the Gateway area, and they know the streets, the businesses and the people better than anyone.

"They can tell you what restaurants are open. They can tell you the best places to park. They can tell you where we have a homeless issue," said Gateway's Executive Director Laurie Hughes. "I think of them as concierges for the whole area. They do a great job helping people with all kinds of requests."

A key component of the Ambassadors' job in working closely with local law enforcement agencies and private security at Gateway-area properties to keep the area safe. From spotting graffiti or identifying an area that needs cleaning up, the Ambassadors help observe and report all that is going on in the Gateway area.

While LAPD's Pacific Division, which includes the Gateway area, routinely ranks among the safest areas of the city, Gateway Ambassadors serve as the primary eyes and ears on the street. In addition, their yellow shirts provide a highly-visible bicycle patrol throughout the district and their ability to arrive quietly on their bikes makes them a helpful tool in addressing everything from interacting with the homeless to spotting potential crimes. In addition to improving security, Ambassadors play a valuable role in public safety, and can often be seen assisting people involved in traffic accidents before police arrive.

Ambassadors also serve as the canary in the coal mine for operational issues throughout the district. They are often the first to report when streetlights are out or a new pothole is discovered. They spot illegal signage, graffiti and even flooding or landscaping that needs attention. By identifying issues like this, Gateway can work immediately with property owners and the city to rectify any situation that needs to be addressed.

"We are proud of the work our ambassadors do because they truly are the face of Gateway LA," said Director of Program Services Michael Russell, who oversees the program. "They are professional and effective, and the area is a much better place to be because of the hard work they do."

Esteban King, who has been a Gateway Ambassador for six years, said he gets satisfaction from doing his job and helping others.

"I really like the job itself because I like being outside, communicating with people and helping them get around safely," said the Los Angeles resident.

Tyrone Tate, who has been with Gateway for two years, said he enjoys the job, too.

"We get to meet lots of new people and help them find their way around the district," he said.

Thank you to the entire Gateway LA Goodwill Ambassadors team: Esteban King, Tyrone Tate, Joseph Lopez, Joe Genish and Dayvion Taylor.

The next time you see a yellow-shirted ambassador in the district, please be sure to say "hi" and thank them for the outstanding job they're doing to keep the area safe.

