

## E-Waste Be Gone

### GATEWAY INVITES BUSINESSES TO DISPOSE OF THEIR E-WASTE

Gateway to L.A. will sponsor its Annual E-Waste Round-Up from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, where businesses can safely and conveniently dispose of old computers, printers, cell phones and other electronics for free. The round-up will be held at 9750 Vicksburg Avenue, in the parking lot on the northwest corner of W. 98th Street and Vicksburg (behind the Courtyard by Marriott). The event – sponsored by WallyPark Express – will accept TVs, computers, monitors, radios, stereos, fax machines, scanners, printers, cameras, phones, cell phones, parts and more by the carload or a truckload. No furniture, household hazardous waste or kitchen appliances will be accepted. For more information, please call (310) 642-7849.

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Stereos, Fax Machines, Scanners, Printers,  
Cameras, Phones, Cell Phones, Batteries,  
Parts and more!  
By the carload or a truckload**

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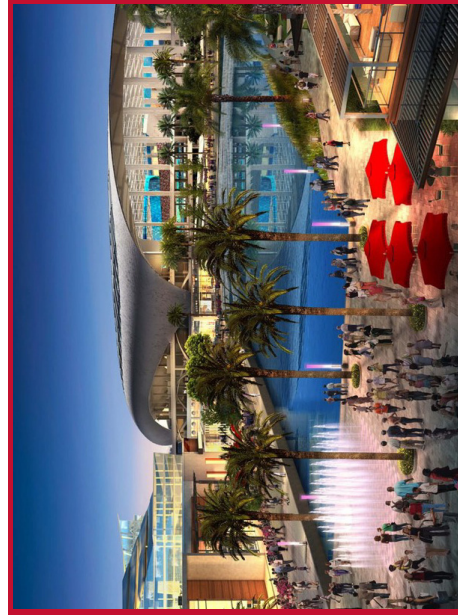
# calendar

## BOARD MEETING:

- Thurs **March 10** 8 – 9:30am – Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Airport  
5985 W. Century Blvd.
- Thurs **May 12** 8 – 9:30am – Renaissance Los Angeles Airport  
9620 Airport Blvd.
- Thurs **July 14** 8 – 9:30am – Renaissance Los Angeles Airport  
9620 Airport Blvd.

## Rams to Return to LA, Boost Local Economy

The Los Angeles Rams are back. NFL owners in Houston voted 30-2 to ratify the Rams' relocation application for an immediate move to L.A., where the team will eventually begin play at owner Stan Kroenke's proposed stadium site in Inglewood in 2019. It's a seismic decision that returns the highest level of professional football to the country's second-largest media market after a 21-year absence. The Rams could be joined by the Chargers, who have a one-year option to decide if they want to relocate and join the Rams in Inglewood. A park and lake will be at the center of the project that includes 2,500 homes, 6,000 square feet of retail stores and open plazas and a massive 800,000-square-foot office complex. The project would pump a projected \$670 million into Inglewood's General Fund over the next 25 years, and benefits would spill over into the Gateway to LA area, delivering more hotel guests and making the area more appealing to businesses seeking office space.



## GATEWAY TO L.A. *view*

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Authentic Sushi

YOKOSO SUSHI BAR AT THE CROWNE PLAZA BRINGS "REAL" SUSHI TO CENTURY BOULEVARD

For sushi chef Masaki Kunishima, known affectionately as "Kuni," real sushi is as much an art as it is a science.

"Most sushi restaurants are Americanized," Kuni said. "We are trying to keep it more authentic Japanese."

Takashi Yamaguchi, the restaurant manager, agreed, saying that he and Kuni work together to make any visit to Yokoso an authentic Japanese experience.

"We are very picky about everything," he said. "We're picky about our rice. We have our own recipe for our sushi vinegar that we make from scratch."

Yokoso is just one over several food options now available at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Airport. Yamaguchi said the hotel is the first one in the hotel chain to be outfitted with multiple restaurant venues. He said the advantage is that guest can select a single restaurant or feel comfortable sitting in one restaurant and ordering food from any of the other options.

"You can order pizza at our sushi restaurant and vice versa," Yamaguchi



said. "If you're with a group of people, you don't have to worry about finding a cuisine everyone can agree on. Just pick one restaurant and you can eat whatever you like."

And if your preference is sushi, it doesn't get better than Yokoso and, specifically Chef Kuni's special menu, which is changed daily. Known as "Omakase," the chef's menu is a regular feature of the traditional sushi restaurants near Kuni's hometown of Yokohama.

From authentic Japanese cuisine, Japanese whiskeys and more than six speciality sakis, Yokoso has it all.

Open daily from 5 to 10 p.m. for dinner at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles, 5985 W. Century Boulevard. Entrees from \$11-\$30.



Welcome Calvin Beard

GATEWAY TO L.A. ANNOUNCES FORMER CHP COMMANDER AS ITS NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The Gateway to L.A. PBID has announced the hiring of former California Highway Patrol Commander Calvin Beard to oversee the area's security and maintenance as Director of Operations. Beard replaces Jim Sakalis, who is retiring after more than 14 years in the post.



the Gateway area. "I'd like to find new and more creative ways to cultivate and expand the BID operations and work closely with all of our stakeholders, ensuring that all security and maintenance concerns are addressed."

Beard retired as Central Los Angeles Area Commander for CHP in 2012, after serving more than 10 years in that post. He previously served as Lieutenant (Field Operations Officer) for CHP's South Los Angeles Area from 1995 to 2002. Beard began his law enforcement career with the California State Police, where he served in various capacities from 1983 to 1995.

Among Beard's significant assignments was his Career Executive Appointment to State Police Commander by then Governor Pet Wilson. Beard coordinating and supervised security operations for California Governor Pete Wilson's travel to Mexico City, and eight states and 17 cities throughout Western Asia in 1993. He also coordinated and supervised security operations for Wilson's 1993-1994 re-election campaign and inaugural ceremony.

"We are excited to bring in someone with Calvin's extensive knowledge and experience in law enforcement," said Executive Director Laurie Hughes. "Calvin already has relationships with many of the law enforcement agencies with whom we work, and we know he will be an asset to the Gateway to L.A. team."

Beard is coming out of retirement to take the position because he said he likes the area and has an affinity for business improvement districts since his wife, Raquel, is the executive director of the Central City East Association.

"I feel like I've been in the BID world for many, many years," said Beard, who added that his goal is to continue the outstanding work that has been done in

WELCOME TO GATEWAY TO L.A.'S NEW ZONE 2 MEMBERS

Welcome to Gateway to L.A.'s newest members in Zone 2. They receive limited BID services, including street cleaning and ambassador patrols.

Neutrogena
5760 W. 96th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90045
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Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics
5716-5736 W. 96th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Sam's Park
5700 West 96th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90045
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China Airlines Cargo
5651 W. 96th Street
L.A. CA 90045
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Avis Budget Group Inc.
5721 W. 96th Street.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
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Flying Foods
5807 W. 98th Street
L.A., CA 90045



SOLOMON & CO. UNDERTAKES RENOVATION OF FORMER WESTERN AIRLINES BUILDING

Paul Solomon and Solomon & Co., are nearing completion of a major remodel of the former Western Airlines building at 6171 W. Century Boulevard. The 8-month project, which will be completed next month, includes all new common areas and systems as well as a new facade with floor-to-ceiling glass, a new lobby area and modernized bathrooms and elevators. The project will also include a new bar, the third location of Original Rinaldi's sandwich shop and a new, outdoor courtyard with landscaping and seating.

Solomon said the tenant list includes Stella Travel, a travel company that specializes in package travel to the South Pacific and relocated from El Segundo; the planning, design and construction firm of Hensel Phelps; Team Rubicon, a non-profit that provides disaster relief and will move in at the end of the first quarter; and M-Theory Group, a consulting and financing firm that

specializes in technology and telecom infrastructure. Solomon, who was instrumental in the renaissance of the Downtown L.A. Arts District, said he is excited to be on the ground floor of the rebirth of the Gateway area.

"Century is a long-neglected area like Downtown L.A. was when I started there in 1999. But all the infrastructure and the connection of the light rail to the airport was a big boost to my confidence for the success of this area," said Solomon, who referred to the area as "the bridge between the South Bay and the Westside."

Solomon said there will be a broker's open house for the remaining 18,000 square feet available in the building on February 17. For more information about leasing or the open house, please contact Jason Fine of Jones Lang LaSalle at (424) 294-3431.

