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### The Westin Hosts Chamber's **Annual State of LAX Event**

#### LAWA CEO JUSTIN ERBACCI DELIVERED THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE 2021 STATE OF LAX EVENT

LAWA Chief Executive Officer Justin Erbacci addressed hundreds of business and community leaders, as well as a number of members of team LAWA, at the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce's "State of LAX" event in November at The Westin LAX. This was the first time since 2019 that the event was held in-person, and attendees were required to

submit proof of vaccination to be permitted entry. CEO Erbacci was introduced by Wilber Gonzalez and Marquise McNeil, both of whom are graduates of the HireLAX program and have earned the rank of Journeyman in their trades. During his keynote address, CEO Erbacci spoke of the airport's continuing transformation and how it continues to operate

safely, efficiently, sustainably and innovatively in order to goldstandard airport experiences. He also thanked Christina Davis, the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce, and local community and business stakeholders for their continued partnership with the

#### You Can Volunteer at the 2022 Super Bowl

The LASEC Volunteer Academy is an elite program that provides volunteers with event experience, professional development and networking opportunities at major sports and entertainment events in Los Angeles. This exclusive program connects dedicated individuals with industry leaders in sports and entertainment while supporting LASEC's mission. The temporary positions are part of the Super Bowl's paid workforce team, the Super Bowl LVI Teammate Program, to support activities related to Super Bowl LVI. The jobs deliver an opportunity for Angelenos to get involved in the long-anticipated return of Super Bowl to the Los Angeles region on Feb. 13, 2022, at Inglewood's new SoFi Stadium.

The Super Bowl LVI Teammate Program hiring will focus on events at the Los Angeles Convention Center and Super Bowl gameday events at SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park. The positions will include assisting with quest experience, staff gear distribution, and wayfinding roles around Super Bowl LVI events, among other responsibilities. Shifts will be available between January 31 to February 13, 2022.

Super Bowl LVI Teammate Program opportunities are available now. Sign up today at: lasuperbowlhc.rosterfy.com/login

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## Gateway View





#### **HYATT PLACE & HYATT HOUSE LAX CUT RIBBON**



#### COVID-19 VACCINE RECORD

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### **Holiday Displays**

Incredible holiday displays like this one at the Hilton LAX are going up at hotels, office buildings and restaurants throughout the

So, if you're in the holiday spirit, take a look around our member properties and enjoy the festive and unique decorations – each display is more impressive than the last!

### New GMs Take Over Local Hotels

Renaissance
Los Angeles
Airport Hotel has
announced that
Geoff Hatler has
accepted the
position of General
Manager..

Over the span of his 34-year hospitality career, Geoff has

held multiple leadership roles as an Executive Leader at The Westin Seattle and Sheraton Grand Sacramento as well as in Operations Leadership roles at The Westin Los Angeles Airport, Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Airport and Sheraton Universal Hotel.

Under his leadership at The Westin Seattle, Geoff has championed several key initiatives: Six Sigma Black Belt, Sustainability Champion, RD1 Change Crew Champion, BLT Hotel & Market Champion, Host Hotels & Resorts Insigniam Champion, and he led the recent lobby renovation which included a new bar concept. His business acumen, passion for the brand activation, leading change and enhancing the guest and associate experience have truly helped The Westin Seattle team elevate, thrive, and work well.

Geoff earned a bachelor's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly Pomona) with minors in BA and Marketing, participated in a F&B Management Internship at The Westin Resort, Vail, Colorado and earned a Strategic Leadership for the Hospitality Professional Certificate at Cornell.



Southern California area, Alfonso Torres is excited to be the new general manager of the Four Points by Sheraton LAX. He began his hospitality career over 20 years ago, working at the Doubletree by Hilton El Segundo.



"Of my 20-plus years in the hospitality industry, more than 10 years have been dedicated to the LAX market and more than 15 years to airport hotels," Alfonso said. "I've had the pleasure to work with several different brands throughout my career; Choice, La Quinta, Starwood, Hilton, and now Marriott. I have been truly blessed to have worked with so many amazing people and organizations over the course my career."

Among Alfonso's stops are:

- Sheraton Ontario Airport Hotel 2010-2015
- Hilton Garden Inn LAX/El Segundo 2015-2017
- Hilton Garden Inn Los Angeles/Hollywood 2017-2019
- Embassy Suites LAX North 2019-2021

"I am truly excited about this new opportunity with the Four Points by Sheraton LAX," he said. "We have an unbelievable team here that genuinely cares about the property and one another. The property brings with it a great culture, a dedicated and loyal team and a caring and supportive ownership. Truly excited of all the potential that exists here at the Four Points and looking forward to continued success at LAX!

### **Event Recycles 10,000 Pounds of Documents**

Gateway Los Angeles members shredded more than 10,000 pounds of documents at its annual on-site document shredding event in November.

All the materials were recycled in partnership with Paper Recycling & Shredding Specialists, a full-service shredding company that securely disposes of all the recycled documents.

This year's event saw incredible participation from all the office buildings in Gateway LA, and the BID will do it again in spring 2022



### Los Airport BUSINESS DISTRICT

## Gateway Elects New Board,

**Exec Committee** 

At Gateway's Annual meeting in November, Gateway LA installed its new board of directors for the 2021-22 year. The new board members are:

Gnell Abracosa
Hyatt Regency at LAX
Charles Bassett
L&R Group
Grant Coonley
Hilton Los Angeles Airport
Steve Dodaro
Seaview Hotels
Dwight Everest
Sunny Hills Management Co.
Paul Gibbs
Sonesta Hotel
Mark Goldrup
The Westin LAX Hotel

Jeff Hart Los Angeles Airport Marriott

Cathy Li
Four Points by Sheraton
Lance Meinershagen

PRG Parking **David Merritt** 

5200 W. Century Israel Mora Holiday Inn LAX

Bob Ruth 5901 Century Owner, LLC Steve Shpilsky

Hyatt Place/Hyatt House Hotels

Paul Solomon 6171 Century LLC Valeria Velasco

Los Angeles World Airports

In addition, the board also selected the following members of the board to serve on Gateway's Executive Committee:

Charles Bassett Jeff Hart David Merritt Paul Solomon Val Velasco

### 911 COVID Testing Clinic Opens at 9800 Sepulveda

911 Covid Testing has opened a state-of-the-art location at 9800 Sepulveda Boulevard, providing FDA-authorized testing services from friendly



and experienced practitioners. With online booking, QR code check-ins, and guaranteed no wait times, the clinic makes it simple to receive the results you need, fast.

911 Covid Testing is open daily from 6 a.m. to midnight and offers travel clearance testing, same-day testing, business testing, vaccines and more. Appointments can be booked online at www.911covidtesting.com, and the clinic even offers mobile testing and in-business testing for companies, schools and organizations with groups that need testing in a single location.



### Four Points Reopens Its Brewster's Bar & Grill

The Four Points by Sheraton Los Angeles International Airport is proud to announce the reopening of Brewster's, the hotel's on-site restaurant.



Brewster's offers amazing American cuisine and beverages, including 100 locally-sourced beers. The lunch and dinner menu features everything from sandwiches and salads to specialties like Grilled Chicken Paillard and Linquini & Meatballs.

Brewster's Bar and Grill is open daily from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Outside of those hours, The Four Points offers HC Valentine, its graband-go option, which is open daily from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.



# Hyatt Place & Hyatt House LAX Now Open on West Century

#### THE HOTEL BOASTS THE TALLEST ROOFTOP TERRACE AND ONLY ROOFTOP POOL IN THE MARKET

The dual-branded Hyatt Place & Hyatt House LAX, located on 5959 W. Century Boulevard, brings a fresh look with a mid-century modern design, the tallest rooftop terrace and only rooftop pool in the airport market. Gateway recently hosted a ribbon cutting for the hotel, which features Greenleaf Kitchen & Cocktails on the lobby level and upscale dining concept ShoresLAX on the rooftop level.

Both hotels feature 401 rooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling windows. The 272-room Hyatt Place LAX / Century Blvd provides a casual atmosphere and guestrooms with separate spaces to sleep, work and play, along with practical amenities, such as free wi-fi and 24-hour food offerings. Ideal for extended stays, the 129-room Hyatt House LAX / Century Blvd provides guests with apartment-style suites with fully equipped kitchens and comfortable living rooms to make them feel at home. Together, the two hotels will offer an array of shared services and amenities to cater to both the needs of transient and extended stay guests.



The hotels offer more than 2,200 square feet of indoor meeting space and more than 20,000 square feet of outdoor event space. In addition, the property is home to an 1,880 square foot state-of-the-art fitness center with multiple Peloton bikes, treadmills, Life Fitness Arc Trainers, and more for a full body workout any time of day.

#### LADWP to Begin New Infrastructure Project

LADWP will be commencing a new power infrastructure improvement project in our area as part of their \$4.5 billion Power Infrastructure Plan to accelerate the pace of replacing aging infrastructure in the City. Starting in November 2021, the Scattergood to West L.A. — Sawtelle Modernization project will commence, and it entails the removal of old underground cables and their replacement with new, modern cables through maintenance holes in the streets. The project will run through March 2023. Crews will work intermittently throughout the project alignment. This work requires crews to block a portion of a traffic lane over the maintenance hole in which the vaults are located to accomplish their activities. No street construction is anticipated. The hours of work are 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Saturday.

For more details, please visit www.ladwp.com/SWLA