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eWaste and Unsafe Car Seat Collection at EarthFest LA Environmental Expo & Concert Saturday, September 15



The Culver City Council and West Los Angeles College President gathered to show their support for the 7th Annual EarthFest LA which will be held, for the first time, at West Los Angeles College on Saturday, September 15. The group is standing in front of one of the many Culver City refuse trucks now displaying EarthFest LA posters. Culver City and WLAC are among the event's sponsors. PICTURED FROM LEFT ARE: Charles Herbertson, Culver City (CC) Director of Public Works; Damian Skinner, CC Environmental Programs Manager; Jeffery Cooper, CC Vice Mayor; Andrew Weissman CC Mayor; Michael Meador, CEO California Greenworks, Inc. / EarthFest LA Director; Meghan Sahl-Wells, CC Councilmember; Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, WLAC President; Amy Rosenstein, Architect and EarthFest LA Volunteer.

From 9:00am – 4:00pm, residents may drop off their broken and old electronic devices to be recycled at the 7th Annual EarthFest LA being held at West Los Angeles College this Saturday, September 15. Electronic items such as computers, keyboards, televisions, cell phones, etc. can contain metals and toxic materials that should not go to landfills and can contaminate groundwater. Used and unsafe car seats, and seats that have been in a car crash are also being collected to help prevent unsafe seats from being recirculated. People who turn in car seats will receive a discount on the purchase of an EarthFest LA concert ticket. Items are being collected in Parking Lot 5.

EarthFest LA is a family-friendly, day-long event consisting of environmental and healthy living presentations, booths, and an R&B / Smooth Jazz concert. The event is coordinated by California Greenworks, Inc. in conjunction with West Los Angeles College. Presenters will discuss the controversial oil extraction method called “fracking;” the practical benefits of green jobs and a greener economy; the future of water sustainability; and greening our homes. Access to the booths and presentations from 11:00am to 4:00pm. is free as is the parking. Tickets to the concert from 2:00pm to 6:00pm can be purchased for just \$20.00 at

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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

11:00 a.m. | DANIEL VILLOO, primary author of “Beyond Green Jobs,” and State Director of the California Construction Academy at the UCLA Labor Center. He will discuss the economic and environmental benefits of a greener economy.

11:00 a.m. | ISABELLE DUVIVIER, principal of Duvivier Architects, will discuss the firm's recent achievement of renovating a house in Venice, CA and elevating it to one of the highest LEED rated homes in the nation.

11:30 a.m. | DEANA VITELA, CEO and partner of AquaBio Environmental Technologies, will address the future of water sustainability. She has advised federal task forces concerning restoration and treatment of water ways, lagoons and effluents from urban runoff and waste treatment facilities.

1:00 p.m. | SCREENING & PANEL - A panel sponsored by Food & Water Watch will discuss the impact of fracking following an abbreviated screening of “Gasland” by Josh Fox.

ABOUT THE CONCERT

Headlining is Grammy winning smooth jazz artist Paul Brown. Also appearing is chart-topping contemporary jazz musician Darren Rahn; R&B vocalist Wendy Moten; and Motown-influenced singer/songwriter Chris Lightfoot. Lawn seating is just \$20. Children 12 and younger are free. The concert will be held on the expansive Student Services Building lawn with views of West Los Angeles. Concert tickets can be purchased www.EarthFestLA.org

EarthFest LA is co-chaired by Congresswoman Karen Bass, Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell and Culver City Councilmember Jeffrey Cooper. Community organizations supporting this event are Food and Water Watch, the UCLA Labor Center and the California Construction Academy, Habitat for Humanity of Greater, the Angeles chapter of the Sierra Club, and Champions for Change.

EarthFest LA is produced by California Greenworks, Inc., a non-profit organization whose charter is to improve urban communities in Southern California, specifically Los Angeles County. Their motto “greening on neighborhood at a time,” guides their efforts.

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