



Mehmet Berker BABCNC Updates 1/26/2022

DBS Meeting

I'll be at your DBS meeting on 2/2.

Blood Drive

Give blood with the American Red Cross at the Sherman Oaks Westfield Mall on Thursday 1/27 from 10am-4pm in the Community Room.

To help battle the blood shortage, sign-up to donate at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)



Westfield Fashion Square Community Blood Drive

Location: Community Room across from Ross
1406 Riverside Drive
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Thursday, January 27, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





101 closures

Date/Time: Sunday, January 23 through Thursday, January 27 from 9 PM to 5 AM;
Sunday, January 30 through Thursday, February 3 from 9 PM to 5 AM; Sunday,
February 6 through Thursday, February 10 from 9 PM to 5 AM

Location: US 101 (Hollywood Freeway/Ventura Freeway) between Winnetka Avenue
and Tampa Avenue.

Details: Residents and businesses located near the freeway are advised to anticipate
noise, vibrations, and dust associated with construction activities.

Some lanes may be closed in either direction or both directions simultaneously to
facilitate a safe work zone for workers and motorists. At least one or two lanes in each
direction will remain open for traffic while work is underway.

The schedule is weather-permitting, and all dates and times are subject to change.

Motorists should expect delays and are strongly advised to avoid the area and use
alternate routes. Additionally, motorists can check traffic conditions before they leave by
visiting the Caltrans [Quickmap](https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov) (quickmap.dot.ca.gov).

Contact: Contact: Jeremiah Teves, jeremiah.teves@dot.ca.gov

Phone: (213) 793-9669

Request Delivery For FREE At-Home COVID Tests

Even if you're vaccinated, it's important to get tested when you experience COVID
symptoms or when you've come into contact with someone symptomatic. The
federal government is offering delivery of **FREE at-home COVID tests**, with a limit
of four tests per residential address that request them. Go to covidtests.gov to
request yours!

For additional testing sites across LA County click [HERE](#) (or call 211), and for free
PCR Test Pickup sites click [HERE](#).

**Round 3 Of \$5000 Grants For City of LA Businesses Opening 1/24**

The LA Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD)'s Comeback Checks Program will provide \$5,000 grants to approximately 5,000 businesses in the City of Los Angeles. The next round of applications open on 1/24 and close 2/4.

Questions? Contact your local BusinessSource Center for assistance! For more info, visit: <http://ComebackChecksLA.com>

Apply For Grants To Greenify Your Neighborhood

If you have a project idea to greenify your neighborhood, engage communities, and expand the capacity of local community groups, apply to California ReLeaf's Treecovery Grant Program, with grants up to \$90,000 available. **Applications are due by January 31! More information on the program and how to apply [HERE](#).**

Sepulveda Scoping

<https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/>

Adjourned in Memory of Judge John Harris

We adjourned Council on Tuesday, 1/25 in memory of Judge John Harris and were honored to do so. I know folks brought up the idea of a memorial bench, and we're happy to help!

Short Term 14-1635-S10

Waiting to schedule at PLUM. Anticipating 2/1 as of now

LEGISLATION**COUNCILMEMBER NITHYA RAMAN INTRODUCES MOTION TO INCREASE SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN CITY CONTRACTING (Krekorian second)**

LOS ANGELES -- Today, Councilmember Nithya Raman introduced a motion to increase the share of City spending that benefits local small businesses. The motion seeks to establish Community Level Contracting as a City-wide procurement practice,



which means “right-sizing” City contracts to make them smaller in size and scope in order to allow for greater small business participation. It also seeks to improve the City’s monitoring of subcontracting activities.

“A mere fraction of the City’s personal services contracts are awarded to local, small, women- and minority-owned businesses,” said Councilmember Raman. “If we don’t make changes to make contracting more accessible, we are missing a massive opportunity to forge a more equitable, inclusive economy reflective of LA’s vibrant local business landscape.”

This legislation follows the passage of Councilmember Raman’s motion ([Council File 21-1080](#)) in November 2021, which aims to enhance transparency in City contracting and align the City’s procurement with its social and environmental values by creating a centralized, permanent Office of Procurement. Once created, the office will manage the City’s approximately \$4.5 billion annual spending on procuring goods, services, and construction.

Councilmember Raman’s motion today builds on that effort by calling for the expansion of Community Level Contracting to all departments within the City of Los Angeles. Currently, the Board of Public works is utilizing Community Level Contracting across the bureaus it oversees, unbundling large contracts into work packages of \$100,000 or less to provide small businesses an opportunity to work directly with the City.

“LA’s Board of Public Works has already proven that Community Level Contracting is an incredibly effective tool for diversifying the array of businesses able to contract with the City,” Councilmember Raman added. “We must take this practice city-wide to truly bolster the local economic impact of the City’s purchasing power.”

The motion also calls on the City to develop mechanisms for monitoring subcontracting by prime contractors. When large businesses bid for contracts with the City, they can receive preference points by promising to subcontract with local small businesses. However, the City has no comprehensive system in place to effectively track whether those subcontracting commitments are upheld.

Finally, Raman’s motion requests an assessment of the efficacy of all the City’s education and outreach programs that aim to educate small, local, women- and/or minority-owned businesses on how to bid for City contracts.