



# NEWSLETTER

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## Hot Topic: LAMC 56.11

Los Angeles Municipal Code 56.11 deals with an issue our district faces daily: complete blockage of public sidewalks and tents or tarpaulins attached to private property. The City Attorney's office recently revised LAMC 56.11, and the new version was heard by the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee on May 20th. In that meeting City Attorney Flores stated that "the revised 56.11 strikes a balance between rights of homeless and rights of residents and businesses." Current ordinance allows persons to be cited for leaving property on public sidewalks; revised ordinance would allow persons to claim their property without fear of citation. The ordinance would apply to all persons, including businesses, and not just homeless individuals. The City has halted enforcement of 56.11 since the Lavan Vs. City of Los Angeles case, when it became clear that a more balanced approach to this issue was necessary. Many at City Hall believe this revised ordinance is the answer. **Continued pg. 3**



Encampments blocking public right of way on the 500 block of Towne Ave

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## Speak Up and Help Bring DASH Services to Central City East



Current DASH Routes.

Information and Surveys available at: <http://ladottransit.com/Movingforwardtogether>

The Downtown Industrial District is in great need of further public transportation options, particularly the LADOT operated DASH buses. Currently, DASH buses serve every part of downtown other than the Industrial District (see map). These buses are convenient and affordable, with a \$0.50 fare (\$0.25 for riders over 50). Expanding service into the Industrial District would ease commutes for employees of local businesses and allow people who live and work in the area to travel throughout downtown without having to drive or worry about the availability and cost of parking. Currently, LADOT is working on a new Transit Service Analysis and the Department is seeking input from community members and stakeholders. We strongly encourage you to participate either online at the web address on the left or in person, by attending one of the upcoming public workshops that LADOT is organizing. The Downtown workshop will be Monday, June 15 at 12PM in the Caltrans Building (100 S Main Street).

**Upcoming Street Vending Meeting:** There will be a community meeting at City Hall on Thursday, June 18 at 6PM to discuss the proposed legalization of street vending in Los Angeles. This is an important public policy issue and all BID stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

## Officers Flores and Bascomb Honored by Central City Police Boosters

The Central City Police Boosters, a non-profit organization that works with the LAPD to improve the safety of Downtown Los Angeles, honored public safety officers Flores and Bascomb at its annual Public Safety Luncheon. The BID would like to congratulate both officers on this recognition and also to applaud all public safety officers for their exemplary work over the last quarter. In that time, our officers have handled several volatile situations with courage and composure. We are grateful to have such a quality team of dedicated and professional officers serving the Central City East area.



Officers Flores and Bascomb (center) are recognized

## Help Us Improve our District

Notice a dysfunctional streetlight? A pile of trash discarded in a place where it shouldn't be? Don't hesitate to contact the BID. We are always working with the Bureau of Street Services and the Bureau of Street Lighting to combat illegal dumping and to ensure that street lighting fixtures throughout the district are in good working condition. Outages can also be reported by dialing 311. Additionally, we are pleased to announce the recent completion of our tree trimming efforts. 265 trees have been trimmed this quarter and members of our maintenance crew have now attended to every tree in the district.



Daiso features a wide and colorful selection of electronic accessories (left) and tasty snacks (below)



## Website Redesign Coming Soon

The BID website ([www.industrialdistrictla.com](http://www.industrialdistrictla.com)) is undergoing some exciting renovations. We are eager to provide our stakeholders with a site that is both modern and user-friendly. Visitors will soon be able to take advantage of the interactive design to contact our offices directly and file requests online. The new site should be live in early July, and in the meantime, we encourage all stakeholders to follow us on the Los Angeles Downtown Industrial District Facebook page.

## Community Spotlight: Daiso

The BID is pleased to welcome a new member of the Central City East community. In October of 2014, Daiso opened up for business in the newly redesigned Little Tokyo Galleria. Originating in Japan, Daiso carries a wide variety of merchandise, all priced around \$1.50. From school supplies and snacks to house cleaning products and electronic accessories, Daiso features a diverse range of products that are manufactured by the Daiso house brand and cannot be found anywhere else. Frequent inventory updates ensure that no two visits to the store are likely to be the same. The Little Tokyo store becomes the third location in the city of Los Angeles and one of over 3,000 stores worldwide. Daiso is open from 10AM to 9PM Monday through Saturday and from 10AM to 8PM on Sundays.

## LAMC 56.11 Continued

Under the current ordinance, at least three visits by City personnel are required before property can be removed. Once an assessment is made that an encampment needs to be cleaned, Bureau of Street Services personnel issue a request that must be signed off by both the Bureau director and the chairman of the Board of Public Works. Only then can an encampment be cleaned out, with 72-hour notice. The revised 56.11 reduces this 72-hour period to 24 hours, after which homeless individuals are given the opportunity to move their belongings. Anything left behind will be removed. Items deemed hazardous are discarded immediately. Other personal property is taken to storage at the new City warehouse at 5th & Towne.

The need for additional storage facilities regionally was discussed at the May 20th meeting. Ultimately the motion passed, and now goes to the full Council for approval. Please stay in-tuned to this topic, and make your voices heard on this issue. Although homelessness is a wider spread issue than ever before, the Industrial District continues to have the largest concentration of encampments on the public right of way.

*No person shall leave or permit to remain any merchandise, baggage or any article of personal property upon any parkway or sidewalk. Provided, that boxes, barrels and other receptacles for merchandise may be unpacked and their contents removed upon parkways or sidewalks outside of the Central Traffic District if such boxes, barrels and other receptacles for merchandise are removed immediately thereafter. - LAMC 56.11 as currently worded*

## Arts Calendar

The Downtown Industrial District is home to several vibrant art galleries and performance spaces. Here are a few upcoming events to look forward to:

### Inner-City Arts

On July 25th Inner-City Arts will present its annual Summer on 7th rooftop celebration (see poster below). The event will feature food, drink, art, and live music at the Inner-City Arts Campus. Proceeds will help fund arts education for underserved youth.

### LA Fort

This artist collective hosts bi-weekly Yoga classes, figure drawing sessions on the last Wednesday of each month, and a crafting workshop on the first Monday.

### Superchief

The sister gallery of a Brooklyn institution, Superchief opened its Los Angeles venue last year and features work by some of the most innovative artists in the area. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday from 12 to 5 PM.



## Have You Seen Our New Look?

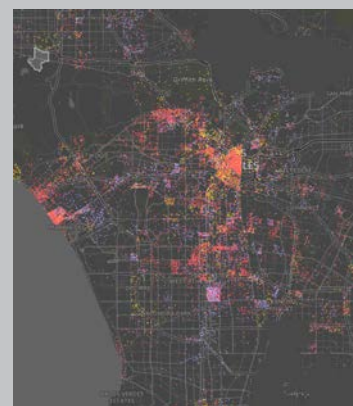


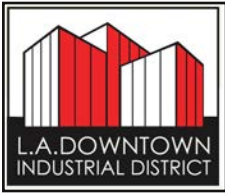
Public Safety officers Ruiz, Bascomb, Pozos, and Avila model new Downtown Industrial District uniforms

## Updated LA County Homeless Count

In January, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) conducted an extensive count of all homeless persons living in Los Angeles County. Not surprisingly, the count showed that the highest concentration of homeless individuals in the county reside in the Skid Row area. To read more about LAHSA's findings, please visit their website at <https://www.lahsa.org/homelesscount>.

Right: A map illustrating the highest concentrations of homelessness in LA County





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### BID Quarterly Board Meeting: June 22nd

Board meetings are public and all are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at CCEA offices (725 S Crocker Street) unless otherwise noted. Agendas and meeting details are posted on our website and at our office 72 hours in advance. For more information, please email [admin-asst@centralcityeast.org](mailto:admin-asst@centralcityeast.org)

## Downtown Industrial District Employees of the Quarter



**Albert Gonzalez**  
Public Safety



**Jose Vega**  
Maintenance

## Downtown Industrial District First Quarter Stats for 2015

Category	Totals
Public Safety Incidents	5,761
Extra Patrols	464
Trash Bags/Tons Rmvd.	15,079/226
Bulky Items Rmvd.	491
Graffiti Rmvd.	192
Weeded Areas	154
Citizen Contacts	169
Merchant Contacts	126