



LITTLE TOKYO

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM OF THE LITTLE TOKYO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Mineta Remembered at Community Celebration



A community celebration intended to acknowledge the inconveniences endured by the Little Tokyo merchants, residents, and other stakeholders was held Sept. 9 on the Regional Connector station plaza that has become a permanent part of the Little Tokyo landscape.

Purpose of the event was also to install a commemorative plaque remembering the late U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. Although Metro worked to mitigate the annoyances, it was the late Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina who came up with a way to help Little Tokyo's small. Little Tokyo Business Association president David Ikegami noted during his speech that Molina's plan was eventually adopted in other communities impacted by Metro activities;

David Ikegami, president, Little Tokyo Business Association



CicLAvia Coming to and thru Little Tokyo on Sunday

OPEN STREETS MADE POSSIBLE BY **M Metro**

HEART OF LA - 7.8 miles
 1/2 mile

CicLAvia Route
 Ruta de CicLAvia

Crossing Points for Cars
 Puntos de cruce para carros

Metro Rail Stations
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CICLAVIA HEART OF LA
 Presented by Metro

Sunday, October 15, 2023
 Domingo, 15 de octubre 2023

9am-4pm

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the streets of Little Tokyo and Arts District will be open for jogging, riding, biking, skating, running, walking, skateboarding, and other activities. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend this free event presented by Metro. Use the CicLAVia [digital map](#) to plan which businesses, [local gems](#), and activities you want to check out along the route.



LOS ANGELES BUSINESS & FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

PRESENTED BY THE LOS ANGELES MAYOR'S OFFICE AND ACCESSING LA

SPONSORED BY BMO

Featuring Mayor Karen Bass and Entrepreneur Tracee Ellis Ross

Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BMO Stadium (Located at Exposition Park)
3939 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90037

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- Resources for families and individuals looking to strengthen their financial health...and so much more!

RSVP NOW via google chrome at bit.ly/LAEmpowermentSummit

The Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Business and Economic Development kindly invites you to attend the Los Angeles Business and Financial Empowerment Summit, a free in-person event sponsored by BMO on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 at BMO Stadium. Los Angeles Business and Financial Empowerment Summit.

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*Please note that you can also register at the door on the day of the event.



Gathered at the Terasaki Budokan, kids and volunteers make hand hearts for the camera.

Hello Kitty Greet Young Fans in Little Tokyo

It was a Hello Kitty-themed party, so naturally the life of the party was the Sanrio star herself. Approximately 200 children currently living in homeless shelters were invited to meet Klitty during a giant birthday party at the Terasaki Budokan.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Little Tokyo Business Association and Little Tokyo Legacy Foundation partnered with Worthy of Love L.A. for a fun evening of cultural entertainment, dancing, Japanese food from the Far Bar, Fugetsudo desserts, and Hello Kitty party favors and gifts.

Emcee Wesley Nishinaka kept the festivities moving, Entertainment was provided by the Matsubayashi Ryu karate students, Ryujin drummers, taiko master Walter Nishinaka, Ryujin Taiko, and Bando Hirohichiro.

Behind the children's smiles lies a tragic statistic. There are about 500 children, ranging in age from infants to teens, who live in homeless shelters across Los Angeles County. We couldn't accommodate all of the children at this year's party, so it was livestreamed to those who couldn't attend. Next year, our goal is to bring all of the families together in one place. You can make this possible by donating toward next year's party. Send your contribution in any amount to the Little Tokyo Legacy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 250 E. 1st St. #201, Los Angeles, CA 90012.



[Watch the Video](#)



Care Day Provides Showers, Shoes, and More

The LTBA Foundation (dba Little Tokyo Legacy Foundation) is grateful to the religious institutions, and grassroots organizations that joined with City Council District 14, Los Angeles Department of Sanitation (LASAN), and members of the Little Tokyo Business Association, to provide showers, breakfast, bagged lunches, grilled chicken, shoes, clothing, and toiletries for the unhoused in neighboring Skid Row,

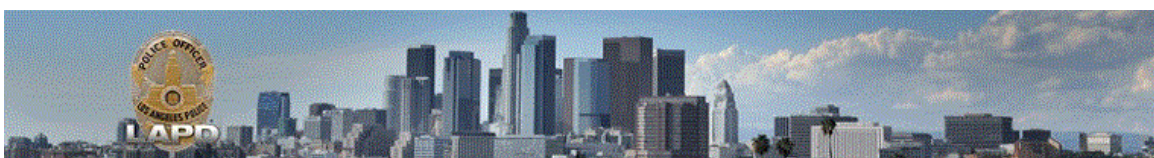
Special thanks go to Pastor Ruben and Session members of Union Church, DBNO (Down But Not Out) volunteers, Dr. Ira Diamond's Shoes for the Homeless, Shelter Partnership, Project Ropa, Chrysalis, Westwood Presbyterian Church, Japanese American Optimist Club, and Centenary United Methodist Church.



STASH IT / DON'T FLASH IT Avoid Car Break-ins Before They Happen

If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, put them in the trunk **BEFORE** you arrive at your destination. This will avoid the possibility of someone seeing you with your valuables and breaking into your trunk.

The Little Tokyo BID extends a big thank you to the Arts District L.A. BID for providing "Stash It / Don't Flash It" signs to remind motorists to remove (or at least hide) valuables from their cars.



How to File a Police Report

We all hope nothing bad ever happens, but if you are the victim of a crime, we encourage you to file a police report. [Click here](#) to learn how to report a crime online. You can report such crimes as hit-and-run, identity theft, harassing phone calls, theft from vehicle, vandalism, and illegal drug activity. For non-emergencies that require a police response, dial (877) 275-5273. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

**Little Tokyo BID Safety Patrol
(213) 880-6875**

**For Graffiti Removal, Bulky Item Pickup and other City services
Dial 3-1-1 or Call (213) 473-3231**

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Phone (213) 880-6875 ~ board@visitlittletokyo.com

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