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ATTENTION ALUMNI: Do you have a new job? Have you joined a board recently? Want to update your contact information?

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COMING UP

Friday, Oct. 9
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Leadership L.A. 2015 Seminar 8: Arts, Culture, Entertainment & Graduation
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Friday, Oct. 23
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Leadership Southern California 2016 Seminar 3: Focus Ventura County
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Wednesday, Dec. 9
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Southern California Visionaries
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2015 VISIONARIES HONOREE MAYOR JAMES BUTTS



A true steward for the city of Inglewood, **Mayor James Butts** (LLA '01), whose vision and operations management expertise led Inglewood from the brink of impending bankruptcy, to stability, then on the road toward prosperity, is this year's Public Sector Leader of the Year. His accomplishments in this role include reviving the \$2 billion mixed-use Hollywood Park Tomorrow project and facilitating a joint venture between Kroenke

Group and Hollywood Park Land Development, Inc. The partnership aims to add a \$1.8 billion 80,000-seat NFL-specified stadium and 6,000-seat performing arts venue to the plan. Mayor Butts also pushed for a revitalization of Market Street that will ultimately result in a \$100 million-plus makeover of Inglewood's downtown area, and secured \$75 million in grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Los Angeles World Airports, which led to more than 2,000 Inglewood homes being sound insulated in the two years since he resurrected the failed program.

Mayor Butts has more than 42 years of public safety and municipal government experience, including 19 years with the Inglewood Police Department rising to the rank of Deputy Chief, 15 years as Santa Monica Police Chief and 5 years as an assistant general manager for the Los Angeles World Airport system in charge of Public Safety and Counter-Terrorism.

Other Visionaries honorees this year are: **Julia Gouw**, president, COO and board member of East West Bank, *Southern California Leader of the Year*; **Danielle Brazell** (LLA '10), general manager, Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles, *Alum of the Year*; and **Jake Wood**, CEO & co-founder, Team Rubicon, *Social Entrepreneur of the Year*.

OVERHEARD



"The most important thing we are doing at MLK, Jr. Community Hospital is building a culture of caring."

Dr. Elaine Batchlor (CEO, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital)

Help us honor these incredible leaders by joining us as a Visionaries sponsor. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Southern California Visionaries Awards are presented by General Motors.

WELCOME, NEW BOARD MEMBER

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board member, **Javier Angulo** (Cal Conn '15), Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, *Walmart Stores, Inc.*



ISSUES

Leadership Southern California 2015 - Economic Development



Building a strong economy begins at the community level. On Sept. 25, LSC fellows were given a broad look at the different sectors working within the region to build its economy in different ways.

First up was a spotlight on building the region's tech sector by Kevin Lew, director of [Bixel Exchange](#) at the [Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce](#). Bixel works to connect tech entrepreneurs with resources to grow and introduce students to jobs in tech. A panel on how to drive sustainable economic development followed with panelists Javier Angulo (Cal Conn '15 & SCLN board member), public affairs and government relations director at Walmart; Rudy Espinoza, executive director of nonprofit [LURN](#), which works to revitalize low-income communities; and [Daniel Tellalian](#), principal of Emerging Markets, Inc. The day rounded out with a tour of [New Economics for Women](#), a nonprofit community development organization dedicated to the economic security of women - especially immigrant women - in low-wealth communities, to learn about their model and collaborative strategies for breaking the cycle of poverty.

ISSUES

Leadership L.A. 2015 - Health Care

LLA fellows dove right in to the ever complex issue of health care at a Sept. 11 seminar, which covered various aspects of the highly debated topic, including access, prevention and public and mental health.



Fellows were hosted at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and welcomed by CEO Thomas Priselac. The opening panel on "The

Common Cents of Investing in Prevention and Public Health" featured public health experts and Drs. [Neal Kaufman](#), founder and chief medical officer at Canary Health; [Nirav Shah](#), senior vice president and COO for clinical operations at Kaiser Permanente Southern California; and researcher Steven Teutsch of UCLA Field School of Public Health. Also, [Dr. Elaine Batchlor](#), CEO of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital, delivered her perspective on providing affordable access to quality health care. The day's packed agenda also include tours of [Cedars-Sinai Medical Center](#), [Saban Community Clinic](#) and [The Maple Counseling Center](#) for a comprehensive look at how different organizations are tackling the health needs of our community.

Join us for graduation!

SCLN alumni, come support and help welcome this Leadership L.A. 2015 class into the alumni network as they graduate in a Oct. 9 evening ceremony at Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Contact Erin Tanenbaum at etanenbaum@lchamber.com for more information.

ALUMNI EVENT RECAP

SCLN alumni helped beautify L.A.



Despite late summer humidity and early morning hours on Sept. 12, a team of SCLN alumni rolled up their sleeves to beautify areas along the Los Angeles River as part of an alumni volunteer partnership with L.A. Works. Projects include mural painting at a local elementary school, removing weeds along public bike

paths and – the group favorite – hauling mulch. Thanks to ALL who came out to help and make civic engagement and community building a true priority!

MORE ALUMNI ACTIVITIES AHEAD

Mark your calendar for upcoming opportunities

Oct 9, 2015

Leadership L.A. 2015 Graduation & Class Report
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



In what ways have you used some of the tools and skills developed through California Connections and Leadership Los Angeles, and how did the up-close examination and exposure to community issues directly impact your work?

"SCLN offers an experience that gives people -- even those of us who've lived here our whole lives -- a chance to know our city, region and state for the first time. It also shows just how complex our part of the world truly is, with its own unique challenges and opportunities, risks and rewards, from an economic and social perspective. As an alum of both Leadership LA and Leadership Southern California, I and my fellow classmates got a privileged look into these issues and met some of the people and organizations at the heart of how we are responding. This was

great insight and a great benefit to my work. Going through the programs, one quickly realizes that leadership itself is another of our resources -- the one asset on which all others rely -- and the quantity and quality of this leadership - how well we grow it through organizations like SCLN -- will make or break our future."

-David Porges (LLA '05 & LSC '07), national director of community engagement, Grant Thornton LLP

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