

EWDD RAPID RESPONSE TEAM HOSTS ANNUAL SOCIAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Approximately 60 people attended EWDD's annual Southern California Rapid Response Regional Roundtable Meeting, held September 20, 2018 at the Barnsdall Gallery Theater located at the historic Hollyhock House. Attendees included the California Employment Development Department (EDD), local Workforce Development Boards throughout the Los Angeles region and representatives from the City's 16 WorkSource Centers and nine BusinessSource Centers. Stephen Cheung, president of the World Trade Center Los Angeles, delivered the key note speech, highlighting the importance of seeing beyond our local areas and the need to collaborate locally, regionally and globally. The speech also covered how foreign investments impact the local economy and LA-based companies.

UPON RETIREMENT, YOUTH OPERATIONS DIRECTOR DONATES \$2K TO YSCs

Outgoing Youth Operations Director Brenda Anderson donated \$2,000 to the City's YouthSource Centers, reaffirming her belief in the City's Youth Programs, even in retirement. "Brenda Anderson, in her inimitable style, left us with a legacy that will continue to resonate even in retirement," said EWDD General Manager Jan Perry. Brenda retired from the City of Los Angeles on August 30, 2018 after a 16-year civil service career. Brenda's legacy projects include the recently launched "A Conversation With..." series, which gives youth from the City's 14 YouthSource Centers an opportunity to interact with influencers who have faced similar challenges and overcome obstacles to build successful careers. Guests have included famed actor Danny Trejo, who discussed challenges with drug addiction, gang violence and re-entry issues and former Los Angeles Laker Metta World Peace, who discussed growing up in poverty and how to successfully mentally prepare for challenges.



(Left to right) EWDD General Manager Jan Perry, Metta World Peace and outgoing YouthSource Director Brenda Anderson at the last "A Conversation With..." event