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**MAYOR GARCETTI, DANNY PINTAURO, LEA DELARIA AND OTHERS JOIN 20,000  
SUPPORTERS FOR AIDS WALK LOS ANGELES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015**

*Caring AIDS Walk Los Angeles Community unites to  
raise funds for much needed HIV/AIDS services and prevention programs*

**WHO:** **Celebrities in attendance will include:** Ashley Brown (*The Sound of Music* at the Ahmanson Theater), Drew Carey (*The Price is Right*), Lea DeLaria (*Orange Is the New Black*), Kim Johnson & Robert Herjavec (*Dancing With the Stars*), Chris Kluwe (professional NFL football player), Carson Kressley (*Dancing With the Stars*), Our Lady J (classical pianist, TV writer on *Transparent*, and singer-songwriter), Danny Pintauro (actor and AIDS activist), Jai Rodriguez (actor and musician), Ken Todd & Lisa Vanderpump (*Vanderpump Rules*), and Nick Wechsler (*Revenge*).

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and West Hollywood Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Meister will each speak about the current HIV/AIDS crisis in Los Angeles and West Hollywood respectively, as well as the vital work of lead beneficiary, AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA).

**Other elected officials in attendance will include:** California State Senators Ricardo Lara, Isadore Hall, and Ben Allen; California State Assemblymembers Mike Gipson, Patty López, and Adrin Nazarian; Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang; West Hollywood Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister; West Hollywood City Councilmembers John D'Amico, John Duran, and John Heilman; L.A. City Councilmembers David Ryu and Paul Koretz; L.A. City Controller Ron Galperin; and Los Angeles Community College Board President Scott Svonkin.

Longtime AIDS Walk supporter ABC7 News Anchor Ellen Leyva will also address the crowd. ABC7 has returned as AIDS Walk Los Angeles' television broadcast sponsor, and is currently airing AIDS Walk PSAs featuring Jesse Tyler Ferguson of ABC's *Modern Family*.

Also attending will be representatives from the event's top sponsors and top corporate teams. This year's Premier Sponsors are Gilead Sciences and Quest Diagnostics; Grand Sponsors are ABC7, City of West Hollywood, Delta Air Lines, Paramount Pictures, and Paul Hastings LLP; and Principal Sponsors are Albertsons | Vons | Pavilions, Macy's, Time Warner Cable, Toyota, and Wells Fargo.

**WHAT:** This year marks the 31<sup>st</sup> annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles, the world's first AIDS Walk. The event will raise vital funds for APLA and nearly 20 other L.A. County AIDS service organizations.

The Walk continues to keep the public engaged with the HIV/AIDS epidemic through community-driven outreach, a strong social media presence, and, as always, a compelling street campaign.

AIDS Walk Los Angeles is one of the biggest, most diverse, and highly anticipated annual events in Los Angeles. Last year, a passionate crowd of 20,000 walkers and 2,500 volunteers raised more than \$2.2 million for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and advocacy programs. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$79 million to fight the disease in Los Angeles County, and the AIDS Walk movement has raised more than a half-billion dollars nationwide.

**\*\*New for 2015\*\***

Walkers will experience the **Quest Diagnostics Inspiration & Rejuvenation Installation** on the route, where they will pass through a 90-foot tunnel with Astroturf, water misters, and informational panels that take walkers through the history of HIV and AIDS.

As walkers return to the venue following their 10-kilometer journey through the streets of West Hollywood and Los Angeles, AIDS Walk Los Angeles will host **post-Walk festivities** at the West Hollywood Park lawn. Walkers are invited to wind down in the park to the sounds of **DJ Drew**, appearing courtesy of Time Warner Cable, and partake in Los Angeles food truck favorites **CVT Soft Serve** and **Dogtown Dogs**. A portion of **food truck proceeds go to AIDS Walk Los Angeles**.

**WHEN:** **Sunday, October 11, 2015**  
 Media Check-In: 8:30 a.m.  
 Aerobic Warm-Up: 9 a.m.  
 Opening Ceremony Begins: 9:15 a.m.  
 AIDS Walk Los Angeles Begins: 10 a.m.  
 Talent Interviews at Step and Repeat: 10-10:30 a.m.  
 Post-Walk Concert and Food Festival: 12-3 p.m.

**WHERE:** **West Hollywood Park:** San Vicente Boulevard between Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue. Venue map: [https://la.aidswalk.net/Content/images/img/399/venue\\_map\\_-\\_Copy.jpg](https://la.aidswalk.net/Content/images/img/399/venue_map_-_Copy.jpg)

**General Media Parking: Free parking is available at the locations listed below.**

<p><b>8500 Beverly Blvd.        Los Angeles, CA        90048</b></p>	<p>The Beverly Center is proud to partner with AIDS Walk Los Angeles and provide complimentary self-parking to all customers who exit between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (close), regardless of their arrival time. The entrance is located on La Cienega Boulevard (between Beverly Boulevard and Third Street).</p>
<p><b>8899 Beverly Blvd.        Los Angeles, CA        90660</b></p>	<p>The parking structure at 8899 Beverly Boulevard will provide 55 spaces of free parking at the SURFACE building structure (the roof will be closed). Enter from Beverly Boulevard. <i>Do not park in reserved spaces.</i></p>
<p><b>Cedars-Sinai Medical        Towers        8361 W. Third St.        – or –</b></p>	<p>Limited free parking is available at both Cedars-Sinai lots, located on Gracie Allen Drive (between George Burns Road and Sherbourne Drive). Enter from San Vicente Boulevard, south of Beverly Boulevard OR from Third Street.</p>

<p>8365 W. Third St. Los Angeles, CA 90048</p>	
<p><b>Beverly Connection</b> 8489 W. Third St. Los Angeles, CA 90048</p>	<p>The Beverly Connection will provide 200 complimentary self-parking spaces to customers who exit before 1 p.m. Customers will receive pre-validated tickets with a value covering payment up to 1 p.m. Parking for visitors will be on the 4th floor and the basement of the parking structure. There will be signs posted to direct visitors where to park.</p>
<p>365 N. San Vicente Blvd.</p>	<p>Limited free parking is available at the Cedars-Sinai parking lot. Enter from Melrose Avenue (west of San Vicente Boulevard) and turn south on San Vicente Boulevard.</p>
<p><b>Street Parking</b></p>	<p>Districts 1 and 2 in West Hollywood will allow free parking from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.</p>

**Reserved Media Parking:** Limited parking near the venue will be available for major news outlets, including broadcast crews and news vans. **Please contact Ben Fordham to receive instructions and a parking pass to print and display on the morning of the event.**

**RSVP:** Contact Ben Fordham for credentials and information for coverage.

About AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA): APLA provides life-saving services for people living with HIV/AIDS across Los Angeles County, including medical, dental, and behavioral health care, as well as HIV testing, prevention, and education programs. APLA delivers care to over 14,000 people annually and is a leader on policy and legislation that affects the HIV/AIDS and LGBT communities. For more information, please visit [apla.org](http://apla.org) and [aplahw.org](http://aplahw.org).

About AIDS Walk Los Angeles: Since 1985, AIDS Walk Los Angeles has raised more than \$79 million for HIV programs and services throughout Los Angeles County, and has grown into one of the largest AIDS fundraising events in the country. In 2014 alone, 25,000 participants, many of whom were members of 1,600 corporate and community teams, raised more than \$2.2 million for AIDS Project Los Angeles and 27 other AIDS service organizations. For more information, please visit [la.aidswalk.net](http://la.aidswalk.net).

About MZA Events: AIDS Walk Los Angeles was founded in 1985 by Craig R. Miller and his organization of activists, MZA Events. Miller is the AIDS Walk founder and senior organizer and has produced hundreds of public service campaigns and fundraising events, generating more than \$400 million for major AIDS organizations throughout the country. For more information, please visit [mzaevents.com](http://mzaevents.com).