

## Harbor Currents 11-12-10

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#### LB East Village Grows

LONG BEACH – District 1 Councilman Robert Garcia announced, Nov.9, that two local businesses, Fingerprints and Portfolio Coffee, will be operating in new spaces on the East Village Arts District in Long Beach.

Fingerprints, which features compact discs, books and musical performances, will move to 420 E. 4th St. Portfolio Coffee, most known for its location on Fourth Street and Cherry Avenue, also has an annex site near the Art Theatre in Long Beach.

The councilman hopes the businesses will help revitalize Fourth Street and Elm neighborhood.

“I am personally thrilled that Fingerprints and Portfolio, two of Long Beach’s most successful brands, will be moving into the First District,” wrote Garcia on his website.

#### Hospitality Training Academy Launched

LOS ANGELES – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa officially launched, Nov.

8, the Hospitality Training Academy, a public and private partnership funded with a \$500,000 federal stimulus grant.

The Hospitality Training Academy is a project that connects the hospitality sector union UNITE HERE Local 11, employers, the community college district and community groups with the public workforce development system to ensure that Los Angeles’ workers have access to the training they need to qualify for and advance in good jobs in the hospitality sector.

The pilot program, which started training workers about one year ago, has already graduated 180 trainees in a career-advancement program and has placed 33 job seekers in union hotel jobs that pay a living wage and provide full benefits and a pension.

The academy plans to train 350 workers in the next two years in an effort to boost the tourism industry.

#### Four Ports O' Call Buildings to be Removed

SAN PEDRO —Work begun, Nov. 5, at Ports O'Call Village to remove several buildings on the south end that have been under-utilized and in need of extensive repair in order to open up additional public space and view corridors for the public.

Ports O' Call Village will remain open seven days a week while the structures at the south end of the village are being dismantled and removed.

Existing tenants affected by the removal of the four

structures will be relocated to other parts of Ports O' Call Village. After the buildings are removed, landscaping and walkway repairs are planned.

The demolition portion of the project is estimated to be completed in about five months.

#### LB Children Get Environmental Education

LONG BEACH – BREATHE LA announced, Nov. 4, that the Boeing Co. will renew its commitment of \$50,000 to support the O24u environmental education program in Long Beach.

BREATHE LA's O24u works with more than 50 schools involved in the Long

Beach Unified School District WRAP After-school Programs to teach children about the effects of pollution on the environment and on their lungs.

This past year, about 8,000 children participated in the program. This school year, an additional 10,000 children will participate.