



## Arts District Meets and Greets

The Arts District Business Improvement District (BID) hosted a well-attended community “meet & greet” event on Sept. 17th . Several new and established restaurants offered a “Taste of the Arts District” with various appetizers and wine, spirits and soft drinks hosted by Premiere Events.



Local gallery owner Edgar Varela of **EVFA Gallery** illuminated the expansive venue with large scale works by local and international artists **Richard Ankrom, Matt Austin, Adam Bota, Jen Heaslip, Brigitte Moos** and others. **Art Share Los Angeles** provided the entertainment with a solo performance by singer Danyol Jaye, followed by a bring-down-the-house jazz/hip hop style number by dance crew **Euphoria**, choreographed by **Liz Sanchez**. The dancers are students at Art Share, and Jaye is a former student who now teaches at the Arts District school for the performing and visual arts.

Los Angeles Council members **Jan Perry** and **Dennis Zine**, along with **LAPD Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz**, were present. Other special guests included representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, State Senator Gil Cedillo, and Council-member Jose Huizar.

The **Factory Place Arts Complex** provided the perfect setting for this talented and creative community to come together. Factory Place Arts Complex will soon have its formal Open House...stay tuned!

*The Arts District BID would like to thank Premiere Events; restaurants Café Metropol, Zip Fusion, e3rd Steakhouse, Urth Caffé, Yxta, Royal Clayton’s and Wurstkuche; Curators Edgar Varela, Martha Perez and Lilli Mueller; Art Share LA; local businesses Lofty Dog and Evolve Lifewear; 6th & Alameda Food & Produce Ctr. and Downtown Dog Rescue. And a very special thank you to BID Board Chairman Howard Klein for hosting the event.*

## Here is what the BID has been doing...

Month	Trash Bags Collected	Graffiti Identified	Graffiti Removed	Bulky Items Removed	Areas Weeded
January	964	36	34	227	4 blocks
February	849	60	57	253	28 blocks
March	1,043	29	24	244	11 blocks
April	892	57	56	216	22 blocks
May	863	35	35	224	28 blocks
June	931	30	20	118	18 blocks
July	1,182	62	60	146	30 blocks
August	924	69	63	247	22 blocks
September	1,070	65	51	152	28 blocks
<b>2009 YTD Total</b>	<b>8,718</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>191 blocks</b>
<b>2008 Total</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>60 blocks</b>



District Spotlights

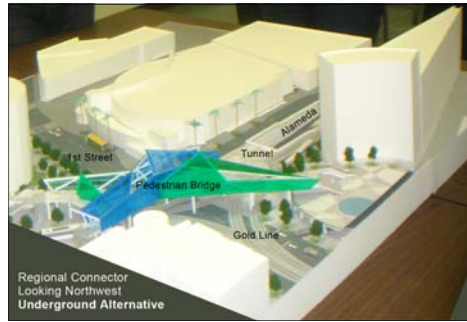
**TONY'S Reopens**

The 213 Group responsible for the successful revamping of Seven Grand, Broadway Bar, Cole's, and other exciting Downtown restaurants and bars, have reopened an "old school" saloon in the Arts District. The beautiful massive historic black bar shipped from Utah sixty years ago is still in place and new Pullman booths and pool table have been added.



Poised to serve the Arts District and urban explorers alike, **Tony's** is located at 2017 E. 7th Street. 213-622-5523.

On August 19, the BID along with MTA hosted a meeting to assist business owners and



residents in becoming more aware of the proposed **MTA Regional Connector**. The regional connector will connect the main transportation arteries in the Downtown area.

Proposed underground alternative will tunnel east under 2nd Street and surface at grade just southwest of the First and Alameda intersection.

At Alameda and First a new underpass would carry car and truck traffic along Alameda via an overhead pedestrian bridge.

*Future Community Meeting Updates:*

**Tuesday November 10, 2009**

Wurlitzer Building 818 Broadway, Los Angeles

**Tuesday, November 10, 2009; noon to 1:30 pm**

Board Room, Los Angeles Central Library 630 W 5th St

**Thursday November 12, 2009; 2 pm to 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm-8:00 pm**

Japanese American National Museum (JANM) 369 E 1st St



**Yxta**, featuring contemporary Mexican cuisine, is located at the corner of 6th Street and Central Avenue. Owner Jesse Gomez says the menu is a new twist on authentic Mexican fare.

With a full bar, happy hour, **Yxta** is quickly becoming a lunch and dinner destination. Valet parking at lunch and free parking for dinner. The restaurant can be reached at 213-596-5579 and is located at 601 S. Central Avenue.

**Little Tokyo Marketplace**

The remodeling of **Little Tokyo Market Place**, formerly known as Mitsuwa Market and located at 3rd & Alameda, has been a local shopping area for the Arts District for many years. The remodeling transition continues as workers install giant lotus flowers at sky light level. The several thousand square foot food market is celebrating its opening by having various shopping specials over the next weeks. The three-story mall is home to several restaurants, a bakery, clothing and gift stores. Ample free validated parking available.



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