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Employment opportunities at Baldwin Park job fair *Onsite services to include resume critique, interviews, and more*

BALDWIN PARK, Calif. (February 28, 2018) – Many employers, all with current job opportunities will gather in Baldwin Park on Thursday, March 8, for the Baldwin Park Job Fair. The event is slated from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Esther Snyder Community Center, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd.

Organizers said it is free and open to the public. On-hand will be professionals who, according to officials, are prepared to help job seekers with resume critiques, direct hiring, online and computer access, and even on-the-spot interviews.

“There will be a set of diverse fields ready to hire: from warehouse to security, childcare, immigration and customs organizations, government groups, health care, manufacturers, etc.,” said Armando Nava, a program coordinator with the city’s Department of Recreation and Community Services. “Everything you could think of, we’re going to have here on site.”

New to this year’s job fair is a collaboration with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative that will host a variety of vendors who are seeking to hire those interested in combating homelessness. The positions range from entry level clerks, nutrition, outreach to executive and classified positions across private, public and non-profit fields. The project is intended to be *A Paycheck With Purpose: to Join the Fight Against Homelessness*.

As many as 700 people are expected at the hiring spree, organizers noted. Attendees are encouraged to dress in appropriate business attire and bring multiple copies of their resume to help make their day productive.

Baldwin Park's job fair has been an annual event for more than a decade, according to Manny Carrillo, director of the Department of Recreation and Community Services. It is a citywide effort coordinated in partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD), the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Goodwill Southern California, and Americas Job Center of California. Organizers have even recruited cosmetology students from the Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education program to offer visitors a free haircut.

The job fair was initiated in response to the economic downturn in 2007, when job market opportunities began to dwindle.

Carrillo described the event as an outlet that "continues to provide meaningful professional development and job opportunities for hundreds of job seekers."

Economic Development Director, Gustavo Romo, shared that the "Baldwin Park community truly values job creation and equal opportunities for all. Although the general goal is to connect employer and employee, the job fair carries the message that Baldwin Park has a strong community spirit ready to assist anyone willing to take a step closer towards reaching their dreams" he said.

Don Lindgren, a career development employment specialist with the Office of Education, noted that Baldwin Park's Job Fair exclusively connects job seekers and employers. Vendors will not include groups offering job resources, nor will it include those with commission-driven jobs. The employment search process can be intimidating, said Lindgren, so officials are doing what they can to keep job seekers encouraged.

"This brings the jobs directly to the community. It's hundreds of employers with thousands of job leads in one place," he added. "It's a one-day, one-stop job, kind of event."

Lindgren noted that Baldwin Park's event is one of the most successful for his group. "The job fair evolves every year, because we're not just getting people into jobs, but we're also getting people into career driven employment options."

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