Documenting Departments' Centennial Celebration

The Centennial Celebration

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave many women the right to vote after decades of protest and struggle. To recognize this, the Board of Supervisors has motioned for every department to do something specific to celebrate the anniversary. Despite some events being cancelled or postponed due to COVID 19, this PowerPoint highlights departmental efforts to celebrate and amplify the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WOMEN + GIRLS
INITIATIVE

LACWGI & LACCW

* Created a sub-committee Fall of 2018

* January 2019- gathered information from community of how to celebrate this anniversary

* Board of Supervisor's motion in August 2019

* Created Departmental Working Group: Arts Department, LACRRCC, Natural History Museum, Public Library, and LACOE.

Deliverables: Dedicated page on website:

* Educational Resources
* Reading List
* Community Calendar of Events
* List of 100 Women who helped shape Los Angeles
* Art Competition; library cards, various ways to display winners
* GIS map featuring locations where women are not registered, but eligible to vote
* Toolkit on how to host a registration drive

Agriculture Commissioner/Weights & Measures

ACWM created a bookmark and keychain with information about the 100th Anniversary of voting for women.

Alternate Public Defenders

The Alternate Public Defender's Office featured the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment in a newsletter.

The newsletter discussed voter registration and asked the reader to share a favorite voter memory in a survey.

The newsletter can be found [here.]

19th Amendment to the Constitution

1920

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Animal Care & Control

Animal Care & Control wrote a newsletter outlining how the director's career has been impacted by the Women's Rights Movement.

In the newsletter, she discusses her career path, early pioneers for Women's Suffrage, and the work of the WGI

The newsletter can be found here.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL | redefining CARE

Animal Care & Control's first female CEO, Patsy Jenkins, circa 1978. This picture was featured in the newsletter.

Arts and Culture

Arts & Culture created an artwork competition celebrating the 19th Amendment.

Once winners were announced Arts and Culture created social media (SM) content that all departments share on their SM accounts.

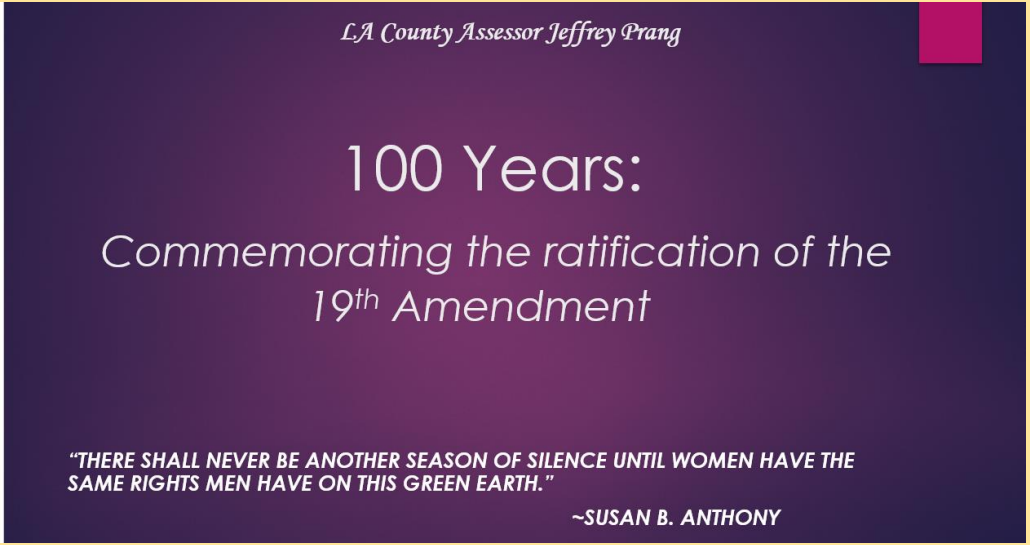
The call for submissions can be found here.

Winners can be seen here.

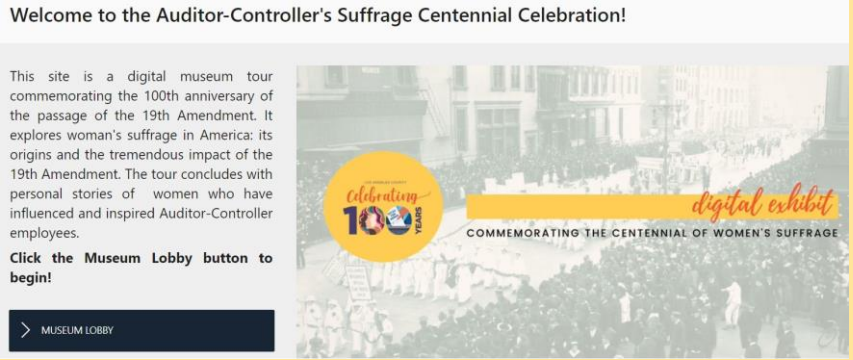
Los Angeles County Arts & Culture

Assessor

- **The Office of the Assessor created a PowerPoint for their staff to learn about the Centennial and Women's Suffrage.**
  - The full PowerPoint can be seen here.



Auditor-Controller
Los Angeles County



The Auditor-Controller created their own digital museum exhibit:
Commemorating the Centennial of Women's Suffrage.

- It explores Women's Suffrage in America: its origins and the tremendous impact of the 19th Amendment.
- The tour concludes with personal stories of women who have influenced and inspired Auditor-Controller employees.

Beaches and Harbors & Human Resources

WGI Community Engagement & Outreach consultant, Imelda Padilla, gave a presentation about Women's Suffrage at both the Department of Beaches and Harbors and to the Department of Human Resources.

The presentation can be found here.

WGI consultant Imelda Padilla, after presenting at the Department of Beaches and Harbors

DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES&HARBORS
Caring for Our Coast
Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County
DEPARTMENT OF
Human Resources

Children and Family Services

The Director of DCFS wrote a newsletter to the employees of DCFS discussing Women's History Month, and outlining women who have made major contributions to our Country, such as Betsy Ross, Margaret Sanger, and Rosa Parks. The newsletter also notes that posters were put up in the offices commemorating the Centennial celebration. The newsletter can be read here

Posters put up in DCFS offices commemorating Centennial.

Child Support Services

Child Support Services put up a display on voting for women in their offices, which can be seen here.

They also held a virtual discussion on the book *The Woman's Hour,* and asked people to wear purple or white on August 18th to honor the 100th Anniversary.

Consumer & Business Affairs

DCBA collaborated with Regional Planning to provide informational materials about Women's Suffrage.

The full list of events DCBA planned can be found here

DCBA also plans on creating a page on the intranet site dedicated to the 19th Amendment, as well as using social media to feature local women-owned businesses and financial empowerment resources.

DCBA planned to host a Women's Entrepreneurial event in partnership with WGI in August 2020 where they would also elevate the Centennial but it was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Planned Activities

For Employees

In addition to sharing materials provided by Regional Planning (brochures and stickers), the department planned to create a page on the intranet site dedicated to the 19th Amendment, including an overview of the amendment, a timeline of events, and the social movements that advanced the ratification of the amendment. The page would have also provided links to other department's related activities (i.e. Registrar-Recorder's timeline) and voter registration links

Social Media/Website

Feature local women owned businesses and women entrepreneurs on DCBA's social media pages, including data about women owned businesses in L.A. County to highlight the advancement of women.

Provide financial empowerment resources - including statistics how women are disproportionately impacted by predatory lending

Provide voter registration information - reminders about upcoming local and state elections, time off to vote allowances, and registration deadlines.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CONSUMER & BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Human Resources, Department of

The department of Human Resources Posted two articles to bring awareness to the Anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement in the August 2019 and the Fall 2020 County DIGEST Edition

The department of Human Resources also participated in decorating the Pasadena float dedicated to the anniversary as seen in these picture.

District Attorney

The District Attorney Office created social media posts on several different platforms in recognition of Women's voting.

Executive Office

The Executive Office promoted the celebration of the 19th Amendment at the Hall of Administration by posting the events that were being planned for the staff and public.

CEO
Chief Executive Office
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Fire Department

The Fire Department wrote a newsletter detailing their efforts recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Events included a Women's Leadership Conference and featuring women making a difference on their social media platforms for Women's History Month. The full list of events can be seen here

The Fire Department's website with a banner recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

County of Los Angeles
FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Health Services

Health Services did an event highlighting exceptional women throughout the LAC + USC Medical Center. A picture of the event can be seen here:

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER

Health Services LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Internal Services Department

Every day during the month of March 2020, ISD posted on their Intranet and internal/external social media about "Women in Power" – highlighting 25 of the most powerful and influential women in US History. They also planned an exhibition on Women's Suffrage that was cancelled due to COVID 19 . The information for this event can be seen here.

Internal Services Department

Women in Power | Maxine Waters
https://lacounty.sharepoint.com/sites/ISDIntranet/SitePages/Maxine-Waters---U.S.-Representative.aspx
Christine Juarez published on March 31

Women in Power | Sandra Day O'Connor
https://lacounty.sharepoint.com/sites/ISDIntranet/SitePages/Sandra-Day-O'Conner---Former-Supreme...
Christine Juarez published on March 3

Women in Power | Nancy Pelosi
https://lacounty.sharepoint.com/sites/ISDIntranet/SitePages/Nancy-Pelosi---Minority-Leader-of-the-U...
Christine Juarez published on March 11

Women in Power | Melinda Gates
https://lacounty.sharepoint.com/sites/ISDIntranet/SitePages/Melinda-Gates---Philanthropist.aspx
Christine Juarez published on March 17

Women in Power | Elizabeth Warren
https://lacounty.sharepoint.com/sites/ISDIntranet/SitePages/Elizabeth-Warren---Member-of-the-U.S.-...
Christine Juarez published on March 10

Women in Power | Michelle Obama
https://lacounty.sharepoint.com/sites/ISDIntranet/SitePages/Michelle-Obama---Former-First-Lady.aspx
Christine Juarez published on March 18

Women in Power | Toni Morrison
https://lacounty.sharepoint.com/sites/ISDIntranet/SitePages/Toni-Morrison---Novelist.aspx
Christine Juarez published on March 25

Library

The LA County Library Department created a list of book recommendations about Women's Right to Vote on their website, as well as has a page dedicated to the Centennial on their website.

They will also produce library cards and bookmarks featuring images from the art contest winners hosted by the Arts and Culture department.

LA COUNTY LIBRARY

How Women Won the Right to Vote – Books for Teens & Adults

Votes for Women! American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot by Winifred Conkling (Teen Nonfiction)

Alice Paul and the Fight for Women's Rights: From the Vote to the Equal Rights Amendment by Deborah Kops (Teen Nonfiction)

The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee (Teen Fiction)

Ten Miles Past Normal by Frances O'Roark Dowell (Teen Fiction)

The Cure for Dreaming by Cat Winters (Teen Fiction)

The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine F. Weiss (Adult Nonfiction)

When Women Won the Vote: The Final Decade, 1910-1920 by Sandra Opdycke (Adult Nonfiction)

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women who Fought for the Right to Vote by Susan Ware (Adult Nonfiction)

Remember the Ladies: Celebrating Those Who Fought for Freedom at the Ballot Box by Angela P. Dodson (AdultNonfiction)

Turning the tide by Edith Maxwell (Adult Fiction)

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd (Adult Fiction)

Meridian by Alice Walker (Adult Fiction)

Los Angeles County Development Authority

LACDA assisted the County Registrar by hosting voting centers at a number of facilities, including public housing sites, thus expanding the County's network of centers.

They also encouraged LA residents to participate in the Census by including a PSA in an outgoing correspondence reminding all email and mail recipients to be counted.

LACDA
Los Angeles County Development Authority

Los Angeles County Museum of Arts

LACMA put together an online program modeled after the original *Women's Rights Convention of 1850* (Worcester, Massachusetts) - October 2020

National Women's Rights Convention: Reimagining Equality in the 21st Century

Participants include: Artist, Activist, and Co-Founder of The Waitresses, performance art collaborative **Jerri Allyn;** professor in the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at UC Santa Barbara **Aida Hurtado**; Executive Director of The Gathering for Justice, co-founder of Justice League NYC, and founder of Justice League CA **Carmen Perez-Jordan**; Partner at Think Rubix, LLC, and the creator of Woke Vote **DeJuana Thompson**; Georgia State Senator, District 39 **Nikema Williams**; and The Crowing Hens, an all-women's whistling group formed by **Susan Silton**.

LACMA

Los Angeles County Office of Education

LACOE created a list of instructional resources for commemorating Women's Suffrage and the 19th Amendment. The full list can be found here.

Los Angeles County Office of Education

Serving Students ▪ Supporting Communities ▪ Leading Educators

Commemorating Women's Suffrage and the 19th Amendment Instructional Resources

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Center for Civic Education

www.civiced.org

The Center for Civic Education is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization based in California. The Center's programs are implemented with the assistance of a network of public- and private-sector organizations and educational leaders in every state and congressional district in the country and in more than eighty other countries, many of which are emerging and advanced democracies. The Center is dedicated to promoting an enlightened and responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles and actively engaged in the practice of democracy in the United States and other countries.

Women's History Month Resources

http://www.civiced.org/resources/curriculum/womens-history-month

During Women's History Month, the School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program challenges your students to think critically about the subject matter and sources that underpin the study of women's history. Throughout our nation's past, women have dared to question, to evaluate, and to ask, "Why not do better?" These lessons and activities invite your students to do the same.

Women in Constitutional History

http://www.civiced.org/wtp-the-program/professional-development/advanced-content-seminars/women-in-constitutional-history

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton House, M'Clintock House, and Wesleyan Chapel at the Women's Rights National Historical Park and the Women's Hall of Fame serve as backdrops for discussions about the first women's rights convention, Woodrow Wilson and women's suffrage, and the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. There are also discussions about gender in civic education and assessing the progress of women in America and abroad.

Park and Recreations

Park and Recs traditonally holds a Girls Empowerment Summit in the month of October. In 2020, they are hosting a Virtual Empowerment Summit, for the entire day there will be a panel speaking about the 19th Amendment and the importance of voting.

Medical Examiner-Coroner

For the whole month of August, the Medical Examiner-Coroner Department promoted the Centennial logo on their animated LED sign.

They also promoted the Centennial in the August internal newsletter and on Twitter.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER
"Law and Science Serving the Community"

Mental Health

The Department of Mental Health developed a short series of internal emails, with video content, that highlights both the Anniversary of Women's Suffrage as well as work going on right now in the Department around mental health for women.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HEALTH
hope. recovery. wellbeing.

Military & Veteran Affairs

Military and Veterans Affairs planned an event in recognition of Women's Military History Month featuring speakers and celebrities. Additionally, as a prelude to the event, women veterans were trained in the art and craft of storytelling by staff from the NPR podcast, The Moth: an organization that has mastered the time-honored tradition and skills of storytelling. The department asked veteran storytellers to share a personal 5-minute story of women's empowerment and resiliency.

Military Veterans Affairs
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Military Veterans Affairs
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
Mental Health
hope. recovery. wellbeing.

A WOMAN'S STORY

SAVE THE DATE

Come and witness Women Veteran trained in the art and craft of storytelling by The Moth. The theme is "Suffragette: Women's Empowerment and Resiliency".

THE MOTH

Saturday, March 21, 2020

5:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Bob Hope Patriotic Hall
1816 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

R.S.V.P. to Stephanie Guerrero: (213) 765-9679; sguerrero@mva.lacounty.gov

Free valet parking and refreshments provided.

Spark THE TRUE You

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Celebrating 100 YEARS
of passion, purpose and progress as we look to the past and craft the future.

WOMEN + GIRLS INITIATIVE

Natural History Museum

The Natural History Museum created an exhibition, available online, called “Rise Up LA: A Century of Votes for Women”.

This exhibition highlights the lives of women in Los Angeles County who fought for women’s rights.

The link to more information about the exhibit can be found here.

They plan to have the exhibit on site in the Fall.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Probation

The office of Probation scheduled various activities in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. For instance, Education Services secured speakers from the Registrar-Recorders' office to visit RTSB facilities and speak with youth about the importance of voting. While this was cancelled due to COVID 19, since 2016, Probation Education Services have assisted in registering and pre-registering 1,250 people to vote. The full list of events planned for the Centennial Celebration can be found here.

		Timeline	Status	Notes
1	Voter Registration of Youth in our Camps and Halls	Ongoing	Ongoing	75 Eligible youth have been registered to vote in our Juvenile Halls and Camps.
2	Youth in halls and camps actually casting ballots	February/March Election	Completed	27 Eligible youth cast ballots in our Juvenile Halls and Camps. Since 2016, Probation Education Services have assisted in registering/pre-registering 1,250 people (The majority are youth, but this includes adults attending community events and court visits where our staff have been present)
3	2020 Census outreach to Parents in RTSB and DSB	December-June	On hold because of COVID-19	Education Services was leading parent outreach in RTSB and DSB to increase participation in the 2020 Census. This included meeting with parents as they visited their children in the Halls and Camps. Parents were given Census related promotional materials and information. Outreach efforts started in February 2020

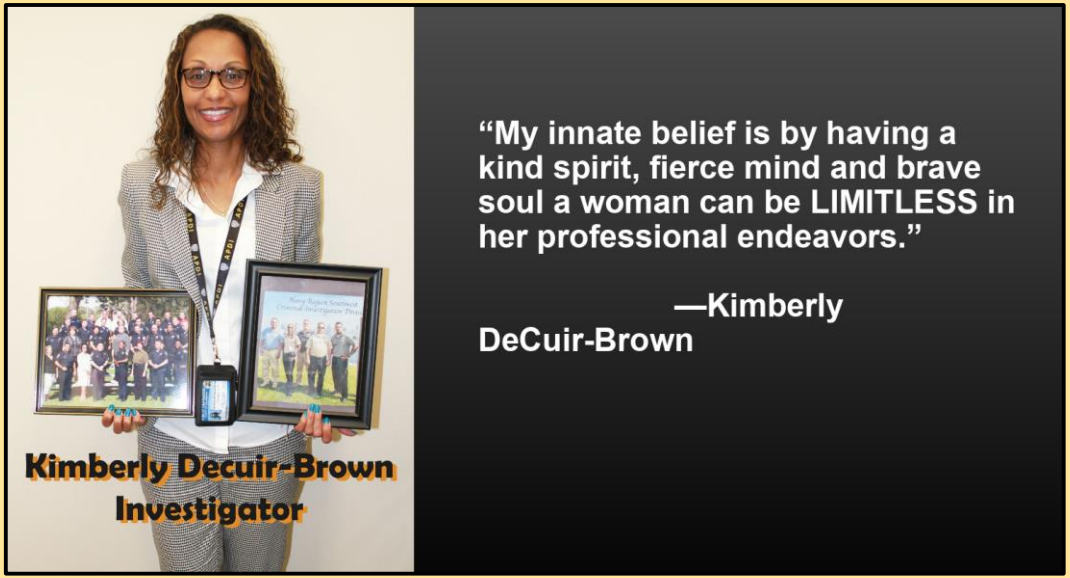
3 out of the 5 events Probation planned for Centennial

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION
Building safer communities through positive change.

Public Defender

The Public Defender's Office created a PowerPoint featuring the women of the department.

Each slide contains the woman's name, title, picture, and quote. The PowerPoint can be found here.



A slide from the powerpoin , featuring Kimberly DeCuir-Brown

Law Offices of Los Angeles County
PUBLIC DEFENDER

Public Health

DPH wrote about the history of women's right to vote in a weekly briefing to the staff, emphasizing how women of color did not gain the right to vote until decades after the passage of the 19th Amendment. The piece can be read here.The briefing ended by urging the reader to play a role in future voter engagement through these ways:

There are several ways we can celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and ensure more voter engagement among all communities across the county, such as:

- Exercise your own right to vote and encourage others, particularly in local elections which have the lowest turnout but oftentimes the greatest impact on our day-to-day lives.
- Volunteer to be a poll worker on election days.
- Get out the vote; promote voter registration of all eligible county residents, including the nearly 1 million residents who are eligible to vote but are not yet registered.
- Support policies that allow greater voting participation and combat voter suppression.

Public Social Services

DPSS made several social media posts on multiple platforms urging women to vote and make themselves counted in the Census, as well as wrote a newsletter about the 19th Amendment.

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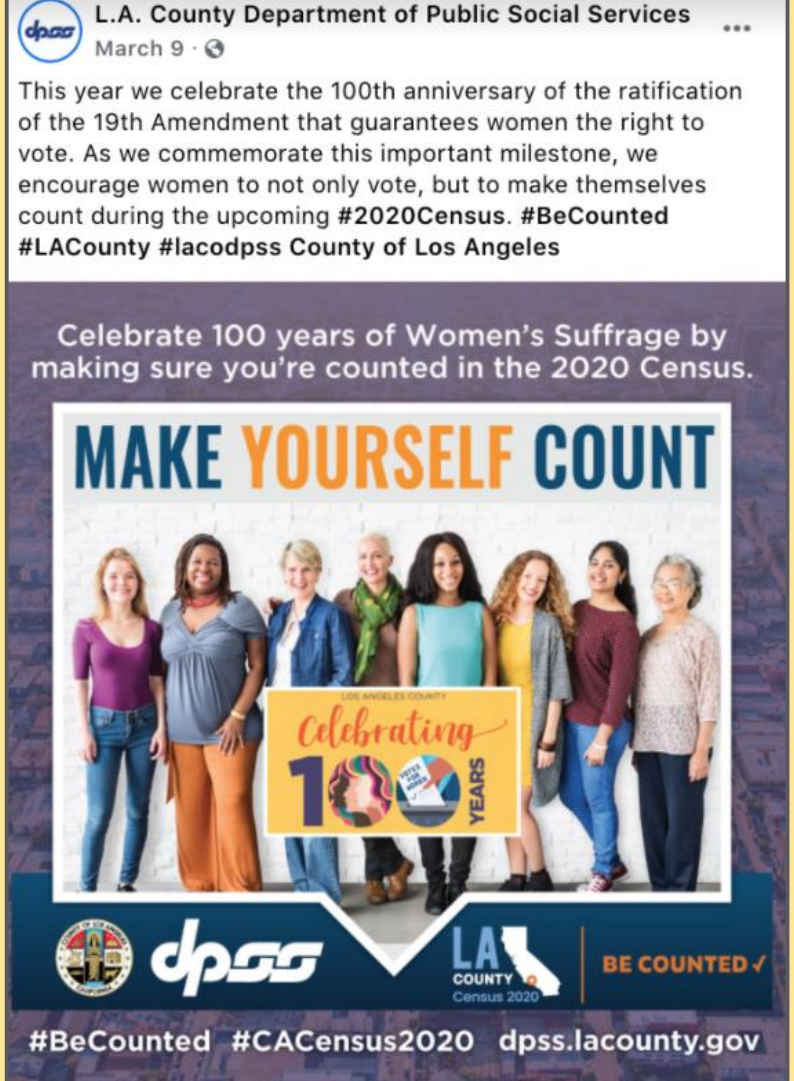
Department of Public Social Services



Public Works

Department of Public Works put out pins and a display about the Centennial at various events.

They also had historical photos featured at the Women's Leadership Conference, November 2019.

Regional Planning

In collaboration with DCBA, Regional Planning provided Women's Suffrage movement pamphlets to their employees and to the public at community events such as "GIS Day" and "East LA Area Plan".

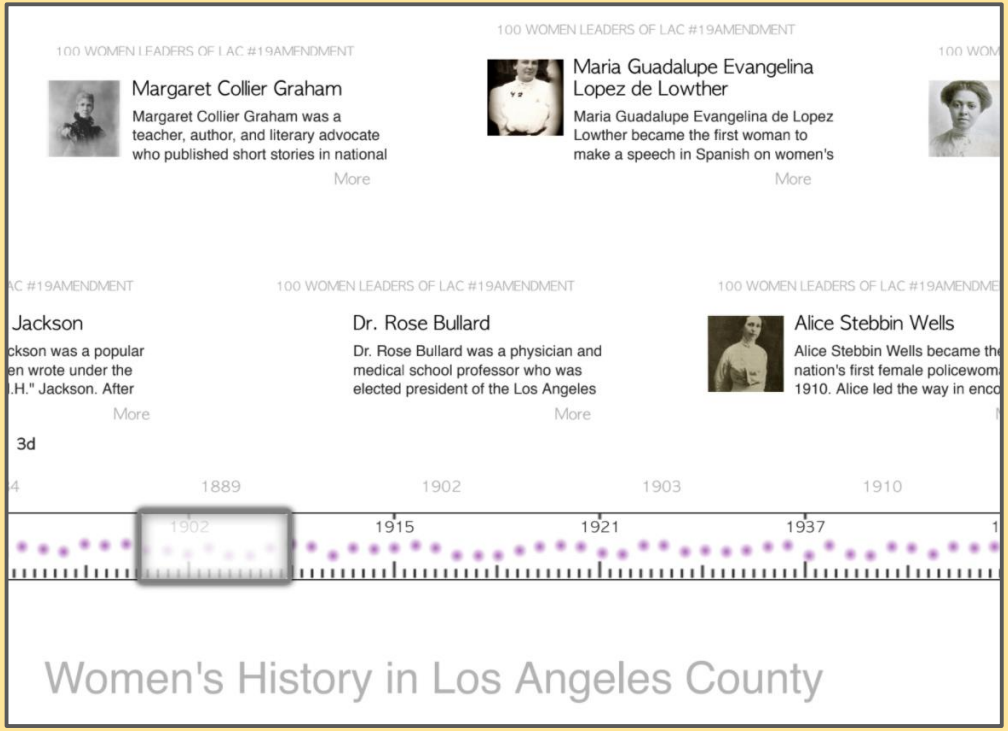
They also displayed an official 100th Anniversary flyer at many of their community events with stickers in recognition of the celebration. The full list of events can be found here.

Los Angeles County
Department *of* Regional Planning

The sticker distributed at Community Outreach events

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

The RRCC provided archival information for a timeline created by the WGI about Women's History in Los Angeles County, spanning from 1785 to present day. They also created the graphic for the Centennial Celebration.



Part of the timeline featured on WGI's website

Los Angeles County
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Sheriff

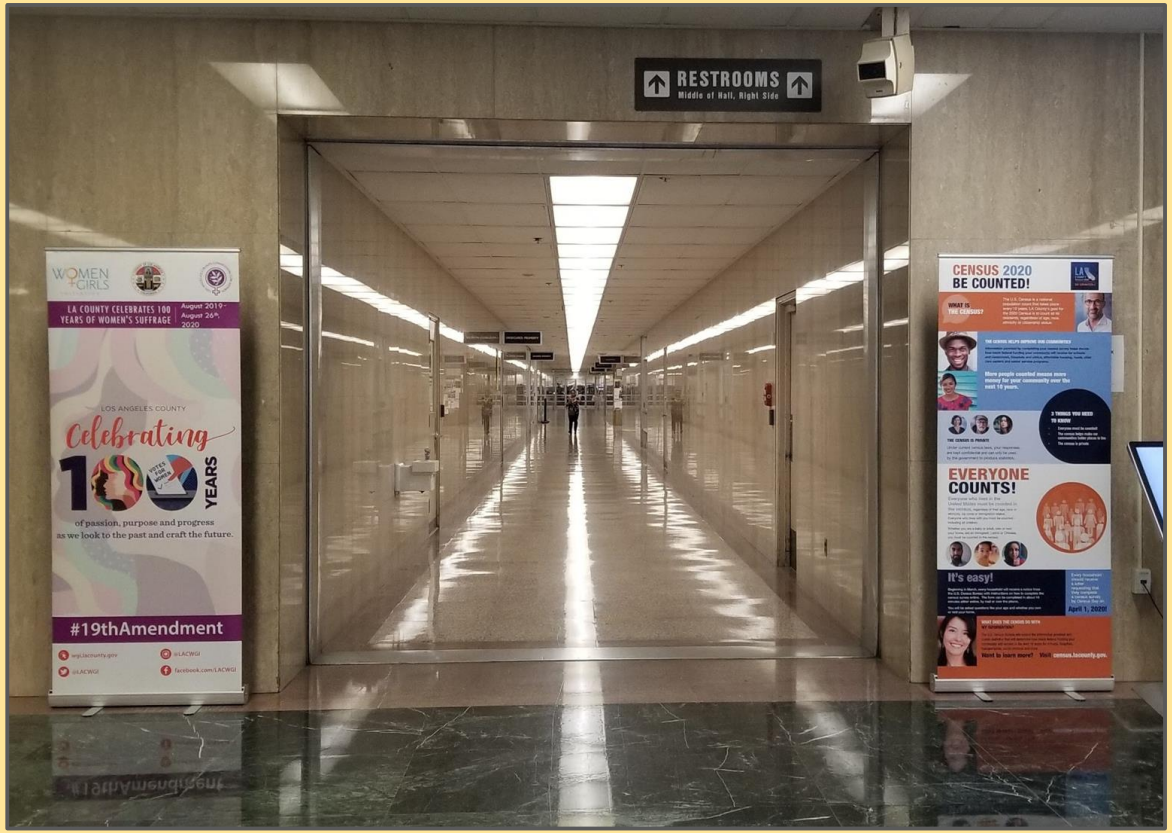
The Sheriff's Department was planning various events for women, but they were cancelled due to COVID-19. One of these events was the Women Empowering Women event, a women's recruitment and symposium.

The eventbrite flyer here.

Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department

Treasurer and Tax Collector

The Treasurer and Tax Collector Department put up a banner in their offices about the Centennial and the Census.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services

- Coordinated social media campaign with Communication Team
- Adopted the logo as a backdrop for virtual meetings
- Shared curriculum with AJCCs and relevant youth partners
- Aligned with voting messaging and Human Relations Committee efforts

WDACS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
AGING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thank you to all of the Departments for their participation in Centennial, as well as all the WGI staff members for making the Centennial Celebration possible.

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