

Safe Cities LA

Every day, the City of Los Angeles works tirelessly to make sure that Angelenos feel safe in their communities. In 2014, under the leadership of Mayor Eric Garcetti, LA joined the [UN Women Safe Cities Initiative](#) and recognized January 11 as "[Safe Cities LA Day](#)," to show its commitment to addressing the unique needs of women and girls. The Safe Cities Initiative encourages "innovative, locally owned and sustainable approaches to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women in public spaces." Together with UN agencies, national governments, women's rights organizations, and other mayor's offices around the world, LA has taken several steps to honor this commitment.



Image from the video [Moms & Mobility: A Day with Maura](#), produced by [Investing in Place](#)

[LAPD](#): LAPD Transit Services Division provides policing services on Metro's bus and rail system, and is working tirelessly to prevent and address sex-related crimes. As part of this work, LAPD supports the implementation of Metro's "[It's Off Limits Campaign](#)" in partnership with Peace Over Violence. LAPD has also expanded their HOPE Teams to better support the homeless population, including those identifying as female. Read more about LAPD Transit Services Division efforts [here](#).

[Pledge to Patrol](#): Pledge to Patrol is an employment and apprenticeship program for young adults who have been outstanding participants in youth programs. The program was launched by LAPD in partnership with Mayor Garcetti's Innovation

Team and the Personnel Department in 2017. Since its inception, the program has maintained an overall participation rate of 50% female.

[Domestic Abuse Response Teams](#): Domestic Violence Service Providers and LAPD form DARTs to foster and promote coordinated responses to address the needs of survivors of domestic violence. Recently, the City expanded the DART program from operating in just 10 of the Police Department's geographic areas to all 21 areas, covering the whole city.

[LAFD](#): LAFD has developed trainings and procedures for first responders providing emergency medical services in order to ensure that these services benefit survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. LAFD has also doubled its pace of hiring women.

[LADOT](#): LADOT, under the leadership of [Seleta Reynolds](#), has developed an aggressive gender equity strategy and is working to recruit more women to non-traditional female jobs. Additionally, LADOT has launched several initiatives to better leverage data and technology to fill the data gap on how women travel and understand what women are NOT doing because of their transportation options.

[Metro](#): In 2017, Metro established a [Women and Girls Governing Council](#) (WGGC) to assess policies and services through a gender lens and identify opportunities and challenges relating to Metro as an employer, service provider, and catalyst for economic development. As part of this work, Metro is conducting a comprehensive study to fill the data gap on how women travel. Read the WGGC's year in review [here](#).

[MyVoiceLA](#): MyVoiceLA is an online platform where current and former City employees, contract workers, interns and volunteers, commissioners, elected and appointed officials, and applicants for City employees can gain information about their rights and responsibilities relating to discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation and report complaints. It was developed by the Personnel Department, in partnership with Mayor Garcetti's Innovation Team and ITA.

Read more about the City of LA's efforts to create a city that is safe for women and girls [here](#).