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Marla Gibbs, Award-winning Actress and Community Leader, Honored by Bakewell Media and L.A. Sentinel



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Marla Gibbs will be honored on April 13.

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On behalf of Bakewell Media and the L.A. Sentinel, six outstanding women will be honored at the “Power, Leadership and Influence of the Black Woman” event on Saturday, April 13, at the Fairmont Century Plaza.

Marla Gibbs is one of the powerful honorees, widely known for her singing and comedic acting abilities, starring on shows such as “The Jeffersons” and “227,” and even co-writing and singing the “227” theme song. Gibbs is also an eight-time NAACP Image Award-winning actress, a five-time Emmy-nominated actress, philanthropist, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and entrepreneur, among many other accomplishments.

Originating from Chicago, Illinois, Gibbs moved to Los Angeles and began studying acting at

the Performing Arts Society of Los Angeles (PASLA); eventually, Gibbs would open a performing arts school and theatre with her daughter on the same block years later. Gibbs continued to master her craft of acting at the Mafundi Institute and the Watts Writers Workshop. She went on to perform in a handful of local theatre productions before earning her first film role in “Black Belt Jones,” according to her website.

After Marla’s unforgettable depiction of the maid, Florence, on the CBS comedy, “The Jeffersons,” Marla’s talent led to her being put on another hit sitcom, the NBC series, “227.”

According to Gibbs’ website, “227” was adapted from the original stage play produced by her daughter, director and actor, Angela E. Gibbs.

Marla gained her first experience as an executive producer on “227” where

she advocated for diversity behind the cameras and stood firm when other executives wanted her character to be a single mother. Her insight triumphed, and “227” was a top-ranking show with two loving parents raising their daughter. It also addressed real-life issues.

At age 92, she continues doing cameos in film and television. Gibbs recently shared with her Instagram followers that she’d be making a guest appearance on ABC’s “Not Dead Yet,” on episode 7 of their second season. Gibbs is said to be playing the mother of her real-life daughter, Angela E. Gibbs’ character, Cricket, according to the IMDb article.

Gibbs was also recently seen at the Emmys on Jan. 15, where she donned a sparkling black gown and presented the nominees for “Supporting Actress in a Limited or Anthology

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Supervisor Mitchell Persists for Enhanced Parking Solutions for Unincorporated Residents

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After years of complaints from residents in unincorporated communities about the lack of parking enforcement, Supervisor Holly Mitchell successfully presented and passed a motion of support from the Board of Supervisors to transfer parking enforcement from the civilian officers to the Department of

Public Works Transportation Services Division.

After the motion passed in Oct. 2023 with a 4-1 vote, the Board of Supervisors received a report on the plan from County CEO Fesia Davenport in February to begin transferring parking enforcement to the Department of Public Works Transportation Services Division at the March 19, Board of Supervisors meeting.

Currently, civilian officers that serve as Parking Control Officers in the Sheriff’s Department are not sworn sheriff’s deputies. The transfer of the Parking Control Officers to the DPW does not stop sworn sheriff’s deputies from being able to administer parking tickets in unincorporated Los Angeles County or anywhere that LASD is contracted

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FILE PHOTO

Supervisor Holly Mitchell

Mothers In Action’s Community Clean-Up Returns

The annual event helps to prevent dumping and promotes a cleaner and healthier neighborhood.

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On Saturday, March 23, the 7th Annual Community Recycling/Clean Up returns offering the com-

munity a place to dispose of their waste in time for Spring.

This free event will take place on the service road outside the Los Angeles Sentinel Newspaper

office at 3800 Crenshaw Blvd., off Crenshaw and Coliseum, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with free paper shredding services only available from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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Every year, hundreds of community members come to shred sensitive documents, recycle electronics, tires and responsibly dispose of hazardous materials.

The clean-up is a drive-thru only, allowing the community the opportunity to drop off items without leaving the comfort of their vehicles with the line starting at Coliseum Street and Bronson Ave.

Mothers In Action (MIA) along with community partners and sponsors that include Councilmember Heather Hutt’s Office (Council District 10), Los Angeles Sanitation, Public Works, the Los Angeles Sentinel, Taste of Soul, Copy City, ECWA (Empowerment Congress West Area), ARCHES, and Water Replenishment District are ecstatic to bring back the annual free e-waste recycling and paper shredding event.

“This is our first time

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Aaron Donald Retires as a Legend in Los Angeles



AP PHOTO/MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ

Los Angeles Rams defensive lineman Aaron Donald holds up the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl trophy during the team’s victory celebration and parade in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022.

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disrupt quarterbacks helped the Rams make history.

In reaching Super Bowl LVI, the Los Angeles Rams committed a rare feat. This became the second time in history that the

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MOTHERS IN ACTION COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

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getting the green light to resume the event following the abrupt cancellation of the event the week COVID shut down the world in March 2020,” said MIA President Tracy Mitchell. “This is a great time to start your spring cleaning in your house and garage.”

The event will allow the community to shred confidential/sensitive documents, provide information on identity theft, allow residents to responsibly get rid of old paint/solvents, old medication, gas, motor oil, tires (9 is the limit), aerosol

cans, lubricants, syringes/sharps, fire extinguishers, pesticides, adhesives, electronics, propane tanks, lights and provide residents with information on bulky item pickup and more.

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als that will not be accepted at the event such as: containers over 5 gallons in size, ammunition, explosives, asbestos, fireworks, furniture, radioactive material, business, commercial and construction waste. Please have papers loose in bags and ready to be shredded.

As the South Los Angeles area welcomes new

restaurants, businesses, and more waste, it is becoming important for residents to keep the community clean. The importance of events like this can't be understated as it ensures safe harbors, beaches, and drinking water. The trash and household waste that are irresponsibly disposed of, goes through the storm drains directly into beaches and

drinking water which affects the entire ecosystem.

“We urge all residents to take advantage of this opportunity,” said Mitchell. To learn more, see the ad on page B-6 in this week's L.A. Sentinel or call the MIA office at (323) 290-0456. This event is drive-thru only and open to everyone.

SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL

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with cities to assist in law enforcement.

The business plan prepared by DPW sets forth the implementation timeline and estimated associated costs to move parking enforcement services from LASD to DPW. The plan provides a two-phase approach. In the first phase, existing LASD staff and resources will transfer to DPW, and DPW will acquire necessary startup equipment and hire key additional staff. In the second phase, DPW will enhance the parking enforcement program with additional staffing, assets, and technological improvements.

With respect to cost projections, DPW estimates \$23.2 million in ongoing funding and \$1.8 million in one-time funding are needed for phase one. An additional \$14.8 million in ongoing funding and \$10.5 million in one-time funding are estimated for phase two.

“When illegally parked cars are not cited consistently and in a timely manner, it impacts a host of other municipal services. It prevents street cleanings. It makes it difficult for customers to access small business in their neighborhood and makes our streets unsafe by blocking the right of way,” explained Mitchell.

“The transfer will allow parking services to be placed in the most appropriate department as other jurisdictions across the county have done what the entity that actually oversees streets and sidewalks. The issue before us today is not weather parking services should be transferred, but the implementation plan for this to occur.”

Supervisor Mitchell along with reports from other cities that have transferred parking enforcement to their public works departments suggest a range of benefits for unincorporated communities, such as, being able to protect the safety of residents that have been impacted by cars double parked in the street, on sidewalks or in areas they aren't allowed. Additional benefits will ensure no jobs will be lost.

The 60 spots to serve,

as Parking Control Officers in the Sheriff's Department, will transfer over to the Department of Public Works Transportation Services Division. Also, the transfer upholds the County's vision of Care First, Jails Last by placing this key service currently being implemented by civilians within a division where it can be given more dedicated attention.

L.A. County Sheriff Robert Luna made it clear during the agenda meeting that the Sheriff's department does not support the transfer despite admitting to years of neglect with implementing parking enforcement services adequately across all the L.A. County unincorporated communities.

“My executive team has examined the operation of the parking enforcement detail. Parking is a complicated issue with many contributing factors, including density and specifically the availability of parking. The sheriff's department is the best place for parking enforcement for the safety and security of our personnel, training, of our personnel, providing access to specific systems and for all of the administrative functions,” he explained. “Parking enforcement should remain within the sheriff's department.”

The transfer plan, as currently prepared, would include 69 Parking Control Officers and 12 Supervising Parking Control Officer's positions.

Supervisor Janice Hahn, the only vote in opposition, presented a motion that was unanimously approved requesting Sheriff Luna provide a verbal and written report back to the Board within 45 days. This written report is to include a business plan for parking enforcement services within his department and ways to incorporate equitable investments back into the communities where citation revenues are collected.

The Board also listened to residents and business owners who provided public commentary by sharing their experiences.

“My front of my store hasn't been swept for about

a year and we have no parking enforcement, complained Victor M. Gonzalez, 54, owner of Warehouse of Savings appliance store located in the Florence-Firestone neighborhood.

“I've also seen people parked on the red line and near fire hydrants, yet parking enforcement just

passes by even if they are double parked.”

Other community members described a lack of urgency or no response at all when being asked to respond to parking violations. They also shared how communities have been overlooked and actually support the transfer to Public Works.

“We as a Board are both employers and service providers, and we have to create a sense of balance for that by transferring the parking control employees and work to DPW,” Mitchell went on to say.

“We are attempting to provide a more effective, efficient service delivery infrastructure, particularly

for those who live in unincorporated communities.”

Within the coming weeks, Supervisor Hahn plans to present a new motion to kill the plan to move parking enforcement from the sheriff's department. This will be placed on the Tuesday, April 9, Board of Supervisors meeting.



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- Lubricants
- Antifreeze
- Solvents/Paint Thinners
- Tires (Limit 9)
- Aerosol Cans/Paints/Stains
- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Glues/Adhesives
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Mercury Thermometers
- Fire Extinguishers
- Compressed Gas Tanks/Propane Tanks
- Electronics

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What NOT to bring:

- Containers over 5 Gallons in size
- Ammunition/Explosives
- Asbestos Materials
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- Medical/Biological Waste
- Radioactive Waste
- Business/Commercial Waste
- Construction Waste
- Fireworks/Marine Flairs
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