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## **EmpowerLA celebrates its new home in City Hall with an Open House that honors LA's Neighborhood Councils**

**As the neighborhood council system enters its second decade, EmpowerLA kicks off election season from the 20th floor of City Hall**

**Los Angeles CA:** On Monday, April 30th, at 5:00 pm, EmpowerLA will be opening the doors of their new offices in City Hall to Neighborhood Council partners from throughout the city, hosting tours and creating an opportunity for community advocates to network with City Hall officials.

BongHwan "BH" Kim, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, will be keynote speaker for the evening which will feature community leaders from throughout the neighborhood council system as well as leaders from within City Hall.

EmpowerLA will also offer a workshop from the Spring Semester of the Leadership Academy, "*Advocacy that Works, Outreach that Connects, Elections that Empower,*" which is just one of the many sessions that are offered throughout the City of LA.

There are 95 Neighborhood Councils in Los Angeles, each of them reflecting the unique personality and character of their respective communities, yet all of them sharing a common purpose, "to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs."

"This is an exciting time for Neighborhood Councils, for the Department, and for the Commission," said Mr. Kim, "as we work together on Neighborhood Council elections by engaging the community, identifying great candidates, and connecting with the stakeholders."

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**Monday, April 30th**

Empower LA Open House ([RSVP](#))

LA City Hall

200 North Spring Street, LA 90012 ([map](#))

**Program**

**5 pm** Registration, Office Tours and Networking

**6 pm** Light Dinner

**6:30 pm**

Opening Remarks by General Manager BongHwan (BH) Kim and Elected Officials

**7 pm** *"Advocacy that Works, Outreach that Connects, Elections that Empower"*

Workshop by Stephen Box

**8 pm** Q&A and Dessert Mixer

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