



**More than 3,000 attendees are expected at the Los Angeles State Historic Park  
in support of people with disabilities**

**WHAT:** Join AbilityFirst for a free community event celebrating people with disabilities and their families. Enjoy more than 40 unique, interactive exhibitors and attractions including an optional walk/stroll/roll through the beautiful park, adaptive sports, unique pop ups and photo booths, live performances, food trucks, beer garden and fun for the entire family

**WHO:** **Hunter March** – Actor, YouTube personality, TV host on E! News  
**Mekahlo Medina** – NBC4 “Today in LA” anchor, event emcee  
**Lauren Potter** – AbilityFirst Celebrity Ambassador; actress, best known as “Becky” in FOX hit TV show, *Glee*  
**Lee Meriwether** – AbilityFirst Honorary Chair; actress, model, director, Miss America 1955, best known as *Batman’s* original Catwoman  
**Jaclyn Smith** – AbilityFirst Honorary Chair, actress best known for *Charlie’s Angels*

**WHEN:** **Saturday, July 13, 2019**  
Event Opens - 8:00AM, Walk/Stroll/Roll – 8:30AM, Welcome Ceremony – 9:40AM

**WHERE:** Los Angeles State Historic Park, 1245 North Spring Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

**WHY:** AbilityFEST is an annual event to celebrate people with disabilities and their families. AbilityFirst brings together more than 2,000 participants and their families around greater Los Angeles, corporate partners, supporters and friends and the general public to enjoy dozens of interactive exhibitors with activities including a fully-accessible rock climbing wall, virtual reality pods, water activities, a life size Jenga, food trucks, a beer garden, raffle prizes and much more for the entire family to enjoy- all while raising

awareness for AbilityFirst's mission of *looking beyond disabilities, focusing on capabilities and expanding possibilities.*

**About AbilityFirst**

For more than 93 years AbilityFirst has been providing programs and services throughout Greater Los Angeles for children and adults with disabilities. AbilityFirst provides a variety of programs designed to help people with disabilities achieve their personal best through their lives. This is accomplished through targeted programming to help an individual successfully transition from childhood to adult life, providing employment preparation and training, building social connections and fostering independence while offering both our participants and their caregivers an opportunity to recharge through our recreational activities, including a fully accessible summer camp, Camp Paivika.

**SPONSORS:** AbilityFEST is presented by Subaru of Glendale, Partner sponsors include Bank of America, Comerica Bank and Lawry's Restaurants.

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