



## CITY OF COMPTON

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### **COMPTON MAYOR AJA BROWN TO JOIN U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JAY WILLIAMS IN MAKING SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE INVESTING IN MANUFACTURING COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

*Williams To Make A Special Announcement Regarding  
University of Southern California And The Region's Manufacturing Sector*

**COMPTON, CA** — On Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, Compton Mayor Aja Brown will join U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Jay Williams as he makes an important announcement regarding new ways the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration is supporting innovative manufacturing in Southern California. Assistant Secretary Williams will also offer an important update on the [Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership \(IMCP\) initiative](#), which is a Department of Commerce-led, Administration-wide initiative that focuses on accelerating the resurgence of manufacturing and creating well-paying jobs in regions across the nation.

Following the special announcements, Williams will participate in a roundtable discussion with local industry stakeholders, elected officials, and designated communities to discuss best practices for promoting American manufacturing as part of the [Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership \(IMCP\) initiative](#).

The City of Compton is a proud partner of the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership of Southern California Manufacturing Community (AMP SoCal) that has united a broad-based consortium of 86 dedicated organizations working together to transform the Aerospace and Defense ("A&D") industry with a focus on advanced manufacturing technologies from additive manufacturing to model-based engineering and design. The City of Compton is known for being home to several booming industries, among them transit and distribution, high technology, home and lifestyle products, metals, financial services, and textile manufacturing.

**WHO:** Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development  
Dr. Michael Quick, USC Provost  
Hilda L. Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor, First District

Aja Brown, Mayor City of Compton  
Kelli Bernard, Deputy Mayor of Economic Development, City of Los Angeles

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 8, 2015  
9:00 am – Tour of USC Advanced Composite Laboratory  
9:45 am – Special announcement from A/S Williams - Lewis Hall, Room 308  
10:15 am – Additional media availability - Lewis Hall, Room 308  
10:45 am – Roundtable discussion with local stakeholders - Lewis Hall, Rm 100  
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**WHERE:** University of Southern California  
Sol Price School of Public Policy  
Lewis Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90089  
<http://web-app.usc.edu/maps/map.pdf>

The event is open to press.

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Known as the “Hub City” for its unique position in almost the exact geographical center of Los Angeles County, Compton is a city of just under 100,000 that covers approximately 10.2 square miles. Compton is strategically located along the Alameda Corridor, a passageway of 25 percent of all U.S. waterborne international trade. The City is known for being home to several booming industries, among them transit and distribution, high technology, home and lifestyle products, metals, financial services, and textile manufacturing.

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