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#### Vallejo Most Diverse City

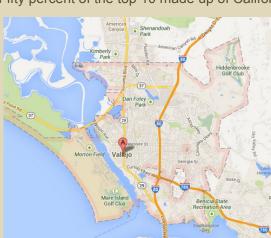
In a nationwide data collection effort, Vallejo was named the nation's most diverse city, and Solano County among the most diverse areas in the United States, according to NerdWallet,who published the study in Business Insider magazine.

California City News published the article. The study includes data to determine the 20 most diverse cities in the country, with a score based allocation for the distribution of residents among the four most common ethnic groups: Hispanic/Latino, White (non-Hispanic), Black and Asian/Pacific Islander.

Vallejo's demographic breakdown includes:

- 24.5 percent Asian/Pacific Islander
- 24.1 percent White (non-Hispanic)
- 23.7 percent Hispanic/Latino
- 21 percent Black

Fifty percent of the top 10 made up of California cities, continuing the



reputation of California being a true melting pot of cultural diversity. Vallejo topped the list as most diverse with an overall score of 96.9, followed by the City of New Jersey, earning a score of 95.3. Also in the top 20 were Solano County cities Suisun City (91.7) and Fairfield (79.9).

To read more about full list, **click here**.

America's most diverse cities and see the full list, click here.

## Habit Burger Opening

Habit Burger will be open for business on Wednesday, August 21. Before the restaurant 'officially' opens, it will host pre-opening events that will benefit Vallejo and the local community.

Habit Burger will be open to the public for dine-in and drive-thru during the following days and times. During each event, all proceeds will benefit the specified organization.

- Sunday, August 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Greater Vallejo Recreation District's Youth Scholarship Program
- Sunday, August 18, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Relay for Life of Vallejo
- Monday, August 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Muscular Dystrophy Association

Habit Burger guarantees they will donate 100 percent of proceeds to each of these organizations. The community is encouraged to check out Habit Burger and show their support for these great causes. Patrons can visit Habit Burger's Facebook page and Twitter feed for additional information.

Renovations began mid-May for the 3,300 square-foot restaurant and included a new kitchen, dining room, storage units, and an outside patio. Habit Burger is located in the former Wendy's restaurant at 118 Plaza Drive next to Costco, IHOP and Pep Boys.



### Call for Artists

Vallejo Art Windows, a temporary, annual, site-specific art program is hosting its Second Annual Exhibition scheduled for October 5. The group is currently looking for artists to enter their artwork.

The exhibition will feature the works of local and regional artists in vacant storefronts in the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District. Vallejo Art Windows secures temporary installation sites. The exhibition allows for two-dimensional visual art, sculptures, video or new media and installations, though each exhibit-site has its own set of guidelines in terms of size, visibility and other physical requirements.

Chosen art installations will be displayed in the windows for the span of a year, or until vacant spaces are leased. There is no entry fee or rental fee, each space is available through the generosity



property owners. Vallejo Art

Windows is a community project designed to increase commerce by improving the

aesthetic appeal of Vallejo's downtown area, while promoting artists and their creative vision. It is a collaborative effort achieved through efforts of building owners, artists, residents and in partnership with the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, the Old Fellows Hall, Downtown Arts and Entertainment Advisory Council and Central Core Restoration Corporation.

For more information or to apply to submit artwork, email Project
Curator Sean Murdock or visit the Vallejo Art Windows website.

Submissions are due by Thursday, August 15.

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#### Akashi Sister City Visit

In celebration of its 45-year relationship with Sister City Akashi, Japan, the Vallejo Sister City Association hosted a youth and delegate visit last week. Akashi has been one of Vallejo's Sister Cities since 1968.

The 15-member youth group arrived on Tuesday, August 6 and stayed until Sunday morning, August 11. During their time in the Bay Area, the Akashi visitors toured Madonna Estate Vineyard in Napa, the California Maritime Academy, the Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield, Solano Community College and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, and attended a variety of meetings and ceremonies.

As part of the festivities, the Sister City Peace Pole was dedicated at the Vallejo Waterfront with special participation of the Japanese Consul General Nobuhiro Wantanave of San Francisco and Brenda Brumfield, Northern California Coordinator for Sister Cities International. The youth delegates also participated in a tree dedication ceremony at Vallejo City Park.

The goal of this visit was to recognize the 45 year sisterhood relationship. The Sister City Association hopes to continue momentum with holding regular video conferences between Vallejo and Akashi, hosting sister school relationships and more.