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An exterior view of the JP23 restaurant, bar and nightclub at 110 E Broadway in Long Beach on Aug. 24, 2022.

## Long Beach council denies JP23 nightclub business license application, reverses hearing officer's decision

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Long Beach city council unanimously voted to overturn a decision made by a hearing officer to allow the JP23 nightclub to conduct business in the city and ultimately denied the owner's business application Tuesday night.

The decision is the final act in JP23's saga in Long Beach, following almost four years of renovations, applications and appeals from the owner, which coincided with safety violations and issues of non-compliance from the nightclub.

The letter of denial, which was published on March 14 and upheld by the council Tuesday, stated that the "Applicant has consistently refused to abide by the rules and regulations of the City of Long Beach."

During the two years that JP23 was in residence, there were eight criminal citations, two safety violations, four letters notifying the business of non-compliant activity and a cease-and-desist order. Commercial Services Manager Amanda Hall also cited resident complaints over music disturbances, fights, drunk people in public, parking and other instances which resulted in over 30 calls to the Long Beach Police Department.

On May 25, a hearing officer pre-

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Iñigo Ibrae, the founder of Devotion Fitness, a non-profit that teaches boxing-based fitness classes, shows a student proper punching form during a class at Bluff Park on Aug. 19, 2022.

## Devotion Fitness packs a punch of positivity

Samantha Diaz  
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Nestled between the sounds of crashing waves and bustling Ocean Boulevard traffic, once a week as the sun sets on Long Beach, a budding group of boxing enthusiasts sweat, train, swing their fists and most importantly, support one another.

It's not often that the words sunset and boxing are seen together, but Long Beach resident Iñigo Ibrae has proved that the two are a perfect match. His nonprofit Devotion Fitness, which he founded in September 2021, has been offering sunset boxing classes to residents every Friday on a sliding-scale donation-based membership.

The sunset boxing classes focus on providing a fitness-based space of inclusivity and support for the LGBTQ+ community "and the underestimated folk of Long Beach," according to its website.

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Trash cans wait to be picked up on trash day in the Belmont Shore neighborhood of Long Beach on August 3, 2021.

## Long Beach approves waste and recycling rates increase

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Managing Editor

Residents will receive a 20% rate increase to their solid waste and recycling fees over the next year, as the Long Beach city council moved unanimously to approve the increase Tuesday night.

The rate increase, which will be implemented in at least two phases, is the first recycling and waste fee increase in the city since 2019. The first step of the increase will take place on September 1 and will amount to an \$11.09 bump for a single-family household.

Increases are dependent on household and trash bin size.

Dikran Melkonian, deputy director of public works, cited a number of reasons for the increase, most importantly the need to comply with California mandates. Staff also reported a \$1,433,176 liability insurance increase, a \$4,135,216 fleet cost increase, a \$893,228 increase in technology and innovation as well as a 147% debt increase for the city's waste department since the start of the pandemic.

City staff pointed out that Long Beach is not in compliance with the state's most recent mandate, AB 1383, which establishes targets for cities in California to reduce their organic waste emissions by 50% by diverting organic materials away from landfills.

Melkonian said that when passing the bill, the state was clear that, "to fund this program is to pass the cost onto the ratepayers."

Another reason cited for the increase was the waste department's

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Olivia Olivier tightens the fabric of their hot pink hand wraps while preparing for an hour-long workout session with Devotion Fitness at Bluff Park in Long Beach on Aug. 19, 2022.

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## EVENTS



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Christine Harges cosplays as the character Mercy from the video game Overwatch while standing in front of a photography background set up at the entrance of Long Beach Comic Expo 2020.

## Long Beach Comic Con returns after pandemic delay

### Staff Report

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Cosplayers and fans will soon swarm the Long Beach Convention Center for the return of Long Beach Comic Con on the weekend of Sept. 3 and 4.

"I like how it's more lowkey than Anime Expo," cosplayer Christine Harges told the *Signal Tribune* in 2020. "I like lowkey conventions, so that's fun."

This year there will be 17 guests from the comic, video game, cosplay and related industries in the conventions "Social Square," where fans can chat with their idols and ask for autographs.

Big names attending this year's convention include Lou Ferrigno, who portrayed the 1978 television version of The Incredible Hulk, and executives from Heavy Metal magazine.

"I'm a big comic fan. [For] those of us here in Social Square, it's a good place to be," video game voice actor Carlos Ferro told the *Signal Tribune* in 2020.

There will also be a variety of vendors selling comics, art prints, stickers, collectibles and more.

The convention was previously planned to take place in Sept. 2021 and Feb. 2022, but both dates were canceled due to high rates of COVID-19 at the time.

Long Beach Comic Con will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center, located at 300 E Ocean Blvd. on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission costs \$45 on Saturday and \$25 on Sunday. A weekend pass can be purchased for both days for \$65. Tickets can be purchased online at [longbeachcomiccon.ticketleap.com](http://longbeachcomiccon.ticketleap.com).

## TRANSPORTATION



Image Courtesy Wisk Aero

A photo of the self flying air taxi created by Wisk Aero

## Long Beach's transportation future could include self flying air taxis

Kristin Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Will unmanned flying taxis one day emerge in Long Beach's skies? A local nonprofit and Bay Area aerospace company are trying to figure that out.

The Long Beach Economic Partnership (LBEP) and the advanced air mobility company Wisk Aero have formed a working group to look into the feasibility of using Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) in Long Beach.

Advanced air mobility (AAM) is defined as using unmanned aircraft to bring air transportation to areas not typically accessible by aviation, such as urban centers that can't fit an airstrip.

The LBEP is an organization that works to increase jobs, businesses and economic opportunities in Long Beach. The organization works closely with the Economic Development Department to work towards the City's economic goals.

The working group formed by LBEP and Wisk Aero is expected to spend two years evaluating the potential impacts and opportunities AAM could bring to Long Beach, according to a statement made in February.

In line with this goal, the group will focus on four areas: analysis of economic impact and workforce development, community acceptance and outreach, integration of autonomous AAM into city transportation plans, and federal and state government funding opportunities.

According to LBEP interim executive director Leah Goold-Haws, since the partnership was announced in February, the working group has increased in size as interest in the project has grown. But now the working group is reducing its numbers "to those who are fully committed."

According to Wisk Aero, its two-passenger self-flying air taxi is 21 feet long with a 36 foot wingspan.

The self-flying electric air taxis manufactured by Wisk Aero are ca-



Image Courtesy Wisk Aero

A photo of the self flying air taxi created by Wisk Aero

pable of taking off vertically, eliminating the need to gather momentum on a runway before becoming airborne. The front and back of the wings are lined by small propellers that allow it to travel straight up into the air, similar to how a helicopter takes off. This type of aircraft is known as Vertical Take-Off and Landing aircraft (VTOL).

The working group also provides feedback on an economic impact study funded by Wisk Aero, which is being conducted by the Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) Office of Economic Research. The study is researching the annual economic impact AAM operations would have in Southern California and other regional state economies. The results of the economic impact study are expected to be completed later this year.

According to Leah Goold-Haws, interim executive director of the LBEP, there are two models currently being discussed to allow the air taxis to take off and land:

- partnering with local airports
- building freestanding "vertiports" (a version of airports specifically for aircraft that can land and take off vertically) with lobbies and charging stations

According to Goold-Haws, the original conversation about the potential of Wisk Aero coming to Long Beach included Mark Taylor of Boeing, which supports Wisk, and the then-director of the Economic Development Department

John Keisler.

"We have produced some of the world's most modern aircraft, are leading in the space economy, and will now be home to new technologies in Advanced Air Mobility," Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement when the partnership was first announced in February. "We look forward to our partnership with Wisk and are proud of our local workforce who are educated, trained, and poised to make progress on these innovations."

Goold-Haws admitted the air taxis won't be affordable for everyone at first.

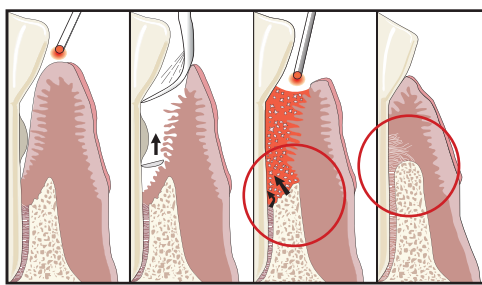
"When it comes to new technologies, I think there's an initial cost barrier until those technologies grow just like an iPhone, if you will. With the first iteration of a phone it's more expensive, but then as the new versions come out, it lowers the price," Goold-Haws said. "I don't know in the short term the type of customers that might use these drone taxis, but I know in the long term the goal is to see them in some ways similar to an Uber, so they're meant for short term commutes."

While there is no set date for when Wisk Aero's air taxis will launch in Long Beach, Goold-Haws said that Wisk Aero and LBEP are considering trying to launch the first prototypes in time for the 2028 Olympics, which will be held in Los Angeles.

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sided over the case for five days and ultimately decided in favor of JP23 owner Jacob Poozhikala. The hearing officer's closing statement acknowledged "the numerous past violations and citations," and stated "the plain language of Long Beach Municipal Code 3.80.421.5 simply does not contemplate those past violations and citations be considered in the denial or approval of the Application."

The city council hired an outside independent legal council to preside over the city staff's decision before giving their final say. Christopher Pisano of Best Best & Krieger advised the council to go against the hearing officer's decision and uphold the denial of JP23's business license.

"What he [the hearing officer] was in essence saying was that the history of violations must be ignored," Pisano said. "It struck me as odd and we looked very carefully at your code."

Owner Jacob Poozhikala was present to plead his case to the council and argue that "the city went out of its way" in order to block his business from being successful.

"I put \$3 million into this place ... and a lynch mob was created to make sure that I don't open this business," Poozhikala said. "No one could tell me why I couldn't get a business license; I need transparency."

Employees from the Long Beach and Fullerton locations took to public comment to vouch for Poozhikala's character. Concerned residents, mostly women, pointed to Poozhikala suing a woman for slander and libel who alleged she was drugged at the Fullerton establishment and later sexually assaulted.

### A timeline of JP23's time in Long Beach

Poozhikala applied for a premise-to-premise, person-to-person transfer of an Alcoholic Beverage License in January of 2018 to open a nightclub in downtown Long Beach at 110 E Broadway. He said he wanted the venue to be "a smaller House of Blues," and quickly invested over \$1 million into renovat-

ing the space in the first two years.

In August of 2021, a woman claimed that she was sexually assaulted at the downtown Fullerton location. It was not the first time JP23 had been connected to an incident of sexual assault, and Poozhikala insisted that it's what ultimately led to his business license denial in Long Beach.

On Sept. 1, 2021, the city began receiving complaints from residents that JP23 was advertising to host a grand opening party on Sept. 3 and 4. At the time, JP23 had not yet submitted a complete business license application and the location was still undergoing construction. Hall called the situation "highly unusual" and said that multiple departments reached out to Poozhikala.

Poozhikala said that he was advertising for the event in hopes that the license would be approved by then. Once he realized this wasn't possible, he said he canceled the event and "took the \$60,000 cost" of entertainment fees he had already paid. City staff confirmed that JP23's social media accounts advertised a change in venue to the Fullerton location.

On Sept. 3, the Long Beach Fire Department and the LBPD responded to a call at JP23 "just before 4 a.m." for a false fire alarm, according to Hall. City staff claim that the grand opening event was held regardless of warnings to the business.

On Sept. 16, Poozhikala submitted a completed business license application to the City. The next day, the club received a cease-and-desist order for all public use and two violations for occupancy without approval. JP23 responded by submitting a temporary occupancy permit on Sept. 24, which they were granted on Oct. 11.

From October 2021 to February 2022, there were eight misdemeanor citations, two letters from the city and two virtual meetings held with Poozhikala going over "process and entertainment permit regulations."

A meeting in November granted JP23 a conditional business license, which Hall said was "an act

of good faith to help this business become a member of the community."

Long Beach Municipal Code 3.80.421.1 states that during the 180-day period for which a conditional license is active, "the applicant may be rejected for failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations at any time."

Poozhikala's council claimed that the conditional license was outside the bounds of the City's director of financial management, which he argued was to "perform the ministerial function of issuing the license."

He argued that since JP23 had received approval from the departments of planning, building, fire and health, the financial manager had no reason to withhold approval. He cited Long Beach Municipal Code 3.80.110, which states that the financial manager's role "is not intended to be regulatory."

The city denied JP23's business license application on March 14, and received an appeal from Poozhikala on March 23. Between the time of the appeal and the hearing, the City conducted an inspection of JP23 and found an unpermitted mezzanine and stage area, which they were advised to stop using.

In April, the council referred to a hearing officer, who gave his final decision on July 15 to grant the business its license. Pisano's independent report found that the city should reject the hearing officer's findings.


Poozhikala asked the council to give him a probationary period to conduct business in Long Beach in order to "prove what a great place we are for the city."

"You guys are here for the working class people, you know how stressful it is that I have 80 people that don't know if they have a job or not," Poozhikala said.

The council voted unanimously to deny JP23's application.

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## CRIME

# Armed woman tries to snatch baby in stroller

City News Service

Southern California Local News

Two people were put in custody Sunday for allegedly attempting to snatch a baby at gunpoint from two women in Long Beach, authorities said.

The women were walking the baby in a stroller in the area of Pine Avenue and 10th Street around noon Saturday when they were approached by an unknown, armed female suspect, the Long Beach Police Department reported.

"The suspect pointed the firearm at one of the adult victims and demanded the baby," police said. "A struggle for the stroller ensued between the suspect and two women, which subsequently ended when a vehicle driven by a second suspect, a man, pulled up near the scene



File Image: Pexels

and discharged a perceived firearm in the direction of the victims."

The female suspect released the stroller and ran to the awaiting vehicle, which fled westbound on 10th Street before officers arrived.

Within a few hours of crime, detectives gathered enough evidence to identify and locate the suspects, the LBPD said. Detectives located a

vehicle matching the suspects' vehicle at about 8:45 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of South Occidental Avenue in Los Angeles.

They approached the vehicle and allegedly found both suspects, as well as two airsoft replica firearms, inside. The suspects were taken into custody without incident and were transported to Long Beach city jail for booking.

Los Angeles residents Stacie Earnestine Wilson, 55, and Walter Keshone Sullivan, 45, were arrested on suspicion of felony kidnapping and felony assault with a deadly weapon. Each had a bail set at \$100,000.

The motive for the alleged crime remains under investigation.

The LBPD's Gang Detail urged anyone with information regarding the attempted kidnapping to call them at 562-570-7370 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

## EVENT

# Happy Sundays brings joy and music to Zaferia district

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Editorial Intern

The free music festival Happy Sundays will return for its sixth year on Sunday, Aug. 28 in the Zaferia district of Long Beach.

The event spans 1.5 miles down Anaheim Avenue and will include 11 venues, starting with Supply and Demand and ending at DiPiazza's. Each venue will have a bus stop outside venues for the double-decker red bus to drop off passengers throughout the day.

"It's to get the community engaged and give something back where we live," said creator of Happy Sundays, Julia Kugel. "So we wanted to have a day of free music."

Kugel and her husband Scott Montoya started Happy Sundays with the hopes of creating an acces-

sible community event. This year's event is presented by their video channel for independent artists, TheMouth.tv.

"My hope, like every year, is just for people to have a good time and for the neighborhood to be happy and satisfied with the event," Kugel said. "We call it Happy Sundays for a reason."

While the majority of venues will invite bands to play live music all day, venues such as Compound, Long Beach Playhouse and Ashtanga Yoga will host other community events.

The first event for Happy Sundays will begin at noon and end with a closing set at Alex's Bar at 9:30 p.m.

To find more information including set times and bands, visit the festival's website.

## MONKEYPOX

## LB Health Department has administered nearly 3K monkeypox vaccines

## Staff Report

Signal Tribune

There have been 2,847 doses of the Jynneos vaccine administered in Long Beach as of Monday, Aug. 22, in an effort to slow the spread of monkeypox.

Of the 2,847 doses administered in Long Beach, 1,943 were administered by the city's Department of Health and Human Services.

The City of Long Beach reported its first presumptive case of monkeypox on July 16.

As of Aug. 23, there have been 66 probable and confirmed cases of monkeypox reported in Long Beach.

The City has created an online portal where eligible people can sign up to receive the Jynneos vaccine, which offers protection from monkeypox. The City recently switched from using an online portal to receive a Jynneos vaccine to the MyTurn system, which has been used to register for the COVID-19 vaccine throughout the pandemic.

Only people who are pre-registered on the city's previous system can sign up for a Jynneos vaccine until Aug. 26. Starting Aug. 27 additional appointment slots will open for people who haven't pre-registered.

The list of eligibility requirements to receive the Jynneos vaccine has recently been expanded, and now includes:

- (New) Gay or bisexual men and transgender people who had skin-to-skin or intimate contact (e.g., kissing, hugging) with persons at large venues or events in the past 14 days)



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Long Beach resident Jeff Bartholemey receives his Moderna COVID-19 booster shot at the Houghton Park mobile vaccine clinic on Nov. 22, 2021. His first two shots were the Pfizer vaccine, but he decided to mix-and-match for his booster.

- (New) Persons of any gender or sexual orientation who engaged in commerial and/or transactional sex in the past 14 days (e.g., sex in exchange for money, shelter, food and other goods or needs)

- People who were exposed to someone with confirmed monkeypox and do not have symptoms.

- People who attended an event/venue where there was high risk of exposure to someone with confirmed monkeypox.

- Gay or bisexual men and transgender persons who are on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

- Gay or bisexual men and transgender people who attended saunas, bathhouses, sex clubs, circuit

parties or sex parties where they had anonymous sex or sex with multiple partners.

- Gay or bisexual men and transgender people with a diagnosis of gonorrhea or early syphilis within the past 12 months.

- Gay or bisexual men and transgender people 18 years of age and older who had multiple or anonymous sex partners in the last 14 days, including engaging in survival and/or transactional sex (e.g., sex in exchange for shelter, food and other goods and needs).

- Residents who are immunocompromised, including those with advanced or uncontrolled HIV, who may be at high risk for severe

disease.

While monkeypox has been disproportionately impacting members of the LGBTQ+ community, anyone can get the disease regardless of sexual orientation.

According to a statement by the City, most cases locally and nationally are contracted through skin-to-skin contact.

The risk of exposure to monkeypox may increase when engaging in any kind of sexual or intimate touching with multiple or anonymous partners (including hugging or kissing), at an event or area where there is skin-to-skin contact with multiple people, and while

attending venues such as clubs, saunas, bathhouses, sex parties and circuit parties where there is skin-to-skin or face-to-face contact with multiple people, especially if those present are wearing minimal clothing, according to the Health Department.

People who are experiencing possible symptoms of monkeypox should call their health care provider. This includes people who have:

- Traveled to an area where monkeypox cases or exposures have been reported.

- Had contact with a person who has a similar rash or received a diagnosis of confirmed or suspected monkeypox.

- Had close or intimate in-person contact with individuals in a social network experiencing monkeypox activity, this includes men who have sex with men who meet partners through an online website, digital app, or social event.

- Had contact with a dead or live wild animal or pet that is an African endemic species or used a product derived from such animals.

- Those who don't have health insurance and are experiencing symptoms can contact the City's public health information line at 562-570-7907 for assistance.

Monkeypox usually resolves itself in two to four weeks, but more severe cases are possible.

Monkeypox is infectious and those who are infected should isolate until they've recovered. For more information and to keep up with the City's response to monkeypox, visit <https://longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/monkeypox/>.

## CRIME

## LBPD investigates vandalism of headstones at Sunnyside Cemetery



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A gravestone for US Navy veteran Leonard A. Johnson is seen removed from the earth at Sunnyside Cemetery in Long Beach on Aug. 25, 2022.

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The Long Beach Police Department is investigating the Aug. 19 vandalism of multiple headstones at Sunnyside Cemetery in Long Beach.

According to LBPD, officers were dispatched at approximately 10:08 a.m. on Aug. 22 to Sunnyside Cemetery in response to a reported incident of vandalism. Police spoke with an employee of the cemetery

that said multiple headstones had been vandalized on Aug. 19.

In a social media post on Aug. 20 the Historical Society of Long Beach showed photos of toppled headstones lying in the grass, saying the society discovered six that had been vandalized. The Long Beach Post later reported that 12 had been toppled.

The Historical Society of Long Beach wrote that it takes special skill to repair such headstones.

The society said it discovered the

vandalized headstones when preparing for its 26th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour, which invites the public to learn about the lives of the people buried there.

Sunnyside Cemetery has been in operation for over a century, and many influential figures from Long Beach's history are buried there.

Those who may have information about this crime can contact LBPD by calling (562) 435-6711.

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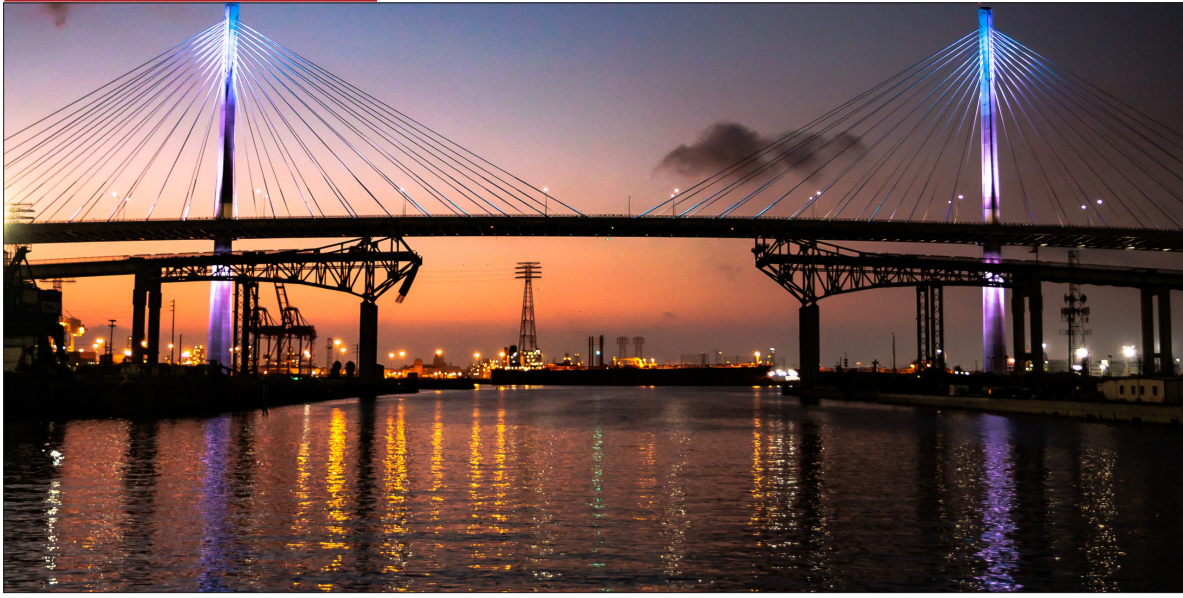
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**INFRASTRUCTURE**



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The lights on the Long Beach International Gateway Bridge change from blue to purple at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022.

## Long Beach Port's new bridge finally gets its name

City News Service  
Southern California Local News

With the state Legislature's blessing, the massive new bridge connecting Terminal Island and downtown Long Beach at the city's port complex was officially named the "Long Beach International Gateway Bridge" on Aug. 24.

"Since our new bridge officially opened in 2020, it has been a bright new landmark for our city—welcoming visitors from close to home and around the world," Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement. "The approval of its official name as the Long Beach International Gateway Bridge per-

fectly fits all that it represents, and we are excited to have it serve our community and our great port for generations to come."

The span opened to traffic in October 2020 as a replacement for the 1960s-vintage Gerald Desmond Bridge, which was replaced to allow passage of larger cargo ships beneath. The original bridge was 155 feet above the water, but its replacement is 205 feet high.

Its construction was a roughly \$1.6 billion project that included the new structure and demolition of the original bridge. Crews began dismantling large sections of the original Gerald Desmond Bridge in July, with the demolition expected to be completed next year.

State legislation to name the

new structure the Long Beach International Gateway Bridge was introduced following a public survey conducted last year in hopes of selecting a moniker. The measure was unanimously approved by both the Assembly and Senate, city officials said.

"Like our port and its workers, this iconic bridge represents the very best of Long Beach," Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell, D-Long Beach and the bill's author, said in a statement. "The International Gateway Bridge connects our great community and state to the entire world. With a fitting new name, our port will handle the largest cargo ships and meet the ever-increasing demands of today's global supply chain."

**COVID-19**



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Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia speaks during the 9/11 memorial event in Signal Hill on Sept. 11, 2021.

## Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia tests positive for COVID-19

City News Service  
Southern California Local News

Long Beach Mayor and congressional candidate Robert Garcia tested positive Monday, Aug. 22 for COVID-19.

Garcia, who lost his mother and stepfather to COVID, said he tested positive Monday morning "for the first time since the pandemic started."

"I have light symptoms and otherwise feel fine," the 44-year-old Garcia wrote on his Twitter account. "I plan to rest and work from home this week. Grateful to be vac-

inated and boosted." In July 2020, Garcia's mother, Gabriella O'Donnell, died due to COVID-19. His stepfather, Greg O'Donnell, died two weeks later.

Garcia was elected Long Beach mayor in 2014, becoming the city's youngest and first openly gay mayor.

He will square off in a November runoff against Republican John Brisco in the race to represent the reconfigured 42nd Congressional District, which includes Long Beach and stretches north to areas including Lakewood, Bellflower, Downey and Huntington Park.

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## A WEEKLY LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN LONG BEACH AND SIGNAL HILL

As temperatures start to cool down and being outside becomes bearable again, residents looking to spend time outdoors this week can enjoy a summer concert, the Uptown Jazz Festival and the Long Beach Kite Festival— All free! For the introverts who don't like to leave the house no matter what the weather's like, there's a virtual composting class organized by the City of Long Beach.

Parents can make use of the infant formula distribution or take their children to read to a dog at the library. Teens can get away from their parents at the library with events just for them, including a crocheting club and a group that plans future library events.

### 26 FRIDAY

#### INFANT FORMULA DISTRIBUTION

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The City of Long Beach will distribute free infant formula to people with a child up to 9 months old who benefit from a federal assistance program and have a need for food at Silverado Park, (1545 W 31st St.) Free.

#### END OF SUMMER CONCERT

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The band Under Cover will be performing pop, rock, soul, funk, Latin and R&B songs at Marine Stadium (5255 Paoli Way.) Free.

### 27 SATURDAY

#### LBFD FUTURE FIRE-FIGHTER CANDIDATES FITNESS WORKSHOP

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This workshop at the Long Beach Fire Training Division (2249 Argonne Ave.) will introduce aspiring firefighters to the physical demands necessary for the job. Participants need to bring a mask, t-shirt, shorts, running shoes, water, pen, paper to

take notes, work gloves and a good attitude. All participants will be required to sign a waiver and fill out an interest card before participating. Interest cards can be found on the fire department's website [www.longbeach.gov/fire](http://www.longbeach.gov/fire). All genders are welcome. Free.

#### FREE E-WASTE COLLECTION

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to dispose of their electronic waste and household hazardous waste materials at the EDCO recycling center (2755 California Ave.) Those dropping off waste should place the items in an unlocked car and keep their windows up for socially distanced disposal. For a full list of items that are accepted, go to [longbeach.gov/lbrecycles](http://longbeach.gov/lbrecycles).

#### PLANTITAS MARKET GRAND OPENING

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The grand opening of a small vendor marketplace of immigrant and queer local businesses at 4003 E 4th St. Free.

#### BREATHWORK

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants are invited to practice Pranayama, a yogic breathing exercise at Compound Long Beach (1395 Colorado Ave.) Attendance is charged on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.compoundlb.com/events-calendar](http://www.compoundlb.com/events-calendar)

#### READ TO DOGS

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People of all ages who want reading practice are invited to read to friendly dogs at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Free

#### WE ARE LONG BEACH

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to an event organized by Visual Communications and the United Cambodian Community of Long Beach, featuring three documentary short films, community discussions, food and more in the Mark Twain Library community room (1401 E Anaheim St.). Free.

#### TALES OF THE LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE

8 p.m. This production will look back on a century's worth of com-

munity theater. The performance will tell the story of the Long Beach Playhouse (5021 E Anaheim St.) and includes live musical performances. General admission costs \$25.

#### UPTOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy this free jazz festival at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.) Artist Stephanie Mills will headline the event. Music will be played throughout the day, and food and beer will be available for purchase. Free.

#### LEARN TO COMPOST

Participants will learn how to turn food scraps and yard debris into compost during this online workshop organized by the City of Long Beach. To register, visit [https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_11XBFIZ-ST5qg\\_nWs8n3m7A](https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_11XBFIZ-ST5qg_nWs8n3m7A). Free.

#### THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

10 p.m. This screening of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E 4th St.) will include pre-show entertainment. \$1 raffle tickets for themed merchandise will be available for purchase. General admission costs \$13.50.

### 28 SUNDAY

#### HAPPY SUNDAYS MUSIC FEST

Eleven different venues in the Zaferia District will be hosting over 40 live musical performances. To see a full list of venues and bands, visit [https://happysundaysfest.com/?page\\_id=453](https://happysundaysfest.com/?page_id=453). Free.

#### LONG BEACH KITE FESTIVAL

Noon to 7 p.m. The public is invited to watch this festival celebrating kites organized by the Pacific Kite Club of California, featuring multicultural performances, kite flying, face painting, food vendors and free kites for kids at Granada Beach (5100 E Ocean Blvd.) Free.

### 29 MONDAY

#### LBFD FUTURE FEMALE FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES FITNESS WORKSHOP

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This workshop at the Long Beach Fire Training Division (2249 Argonne Ave.) will introduce aspiring firefighters to the physical demands necessary for the job. Participants need to bring a mask, t-shirt, shorts, running shoes, water, pen, paper to take notes, work gloves and a good attitude. All participants will be required to sign a waiver and fill out an interest card before participating. Interest cards can be found on the fire department's website [www.longbeach.gov/fire](http://www.longbeach.gov/fire). This event is geared toward women but all genders are welcome to participate. Free.

### 30 TUESDAY

#### BABY BOOKWORM STORY-TIME

10 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring babies up to 12 months old to enjoy books, songs and more at Bach Neighborhood Library (4055 Bellflower Blvd.) Free.

### 31 WEDNESDAY

#### TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Local high schoolers are invited to help the library develop events, crafts and activities for their peers at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) Free.

#### WE DON'T TALK ABOUT CROCHET CLUB

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Teens between the ages of 13 to 17 are invited to this weekly crochet club at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Participants will learn crocheting basics and how to make granny squares. Free.

### 01 THURSDAY

#### BABYTIME

10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring babies between the ages of 6 months to 18 months to enjoy fingerplays, books and interactive songs at Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.) Free.

#### READING BUDDIES

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Parents and caregivers can bring children to the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) where a teen volunteer will give them up to 30 minutes of one-on-one reading practice. Free.

### ONGOING EVENTS

#### FARM STAND AT THE GROWING EXPERIENCE URBAN FARM

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Growing Experience, Long Beach's largest urban farm located, is hosting a weekly farm stand each Thursday at 750 E Via Carmelitos in North Long Beach. The stand offers fresh, seasonal produce directly from the farm. Donations are welcome. Residents can also drop off compostable items to enrich the farm's soil.

### IS THAT IT? NOPE!

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Image Courtesy Happy Sundays

A performer sings to a crowd at Bamboo Club during the 2021 Happy Sundays one-day musical festival.

**SUNSET BOXING**  
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“We have a variety of body types, heights, sizes, gender identities and gender expansive people,” Ibrae said. “I would say it’s like you don’t have to be fit to attend ... Even though it’s outdoors, it feels very welcoming.”

The club now trains “anywhere from 10 to 16 people,” each Friday evening, Ibrae said, including a core group of beginners whose skills have steadily grown throughout the program. The sunset boxing classes are led by Ibrae himself, who took up the sport last year and “just fell in love with boxing.”

“It’s very intense but it’s also rewarding ... I personally dealt with some anxiety so I found whenever I would kind of talk to traditional therapists, just talking itself didn’t really remedy the problem,” Ibrae said. “When I started getting into physical activities, it just kind of relaxed my mind.”

Ibrae soon became enamored with the sport, and began frequenting a local boxing gym multiple times a day to train. After a month of training, he found that the biggest barrier to his growth was that he didn’t feel safe in the space.

“Most of the boxing gyms I would say 99% of them are very manly and they’re very traditional and sometimes that attitude is what de-

ters people from trying boxing or staying,” Ibrae said. “So I think that was mostly the challenging aspect, feeling safe and feeling not judged.”

Ibrae created Devotion Fitness as a way to continue his training in the sport he loves while providing the opportunity to other LGBTQ people who may feel intimidated by traditional boxing gyms.

“[[There’s] multiple stories from our participants who share a similar experience, where they just don’t know how to navigate the gym culture without feeling some type of discrimination,” Ibrae said.

Ashley Ricart, who has been attending the sunset boxing classes for “at least a month and a half” said that along with the accessibility of the program, the “community aspect” is what makes Devotion Fitness stand out from traditional fitness facilities.

“There’s a lot of little conversations, a lot of laughing, a lot of affirmations,” Ricart said. “We build each other up. So when we’re doing the patterns, anything like that, we’re making sure to let each other know that we’re doing a good job, right? None of it’s negative. We’re not putting each other down, so it’s just a really uplifting space.”

Sunset boxing participants set aside the last Friday of each month to host a post-workout pot-

luck-style picnic, where everyone brings their own food and sits on blankets to eat and connect. Ibrae and Ricart said that most people hang out after each class to form friendships and make plans for the weekend with one another.

“There’s a group of people that come there each week and they’ll just sit on a blanket and knit ... if they don’t want to box,” Ricart said. “They’ll color and have conversations, take pictures, and then maybe next week box. It’s not about being the perfect boxer; it’s more just learning this new sport and I guess getting back in touch with your body and being surrounded by queer individuals like yourself.”

For many, one of the biggest barriers to the sport is the high cost of membership for a boxing gym, which can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars a month, depending on the facility.

Devotion Fitness aims to remove this barrier.

Their classes are donation-based, and there is no minimum donation amount or required experience needed for the sunset boxing classes, as well as the newly-introduced skate and fitness program, Revival. Ibrae notes that all of the participants have so far have “been taught from scratch.”

Beginners are always provided with supplies, as Ibrae explained that attendees naturally buy their own gloves once they get hooked on the sport.

The next immediate goal for Devotion Fitness is to recruit trainers for its free classes and expand its programs to include more free events and opportunities for youth in the city, such as a nutrition and wellness workshop. Ibrae said the nonprofit is also seeking donations, sponsorships, collaborations and volunteers.

He said a future goal he has for Devotion Fitness is to occupy a building in the city and use it as an inclusive gym for the community. Plans for the gym also include mental health and wellness workshops, poetry slams and other community events.

“Our dream is to be the first boxing and fitness gym to offer sliding scale boxing memberships in Long Beach,” reads a statement on their website.

“At the traditional gyms I saw that it was very heterocentric and it’s very binary,” Ibrae said. “So be-



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Luzien Albanese runs through some punching drills while holding five-pound dumbbells in their hands at a Devotion Fitness class at Bluff Park on Aug. 19, 2022.

ing part of the LGBTQ community, I’ve always felt like I couldn’t relax within the gym environment.”

Anyone wishing to donate to Devotion Fitness can become a member through their Patreon page. Members receive “exclusive access” to future Devotion Fitness events, according to their website.

To contact Devotion Fitness regarding a donation, collaboration or sponsorship, email [Devotionfitnessinc@gmail.com](mailto:Devotionfitnessinc@gmail.com).

Sunset boxing classes begin at 6:30 p.m. each Friday in Bluff Park on the stretch of lawn at the crossroads of Orizaba Avenue and Ocean Boulevard.



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Elliot holds a pair of three-pound dumbbells in their hands while doing punching drills at a Devotion Fitness class at Bluff Park on Aug. 19, 2022.



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Iñigo Ibrae, the founder of Devotion Fitness, a non-profit that teaches boxing-based fitness classes for the LGBTQ community, leads the class in a set of abdominal workouts on Aug. 19, 2022.

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**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

**TST6785**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

**AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, the Planning Commission of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted using a hybrid format in which members of the Planning Commission, members of the public, and City staff may physically attend the meeting or virtually participate by audio and/or video. Planning Commission will consider the following:

**SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW 19-02**

**REQUEST TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING ONE-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AND DETACHED GARAGE AT 2750 E. 20TH STREET AND CONSTRUCT THREE DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS ON A 0.3-ACRE SITE IN THE RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (RH) ZONING DISTRICT. PROPOSAL ALSO INCLUDES TWO-CAR GARAGES FOR EACH UNIT PLUS THREE OFF-STREET SURFACE PARKING SPACES. NO PRIVATE DRIVEWAY PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF GARAGES ARE PROPOSED.**

**Agent:** Bozena Jaworski (RPP Architects & Associates Inc.)

**Property Owners:** Narsimha and Usha Reddy

**Recommendation:** Staff is recommending Planning Commission approval.

**A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 08/26/22(1)** has been prepared in conjunction with the subject project, based on an initial study finding of potentially significant environmental impacts unless mitigated. Mitigation measures have been included to address Hazards and Hazardous Materials and Tribal Cultural Resources. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department regarding the subject Mitigated Negative Declaration during the public review period from August 26, 2022, to September 20, 2022 (25 days).

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are hereby invited to participate in this public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AS AMENDED BY AB 361)** this will be a hybrid meeting with in-person, video, and teleconference participation options. To view or listen to the meeting live at 7:00 p.m.:

- In-person: Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California;
- Call (408) 638-0968 (audio only) on the date and time of the meeting and enter the meeting ID **860-0994-8336**, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode 636831. If you would like to make a public comment, please notify the meeting host by pressing \*9 on the telephone keypad;
- Visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86009948336> on your desktop computer or laptop and enter passcode 636831; or
- Download the app from the app store if you are using a smart phone and enter meeting ID **860-0994-8336** and passcode **636831** when prompted.
- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to [ragbayani@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:ragbayani@cityofsignalhill.org), or by mail to the attention of Ryan Agbayani, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before September 15, 2022), staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. If received after the publication date, staff will read the comments aloud into the public record at the public hearing.
- The City is not responsible for meeting disruptions or technical difficulties; however, if you are disconnected, please repeat the steps above.

**IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY CHALLENGE** any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

**THE FILE** and associated documents for the proposed project may be reviewed publicly on the City's website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org). If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Associate Planner Ryan Agbayani, via email at [ragbayani@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:ragbayani@cityofsignalhill.org) or by calling (562) 989-7341.

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**TST6786 / 2022 185064  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: **PERAZA'S NOTARIZED, 3768 IROQUOIS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.** Registrant: **OLGA PERAZA, 3768 IROQUOIS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808.** This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: **OLGA PERAZA, OWNER.** The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 22, 2022. **NOTICE:** This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 26, & September 2, 9, 16, 2022.

**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

**TST6584**

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

The City of Signal Hill ("City") will receive electronic bids only for the City-wide Sidewalk Repair Project, no later than 3:00 PM on September 15th, 2022. The electronic bid management system will not accept late bids. Bids shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening date.

Bids must be submitted on City's Bid Forms, available to registered vendors through the City's electronic bid management system, PlanetBids at:

<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/36746/bo/bo-search>

Interested bidders may participate by selecting "Bid Opportunities" on the home page. The Contract Documents may be downloaded at no charge. Electronic modifications to or withdrawal of bids may be made by the bidder prior to the bid closing deadline. Contract Documents will not be available for sale at City Hall.

Bids must be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check, or a Bid Bond in favor of the City in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish City with a Performance Bond equal to 100% of the successful bid, and a Payment Bond equal to 100% of the successful bid, prior to execution of the Contract. All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Signal Hill Public Works Department or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted, nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to the Business and Professions Code and shall be licensed in the following appropriate classification(s) of contractor's license(s), for the work bid upon, and must maintain the license(s) throughout the duration of the Contract: Class A Contractors License. In addition, the successful bidder will be required to self-perform at least 80% of the work.

**Award of Contract:** The City reserves the right to award a contract to other than the lowest monetary bidder, if determined to be in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process.

For further information, contact Margarita Beltran, Public Works Superintendent, at (562) 989-7254 or [mbeltran@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:mbeltran@cityofsignalhill.org).

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**RECREATION**



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Outside view of Ranchos Los Cerritos.

**Ranchos Walk returns with a 9.4-mile urban hike**

**Staff Report**

Signal Tribune

Residents will get the opportunity to exercise while enjoying local history during the 9.4-mile annual Ranchos Walk organized by Walk Long Beach, Rancho Los Cerritos, Rancho Los Alamitos and the Historical Society of Long Beach. The hike will take participants from Rancho Los Alamitos to Rancho Los Cerritos, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sep. 10.

The walk will begin at Rancho Los Alamitos, and participants are encouraged to use the IZI Travel app as they follow the winding 9.4-mile path through Long Beach and Signal Hill. The app will help to guide participants on the correct route and play audio recordings that teach users about local history as they walk through the cities.

Registration will take place at Rancho Los Alamitos and then take participants to the CSULB campus, through Reservoir Hill, Hilltop Park in Signal Hill, Willow Springs Park and then finish at Rancho Los Cerritos.

The full route is 9.4 miles, but there are also 6-mile and 3.5-mile routes starting from Reservoir Hill and Willow Springs Park. Registration and start times vary for each route and will be marked by chalk and signs.

Those who participate will earn Rancho merchandise and "Rancho bucks" that can be redeemed at participating restaurants.

Participants are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing, and to only sign up for the walk with members of their own household.

Once participants get to Rancho Los Cerritos, they can partake in a celebration where they can tour the historic grounds and gardens of the Rancho, listen to actors dressed in period-accurate costumes share historical facts, and purchase food and drinks.

A free shuttle will run from Rancho Los Cerritos to take participants back to their starting locations.

To register for the Rancho Walk, visit <https://longbeach.gov/sustainability/about-us/events/ranchos-walk/>.

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# EYE ON CRIME

## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, August 17

6:06 a.m., Burglary, 2100 block Gaviota Ave.

7:37 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, E. Burnett St./Walnut Ave.

8:13 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.

### Thursday, August 18

7:25 a.m., Fire, 2600 block E. 28th St.

8:57 a.m., Auto burglary, 2700 block Dawson Ave.

12:24 p.m., Felony warrant, Wall St./Temple Ave. (suspect arrested)

8:50 p.m., DUI, Atlantic Ave./E. Spring St.

### Friday, August 19

None.

### Saturday, August 20

3:17 a.m., DUI, E. Hill St./Obispo Ave (suspect arrested)

4:07 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block California Ave.

### Sunday, August 21

4:12 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Temple Ave.

### Monday, August 22

9:12 a.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 27th St.

9:22 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Obispo Ave.

9:56 a.m., Indecent exposure, 1700 block E. Willow St.

2:32 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

6:20 p.m., Intoxicated person, 3300 block Gundry Ave.

8:21 p.m., Fire, 1700 block Creston Ave.

### Tuesday, August 23

10:06 a.m., Grand theft, E. 19th St./St. Louis Ave.

6:13 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3000 block California Ave.

8:20 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

*LBPD reporting area is too extensive to report here, but you can go to their website: [longbeach.gov/police](http://longbeach.gov/police). Once there, click on Crime Info, then Crime Incident Mapping Application. Click on Launch Crime Incident Mapping Application & type in an address. You can use filters to select dates and types of crime.*

#### TST6772 / 2022 171793 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. HOTLUNCH.COM, 2. HOTLUNCH, 31214 MARNE DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275. Registrant: AURORA SOFTWARE, INC. 31214 MARNE DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275 This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: PHILIP DE SOUZA, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2017. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 2, 2022. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

#### TST6773 / 2022 157540 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. GZ DESIGN, 2. GILBERT ZAVALA DESIGN, 915 CHERRY AVE, APT 214, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Registrant: GILBERT ZAVALA, 915 CHERRY AVE, APT 214, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GILBERT ZAVALA, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 14, 2022.

NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

#### TST6777 Case No. 22TRCP00281 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 825 MAPLE AVE., TORRANCE, CA. 90503 PETITION OF: RENIERI ALEXANDER CHAVARRIA MORENO, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: RENIERI ALEXANDER CHAVARRIA MORENO has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: RENIERI ALEXANDER CHAVARRIA MORENO Proposed Name: RENIERI ALEXANDER MORENO 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: October 14, 2022; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. B. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, August 12, 19, 26, & September 2, 2022 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Gary Y. Tanaka, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 8, 2022

#### TST6781 Case No. 22LBCP00295 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LONG BEACH COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., 1 ST FLOOR, LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Jessica Arguello, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Jessica Arguello has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her son's name as follows: Present Name: Andrew Isaac Isse Arguello Proposed Name: Andrew Isaac Isse 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: September 21, 2022; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, August 12, 19, 26, & September 2, 2022 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 10, 2022

#### TST6778 / 2022 172543 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: SALAZAR BEAUTY COSMETICS, 7026 1/2 SAN JUAN STREET, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Registrant: LAURA P SALAZAR, 7026 1/2 SAN JUAN STREET, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: LAURA P SALAZAR, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 3, 2022. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 12, 19, 26, & September 2, 2022

#### TST6779 / 2022 172547 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: TACOS ARELLANO, 14108 BELLFLOWER BLVD APT C, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. MAILING ADDRESS: 15112 HAYTER AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Registrant: 1. CRISTINA ARELLANO, 2. NIDIA PATRICIA DIAZ RAMIREZ, 14108 BELLFLOWER BLVD APT C, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: CRISTINA ARELLANO, WIFE. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 3, 2022. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 12, 19, 26, & September 2, 2022

#### TST6780 / 2022 172545 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: SUSHITO TERIYAKI GRILL, 2605 E CESAR E CHAVEZ AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. MAILING ADDRESS: 12261 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. Registrant: JESUS E CARLON SALERNO, 12261 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JESUS E CARLON SALERNO, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 3, 2022. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common

law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 12, 19, 26, & September 2, 2022

#### TST6769 NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN & PUBLIC SALE

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED LORRAINE JUAREZ 11434 RANCHITO ST EL MONTE, CA 91732 THE ESTATE OF DAVID PADILLA 3595 SANTA FE AVE SPACE 117 LONG BEACH, CA 90810 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LORRAINE JUAREZ and/or THE ESTATE OF DAVID PADILLA are in default of payment of the charges and expenses described below for storage of the goods described below on the property of WINDWARD AFFORDABLE HOMES LLC, 3595 SANTA FE AVE, SPACE 117, LONG BEACH, CA 90810, from November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2022.

This notice constitutes a demand for payment of all charges, expenses and costs listed below.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS FROM THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE, AND UNLESS PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY THE UNDERSIGNED, THE LISTED GOODS WILL BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND SOLD BY AUCTION, PURSUANT TO COMMERCIAL CODE SECTION 7210(b) (2) ON September 6, 2022, AT 10:00 AM AT: WINDWARD AFFORDABLE HOMES LLC 3595 SANTA FE AVE, SPACE 117 LONG BEACH, CA 90810

The goods referred to herein are described as:

Mobilehome: 1977 CALYPSO  
Serial Number(s): 031178CAL3474A & 031178CAL3474B

Decal Number(s): ABB6533

The amounts due and payable for storage of the goods are as follows: Storage Charges for the period from November 1, 2020 to July 31, 2022: \$27,106.80.

In addition to the Storage Charges set forth above, Windward Affordable Homes LLC claims the amount of Forty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents, (\$45.57) per day from August 1, 2022, to the date of the aforementioned sale of the goods, and for the reasonable expenses in the amount of \$850.00 for this proceeding to enforce the lien.

DATED: July 29, 2022

By: /s/ Maryann Tran  
Authorized Agent for Windward Affordable Homes LLC  
714-480-6822  
8/19, 8/26/22  
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#### TST6776 Case No. 22CMCP00135 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMPTON COURTHOUSE, 200 W. Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: Chelsy Johnny Fasavalu, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Chelsy Johnny Fasavalu has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: CHELSY JOHNNY FASAVALU Proposed Name: CHAUNCEY MANUELE FASAVALU 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: October 13, 2022; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, August 12, 19, 26, & September 2, 2022 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 4, 2022

#### TST6783 / 2022 176052 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

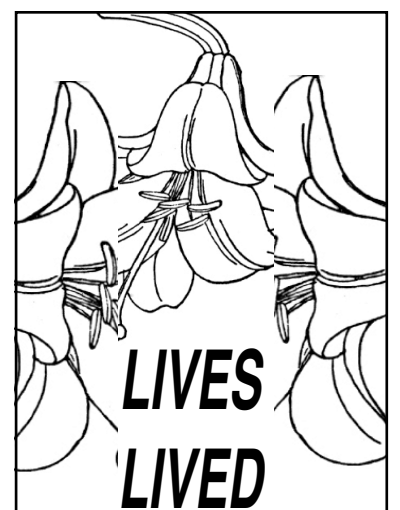
The following person is doing business as: ANAS CLEANING SERVICES, 15343 CALIFORNIA AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: ANA PERAZA FLORES, 15343 CALIFORNIA AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ANA PERAZA FLORES, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 9, 2022. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under

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**RATE INCREASE**  
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yearslong steady deficit in their funding reserves. The city's refuse department currently has \$8-9 million in their reserves, equivalent to one month's worth of emergency funds, according to Melkonian. He said the department likes to have four months of operating surplus in their fund.

Councilmember Suzie Price asked the city staff if they would consider putting off the rate increase or adding more tiers to slowly introduce the increases. Melkonian responded that putting off the increase would only mean steeper rates in the future, since it would cause the department to fall into a deficit by the end of the year.

In order to comply with state mandates—and avoid fines—the city's refuse department will begin providing organic waste collections for city commercial accounts early next year, will hire eight new positions focusing on administrative, enforcement and education efforts, and will implement a food recovery program to reduce food waste.

Factors that are not included in the current rate increase are organic waste collection for residential homes, which includes the operational costs of adding more trucks, bins and staff, the implementation of new collection routes and the need for more property to house added staff and vehicles.

Long Beach currently has one of the lowest residential waste and recycling rates per household in Los Angeles County. According to city staff reports, the current rate for a single-family home with a 64-gallon trash bin is \$24.47, while the cost of service for the city is \$27.36. The rate for a single-family home using a 96-gallon trash bin is \$28.99, while the cost of service is

\$36.03.

Even after the increase, Long Beach's rates will be lower than Pasadena (\$40.99), Santa Monica (\$53.90) and Burbank (\$55.03), but higher than Anaheim (\$24.50) and Torrance (\$35.31). Melkonian also pointed out that cities like Oakland and San Jose, whose rates

ing place on Jan. 1, 2023, for a total increase of 40%.

A friendly amendment by councilmember Al Austin moved to implement the first increase, but asked city staff to return to the council in January to discuss the possibility of stretching out the remaining proposed increase.

"I will begrudgingly support this item, I know it will affect people, but we have a mandate from the state," Austin said. "Our hands are really tied here if we don't move these rates."

Staff will also report to the council on other ways to increase the city's refuse budget that does not involve rate increases. Councilmember Stacey Mungo moved to support the friendly amendment, and pointed out that the city would not have to increase rates if state mandates took into account alternative methods of waste disposal.

Long Beach moved away from using trucks to dump trash into landfills in the late 1980s, and has used a Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) to "reduce the amount of waste to be managed and to reduce the consumption of natural resources," according to the city's website.

SERRF utilizes a furnace, boiler, dry scrubber and generator to incinerate waste, heat up the boilers and produce energy.

Two environmental advocacy groups in California have been calling for the closure of SERRF in Long Beach along with the one other incineration facility in the state. The groups, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice and Valley Improvement Projects, cited air pollution, costs of outdated equipment and "150,000 tons of toxic ash" as a few reasons for re-

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—Councilmember Al Austin

are a staggering \$144-148, already include services such as residential organic waste disposal.

The original motion proposed by staff was a two-tier rate increase system—the first half beginning on Sept. 1 and the second increase tak-

**BUDGET**

**Residents choose fire services, street repairs as top priorities for second year in a row**

Kristen Farrah Naeem  
Signal Tribune

During a virtual meeting on Aug. 22, Long Beach City staff reviewed the results of over 860 public surveys where residents answered what city services they think are most important.

The City released a proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 on Aug. 2, which laid out how it hopes to spend \$3.2 billion across its departments.

The survey was released online in January in an effort to gauge how residents wanted the City to distribute its funding. A total of 39 city services were listed in the January survey and participants were asked to rank each one as either very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important.

The top three priorities that residents identified as being most important were the same as last year, including the upkeep of natural gas, water systems and streets as well as fire protection services.

Long Beach council has proposed to allocate \$322 million of next year's budget to improving things like streets, sidewalks and ADA curb ramps. They have also proposed allocating almost \$50



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A cardboard lectern is erected in front of Long Beach City Hall before the People's Budget Long Beach rally starts on Aug. 2, 2022.

million to public services, which include fire stations, libraries and health facilities.

The top ten city services that residents prioritized, in numerical order, were:

- Maintaining natural gas and water systems in good physical condition
- Providing fire protection services
- Keeping streets in good repair
- Providing police and patrol and response
- Providing ambulance ser-

- Maintaining bridges and alleys
  - Providing services that address and prevent homelessness
  - Maintaining wastewater and flood prevention services
  - Improving local air and water pollution
  - Investing in mental health
- Two significant changes between this year's survey results and last year's were that "maintaining public parks in good physical condition" and "investing in emergency

preparedness and response for earthquakes, wildfires, and other natural and man-made disasters" didn't make the list of the top ten priorities this year, whereas last year they ranked as the seventh and tenth priorities on the list, respectively.

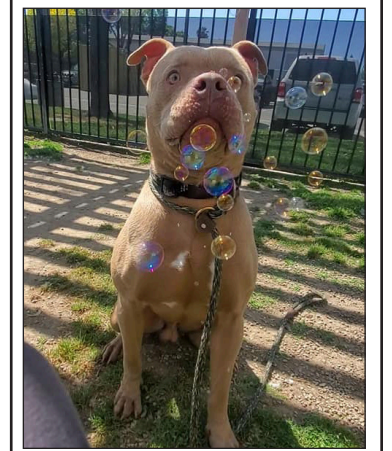
The two new priorities that made it to the top ten list this year were "providing police and patrol and response" and "maintaining wastewater and flood prevention services."

The 2023 proposed City budget includes funding to create 20 new police positions, 16 of which will be for bicycle patrol officers and four positions for "quality of life" officers meant to address homelessness and the root causes of crime.

The virtual meeting on Aug. 22 was the last of three virtual meetings where residents were invited to ask questions and give feedback on the City's budget.

Further hearings are planned during city council meetings on Sept. 6 and Sept. 13. The budget may possibly be adopted during either of these meetings.

City Council meetings are held at the Long Beach Civic Center, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. To watch the meetings online, visit [www.lbtv3.com](http://www.lbtv3.com).



**Pet of the week: Hemsforth**

"Oooooowwww, I'm furever blowin' bub-bulls . . ." Hemsforth looks as if he doesn't know what's going on, but he's so ready for any adventure in a real home. Hemy's a champagne-beige midsize pittie, and his backstory is anything but bubbly. He was abandoned at someone's house and found himself at Long Beach Animal Care Services at only a year old. He's now 2, meaning that he's been here for nearly an entire year! The volunteers adore him and have nicknamed him Frogman because of his resemblance to the animal! He's affectionate toward most people and is medium-active—playful and then settles down nicely to rest. He'd thrive with patient humans familiar with this breed in a home with adults and mature kids. Wanna hop around with Hemsforth? Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). You can email [PetAdopt@longbeach.gov](mailto:PetAdopt@longbeach.gov) to speed the process for adopting or fostering Hemsforth. Ask for ID#A662968.

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