

**MONKEYPOX**



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 A healthcare worker with the City of Long Beach scans the bar code of a PCR COVID-19 test at the Veterans Memorial Stadium parking lot in Long Beach on Jan. 3, 2022.

## Long Beach monkeypox case count reaches 49

Staff Report  
 Signal Tribune

There have been 50 confirmed and probable cases of monkeypox reported in Long Beach, as of Aug. 18.

A local emergency was declared by the city on Aug. 2 in response to the rising number of monkeypox infections.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of Aug. 16 there have been 12,689 confirmed cases of monkeypox in the United States.

The City has created an online portal where eligible people can sign up to receive the Jynneos vaccine, which offers protection from monkeypox.

The list of eligibility requirements to receive the Jynneos vaccine includes:

- 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.

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**ENVIRONMENT**

# A WEEK OF CLIMATE ACTION



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 Long Beach Green Schools Campaign members pose outside after the long-awaited approval of the green energy policy on Aug. 17, 2022.

## Long Beach passes 875-page plan to combat climate change

Emma DiMaggio  
 Managing Editor

**O**n Tuesday, the Long Beach City Council approved a long-awaited, 875-page plan to face the existential threat of climate change.

The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)—renamed to the Long Beach Climate Action Plan—has been in the works for over five years and creates a framework for the City to prepare for the impacts of climate change, including extreme heat, air quality, drought and sea level rise.

One of the goals of the plan is to meet the state-wide target of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. The plan also sets an aspirational goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2045—a reduction of 1.5 metric tons of GHG emissions.

Long Beach's current emissions come from the following sources: 26% from stationary energy from residential, commercial and industrial buildings; 25% from manufacturing and construction; 44% from transportation, including vehicles, buses, trucks and aviation, not including port emissions; and 6% from waste, according to the plan.

The City of Long Beach has an aspirational goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2045—a reduction of 1.5 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

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## Long Beach Unified approves long-awaited green energy policy

Briana Mendez-Padilla  
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**A**nearly two-year journey of collaboration between Long Beach Unified and student environmental activists came to a head on Wednesday as the district approved the new and updated green energy policy at their regular board meeting.

The policy was originally slated to be approved at the board's July 18 meeting but was postponed due to a motion by Board Member Juan Benitez to ensure the inclusion of stronger language and a tangible timeframe for 2040.

LBUSD's Green Schools Operations Energy and Sustainability Policy 3510.1—updated to include the word sustainability in the title—intends to address climate change and promote environmental justice through actions that will limit and eventually end the district's use of fossil fuels.

"This is the most intentional commitment to environmental sustainability at a structural level," Board President Megan Kerr said.

The policy was mainly updated to reflect an aspirational date to 2040, in alignment with state and district goals.

The updated plan also includes examples of energy and sustainability projects. In order to further stress the importance of climate change, a brief statement of urgency "recognizing that energy used for operating buildings, vehicles, and machinery is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change" was also added.

Students from the Long Beach Green Schools Campaign (LBGSC)—a student organization that has worked alongside the

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• 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.

On Aug. 2, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services announced the first presumptive case of monkeypox in a child in Long Beach.

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 experience possible symptoms of monkeypox should call their health care provider. 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 [longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/monkeypox/](http://longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/monkeypox/).

## LBUSD GREEN SCHOOLS, continued from page 1



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Members of the Long Beach Green Schools Campaign and supporters react to the approval of the new green energy policy passed by the LBUSD board on Aug. 17, 2022.

district throughout the policy-making process—first brought up the issue of transitioning to clean and renewable energy in 2020. At the time, the district was focused on the COVID-19 pandemic and returning to in-person learning, but this did not deter the students.

Over the span of a year and a half, LBGSC continued to raise awareness of their cause by hosting a climate rally in September 2021 and continuously bringing out student and ally speakers to give public comment at LBUSD board meetings. The group also worked alongside the district's facilities team to draft the now-approved policy and to ensure a sustainability element would be a key factor of the Facilities Master Plan.

"We're so grateful that instead of hearing, 'No we can't pass this,' we were told, 'Let's find a way to make this happen,'" Lily Palmer, a Millikan High School junior and LBGSC member, said during public comment.

Despite some changes to the policy language, the three main goals remain the same:

- Maximizing the use of renewables
- Acquiring new zero-emission machinery to replace old equip-

ment as well as phasing out older machinery and equipment

- Reducing vehicle emissions

"We want to be in alignment with the state goals," David Miranda, executive director of facilities development and planning said, "but we absolutely will aspire to beat that target and do more as a school district."

Board Member Erik Miller who seconded the motion to postpone the approval at the last meeting, recognized the importance of the decision.

"[This step] is important not just from a district standpoint, but, as our young people said it best, [when] talking about the next generation and what they will get to experience," Miller said.

"When we do this work, we know that we're not just doing it for us students, we're doing it for Long Beach communities, we're doing it for the Long Beach/LA area," Poly High School sophomore and LBGSC member Ruthie Heiss said.

The approval of the policy was met with a buzz of excitement and relief among LBGSC students and their supporters, who expressed their gratitude towards the Board for allowing their voices to be heard and to be an active part of the pro-

cess.

"I'm just really happy that it was a collaborative process with the school district and that we were able to do it all together today," Diana Michaelson, Poly High School senior and LBGSC president said.

"Even though we knew it was going to pass, there was still just that hesitation, especially after what happened last time," Dia Rubio, a Poly High School sophomore and LBGSC member, said of the delayed approval.

Now that the policy is approved, students and the district are focused on establishing a Climate and Sustainability Task Force—a group of at least seven diverse members including LBUSD students, staff and stakeholders—to monitor and track the progress of implementing the plan.

"Once we establish it, we'll be able to report back to the board on the progress and just where we are with respect to each of these goals," Miranda said.

"Words are nothing without action," Heiss said. "We're in the most important stages of our work; beginning the actual implementation of whatever our words we just put down on paper are."

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The plan calls out over 50 potential actions the city could take to prepare and adapt to climate change such as: increasing the use of solar power, expanding the urban forest, expanding green infrastructure, creating more cooling centers and diverting organic waste from landfills.

"This is not a perfect plan. This plan does not address everything that is in front of us and the need we have as a community, but it is an enormous step forward," Mayor Robert Garcia said.

Even with a lengthy report, many residents criticized the council for their slow movement to action and questioned the true strength of the CAAP.

"CAAP is climate appeasement, a strategy meant to appear practical in the short term that will eventually doom us all," said Anna Christensen with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force and the Sierra Club. "CAAP's baby steps will never get us to the climate goals essential for a sustainable city or planet."

Central, West and North Long

Beach experience some of the highest pollution impacts in California. Many areas in Long Beach are worse off than 95% of the state, according to CalEnviroScreen data. Proximity to freeways and the port, which creates substantial emissions from its trucks and ships, contribute to worse health outcomes in these areas.

"Of all the climate stressors Long Beach will face, extreme heat is expected to be the greatest health threat to the largest number of residents," the plan states.

During public comment, many residents said the plan doesn't do enough to combat emissions related to oil and gas extraction in Long Beach, nor does it commit to moving Long Beach away from its reliance on oil funds. Instead, the document includes broad plans to fund oil well abandonment.

The City also plans to transition all of its departments into fully renewable energy in phases that stretch to 2030. The Water Department, one of the city's largest Edison companies, will make the

switch this year, according to City Manager Tom Modica. Edison already provides the option for fully renewable energy to businesses and residents, but they are more expensive than carbon-based energy options.

The report states that funding for future climate initiatives "have not been identified yet" and that cost estimates will come back to the council as actions are pursued. The city will monitor its GHG emissions on a bi-annual basis and plans to create a dashboard to share that information with the public.

Long Beach plans to fund an Office of Climate Action in this year's budget, a nine-person team which will be tasked with improving the CAAP, adding concrete timelines and implementing its plans, according to Garcia. The City has also set up a Youth Climate Corps, which provides job training and workforce development in the green jobs sector.



# AROUND TOWN

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



A pelican flies close to the water at the Port of Long Beach on Aug. 13, 2022.

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**I**t may surprise readers to find out that this issue represents more than a typical hot Friday in August. For residents in Signal Hill and Long Beach, it's a goodbye to their local newspaper's managing editor. During her two years at the Signal Tribune, Emma DiMaggio devoted her time to reporting on the things that were deeply important and undoubtedly unusual, and proved to us that oftentimes things are both.

This week's roundup of things to do in Long Beach offers a mix of important, strange, fun, purposeful events and gatherings. Residents can spend their week watching an outdoor movie about an elderly woman and lawyer fighting together, buying anime collectibles while watching a live performance of Vanilla Ice, giving their input for the future of the upcoming Cambodian American Cultural Center or learning about Kabbalah Jewish Mysticism in a weekly class taught by Rabbi Perelmuter.

Other things to do this week include visiting the Signal Tribune website, donating to your local newspaper and above all, staying safe.

### 19 FRIDAY

#### NAMASTE & PLAY

3 p.m. Parents with children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years old are invited by Parachute Playgroup to practice yoga asanas together at Colorado Lagoon (5059 E Colorado St.) Childcare will be

provided. Free.

#### ART FILM SERIES

2:30 p.m. The public is invited to the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) for this screening of the PG-13 rated 2015 biographical drama "Woman In Gold" about an elderly woman and young lawyer fighting for the return of treasures seized by the Nazis. Free.

#### 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.

#### OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is invited to this screening of "The Little Prince" at the Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E Ocean Blvd). General admission costs \$5 for adults and is free for children 12 and under.

### 20 SATURDAY

#### COLLECT-A-CON

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Over 500 vendors will be selling collectibles from franchises such as Pokemon, Dragon Ball, Yu-Gi-Oh and more during this two-day event at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.) The event will include a live performance by Vanilla Ice. General admission costs \$30 and

tickets can be purchased at <https://collectaconusa.com/>.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL JAM

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. School children will be able to receive backpacks, haircuts, school supplies and vaccinations at Scherer Park (4600 Long Beach Blvd.) during this event organized by the 8th District council office. Hotdogs will be given out by the Long Beach Police Department. Free.

#### PET ADOPTION

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pets will be available for adoption at Pet Supplies Plus (2086 N Bellflower Blvd.) at this event organized by Animal Care Services.

#### MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES

3 p.m. The community is invited to this live musical performance by the Long Beach Community Band at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway), featuring songs from the soundtracks of famous movies like The Lion King, Star Wars, Mamma Mia and more. Free.

#### CAMBODIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER KICK-OFF EVENT

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to learn more about the upcoming Cambodian American Cultural Center and give their input at MacArthur Park (1321 E Anaheim St.) The event will include cultural performances, food vendors, an outreach survey and more. Free.

### 21 SUNDAY

#### FOOD MARKET

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Budhavi Passana Temple (2015 W Hill St.) of Long Beach is holding a weekly food market where the public can buy a variety of Thai/Lao street foods, desserts and beverages while enjoying traditional music performances.

### 22 MONDAY

#### THE BEAUTY IN BREAKING AUTHOR TALK

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. During this online event author Michele Harper will speak about her memoir "The Beauty in Breaking" based on her experience working as an ER doctor for over a decade. To register for this virtual event, visit <https://libraryc.org/lbpl/upcoming>. Free.

### 23 TUESDAY

#### 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.

### 24 WEDNESDAY

#### KABBALAH CLASS

Noon. The public is invited to this weekly class on Kabbalah Jewish Mysticism taught by Rabbi Perelmuter at the Alpert Jewish Community Center (3801 E Willow St.). A new topic will be discussed each week. Free.

#### VALLEY SONG

8 p.m. The opening night at International City Theatre (330 E Seaside Way) of Valley Song, a play about a father and daughter in post-apartheid South Africa. Tickets for opening night cost \$55. The play will run until Sept. 11 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

### 25 THURSDAY

#### NIGHT MARKET

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy this combination of a street fair and farmers market in downtown Long Beach (300 N Promenade.) The event will include vendors, live music and more. Free.

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CITY COUNCIL

# Long Beach approves 2030 Strategic Vision

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Long Beach has a vision for 2030. In that vision, residents have job opportunities, entrepreneurial support, access to free WiFi in public spaces, affordable housing, educational opportunities and healthy food options. They feel safe and secure in their communities, from crime and from the effects of climate change. They have diverse transportation options. Their local government is data-driven, transparent and engages with them on important issues.

Rather than create a huge vision board, city staff compiled these aspirations into a 64-page report: the Long Beach Strategic Vision 2030, which was unanimously passed by the council on Tuesday.

“Having a vision is important. Local government moves slow, it doesn’t move fast, but by having a vision you can make sure that we move as efficiently as possible towards a goal,” Vice Mayor Rex Richardson said.

The 2030 vision is just that: a vision. The aspirational document provides a framework that council members can refer back to when



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Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and Councilmember Suely Saro discuss something privately during an Aug. 16, 2022 council meeting.

they make policy and funding decisions, both of which will be needed to make the vision a reality.

Along with the wide breadth of aspirations in the plan, council members made sure to include their own visions into the final document.

The council approved an amendments to: highlight the LGBTQ community throughout the document’s goals, increase engagement with the local school district, incentivize businesses to provide onsite

childcare at expanded hours, help residents move out of Section 8 housing, increase breastfeeding awareness, create citywide connections to local beaches and parks, and increase focus on the Long Beach College Promise, a program where LBUSD students can attend Long Beach City College for free.

The council also requested annual progress reports moving forward so the city can track its movement towards achieving the numerous goals laid out in the vision.

LIBRARY



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A sign and artwork by Cambodian residents shows where Khmer language section is at in the Mark Twain Community Library in the Cambodia Town neighborhood of Long Beach.

## Mark Twain Library invites residents to play Khmer bingo

Samantha Diaz  
Online Editor

The Mark Twain Library is hoping to highlight its vast collection of Khmer language books—the largest in the United States—through a Khmer collection bingo challenge.

The bingo cards, which are available for free at the Mark Twain Library at 1401 E Anaheim Street, include challenges such as “use a Cambodian cookbook from the Long Beach Public Library to make a dish,” “listen to a CD from the Long Beach Public Library of popular Cambodian music” and “read a Khmer or Khmer/English picture book from LBPL.”

Once a resident completes a full line of challenges, either straight across or diagonal, they can turn in their bingo card to the Mark Twain Library to enter a raffle of gift cards and certificates from local stores and restaurants.

“[The challenge] makes it [the collection] accessible, more inclusive. It’s just a reflection of our communities that we’ve had here in

Long Beach for the last 40 years,” senior librarian Christina Nhek said. “It’s just that recognition to the community. We have the largest circulating collection and it’s just getting the word out that we have this wonderful collection for people to use and it’s here.”

The library has over 3,000 books, CDs and audiobooks in its Khmer collection, including options for adults and children, according to Nhek.

“The thing about the collection is that it’s not something that you can just order online, like we had to take physical trips to the country to buy these materials,” Nhek said. The last trip to Cambodia to obtain materials was in 2018.

The Mark Twain Library received a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the Library Services and Technology Act, which was passed in 1996. One of the goals of the grant was to “inform the community about the collection,” according to Nhek. The Khmer bingo challenge serves as the outreach component of the grant.

The library’s intern Sophea Chim was hired through the grant and is undertaking the process of translating the library’s Khmer collection into English. She worked on producing the bingo challenge for the last couple of months.

According to Nhek, a handful of cards have already been completed and turned in to compete in the raffle. The challenge was introduced in June, but was on pause while the Mark Twain Library closed for maintenance that month. As a result, the end date of the challenge was moved to Aug. 31.

Residents can pick up a card to participate at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library at 1401 E Anaheim St. The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m., Wednesdays from noon to 6 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. Winners will be notified via email or phone.

The library will have a table at a community visioning event for the Cambodian American Cultural Center on Saturday, Aug. 20, where bingo cards will be handed out and residents can learn more about the programs the library has to offer.

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ART

‘They are essential’: New Museum of Latin American Art exhibit honors farmworkers

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Staff Writer

The newest exhibit at the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) by Long Beach-based artist Narsiso Martinez is an ode to the hardworking farmworkers that provide the nation with food.

“They are essential when it comes to our sustenance, our food, the only ones on the frontlines cutting the vegetables, fruit that we eat, whether at home or at restaurants,” Martinez said. “It’s important to at least acknowledge that these people exist and they too are humans and they deserve equal opportunities.”

Martinez worked in the apple orchards of Eastern Washington for nine years, using the money he made to pay his way through college. He explained that despite their invaluable role in society, many farmworkers struggle to access healthcare and transportation.

The work included in his exhibit “Rethinking Essential” juxtaposes scenes of working class farmworkers against well-known brand names of multi-billion dollar corporations. He first began exploring this concept while taking a graduate program at Cal State Long Beach, painting a mango tree on a piece of cardboard that had a brand name printed on it.

Throughout the exhibit “Rethinking Essential,” the faces of farmworkers framed or partially obscured by baseball hats, masks and hoodies are overlaid against



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Narsiso Martinez poses for a portrait in front of his work titled “Legal Tender” at the “Rethinking Essential” exhibit at the Museum of Latin American Art on Aug. 13, 2022. The medium of the piece is made from the same cardboard produce boxes used workers from California’s central valley produce fields.

brands of produce corporations such as Sunkist, California Strawberries and more.

“All of them are a real person,” said MOLAA curator Gabriela Ur-

tiaga. “They are the protagonists of the work of Narsiso.”

Martinez and Urtiaga worked throughout the pandemic to put this show together, beginning their

collaboration in 2020.

The pieces included in the exhibit touch on various subjects: pesticides, the experiences of women farmworkers, harsh weather condi-

tions and more.

In his four-part series “Fruit Catcher I – IV,” he drew farmworkers with ink and charcoal on a background of gold on the inside of California Strawberry boxes.

In a vertical video projected on a gallery wall, a farmworker grimaces as he hurriedly picks apples off a branch and another farmworker kneels to strip grape bunches off vines.

Individual portraits of farmworkers line another wall. Each one is depicted on semi-transparent paper on top of cardboard covered in the designs of different produce brands.

On the opposite wall, numerous flattened cardboard boxes create a makeshift canvas on which scenes of farmworkers in the fields are depicted on either side of a larger-than-life portrait of a Latinx woman. Above her portrait is a painted black college graduation cap with a gold tassel.

“This fabulous show is really important because it’s not only an aesthetic experience, but also the artwork of Narsiso is a philosophical proclamation and we can find a lot of stories in all the artwork that he created for the show,” Urtiaga said.

“Rethinking Essential” will be on display at MOLAA for the next six months. MOLAA is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free on Sunday and \$15 Wednesday to Saturday. In a year, the exhibit will move to the Institute of Contemporary Art in San Diego.

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1:33 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
1:59 p.m., Battery, 900 block E. 33rd St.  
3:50 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3300 block Lewis Ave.  
11:11 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

### Thursday, August 11

4:11 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2800 block Signal Pointe  
6:43 a.m., Burglary, 3300 block Lime Ave.  
4:00 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block E. 28th St.  
4:05 p.m., Burglary, 2800 block Signal Pointe  
5:18 p.m., Fire, El 25th St./Lewis Ave.  
5:29 p.m., Auto burglary, 2300 block Promontory Dr.

### Friday, August 12

7:15 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Gaviota Ave.  
12:06 p.m., Robbery, strong arm, E. PCH/Obispo Ave.  
12:44 p.m., Auto burglary, 1700 block E. Hill St.  
1:49 p.m., Grand theft, 2800 block Walnut Ave.  
5:16 p.m., Burglary, 800 block Walton Ave.

### Saturday, August 13

9:12 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle; Burglary; possessing controlled substance; 900 block Nevada St. (suspect arrested)

### Sunday, August 14

9:45 a.m., Burglary, 2500 block E. Willow St.  
10:42 a.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block E. Willow St.  
6:57 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Walnut Ave.

### Monday, August 15

5:42 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2600 block E. 28th St.  
6:20 a.m., Burglary, 2300 block Walnut Ave.  
6:42 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1600 block E. Willow St.  
10:03 a.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block Junipero Ave.  
12:54 p.m., Elder abuse, 900 block E. 25th St.  
4:08 p.m., Auto burglary, 1500 block E. 23rd St.

### Tuesday, August 16

10:49 a.m., Grand theft, 2100 block E. 20th St.  
1:01 p.m., Identity theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
5:26 p.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Temple Ave.

*LSPD 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.*

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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 ALEXSANDER CHAVARRIA MORENO, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: RENIERI ALEXSANDER CHAVARRIA MORENO has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: RENIERI ALEXSANDER 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,

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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

TST6745 / 2022 147122  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. LONG BEACH SOLAR, 2. SOLAR SOLAR, 3. FUEL CELL MICROGRID, 2174 SEA RIDGE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755, Los Angeles County. Articles of Incorporation: 201810010098 Registrant: EFFICIENCY HERO CONSULTING, LLC, 2174 SEA RIDGE DRIVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. State of Organization: CA. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DAVID PERZYNSKI, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 1, 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: July 8, 15, 22, 29, 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

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## COMMENTARY

# Farewell from the managing editor

Emma DiMaggio

Managing Editor

**H**ello beloved readers. It's me, Emma DiMaggio, the managing editor of that newspaper you always get delivered on Fridays but don't remember signing up for. (It's free, and it's the *Signal Tribune*, not the Signal Hill Tribune.)

I'm writing to you today to let you know that I'll be stepping down as managing editor of the *Signal Tribune*. Don't worry, you'll be in good hands. Samantha Diaz, who's bylines you've probably seen in the paper, is stepping up as the *Tribune's* new managing editor.

It occurred to me that, since becoming the managing editor of the paper over a year ago, I've never checked in. The paper has just slowly morphed and changed into something that—I like to think—is entirely new. Suddenly, there was a new website. And then the paper looked different. And at one point the paper stopped coming altogether and then suddenly reappeared on your doorstep. For a business built entirely on communication, we aren't too good at communicating.

What I'd like to communicate to you now is this: support local news, in any and all of its forms. Newspapers, especially local newspapers,

will require reader support to survive the future ahead of us. The road is getting rockier, challenges are mounting, and the horizon, frankly, is ablaze.

Sure, you can get news from other papers in the area. The *Long Beach Post* does a pretty good job. So does the *Beachcomber*, the *Grunion Gazette*, and the *Press-Telegram*.

But we've got stories that they don't. We're on the ground in your communities, looking at them through our unique lens, contributing to your diverse offering of media and news of all things Long Beach.

None of those outlets let you know that a nonprofit stepped in to save Long Beach's largest urban farm, or how local hospitals dealt with a nationwide blood shortage, that Indigenous women are fighting to save a sacred plant from consumerism, that gun sales surged before the last presidential election or how advocates are fighting against a state loophole that's causing evictions.

They didn't tell you how a bar owner turned a vacant dirt lot into a beer garden, that a resident turned to Facebook group chats to teach Cambodian elders about vaccines, that there's a community garden behind a Peruvian restaurant or that the Aquarium of the Pacific is viral on TikTok.

They didn't let you know about



Image Courtesy Emma DiMaggio

*Signal Tribune* Managing Editor Emma DiMaggio (pictured) will be replaced by Online Editor Samantha Diaz.

Wrigley's annual pie-making contest, or about the Boy Scout building a community garden, about the Long Beach City College student selling milkweed to save the local monarch population or about the pickleball players feuding over tennis courts.

They didn't let you know that the Islamic Center hosted socially-distanced Eid prayers, or where LGBTQ+ residents can go if they don't want to spend Christmas alone, or about the local quilting collective that donates their creations to victims of domestic violence.

They didn't let you know that the national champion of fingerboarding lives in Long Beach, that Signal Hill has one of the best Magic the Gathering shops in SoCal, or that local performers created a film noir sock puppet musical.

They didn't let you know where to buy a candy-coated pickle, or a pipe that supports immigrants facing deportation, or fresh sugarcane juice, or locally-grown mushrooms, or fresh pasta.

They didn't let you know how

to join competitive cornhole tournaments, or an 89-year old cactus club, or Long Beach's largest running club, or a club playing the centuries-old Chinese game Go, or lessons in the Filipino martial art Kali.

Or maybe they did let you know. But we did first.

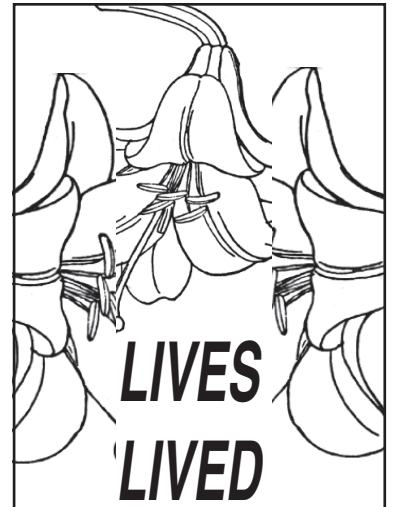
The point is, with our tiny team of four staffers (and two freelancers), we're able to cover stories that you can't get anywhere else. We were the first, and sometimes only, outlet to cover the stories I listed above, along with many more.

We're here to shine a light on your communities, to increase your connectivity to your neighbors and to your neighborhoods, to let you know what's up with politics in Long Beach and Signal Hill, to show you where you can eat, play, volunteer, and spend your hard-earned dollars.

Given our limited resources, we think we do a pretty good job.

If you'd like to support the *Signal Tribune*, feel free to send us an email at newspaper@signaltribune.com to let us know if you're enjoying what we're writing. Or, if you're feeling generous, you can send us a donation. (We've also put a donation box on our website if you feel more generous tomorrow.) It's true what they say, democracy dies in darkness.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the Long Beach and Signal Hill community for the past two years. Thank you to all who have read our stories, and to all the residents who have given us the privilege of taking a glance into your lives. Thank you for entrusting us to tell your stories. There are many more to come.



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## CRIME

# Beloved community shop Fluffy's Sno-Balls vandalized for fourth time this year

Samantha Diaz

Online Editor

**T**he jazzy, lively and inclusive New Orleans-themed ice cream shop Fluffy's Sno-Balls has been the target of vandalism for the third time in the past four months.

Founder and owner Kevyn Lee captured video footage of an unidentified man riding up to the shop on Friday, Aug. 15 on an electric scooter and kicking the front window until it shattered. The man was holding a large binder which he also used to break the window.

"It's like someone breaking into your home and no longer feeling safe at home," Lee said. "Now that you know you've been violated ... and along Long Beach Boulevard it just boggles my mind how blatant someone can be."

Lee said that he suspects the person was attempting to break in, but once he saw that the window was double paned, it became too complicated.

"We're not like a high profile store, all you would get is chips and frozen ice out of it," Lee said. "We don't even leave money in the register, so to come here and van-



Richard Grant | Signal Tribune

*Fluffy's Sno-Balls* owner Kevyn Lee explains how his menu works to some first-time customers on Feb. 23, 2022. Snowballs are shaved ice combined with a variety of different flavored syrups that have a long history in Lee's hometown of New Orleans.

dalize the store, just creates a bigger headache and puts a financial strain on the business."

This is the most recent incident in a chain of events that Lee called "emotionally taxing" on him and his husband Darren Wellington, who runs the shop with Lee. The first incident occurred in May, when a man came to the shop and started to steal a speaker that was

playing jazzy music onto the street.

According to Lee, once he confronted the man, the man attempted to use an aerosol can and a lighter to set Lee on fire. Lee grabbed the can out of his hand, and said the two were "tussling" in front of the shop. A customer inside Fluffy's Sno-Balls called the cops and Lee was able to press charges against the man.

About a month later, a woman came into the shop acting "belligerent," Lee said. He once again had to call the Long Beach Police Department and pressed charges. The next day Lee found that someone had broken one of the shop's windows.

The vandalism on Aug. 15 is the fourth incident this year.

"This has been very unfortunate that we keep having these series of events where we do so many things publicly within the community, everyone knows we're here yet we're still being targeted [for] vandalism," Lee said. "I don't want to leave but if I constantly have to shell out money to be secure in this area, I'm left with no choice. And not just that—it's just the mental anguish and anxiety it also brings."

Since opening his first location

on Long Beach Boulevard in April 2021, Lee has used his shop as a means to help the community. The snowball shop claims to offer the largest flavor selection in California, including options for people who are diabetic, vegan or on other special diets.

He exclusively hires local high schoolers, offering them paid internships up to 120 hours, which can then turn into a permanent position. His shop has also held "beat the heat" events, offering residents free iced treats for hours to help deal with heat waves.

Lee said one of his main concerns is the safety of the high school students that work for him.

"We're a small Black and gay business that's of the people and for the people," Lee said. "And you know, we continue to look out for the community and we just ask that the community look out for us if they see anything that's out of the ordinary."

Fluffy's Sno-Balls is located at 1208 Long Beach Blvd. and is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. during winter. The shop closes at 8 p.m. during spring and summer.



## Pet of the week: Ivy

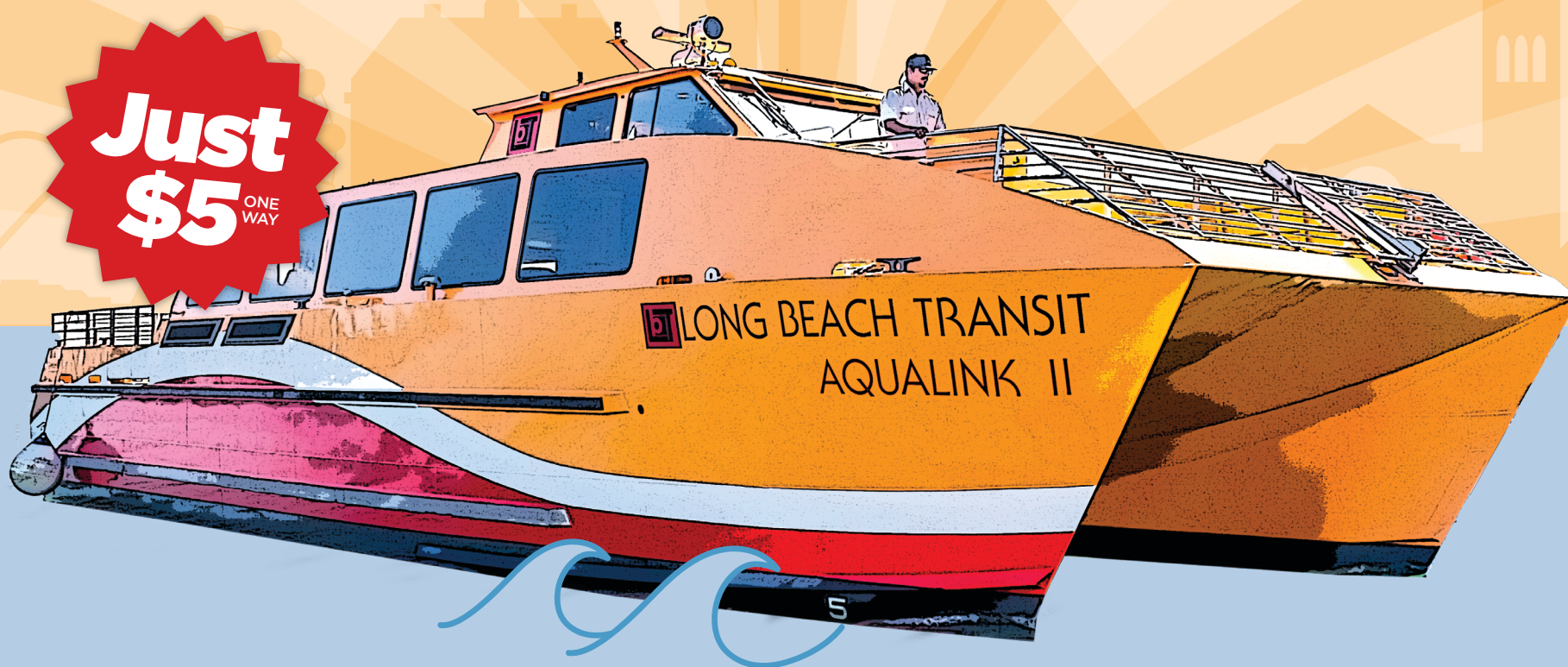
Unlike the vine of the same name, Ivy is not clingy! However, she does indeed love a cuddle. Ivy is a 7-year-old pit bull who was found with a stray friend near a dog park, in November. That's right—Ivy has been here with us since November. Her friend got adopted, but we don't want sweet Ivy taking root at the shelter! Ivy is a sweet, easygoing, loving girl who appears to have been a recent mom. Now, she needs to be mothered. Or fathered. Or siblinged. Or all of them. Her puppy days are behind her, and she's ready for short walks, movie nights on the couch, and lots of love. Come meet Ivy—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 Pet-Adopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process for adopting or fostering Ivy. Ask for ID#A666870.



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