

COMMUNITY

‘Helping them grow helps me grow’: Veteran-owned plant store takes root in North Long Beach

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U.S. Navy veteran Thomas Jackson’s interest in plants began with a single pothos plant his girlfriend Mitzy Sedano gave him in 2019, after she read that plant care could help with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The couple’s mutual interest in the therapeutic benefits of plants continued to grow, leading them to open a plant store in Jackson’s childhood neighborhood of North Long Beach.

“It takes away from a lot of the thoughts that I have that triggers PTSD and things like that,” Jackson said. “It brings a new light to everything. So I think that’s what it is. It’s just a new growth and it kind of keeps me focused on that. I don’t know how to really explain it. The only thing that I can say is just helping them grow, helps me grow, if that makes sense.”

After that first gifted plant, Jackson began collecting multiple pothos variations before branching out to other species. He eventually launched the brand Got A Leaf in 2020 with pop-ups at swap meets in Pasadena and Santa Fe Springs.

“Everything about it to me is super exciting,” Jackson said. “I really enjoy it and then it’s kind of a stress reliever too for sure—just getting really, really deep[ly] involved in the plants and repotting and things like that and learning about all the different botanical differences that they have. It’s crazy how they have so many differences, but they all can survive in one room.”

After a couple years, Jackson began looking for a brick-and-mortar location in North Long Beach and eventually opened up shop at 5263 Atlantic Ave. in June 2022.

“I wanted to find something on the north side of Long Beach because I was born and raised over there,” Jackson said. “And there’s not a really large community of plant people but it’s just shining light on the dark a little bit.”



Mitzy Sedano and Thomas Jackson, owners of Got a Leaf plant shop, pose for a portrait with some of their plants in the background inside their shop on Sept. 7, 2022.



Thomas Jackson adds some soil to a plant at the soil bar inside his shop Got a Leaf, on Sept. 7, 2022.

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EDUCATION



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Members of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education listen to Dr. Juan Benitez during a meeting on Nov. 17, 2021.

LBUSD Special Education Committee advocates for better safety procedures, inclusion and protection for its students

Briana Mendez-Padilla
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Sasha Cruz enjoys the Special Olympics, softball, swimming and track. What she decidedly does not enjoy, however, are special education classes.

Cruz is a senior at Millikan High School and was diagnosed with autism at the age of 13. She said that in 2020, she was placed in a special education class without her mother’s authorization. She said she found these classes dull and felt like she didn’t learn anything, ultimately preferring the general education classrooms.

Her experience with these classes led her to vocalize her concerns at the Long Beach Unified (LBUSD) board of education meeting Wednesday where she strongly advocated for the inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classes.

“We are people who like challenges, we want to become very successful, like everyone else,” Cruz said.

Cruz was one of the many speakers from the LBUSD Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) who presented a series of recommendations to the school district on how to better serve special education students.

According to the LBUSD website, the CAC is a volunteer-based organization consisting of parents, teachers, persons with disabilities

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and community members who want to ensure students with special needs “obtain an appropriate, high-quality education.”

According to CAC secretary Kadi Gonzalez, the CAC has been hosting regular meetings and workshops speaking with parents and community members; the six recommendations stem from those conversations.

The recommendations, in order of importance, focus on:

1. School Safety
2. Bullying
3. Individualized Education Programs (IEP)
4. Access to one-on-one aids
5. Staff training
6. Disability Awareness/Inclusion

“If our children are not safe, then pretty much nothing else matters,” Gonzalez said. She emphasized the importance of creating and implementing safety protocols that are specific to special education students and staff in case of an active shooter situation.”

The recommendation asks that the board create a clear plan that guides staff on how to protect themselves and special education students as well as drills to practice these procedures.

Another aspect of safety the CAC brought to the board’s attention was the problem of bullying.

“Many parents feel the issue [of bullying] is usually brushed off and the aggressor may have more protection than the victim,” Gonzalez said.

One mother, Monica Joya, on the verge of tears, shared her son’s experience with verbal, emotional and sexual harassment from seven of his peers.

“When I dropped him off at school, I [would feel] a great concern in my heart because there was no solution to this abuse,” Joya said.

The CAC recommends that not only should mental health services be offered as a part of intervention, but a multiple-option response plan should also be created. The plan would discuss with parents what steps need to be taken to address the problem.

As the father of an autistic child, board member Erik Miller said he understood these fears.

“I don’t want my little girl to be

bullied. I don’t want my baby to be concerned about safety,” Miller said. “I want my daughter to have friends and I want my daughter to have a healthy, safe and fun environment within the [district] just like I did.”

Miller also emphasized the importance of sharing these testimonies and said he would continue to advocate for students with disabilities.

Another issue the CAC would like to see addressed is the long wait time surrounding Individualized Education Programs (IEP). IEP is both a process and a written document.

Once children are found eligible for special education, parents may start the IEP process by attending a meeting at their child’s school at least once a year. The IEP document explains the child’s level of educational performance, measurable goals, the services they need and dates for these services to begin.

In LBUSD, some of the issues parents face with IEP are the long process overall, delays in services if the IEP is not completed before the end of the school year and struggles with understanding the process, according to the CAC.

To solve these issues, the CAC recommends providing training for parents until the process is clearer to all and having school administration available during the summer to provide aid with the process before the next school year.

Marchell Bailey, an LBUSD mother of three, said she has had to reduce her work hours, and subsequently her income, due to the staggered IEP process.

Bailey has been trying to include bus services and transportation in the IEP for her twin daughters who were diagnosed with autism last year but has been met with constant delays. The delay in services has made it so she has to be the one to transport her daughters to and from school each day.

“An easier process would help tremendously,” Bailey said.

Board member Juan Benitez congratulated the CAC team and encouraged them to continue holding the district accountable. He said he will be pushing the district to incorporate concrete timelines to reach the goals and recommendations brought forward.

“Outcomes require timelines,” Benitez said.

EDUCATION



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Elie Vadakan holds a box to collect comment cards from students during a walkout protest in response to the extreme heat inside the art department classrooms at CSULB on Sept. 7, 2022.

CSULB students hold walk-out over lack of air conditioning during heatwave

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Over 100 sweat-dampened students took refuge under the shade of a large tree in front of Cal State Long Beach’s art store during a walk-out demonstration Wednesday afternoon decriing the temperatures inside some of the university’s classrooms and dorms.

According to the National Weather Service, Long Beach hit a record high of 109 degrees Fahrenheit on Sunday.

With beads of sweat on their faces and necks, students and some faculty members began gathering on the grass at 1 p.m. and took turns with a microphone in front of the crowd, sharing their experiences during the current heatwave.

“[When] I come to school, I bring two shirts. I bring an extra shirt in my backpack because all my classes are on the third floor and I sweat in my first shirt and it’s gross,” Jepsivet Vasquez said. “It’s disgusting. It’s not comfortable. I have to put on a second one just to go to my next class, which lasts for six hours. It’s unbelievable.”

Besides excessive sweating, other students also reported headaches, vomiting and nosebleeds caused by the intense heat.

Students repeatedly complained that multiple classrooms, particularly in the fine arts department buildings, lacked both windows

and adequate AC.

“Why don’t you come and get into our shoes? You guys are profiting off us, you’re making money off of us,” said Randy Santiago of Students for Quality Education in regards to the school’s administration.

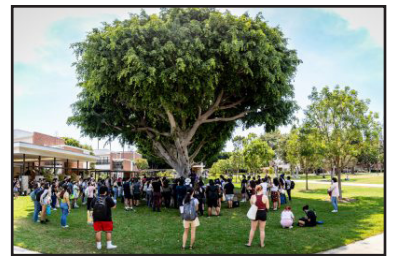
Santiago also mentioned that art students are working with potentially harmful materials without proper ventilation. When looking through a building, the *Signal Tribune* found students working with wood in a hot, windowless room with sawdust in the air.

Students shared their frustration at President Jane Close Conoley’s salary increase in July while they felt their basic needs were being ignored.

“We go in and there’s no windows in these rooms,” art student Elie Vadakan said. “It’s like a dungeon and we’re sweating. We’ve had plenty of students have heatstroke and have to leave early.”

Acting Dean of the fine arts department Anne Justine D’Zmura, addressed the crowd near the end of the demonstration. Although she said she was in support of the student’s efforts, multiple students expressed that they didn’t feel she was helping make concrete changes.

When a student yelled out why the president had received a raise when they still didn’t have adequate AC, D’Zmura said the question was “above my pay grade.”



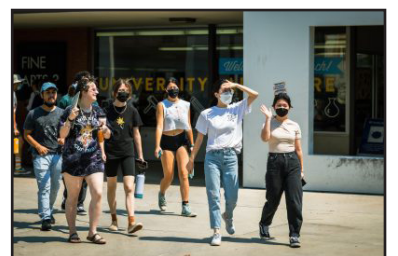
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Students, primarily from the CSULB art department, gather under the shade of a large tree outside of the campus art supply store during a walkout protest in response to the lack of air conditioning in some of the classrooms on Sept. 7, 2022.



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Randy Santiago speaks to students during a protest against the lack of air conditioning in some art department classrooms at CSULB on Sept. 7, 2022.



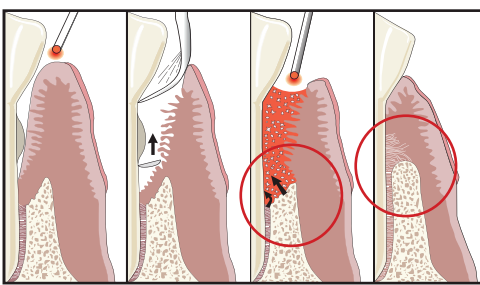
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A group of art students walked out of the classrooms at 1:15 p.m. protesting the lack of air conditioning in some of the older buildings on campus on Sept. 7, 2022.

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CITY COUNCIL



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File photo of the LONG BEACH sign located in the Long Beach Civic Center, in Downtown Long Beach.

Long Beach finalizes budget for 2023

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

After seven hearings and hours of amending, Long Beach city council unanimously passed next year's budget—a document laying out how the City will spend over \$3.2 billion in 2023.

The city's budget includes a five-year \$322 million dollar investment for infrastructure improvements, \$77 million to combat homelessness, \$48 million toward parks, roughly \$50 million for library services and more.

Along with the proposed budget, measures were added Tuesday night to provide Long Beach library services with an additional \$1.4 million, the City's immigrant legal defense fund with an additional \$300,000, as well as \$500,000 toward the development of an all-abilities all-inclusive park and \$160,000 toward a marine safety officer position.

Residents filled the council chambers and once again urged councilmembers to align the City budget more closely with the People's Budget: a four-page document that states where residents feel Long Beach's resources should go.

For the fifth year in a row, proponents of the document asked the council to decrease its police funding and to invest in renter's rights, immigrant rights, communities of color, permanent affordable housing, resources for those who are unhoused and climate justice.

Over a dozen city employees made their pleas with the council to adjust for the cost of living in Long Beach, saying that they are "overworked and underpaid."

A vast majority of residents taking the stand asked the City to

allocate at least \$1 million to the Justice Fund, a legal defense fund for immigrants residing in the city who are facing possible deportation.

The Justice Fund was founded in 2019 with a one-time grant from the city of \$250,000 along with a \$100,000 catalyst grant from Vera Institute of Justice. Council allocated another \$300,000 to the Justice Fund for 2022-23 in December 2021.

Gaby Hernandez, executive director of Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition, echoed those before her in requesting more money for the Justice Fund.

"We all have a moral obligation to put a stop to as many deportations as we can," Hernandez said. "You have the opportunity to lead the way and show other cities how to stand up for their immigrants. This is the kind of life changing support we need."

The \$1.1 million for the Justice Fund is the largest amount of money dedicated toward immigrant justice from Long Beach.

The People's Budget also asks the City to spend \$3 million to fund a Tenant's Right to Counsel program. According to the Long Beach Business Journal, 60% of people living in Long Beach are renters.

Mayor Robert Garcia added a list of his own amendments to his final budget season, totaling to an additional \$1.275 million. The bulk of Garcia's allocations will be one-time funds from the leftover 2022 fiscal year's budget, while \$125,000 of the funds will be adopted into future budgets.

These allocations include additional annual funding from Measure B for the Cambodian Cultural Center and Latino Cultural Center,

waiving parking citations for homeless individuals, funding for the Long Beach Heritage Museum, funding for an African American Cultural Center and more.

Garcia also finalized a prioritized list for the city to spend its additional funding on. The City has an estimated \$900,000,000 in carryover funds from 2022. Garcia requested these funds go toward Language Access Programs, supporting the Fireworks Enforcement Team, providing libraries with more resources, funds for the Bluff Park Historic Lamps Project, \$1 million toward repaving and street repairs and other items.

Councilmembers each took the floor to request last-minute funding for various departments and projects. Councilwoman Mary Zendejas asked for the Justice Fund to receive an additional one-time fund of \$300,000 on top of the \$800,000 already set aside.

Zendejas was one of many councilmembers who voiced their desire to raise the city's library hours from its current 38 hours a week to 48 hours a week. She asked for the library to receive \$1 million in structural funds to increase its hours and another \$400,000 one-time allocation to invest in books and other materials.

City Manager Tim Modica said the City will have to "solve where the \$1 million" is coming from.

Councilwoman Suzie Price asked for the funding to hire more park rangers in the city, but was denied. The City will instead budget for 12.5 park safety officer positions who will roam the 39 parks with no weapon, lock bathrooms each night and report any nuisance or safety issues.

Staff will report back to the council in six months on the feasi-

bility and exact numbers of a park ranger program in Long Beach.

Budget Oversight Committee head Al Austin reminded his colleagues throughout the night that the City's resources have a cap.

"This is not an endless bottom-

less pit of resources," Austin said.

"We may have to look at [changing] some of the staffing models in some departments, we may need to cut some programs that we've had for a while to fund our library system, or to fund our justice fund."

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Patrons eat under the shade of red umbrellas that line part of the street that was previously used for parking outside of Simmzy's Restaurant on 2nd Street in Long Beach on June 7, 2022. The outdoor dining areas are often called parklets and became common in the city during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Long Beach extends temporary parklet program through January

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Restaurants and bars applying for permanent parklets in Long Beach can keep their temporary fixtures up through the 5th extension of the City's temporary parklets program.

The motion to extend the program until Jan. 2, 2022 was brought forward by Mayor Robert Garcia and passed unanimously by the council 9-0 Tuesday night. Garcia said the most recent extension was due to staffing shortages, saying the City's staff was "burdened with a lot of issues in terms of time capacity since the pandemic."

"We haven't been able to allocate these permits for the parklets, I think it's only fair we give them the opportunity to have everything they need to make these parklets permissible," councilmember Mary Zendejas said.

Once a restaurant gets approval from the city, they have to go

through the California Coastal Commission, which "plans and regulates the use of land and water in the coastal zone," according to its website.

The temporary parklet program was introduced in 2020 to help businesses remain afloat during the pandemic while indoor dining was restricted. At the height of the program, 112 parklets were erected throughout the city. That number was at 80 in June and has now dwindled to the 19 restaurants still in the application phase, not including those that are in the process of taking their parklets down.

Those attempting to keep their parklets up are Nicos in Naples, Long Beach Beer Lab, Open Sesame, The Breakfast Bar, The Attic, Wrigley Tavern and more.

A handful of residents from throughout the city expressed their disapproval for the extensions given for temporary parklets, citing concerns over parking and intoxicated individuals in the streets.

"I heard from residents that

some concerns are connected to bars and issues of quality of life, not only parking," said councilwoman Suely Saro. "How are we making sure there's a balance of those with parklets and [issuing] Alcoholic Beverage Control licenses."

Saro explained that the only restaurant in her district that is applying for a permanent parklet is the Wrigley Tavern, which she said she "would love to give more time" for them to figure out how to keep their parklet up.

Garcia reminded the council that not every restaurant that applied will be given a permanent license. He said they have potential, but must "meet accessibility standards and high design standards" that the temporary parklets do not currently adhere to.

Every applicant must also submit for public consent from the neighborhood's citizen group. If any neighborhood association sends a formal letter of opposition about a restaurant's parklet

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-Suely Saro, councilwoman

remaining up, Lopez explained that Public Works will not "move forward" with their application.

Director of Public Work Eric Lopez said that the City is currently "refining its mailing list" so they can inform residents and neighborhood groups on what restaurants are applying for permanent parklets.

In order to more quickly clear out certain parklets, councilwoman Stacy Mungo offered a friendly amendment that would give restaurants two weeks to take down their parklet if they "miss a critical deadline or they're deemed unfeasible."

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SMALL BUSINESS

Artists create record sleeves for “Cover Art” exhibit in Long Beach record store



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Jose Jurado, the owner of Record Box, holds local artist Noah Ball’s creation of a scribbled depiction of Michael Jackson for a cover of his “Thriller” album at Jurado’s record shop in Long Beach on Sept. 8, 2022.

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Around a dozen artists will be designing record sleeves for vinyls with artwork inspired by the music within for the “Cover Art” exhibit at local record store Record Box.

“I’ve acquired a lot of records without sleeves,” said Jose Jurado, owner of Record Box. “Those records are not easy [to sell]. Their values go down a lot because there’s no cover. They’re harder to sell without the cover, so I thought it was a cool way to not only sell the records that I have that don’t

have sleeves, but also make them more special.”

Record Box began as a refurbished FedEx truck five years ago and eventually expanded into a brick-and-mortar location near the end of 2019, sharing space with Vida Plant Shop, according to Jurado.

Long Beach local and lifelong hip-hop fan Kenneth Cassidy, known as Shark Polansky, created a three-dimensional pop-up style design for a record of the album and titular song “Don’t Sweat the Technique” by Eric B. & Rakim. The record sleeve created by Cassidy depicts a cartoon record player

being chased by an anthropomorphized gun and knife.

“Hip hop is pretty much what I was raised on and that’s like a golden era song,” Cassidy said.

Noah Ball, an artist hailing from Compton, created a portrait of Michael Jackson using a scribble technique for a copy of the late artist’s album “Thriller.”

“It’s an album that makes me smile,” Ball said. “So when I saw an image of Michael smiling, I felt like that would be perfect.”

The exhibit will open to the public during a reception on Friday, Sept. 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Record Box, 324 Elm Ave.

EDUCATION

LBUSD data reveals students of color are still behind in graduation and college preparation

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Graph shown at a LBUSD Board of Education workshop on September 7 listing the minimum A-G requirements by subject and required years of taking that subject.

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

High school students in the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) are seeing slow growth in A-G completion and graduation rates, according to data presented to the board on Wednesday.

A-G requirements are 15 courses students must complete with a grade of C or higher to meet the minimum requirements to apply to CSUs and UCs.

LBUSD’s graduation requirements differ in that they are above the minimum A-G requirements in math and history and include a state requirement of two years of PE. Seniors need a total of 220 credits to graduate.

Assistant Superintendent of

Research Chris Brown said that “unsurprisingly” there was a slight lowering in graduation rates during the pandemic, but that there has been some recovery over the past year.

Although the graduation rate for all student demographics has somewhat recovered with a 2% increase, students of color have recovered at a slightly lower rate than white or Asian students.

The district’s overall A-G completion rate is 58%, 2% shy of their 60% target goal.

“It’s been relatively stable in the years pre-pandemic; there was a large rise in the 10 years, sort of prior to that, but in the last three or four years, it’s been a pretty stable number,” Brown said.

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Jhoanna Belfer runs Bel Canto Books, a bookstore focused on showcasing diversity and representation through its collection. Amid a rise in hate against Asian and Pacific Islanders (API), she started a campaign to donate a percentage of book purchases to API nonprofits, raising \$1,700.

18 Filipino authors coming to North Long Beach for Liwanag Lit Fest in October

Kristen Farrah Naem

Staff Writer

Filipina-owned bookstore Bel Canto Books and the Long Beach Public Library will hold an event recognizing Filipino authors on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library.

"The Filipino community is very vibrant in Long Beach," said Jhoanna Belfer, owner of Bel Canto Books. "We're one of the largest immigrant communities in the city and yet we often are kind of overlooked, or just not as visible."

The first-ever Liwanag Lit Fest will feature 11 adult and young adult authors as well as seven children's authors, all of Filipino descent.

According to 2015 US Census Data, in Long Beach there are 21,373 people who identify as Filipino only.

In 2019 over 80% of people who worked as writers or authors in the U.S. were white, according to Data USA by the MIT Media Lab.

"This is a fantastic way to be able to showcase the strength of this community and its creativity,

and to really show younger people, children, that reading and having a creative life are possible," Belfer said. "[...] It's important to showcase that people who look like us can be successful."

Among the children's authors attending the Liwanag Lit Fest is Long Beach's own Jennifer Estacio, writer of "Buko," which teaches children about the different uses for the Filipino coconut. "Buko" comes with reusable stickers and an erasable marker used for activities inside the book.

"I'm passionate about food and teaching my kids more about their Filipino culture. As a mom, I want to enrich my kids through different types of activities so they can get hands-on experience and be able to explore and be creative," Estacio wrote on Instagram. "I collect many kids books [...] but I have found that there aren't many Filipino children's books that are easy to follow and [they're] sometimes hard to read and the Tagalog is hard to translate. So I wanted to change that and give other FilAm (Filipino American) families access to this."

Estacio will also be running the kid's lit corner at the festival, organizing arts and craft activities for children who attend the event. She did the same for Bel Canto and the library's Festival of Asian American + Pacific Islander (AAPPI) Books in May.

"The library has been so fantastic and so generous with helping us," Belfer said in regards to the library partnering with Bel Canto Books.

The festival will begin with a demonstration of Indigenous Filipino martial arts by the Torrance-based school Pamana Kali, and end with a musical performance by Filipino band Rocksteady Rondalla.

Book lovers will also be able to shop from a variety of Filipino-owned small businesses in between meeting authors and flipping through books.

"We really wanted to highlight the strength and diversity of all the different authors and makers and entrepreneurs that are in Long Beach as well as the Greater California area," Belfer said.

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A view of the front entrance of the Billie Jean King Main Library in Long Beach on May 13, 2022. The library was renamed in dedication to the Long Beach native and tennis player in 2019.

Long Beach Public Library's Vida Latina Series Returns for 2022

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Public Library will host its fourth annual Vida Latina Series, a nearly two-month-long run of events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 10 through Nov. 2.

This year's festivities will include several in-person and virtual events as well as the return of Cuentos y Cantos Storytime. The library is also debuting a family-friendly literary fair Mercadito Literario on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Mercadito Literario will begin at 1 p.m. at the Billie Jean King Main Library and will celebrate the contributions of Hispanic/Latinx authors, poets, small businesses and community organizations.

Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized in the United States from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. This month recognizes the historical, cultural, political and artistic contributions of Hispanic Americans, and the city of Long Beach will be celebrating the local community.

According to the United States Census Bureau, 43.2% of Long Beach's population identifies as having Hispanic or Latino origin.

"We invite everyone to join us in celebrating the amazing culture and heritage of our Hispanic and Latinx community by participating in the Vida Latina events," Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement released from the City.

The library will offer a variety of educational activities and workshops covering sexual health as well as herbal remedy demonstrations, bilingual storytimes and poetry workshops. There will also be family crafts and movie nights, Hispanic/Latinx folk art and a Day of the Dead celebration for the community.

"Vida Latina is a wonderful opportunity to come together and to celebrate and uplift the experiences of Long Beach's Hispanic and Latinx community," said Cathy De Leon, Director of Library Services in a statement from the City. "Last year's programs welcomed over 2,600 participants, a true indicator that these events and workshops are valued by and reflective of our residents."

For the full schedule of the Vida Latina series, visit lbpl.org or call (562) 570-7500.

EDUCATION



Mark Savage | Image Courtesy LBUSD

Students stand on the sidewalk and wait to enter Millikan High School on the first day of in-person classes on April 26, 2021.

LBUSD middle schools will have access to mental health resources via upcoming wellness centers

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) will be expanding its wellness centers—previously offered only at the high school level—to middle school sites to foster a sense of belonging and make resources more easily accessible to students.

There are currently 11 wellness centers across LBUSD high school campuses including Cabrillo, Poly, Renaissance and Wilson. According to assistant superintendent of school support services Erin Simon, over 65,000 students entered these centers over the last year for assistance.

Some of the supports offered at the centers include short-term counseling services by appointment, family support groups and workshops and a Basic Needs Closet where students are free to take snacks, non-perishable food, toiletries and extra clothes.

The goal of the centers is to strengthen the social and emotional skills of students, families and staff. Similar to the planning for high school centers, middle school students received a survey asking them to share what type of activities they'd like the centers to offer and what type of resources they need.

The middle school centers, however, will be tailored to the specific needs of middle school students. According to assistant superintendent of middle and K-8 schools, Christopher Lund, some of the main differences include establishing a referral system to help with organization instead of the walk-in system currently used at the high school level.

Lund also said that fomenting more parent involvement is another key difference, as he called them "partners in learning." Unlike at the high school level, middle school wellness centers will be directly connected to the Family Resource Centers, which provide counseling and referral services to LBUSD families, not just students.

"We want to replicate what we've learned from our high school model while also differentiating for our younger students," Lund said.

The wellness centers are not crisis centers but more so a prevention/early intervention resource. Students that present any type of mental health crisis or that may need a suicide assessment will not be referred to the wellness center but rather to the appropriate expert.

Director of student support services Claudia Sosa-Valderrama

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Port Community Grants Program:

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The Port of Long Beach will hold two public workshops to discuss 2022 funding priorities for its Community Grants Program. Potential projects include air filters, health care programs, parks, bicycling and walking infrastructure, window and door replacements, and energy efficiency projects, among others.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be virtual:

Wednesday, Dec. 8

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9

4-5 p.m.

To register, scan the QR code or visit www.polb.com/grants. Attendees will learn about and offer input regarding the Port's plans to disburse Community Grant Program funding in three areas: community health, facility improvement and community infrastructure. Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog translation will be provided upon request. Requests for translation must be submitted by Dec. 5.

To submit written comments, email grants@polb.com.



AROUND TOWN

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



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

A Long Beach Community Compost volunteer uses a shovel to break up frozen fruits to be added to the compost pile near Farm Lot 59 in Signal Hill on Oct. 29, 2021.

The sweltering heat of September humbled even the most cold-blooded of residents this week, as student walk-outs protested the lack of air conditioning at CSULB and Long Beach reopened a handful of cooling centers for its residents.

Despite the record-breaking temperatures, neighborhoods throughout Long Beach and Signal Hill still plan events filled with live music, furry friends and even the chance to become a history buff. For the lucky few whose air conditioners are still going strong, stay inside and attend one of the library's many virtual events teaching composting or various crafts.

09 FRIDAY

ASIAN FILM SERIES

3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The public is invited to the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) to view the 1993 Vietnamese drama film "The Scent of Green Papaya," about a child servant working in the home of a rich but troubled family. The film will be in Vietnamese with English subtitles. Free.

BUDDY HOLLY BIRTHDAY BASH

7 p.m. Those 21 and over are invited to listen to over nine local musicians perform in honor of Buddy Holly's birthday at Boomer's (5456 Del Amo Blvd.) There is a cover charge of \$20.

10 SATURDAY

OMAR AWADA TRIBUTE MURAL

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to help paint a mural at Los Cerritos Park (3750 Del Mar Ave.) honoring the life of the young son of a local family who was killed by a drunk driver. The mural is designed by local artist LaJon Miller. Free.

DALMATION MEET UP

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dalmations and their humans are invited to enjoy a beach day and socialize together

at Rosie's Dog Beach (500 E Ocean Blvd.) Free.

SECOND SATURDAYS

Noon to 4 p.m. This event organized by Parkview Village Shops (5423 E Village Rd.) will feature adoptable cats and kittens, over 50 local vendors, free family activities, music and more. Free.

VEGAN FEST

Noon to 6 p.m. A variety of vegan food vendors will be selling their dishes while customers listen to live music at The Scottish Rite Event Center (855 Elm Ave.) Free.

RANCHOS WALK

7:30 a.m. 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. 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 (6400 E Bixby Hill Rd.) 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. Free.

JAPANESE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to view multiple classic Japanese cars on display at Marina Green Park (386 East Shoreline Drive). Outside food is not allowed at the event. Attendees can bring beverages in clear water bottles, large thermos flasks will be subject to inspection. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 on Eventbrite.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE DISPOSAL

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 being accepted go to longbeach.gov/lbrecycles. Free.

SEW IT GOES

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring whatever sewing project they are working on to get help, support and inspiration at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

11 SUNDAY

BELMONT SHORE CAR SHOW

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to this annual car show organized by the Belmont Shore Business Association. This event will feature over 400 cars on display, vendors and more on 2nd Street between Livingston Drive & Bayshore Avenue. At 9:11 a.m. cars will honk their horns in honor of the lives lost on 9/11. Free.

UNITY EVENT

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to this community celebration organized by Tianguis Market Foundation to enjoy live music, vendors, kids' rides, food booths and more at 1305 E Pacific Coast Highway. Free.

FOOD MARKET

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Buddhavipassana 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. Entry is Free.

FUNDRAISER CONCERT

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The First Congregational Church of Long Beach (241 Cedar Ave.) will be holding a concert to raise funds to restore its historic building. French flute player Jean Ferrandis and local organist Marc Dickey will perform music by Bach, Debussy, Hindemith, Schumann and Verdi. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 on Eventbrite.

14 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.

LEARN TO COMPOST

Noon to 1 p.m. During this virtual workshop participants will learn how to turn food scraps into nutrient rich compost for plants. The workshop will teach how to create and maintain a backyard compost bin as well as what materials can and cannot be composted. To register for the virtual event, visit https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dYLRmO-YITciog6CQajInFw. Free.

STAY SUDSY

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens between the ages of 13 to 18 are invited to learn the basics of soap making in a hands-on activity at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.) Free.

15 THURSDAY

FARM STAND

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Growing Experience, Long Beach's largest urban farm, 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. Entry is 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.

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.

ONGOING EVENTS

SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

For a guaranteed air conditioned venue with a full schedule of consistent events, residents can walk, bike or drive down to their nearest public library. In Signal Hill, babies and toddlers are invited to a book reading series Wednesday and Friday mornings, and a Spanish story time on the second Monday of each month. Signal Hill Public Library also offers a theatre workshop every Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The Billie Jean King Library in Long Beach has a club or workshop for nearly everyone, including a weekly crochet club, a bi-weekly drawing and coloring club for adults and multiple film clubs covering different topics. There are over 10 library branches in the city, with events going on everyday of the week. Or you can join the truly adventurous—sign up for a library card and read a book!

For a full list of library events, visit the public library's website at www.longbeach.gov/library/events/.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS AT TRADEMARK BREWING

There are cornhole tournaments every other week at Trademark Brewing (233 E. Anaheim Street). The games follow a "switcholio" format, meaning players are paired up randomly. Players pay \$15 to enter the game and winners go home with the spoils. Bags fly at 6:30 p.m. For more information, follow Long Beach Cornhole on Instagram at @longbeachcornhole. Beginners welcome.

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(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 11, 2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on February 19, 2020 as Instrument No. 20200196973, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by JUDITH E. AKIN, A WIDOW, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for FINANCE OF AMERICA MORTGAGE LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: LOT 29 IN BLOCK 27 OF TRACT NO. 3885, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 42,PAGE(S) 56 AND 57 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPT THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, GAS, OILS, PETROLEUM, NAPHTHA, HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES AND OTHER MINERALS IN OR UNDER SAID LAND, LYING 500 FEET OR MORE BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, AS EXCEPTED AND RESERVED IN DEEDS OF RECORD. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 173 CORONA AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90803 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$469,736.18 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right.

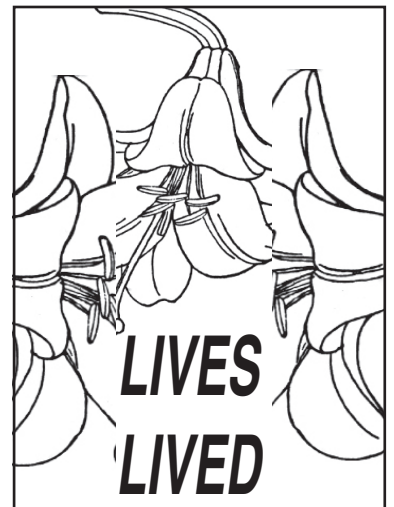
The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000617-22-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000617-22-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 26, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000617-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660 4288 By: Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR

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**NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION OF
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(DELINQUENT LIST)**

Made pursuant to Section 3371, Revenue
and Taxation Code

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 3381 through 3385, the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for the County of Los Angeles (County), State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

I, Keith Knox, County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector, State of California, certify that:

Notice is given that by operation of law at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, on July 1, 2020, the Tax Collector declared the real properties listed below tax defaulted. The declaration of default was due to non-payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in tax year 2019-20 that were a lien on the listed real property. Non-residential commercial property and property upon which there is a recorded nuisance abatement lien shall be subject to the tax collector's power to sell after three years of defaulted taxes. Therefore, if the 2019-20 taxes remain defaulted after June 30, 2023, the property will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2024. All other property that has defaulted taxes after June 30, 2025, will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2026. The list contains the name of the assessee and the total tax, which was due on June 30, 2020, for tax year 2019-20, opposite the parcel number. Payments to redeem tax-defaulted real property shall include all amounts for unpaid taxes and assessments, together with the additional penalties and fees as prescribed by law, or paid under an installment plan of redemption if initiated prior to the property becoming subject to the tax collector's power to sell.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit our website at tcc.lacounty.gov or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 4, 2022

KEITH KNOX
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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Assessee/taxpayers, who have disposed of real property after January 1, 2019, may find their names listed because the Office of the Assessor has not yet updated the assessment roll to reflect the change in ownership.

**ASSESSOR'S IDENTIFICATION
NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION**

The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable), and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available at the Office of the Assessor. The following property tax defaulted on July 1, 2020, for the taxes, assessments, and other charges for the Tax Year 2019-20:

LISTED BELOW ARE PROPERTIES THAT

**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

DEFAULTED IN 2020 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

AMOUNT OF DELINQUENCY AS OF THIS PUBLICATION IS LISTED BELOW.

ANGEL DREAM LLC SITUS 3663 COUNTRY CLUB DR UNIT A LONG BEACH CA 90807-3869 7141-019-062 \$23,180.20

SITUS 3667 COUNTRY CLUB DR APT 000D LONG BEACH CA 90807-3870 7141-019-080 \$21,571.03

BEIDAS, CLEMENCE 7211-022-064 \$2,366.53

BRIGGS, ROBERT P SITUS 3695 LINDEN AVE NO C1 LONG BEACH CA 90807-4009 7145-010-083 \$6,023.37

CAMDEN HOLDINGS LLC SITUS 3402 ATLANTIC AVE LONG BEACH CA 90807-4514 7145-019-014 \$1,066.47

CHAMBERS, SHANNON A SITUS 1203 E SAN ANTONIO DR 5 LONG BEACH CA 90807-1744 7136-013-035 \$585.84

CHANG, WINSTON K AND PATRICIA W SITUS 2148 LOCUST AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-4708 7208-026-007 \$119.02

CHAVEZ, MARIA G SITUS 3129 OREGON AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-1315 7203-014-020 \$7,532.67

CHEN, EMILY SITUS 1999 TEMPLE AVE UNIT I SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-1079 7216-020-028 \$17,725.44

CRUZ, PATRICIA M CO TR DREAM COME TRUE TRUST SITUS 2318 OLIVE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-3237 7211-010-013/S2018-010 \$844.55

DAISY PROPERTIES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP SITUS 2001 ORANGE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-5710 7210-028-028 \$247.43

SITUS 2007 ORANGE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-5710 7210-028-034 \$80.44

ERG PROPERTIES LLC SITUS 2211 CHERRY AVE SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-3701 7215-003-052 \$30,405.96

ESPINOZA QUINTERO, GINA M TR GINA M ESPINOZA QUINTERO TRUST SITUS 2390 GOLDEN AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-4121 7202-009-015 \$38,915.69

ESTRADA, RUBEN G AND ESTRADA, PAUL G SITUS 1136 E RIDGEWOOD ST LONG BEACH CA 90807-1025 7135-009-010/S2018-020 \$28,094.00

FLETCHER, EFFIE DECD EST OF SITUS 1890 PASADENA AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-5551 7209-005-001 \$3,099.55

GARCIA, MARTHA SITUS 3319 GOLDEN AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-1209 7203-006-016 \$12,854.42

GOLDEN TRIANGLE AUTO TRADE INC SITUS 1520 E PACIFIC COAST HWY LONG BEACH CA 90806-5721 7268-029-045/S2018-010 \$21,900.88

GUERRERO, MARIA I AND PANIAGUA, DUBLAS SITUS 5021 ATLANTIC AVE UNIT 17 LONG BEACH CA 90805-6554 7130-016-053/S2018-010 \$6,447.12

HOT SPOT RENTALS LLC SITUS 2185 E 21ST ST SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-5946 7215-019-005/S2018-030/S2019-010 \$4,315.28

HUNTER, ETHEL L TR ETHEL L HUNTER TRUST SITUS 1045 E 15TH ST LONG BEACH CA 90813-2101 7268-022-007 \$5,343.27

JAMES, DARLENE SITUS 3298 LEMON AVE SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-5125 7148-007-001 \$12.72

JASIUKONIS, ROMAS 7140-008-009 \$301.88

JEGLUM, MICHAEL H TR JEGLUM FAMILY TRUST SITUS 3735 BRAYTON AVE LONG BEACH CA 90807-4222 7146-009-019 \$11,571.55

KONEVAL, BRIAN SITUS 1404 E HARDWICK ST LONG BEACH CA 90807-1126 7129-021-004 \$17,218.70

LB3 PORTFOLIO LLC SITUS 1851 PINE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-5449 7209-021-033 \$3,080.42

LIDDI, NICHOLAS JR AND DIANE TRS LIDDI JR FAMILY TRUST SITUS 3720 LEMON AVE LONG BEACH CA 90807-4116 7146-006-004 \$5,829.59

LIDDI, NICHOLAS L JR AND DIANE P SITUS 3300 CALIFORNIA AVE SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-4606 7148-001-030 \$7,979.19

LOPEZ, JORGE SITUS 1203 E SAN ANTONIO DR 12 LONG BEACH CA 90807-1744 7136-013-028 \$129.77

SITUS 1203 E SAN ANTONIO DR 11 LONG BEACH CA 90807-1744 7136-013-029 \$129.77

LYNN, JOHN W AND LUCILLE TRS LYNN TRUST SITUS 1541 ROSE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90813-2531 7261-011-024 \$3,988.18

MAGNOLIA SPANISH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAHS WITNESSES L B CA INC SITUS 1608 PACIFIC AVE LONG BEACH CA 90813-1713 7269-008-010/S2017-010 \$5,268.35

MANSOUR, MERCEDEH AND HELM, LILY SITUS 2600 E 20TH ST 205A SIGNAL HILL

CA 90755-1029 7216-020-097 \$5,321.77

MCDONALD, KINERET A ET AL PINECO INVESTMENTS LIMITED PTNSP SITUS 490 W 14TH ST LONG BEACH CA 90813-2943 7269-042-029 \$752.62

MENDOZA, KAY TR MENDOZA FAMILY TRUST SITUS 245 W PACIFIC COAST HWY LONG BEACH CA 90806-6114 7209-022-023 \$37,110.80

SITUS 231 W PACIFIC COAST HWY LONG BEACH CA 90806-6114 7209-022-027 \$111,408.55

SITUS 201 W PACIFIC COAST HWY LONG BEACH CA 90806-6114 7209-022-028 \$68,684.13

MOEN, EDWARD T II AND SCHERGEN, JANEK SITUS 4352 CALIFORNIA AVE LONG BEACH CA 90807-2416 7138-002-001 \$12,903.85

NGUYEN, HOA XUAN SITUS 1501 E 14TH ST LONG BEACH CA 90813-2329 7268-039-001 \$16,112.79

NOLASCO, ISMAEL SITUS 4313 PARAMOUNT BLVD LAKEWOOD CA 90712-3711 7151-013-018/S2018-020/S2019-010 \$834.82

OLWENY, CATHERINE A SITUS 2365 PROMONTORY DR SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-3860 7214-015-091 \$9,835.79

ONG, YOUNG SIN SITUS 2001 E 21ST ST UNIT 330 SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-5961 7215-019-128 \$11,620.76

PHAO, SAMNIENG AND THAI, EANG AND THAI, BANDOL SITUS 2014 CHERRY AVE SIGNAL HILL CA 90755-5826 7216-009-009 \$41,623.44

PRUITT, CARL SITUS 2280 MYRTLE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-4438 7211-015-003 \$2,913.34

REED, BRUCE A SITUS 1106 E 46TH ST LONG BEACH CA 90807-1004 7135-011-007/S2016-010/S2017-010 \$3,361.98

RIVERA, GRACE B ET AL RIVERA, EDELWINA B SITUS 2757 MAINE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-2552 7201-017-022 \$22,857.68

RODRIGUEZ, PACIFICO SITUS 2891 MAINE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-1458 7201-006-022/S2018-020 \$925.42

SAGAHON, RENE G SITUS 42 W DEL AMO BLVD LONG BEACH CA 90805-6310 7133-035-010/S2018-020 \$447.60

SALAKO, OLUSEGUN Z SITUS 1951 PACIFIC AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-5321 7209-023-014 \$231.96

SAN PEDRO, REDENTOR F SITUS 3565 LINDEN AVE NO 254 LONG BEACH CA 90807-4529 7145-011-164 \$11,968.12

SO CAL EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC SITUS 2275 CHESTNUT AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-4250 7205-023-016 \$87,962.76

SOCAL EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC SITUS 2350 CEDAR AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-4226 7205-016-006 \$78,058.55

SUNSET LODGE 26 F&M SITUS 516 W ESTHER ST LONG BEACH CA 90813-1529 7271-015-009 \$4,322.10

TOBIAS, MARSHALL AND VIVIAN SITUS 1508 ORANGE AVE LONG BEACH CA 90813-2228 7268-035-023 \$3,617.12

TODD FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LTD SITUS 2090 LONG BEACH BLVD LONG BEACH CA 90806-4906 7209-011-020 \$7,996.94

TRAN, THERESA T SITUS 961 E SILVA ST LONG BEACH CA 90807-1032 7130-019-025 \$419.11

TRIPPLE, ROBERT D TR R TIRPPLE FAMILY TRUST SITUS 3628 GARDENIA AVE LONG BEACH CA 90807-4304 7147-009-021 \$9,198.97

TSALYUK, YEFIM AND ROGACHEVSKY, RENATA SITUS 3511 ELM AVE APT 0209 LONG BEACH CA 90807-3921 7145-006-046 \$4,793.08

UN, CHAM RUN SITUS 1622 CHERRY AVE LONG BEACH CA 90813-2518 7261-007-023/S2017-010/S2018-010 \$4,673.12

UNKNOWN OWNER O K 7201-013-002 \$1,253.50

VALDEZ, GUILLERMO SITUS 62 W 49TH ST LONG BEACH CA 90805-6733 7133-033-031/S2018-010/S2019-010 \$6,246.87

VILLARREAL, TERESA SITUS 1961 LEWIS AVE LONG BEACH CA 90806-5010 7210-019-010 \$4,743.15

VR CALIFORNIA HOLDINGS LLC SITUS 4348 WALNUT AVE LONG BEACH CA 90807-2523 7136-031-011/S2018-010/S2019-010 \$4,183.59

WILSON, MARK P AND HENNAN, KRISTI SITUS 3530 ELM AVE NO 39 LONG BEACH CA 90807-3931 7145-002-090 \$139.73

SITUS 3530 ELM AVE NO 40 LONG BEACH CA 90807-3931 7145-002-091 \$139.73

YOUNGER, REBECCA A TR REBECCA A YOUNGER TRUST SITUS 1094 E 17TH ST LONG BEACH CA 90813-2110 7268-023-036 \$42,176.29

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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

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

TST6797 / 2022 195265
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: MISS BECKY'S BALLET, TAP & JAZZ, 3202 E. WILLOW STL, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755, LOST ANGELES COUNTY. MAILING ADDRESS: 2426 E. 6 TH ST APT #3, LONG BEACH, CA 90814. Registrant: BECKY STONE, 3202 E. WILLOW ST, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, August 31

9:03 a.m., Grant theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Temple Ave.
9:49 a.m., Criminal threats, 2700 block E. Willow St.
11:57 a.m., Grand theft auto, E. PCH/Gladys Ave. (suspect arrested)
12:14 p.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block E. 21st St.
5:49 p.m., Misdemeanor warrant, 2700 block Panorama Dr. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, September 1

1:24 a.m., Burglary, 3500 block E. PCH
12:31 p.m., Battery, 3300 block E. PCH

Friday, September 2

8:55 a.m., Grand theft, 1900 block Dawson Ave.
9:39 a.m., Grand theft, 1900 block Temple Ave.
6:30 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Obispo Ave.
8:08 p.m., Burglary, Line Ave/E. 27th St. (suspect arrested)
10:48 p.m., Battery, 2800 block Walnut Ave.

Saturday, September 3

8:52 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 27th St./Raymond Ave.
7:38 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

Sunday, September 4

1:52 a.m., Burglary, 2600 block E. 28th St.
2:49 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.

Monday, September 5

7:12 a.m., Petty theft; false ID to Police Officer, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
10:05 a.m., Burglary, 2600 block St. Louis Ave.
10:36 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
11:34 a.m., Burglary, 2100 block E. 27th St.
2:58 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block St. Louis Ave.

Tuesday, September 6

8:15 a.m., Burglary, 2600 block St. Louis Ave.
8:24 a.m., Auto burglary, 3200 block Walnut Ave.
9:48 a.m., Auto burglary, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
2:14 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1600 block E. Spring St.
3:02 p.m., Person with a gun, E. 20th St./W. Wesley Dr.
9:58 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Gaviota Ave. south of E. 28th St.

LBPD reporting area is too extensive to report here, but you can go to their website: 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.

TST6801/Order No: 11928
Auto Lien Sale

On 09/27/2022 at 2801 W SLAUSON AVE
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declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: BECKY STONE, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in September, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September, 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: September 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

TST6798 Case No. 22CMCP00156 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: Ariel Ignacio Acevedo, by his mother Priscilla Hernandez, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ariel Ignacio Acevedo, by his mother Priscilla Hernandez, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Ariel Ignacio Acevedo Proposed Name: Ariel Benjamin Avalos 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: November 15, 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, September 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022 ___/ss/___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 1, 2022

TST6799 Case No. 22CMCP00151 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: Martha Esthela Valdes De Gonzalez, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Martha Esthela

Valdes De Gonzalez, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Martha Esthela Valdes De Gonzalez Proposed Name: MARTHA ESTHELA GONZALEZ 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: November 3, 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, September 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022 ___/ss/___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 26, 2022

TST6800 Case No. 22NWCP00363 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORWALK COURTHOUSE, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650 PETITION OF: 1. NO NAME GIVEN, MOHAMMAD SHAHNAWAZ ALAM, 2. NO NAME GIVEN, FATIMA BEGUM, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: 1. NO NAME GIVEN, MOHAMMAD SHAHNAWAZ ALAM, 2. NO NAME GIVEN, FATIMA BEGUM, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing their names as follows: Present Name: 1. NO NAME GIVEN, MOHAMMAD SHAHNAWAZ ALAM, AKA, FNU, MOHAMMAD SHAHNAWAZ ALAM Proposed Name: 1. MOHAMMAD SHAHNAWAZ ALAM Present Name: 2. NO NAME GIVEN, FATIMA BEGUM, AKA, FNU, FATIMA BEGUM, Proposed Name: 2. FATIMA BEGUM 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 31, 2022; Time: 10:30a.m., Dept. C, Room 312. 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, September 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022 ___/ss/___ Margaret M. Bernal, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 3, 2022

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However, Brown said that there was a boost in A-G completion most likely due to the “credit/no credit” grading system the district transitioned to over the pandemic. This meant that students were receiving “passing” grades instead of D’s; allowing them to fulfill the A-G requirements. Brown said it has since come back down.

For African American students, their A-G completion rate during the pandemic was 5% higher than their pre-pandemic rate. Their post-pandemic A-G completion rate, however, only went up by 1%.

Essentially, although their completion rate is still higher than it was pre-pandemic, the growth from pandemic to post-pandemic is not that high.

“It’s not surprising. You see that for pretty much all of our groups,” Brown said.

As for the A-G on-track rate,

Brown said that the gaps, while very sizable, were still smaller and getting continuously smaller than they used to be. However, over the last five years, growth has been stagnant across all student groups.

Since all LBUSD pathway programs are aligned with the A-G requirements, essentially all ninth graders are 100% on track for graduating and meeting these requirements. However, if students begin to fall off in areas such as English, it is harder to recover these credits and get back on track.

Brown said that falling off in ninth grade doesn’t necessarily end a student’s ability to recover.

“It’s because we have a lot of options in our schools for credit recovery [like] summer school and additional courses in the block periods to make up those grades to get [students] to qualify for A-G,” Brown said.

The district plans to continue working with the A-G on track information to better equip students during their academic careers.

campuses; each site will have either a full-time social worker or share one with another middle school. Each center will also have a student committee that works alongside the social workers to ensure activities are student-focused and student-led.

“It’s really complicated and comprehensive work that I think we wanted to do and [now] have the opportunity with some of the funding streams to try out what works,” Board President Megan Kerr said.

The wellness centers are funded through ongoing state funds and are slated to open by October.

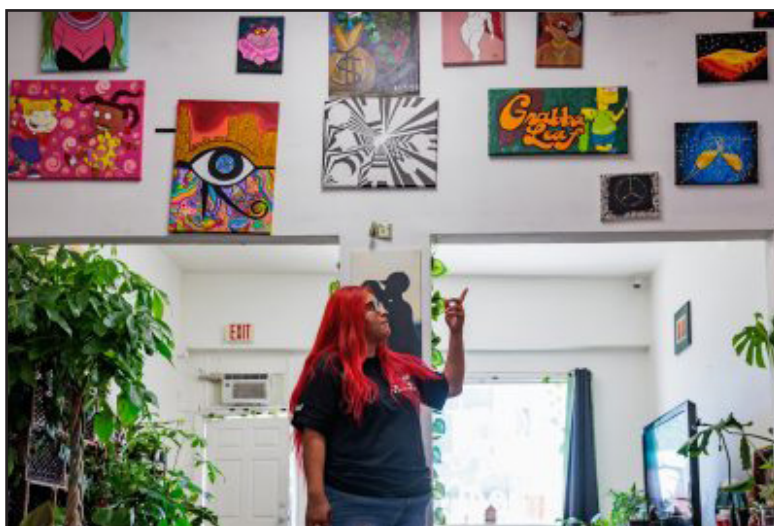
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ma said that the centers weren’t meant to be a place students would be “afraid to be seen in” but rather a space that offered various forms of support.

“We’re not just going to write phone numbers on a post-it and give it to a student or a family because that’s [something] anybody can get from the internet,” Sosa-Valderrama said. “We’re going to help them access those resources.”

The district has hired 12 workers to staff the 23 middle school

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Mizty Sedano, one of the owners of Got a Leaf plant shop in North Long Beach, points to some of the artwork she made for the shop on Sept. 7, 2022. The shop owners also lease the space next door and plan to use it as an artist workshop in the future.



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Telani Jackson inspects one of the leaves on a plant inside the Got a Leaf plant shop on Sept. 7, 2022.



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Thomas Jackson looks toward the camera while adjusting a display with some plants inside a custom planter in Got a Leaf plant shop on Sept. 7, 2022.

A lot of thought goes into Got A Leaf’s inventory. Its current selection of plants includes a 22-year-old, 6-foot-high money tree and a couple of rare acacia.

“We try to focus on getting the most rare plants, the most plants that are in style,” Jackson said. “The plants come in and out of style so we try to stay up to date.”

The store also features amenities such as a make-your-own soil bar and a “plant hospital” for ailing plants.

“I think what sets us apart, just the amenities that we have to connect to plant parents,” Jackson said. “Instead of just selling plants, we sell everything for plant parents to grow their plants and really care about the growth of the plants.”

For customers who want a more creative and interactive experience, Grab A Leaf offers two-hour “paint and pot” activities where participants paint wooden containers then repot a plant into them while Jackson supervises and offers care advice, such as what soil is best for that particular plant.

The brick-and-mortar location has plans to expand, as they



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Mizty Sedano, one of the owners of Got a Leaf plant shop in Long Beach, holds a royal palm in her hands outside the front door of the shop on Sept. 7, 2022.

recently leased the space next door in order to rent it out as a workspace for artists and photographers.

“We’re here for all your plant care needs [...] along with the most extremely rare plants you could ask for,” Jackson said.

Got A Leaf, located at 5263 Atlantic Ave., is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays.



Pet of the week: Niko

Take a cup of German shepherd, a scoop of rottweiler, a pinch or two of maybe some Australian kelpie and a whole lotta personality. Put ‘em together and whaddya got? Niko! Niko’s a bibbity-boppidy-bootiful beautiful 4-year-old fellow who’s inexplicably been at our shelter for a year. He’s a smart, good boy with medium energy, is treat motivated, and is easy to walk on his leash. His new owner will need patience since it may take Niko a while to develop a bond, but with regular exercise, structure and balance, he’ll be the best boy you could want. Niko means “victory of the people” in Finnish, but he hasn’t had a victorious finish yet. Can you help him live up to his name? You can speed the process to adopt or foster Niko and any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Even better, stop by during our new open walk-in hours every Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Our shelter is located at 7700 E. Spring St. Ask for ID#A605387 to meet Niko. We’re at capacity, and everyone needs homes!

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