

COMMUNITY



Image Courtesy | Hamid Torabzadeh

Hamid Torabzadeh began volunteering with the American Red Cross his freshman year of high school and now serves on the Red Cross' National Youth Council.

Long Beach Poly alumnus earns Brower Youth Award for his work fighting climate change

Ryan Hardison
Design Editor

One of Long Beach's brightest former students is leading the way in fighting climate change and training his community in disaster preparedness. Hamid Torabzadeh was named the 2022 Brower Youth Award recipient, an annual honor from nonprofit Earth Island Institute given to six students each year who are excelling in environmental activism.

Torabzadeh, a 2022 graduate from Long Beach Polytechnic High School's PACE program, has been a part of the American Red Cross since his freshman year of high school and a leader of the organization's READYTeens program since 2019.

Now a public health student at Brown University and a member of The American Red Cross National Youth Council, Torabzadeh is preparing his community to fight the ongoing consequences of climate change.

"It's been a great opportunity to

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SMALL BUSINESS



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Dainty Disco owner Marissa Lujan peeks out from behind a clothing rack with classic Pin-Up style dresses inside her North Long Beach shop on Oct. 27, 2022.

Dainty Disco is a colorful, quirky party for all

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

The pastel pink walls and disco balls illuminated by a neon sign at Dainty Disco are an ideal setting for the handmade, quirky items from over 40 artists that adorn one of Long Beach's newest and most unique gift shops.

The North Long Beach storefront prides itself on its unconventional array of items: cowboy boot earrings, mushroom-shaped crocheted car coasters, LGBTQ-themed candles, greeting cards and stickers found nowhere else and a Dainty Disco tote bag with happy mushrooms touting "Never Stop Growing."

It's a sentiment that rings true for shop owner Marissa Lujan, who has been crafting her own eccentric accessories and items for over 10 years.

"I feel like everything that I'm doing now is ... just a mix of everything that I've done for like the last 10 years and now I'm helping other small businesses do the same thing," Lujan said.

What started off as a hobby and an Etsy shop selling various cat



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Candles with an LGBTQ+ theme sit on a display at Dainty Disco on Oct. 27, 2022.

items—mermaid and astronaut felines to name a few—under the name Meowrissa is now one of Long Beach's most creative shops. Lujan spent years pursuing different careers while recruiting artists and selling cute, trendy items at various pop-ups throughout Los Angeles County.

Lujan got her first big break about three years ago from another

female small business owner in Long Beach. A pair of handcrafted button earrings found their permanent home at Songbird Boutique, giving Lujan the push of confidence she needed to get her items into more shops and on people's ears.

"From then on, it was just like a

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ELECTION



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Graphic of a hundred dollar bill going into an election ballot box.

Which mayoral candidate are Long Beach city council members supporting?

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Along with the many ballot measures and prospective office holders, this current election season will also decide who is the next mayor of Long Beach.

Two Long Beach City Council members are currently running to be mayor. Both Rex Richardson of district 9 and Suzie Price of district 3 have raised over \$400,000 for their campaigns so far. Among the hundreds of donors are accounts connected to Richardson and Price's fellow city council members.

The donations from council members were either personal donations made as individuals or donations made from their officeholder accounts.

Each council member has an officeholder account, which accepts donations from individuals and organizations. Councilmembers can use these funds for expenses during their time in office, such as community events or work-related travel. In 2017, the council voted 5-3 to allow council members to use funds from their officeholder accounts to donate to other politicians' campaigns.

According to the City's Campaign Ethics Guide, \$900 is the maximum amount an individual or

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CRIME

One man wounded, one man arrested in stabbing at the Port of Long Beach

City News Service
Southern California Local News

A man was wounded Monday morning in a stabbing at the Port of Long Beach, and a suspect was arrested, police said.

The stabbing was reported at 1:48 a.m. in the 1000 block of Pier G.

“Both the victim and suspect were crewmembers from a ship,” LBPD Officer Paige White told City News Service.

Arriving officers found the victim with a stab wound on his upper body that was not believed to be life threatening, and he was taken to a hospital with stable vital signs, according to Long Beach police Lt. Danielle Quinones.

“The preliminary investigation revealed the male adult victim and a male adult suspect were engaged in a dispute, which resulted in the stabbing,” police said in a



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A Maersk Line cargo ship has containers removed from it during sunset at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022.

statement.

At the scene, officers said they located a male adult suspect, identified as 48-year-old Anali Nanto,

of Indonesia. Nanto was booked on suspicion of “assault with a deadly weapon—not firearm,” and bail was set at \$30,000.

NEWS

Environmental, watchdog groups win round in Long Beach Riverfront dispute



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On the LA River bike path, a bike rider looks towards tents that line the fence along Shoreline Drive in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021

City News Service
Southern California Local News

The environmental justice group Riverpark Coalition and the environmental watchdog organization Los Angeles Waterkeeper won a round in court when a judge found in their favor in their challenge to a proposed development adjacent to the Los Angeles River in Long Beach that they say was previously reserved for open space.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell L. Beckloff ruled on Oct. 19 that the City violated the California Environmental Quality Act in approving the Pacific Place project, a proposed self-storage facility and parking lot, without properly examining and mitigating its environmental impacts.

“This win is a victory for park equity and environmental justice for the most neglected side of Long Beach and the Lower Los Angeles River,” said Juan Ovalle, president of Riverpark Coalition. “The ruling defends much-needed park space, as well as the specific goals of the Long Beach Riverlink Plan and L.A. River Master Plan.”

The judge said the city must halt any work on the project unless and until they prepare an environmental impact report addressing significant environmental, biological, recreational and cultural impacts that the development could present. The site is across the Metro line tracks from Los Cerritos Elementary School, Los Cerritos Park and a residential neighborhood.

In their court papers, attorneys for Artesia Acquisition Co. LLC

and Insite Property Group, the owner and proposed developer of the property, respectively, argued that the mitigated negative declaration adopted by the City Council was sufficient and that an EIR was not necessary. They also said the proposed self-storage project made the most of the site’s awkward layout and would develop a site that had long sat vacant.

The petitioners maintained that the parcel has long been promised to the western Long Beach community as its future river park and nature preserve.

“Instead of adding more concrete along the LA River, we need to be adding green spaces, especially in park poor neighborhoods such as western Long Beach,” said Bruce Reznik, executive director of LA Waterkeeper.

AQUARIUM



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A family points to and looks at the pair of otters at the Aquarium of the Pacific on Dec. 28, 2021.

Aquarium of the Pacific now certified as a sensory-inclusive venue

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

The Aquarium of the Pacific has been certified as a sensory-inclusive venue by KultureCity, a non-profit organization that certifies venues and events as welcoming for those with kinesthetic needs or invisible disabilities.

“The Aquarium aims to be an inclusive and welcoming place for people to explore and learn about the ocean. Partnering with KultureCity gives us the tools to improve experiences for people with sensory needs,” said Emily Yam, Aquarium of the Pacific’s director of learning and public engagement, in a statement.

KultureCity defines sensory needs as a common medical condition where the brain has trouble receiving and responding to information coming through the senses.

During the certification process, aquarium staff was trained in practices that emphasized sensory inclusivity. The aquarium also features designated headphone zones and quiet zones.

Visitors can also pick up free sensory bags that contain noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools, verbal cue cards and weighted lap pads from the Member Services desk before heading to the aquarium’s designated headphone and quiet zones.

According to KultureCity, one in six individuals has a sensory need, and they can be experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder and several other conditions.

Visitors can download the free KultureCity app to see the new sensory features, where they can be accessed at the venue and a preview of what can be expected before visiting the aquarium.

A few other features the aquarium offers include a downloadable audio tour, a braille visitor guide, virtual touch technology within the Honda Pacific Visions Theater and Epson smart glasses with closed captioning.

To learn more about the Aquarium’s KultureCity certification and amenities for visitors with sensory needs visit venue.kulturecity.org/venues/aquarium-of-the-pacific.



Image Courtesy | Aquarium of the Pacific
Free KultureCity sensory bags contain noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools, verbal cue cards and weighted lap pads. These bags can be picked up from the Member Services desk.

LBUSD



Image Courtesy of Mark Savage | 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.

More than half of LBUSD students are testing below grade level, latest data update reveals

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

Standardized iReady test scores have shown an increase in students one or more grade levels behind, according to data presented at the Long Beach Unified School District's board meeting Wednesday, Oct. 19.

A little over 41,000 students participated in the iReady Diagnostics tests in September, the first diagnostic of the school year. Test scores from the previous academic year—taken in late May and early June—showed varying degrees of growth among grade levels, but the most recent data shows a decline in students at or above their grade level in elementary and middle school math.

Eighty-six percent of elementary school students are at least one level behind in math—a 33% increase since the last diagnostic. At the middle school level, 77% of students are at least one grade behind—a 13% increase from June.

Subsequently, the percentage of students at or above their grade level in math has declined since the last iReady tests. Only 14% of elementary school students and 22% of middle schoolers are at or above their grade level compared

to the 47% of elementary and 36% of middle school students in June.

iReady reading levels, however, have remained more consistent among middle school students with only a 5% decrease in students at or above their grade level and a 5% increase in students one or more levels below.

Elementary school iReady reading scores revealed that 71% of students are scoring below their grade level—21% more than in June. This means that only 28% of elementary students are testing at or above their grade level, 22% less than the previous data.

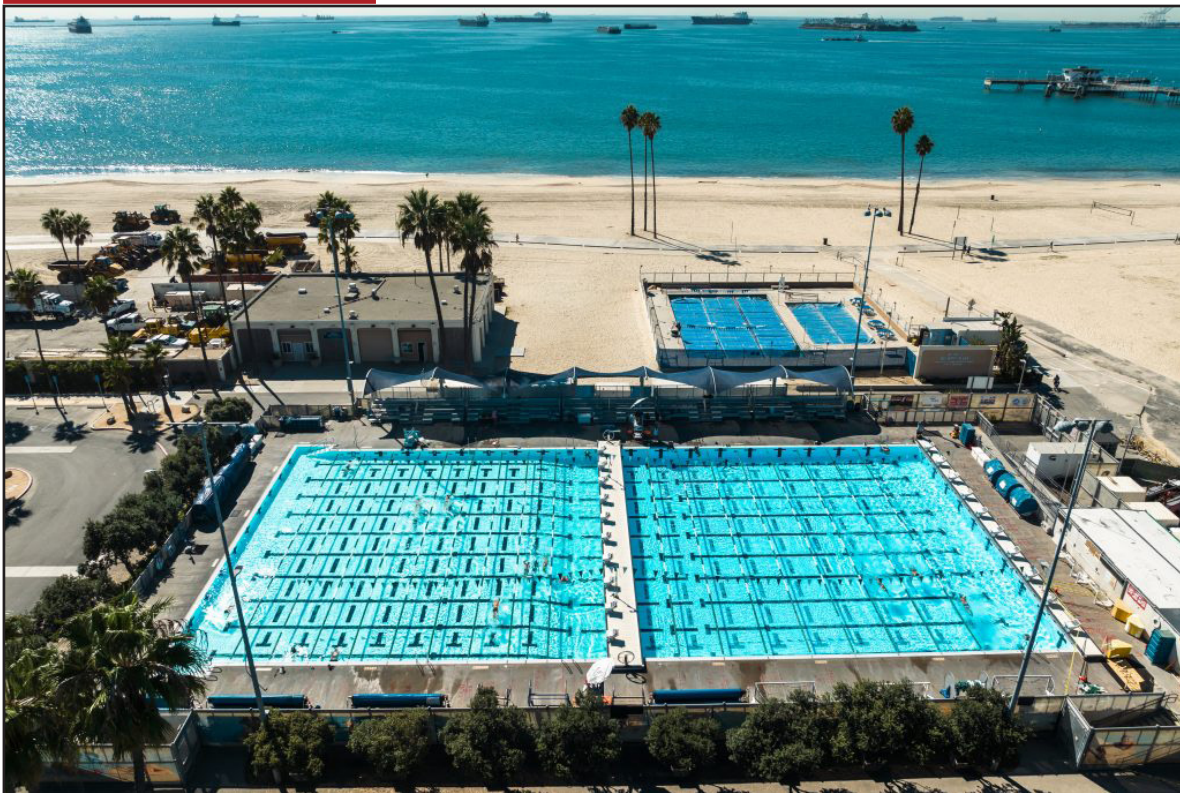
SBAC data reveals a decline in growth for all students, particularly Black students

The board also discussed the results of the most recent Standard Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing scores—a one-time annual assessment done in late spring.

Superintendent Jill Baker called SBAC scores a “lagging indicator of student success” since it only reveals data about the particular moment in time the test was taken, as opposed to iReady testing which tracks students’ progress throughout the year.

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NEWS



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Residents swim laps inside the Belmont Plaza Pool in Long Beach on Oct. 25, 2022.

Belmont Plaza Pool scheduled for repairs, will close from November to January

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

The Belmont Plaza Pool, one of three public Long Beach pools, will be closed for construction from mid-November until January 2023. The pool will receive concrete repairs, patching and sealing as well as repairs to the structural metal flutes located underneath the pool deck.

Repairs to the walking surface surrounding the pool began in October, and the pool has been able to remain open during that time.

These are the first set of repairs to the 50 x 20-meter pool, according to a statement from the City posted outside near the pool deck.

During repairs, the smaller 22-yard pool will be open to the public with limited programming.

Long Beach is in the process of constructing a Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center that will be used in the 2028 Olympics, set to take place in Los Angeles. The City began the process for the new center in 2014.

Residents are encouraged to use one of the other pools in the city including the King Park Pool at Martin Luther King Jr. Park and the Silverado Park Pool at Silverado Park.

King Park Pool is open for recreational swimming Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:45, Fridays from

2:30 to 3:45 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 3:15 p.m.

Silverado Park Pool is open for recreational swimming Saturdays from 1 to 3:15 p.m. King Park Pool and Silverado Park Pool both have their own programs including swimming lessons, workout classes, lap swims, a swim team and a diving team.



Image Courtesy | Long Beach City website
A rendering of the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center set to be built by 2024.



The Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach

Request for Proposals Project-Based Voucher Program

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach (“HACLB”) will be accepting applications from property owners for a project-based voucher program (“PBV”) under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV). This Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is established pursuant to Title 24, Chapter IX of the Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR, Section 983.

Under the PBV Program, HACLB will attach a HCV Housing Assistance Payment (“HAP”) Contract to a unit if the owner agrees to rehabilitate or construct the unit in accordance with regulations for the PBV Program and HUD’s Housing Quality Standards (“HQS”) The rent for each designated unit in the selected structure(s) will be subsidized by HACLB when the owner leases the unit to an eligible family. The purpose of this program is two-fold-- 1) to encourage property owners to construct standard or upgrade substandard rental housing stock and 2) to make housing available to low-income families at rents within HUD’s Fair Market Rents for the region.

Rehabilitation or new construction of selected projects cannot begin until HACLB and the owner(s) have executed an Agreement to enter into HAP Contract.

HACLB estimates that up to 200 units of multi-unit housing in the City of Long Beach will be assisted under the funding available for this purpose.

RFP Packets will be available on HACLB’s website www.haclb.org (look under the announcements section) starting on November 7, 2022. The application submission deadline is December 7, 2022.

Only applications submitted in response to this advertisement will be considered.

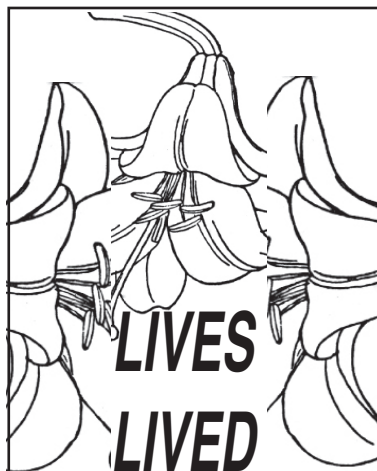
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READYTEENS

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see how to get involved tangibly in the community," Torabzadeh said. "I think Red Cross is a good first experience into what I can do as an individual in Long Beach and beyond."

The Red Cross READYTeens program trains high school students throughout Los Angeles County to prepare for disaster preparedness, response and recovery as well as CPR, first aid, triage and emergency communications.

Torabzadeh has helped READYTeens amass more than 10,000 youth volunteers across the country and trained around 350 high school students in Los Angeles on fire and earthquake safety.

"The focus of the program is on saying, 'You can be part of the solution,'" Torabzadeh said. "It really attracts kids like me who are interested in [the] health route, medical route ... it also attracts people who want to find a way to be involved."

The six students from across the country, including Torabzadeh, were invited to a week-long retreat in the Bay Area and recognized for their work in this year's ceremony at Freight & Salvage on Oct. 18 in Berkeley, California.

Torabzadeh's Red Cross journey began during his freshman year of high school. He got involved at the club level before joining the Long Beach chapter and helped to set up a blood drive at Poly, instructional CPR classes and the preparedness pillowcase project—all as a freshman.

The summer after his freshman year, one of Torabzadeh's friends began the first READYTeens program, giving him the chance to lead students from Poly, Wilson, Cabrillo and several other local high schools.

The program encouraged him to become a field ambassador for the Los Angeles region of the Red Cross. Torabzadeh explained the importance of providing diversity and equity in commerce in relation to the environmental concerns facing the Port of Long Beach

"For example, the Port in Long Beach, those homes and the people who live there are being affected by all these [carbon dioxide] emissions, and are also going to be affected by rising sea levels," Torabzadeh said.

Due to the ongoing effects of climate change, he said he is also concerned about the various challenging disasters looming such as forest fires and air pollution, which threaten the city's historically underserved population.

"In Long Beach, we're already seeing the effects, even COVID—infectious diseases are going to be increasing because of climate [change]," Torabzadeh said. "All of these disasters are very intersectional and as they're rising we have to figure out ways that community members can take the lead and be in charge of the response as much as possible."

Torabzadeh says the worst thing that could happen is for the Red Cross to be "contributing to the cycle" of inequity if they don't lift up communities being hit the hardest.

"While we have to work to prevent climate change and a lot of its effects, we also need to prepare for the consequences by those who we have not yet convinced to prevent what's happening," Torabzadeh said.

To learn more about the American Red Cross READYTeens program, visit <https://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles/volunteer/youth-services-program/the-readyteens-program.html>.

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EYE ON CRIME

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Wednesday, October 19

10:50 a.m., Person with a knife, 1600 block E. Willow St.
12:46 p.m., Indecent exposure, E. 32nd St./Orange Ave.
3:46 p.m., Auto burglary, Cherry Ave./E. 20th St.
9:26 p.m., Possessing paraphernalia, misdemeanor warrant, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, October 20

3:40 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Signal Parkway
5:34 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2700 block Gundry Ave.
6:49 p.m., Felony warrant, 3100 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)
8:30 p.m., False identification to Police Officer, 1900 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Friday, October 21

5:33 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Lewis Ave./E. Burnett St.
9:32 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Signal Parkway
9:47 a.m., Grand theft, 1700 block E. 28th St.

Saturday, October 22

8:03 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2100 block Ridge View Terrace
2:36 p.m., Battery, 3300 block Gundry Ave.
2:55 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2200 block E. Willow St.
5:22 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
7:55 p.m., Grand theft, 2600 block Lime Ave.

Sunday, October 23

7:59 a.m., Fire, 900 block E. Spring St.
5:26 p.m., Fire, 1400 block E. 33rd St.
6:46 p.m., Burglary, 800 block E. 28th St.
10:12 p.m., Robbery, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
11:00 p.m., Indecent exposure, 2500 block Cherry Ave.

Monday, October 24

6:39 a.m., DUI, Stanley Ave./E. 19th St. (suspect arrested)
8:58 p.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
11:45 p.m., DUI, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, October 25

4:59 p.m., Intoxicated person, 900 block E. 33rd St.
7:44 p.m., Robbery, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
10:45 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

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EVENT



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Arianna Munoz steps down off of the top wing of a Boeing Stearman PT-17 biplane at the Long Beach Festival of Flight on Nov. 6, 2021. The plane is famous for being hard to pilot and was used as a training aircraft for the United States military in the 1930s and '40s.

Long Beach Festival of Flight lands this weekend

Richard H. Grant
Photo Editor

The annual Long Beach Festival of Flight will return Saturday to the Long Beach Airport for a day of free activities and up-close viewings of different aircraft from throughout aviation history.

The festival will take place on the west end of the airfield and along the runways. The free event will include static airplanes on display, informational activities, entertainment with live music, food and drink vendors and helicopter rides for true thrill seekers to purchase.

“The Long Beach Airport is an incredible asset to our community and our local economy,” said Mayor Robert Garcia in a statement from the City. “Festival of Flight is a great chance for families to walk onto the airfield and see it up close.”

The festival, originally called “Fly-In” began in 2013 during the Long Beach Airport’s 90-year anniversary. It has since become a yearly mainstay with thousands of attendees flocking to the airfield every year. This year the airport is expecting over 10,000 attendees to come to the event.

Residents are advised to bring water, wear sensible shoes and be prepared to be outdoors, rain or shine, as the airfield has no natural shade. Coolers will not be allowed, and bags will be subject to search. Service animals will be permitted, but pets will not.

There will be limited free parking available at the corner of East Wardlow Road and Globemaster Way. Organizers encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation, such as cycling, carpooling, ride-sharing and public transportation. Bicycle parking will also be available in the parking lot.

“We are proud to host this annual event at Long Beach Airport, which inspires aviation enthusiasts of today and tomorrow,” Airport Director Cynthia Guidry said in a statement.



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A plastic skeleton handles the controls of a Nanchang CJ-6 plane on display at the Long Beach Festival of Flight on Nov. 6, 2021.



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A view from the cockpit of a Boeing Stearman PT-17 biplane at the Long Beach Festival of Flight on Nov. 6, 2021.



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Pilots move down the airport runway in a U.S. Marine Corps KC-130J Hercules cargo plane at the Long Beach Festival of Flight on Nov. 6, 2021.



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Denis Tomlin helps his grandson Matthew out of the cockpit of a North American Rockwell OV-10 Bronco that was on display at the Long Beach Festival of Flight on Nov. 6, 2021.

The Festival of Flight will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Taxiway E, located on the west end of the airfield at 3590 East Wardlow Rd. For more information, please visit www.longbeach.gov/lgb/community-information/festival-of-flight/

COMMUNITY

Long Beach seeking 250 volunteers for 2023 Homeless Point in Time Count

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is looking to recruit 250 community volunteers to help carry out the 2023 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count, taking place on Jan. 26, 2023.

The PIT Count is an annual community effort to provide a street count of people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. The Count serves to define available resources to address homelessness and identify gaps within the City’s plans to help better serve un-housed individuals.

The 2022 Point in Time Count located 3,296 people who were experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. Last year’s count found a 22% increase of people living in encampments or on the street and a 380% increase in people living in their cars compared to January 2020.

“I encourage everyone to volunteer for the Homeless Point in Time Count and be part of the solution to ending homelessness in Long Beach,” said Mayor Robert Garcia in a statement from the City. “The Count is an important tool in allowing the City to better serve people experiencing homelessness.”

Qualifications to volunteer for the PIT Count include:

- Be 18 years or older.
- Attend a two-hour orientation and training prior to the day of the Count.
- Commit to a four-hour canvassing shift on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023. Volunteers will be expected to report at 4:30 a.m. and be dispatched to the field by 5 a.m.

Before participating in the PIT Count, all volunteers must attend an orientation session, regardless of prior participation in the Count. These trainings will provide insight on best practices to engage people experiencing homelessness, how to administer the Count and the logistics of the Count itself.

Orientations will be hosted on the following days and times:

- Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 6 to 8



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A man who goes by the name JQ packs his possessions into his tent after being informed he needs to leave the area under the Ocean Ave. bridge that crosses the LA River in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

p.m. via Zoom

- Thursday, Jan. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center (1301 W. 12th St.)
- Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center
- Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

In addition to volunteering, community members are encouraged to donate socks, travel-size hygiene products, bottled water and gift cards of \$5 to \$10 which will be distributed during the count. These items can be dropped off at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center, located at 1301 W 12th St. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

People may also donate online at Mayor’s Fund to End Homelessness by typing “Homeless Count - Mayor’s Fund” in the Additional Comments box or make a donation by check to the Long Beach Community Foundation located at 400 Oceangate, Suite 800. Donations will be used for gift cards and other incentives for individuals being surveyed during the count.

To register for the PIT Count, volunteers can go online to tinyurl.com/2023lbhc. If over 250 people register to volunteer for the count, a waitlist will be created.

To learn more about the Long Beach Homeless Count and ways to donate, visit the longbeach.gov/HomelessCount, email HomelessCount@longbeach.gov or call the Multi-Service Center at 562.570.4499.

EVENT

Break out the masa: Long Beach Tamales Festival is back for its second year

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

For the second year in a row, residents will get the chance to learn about one of the most beloved Mexican pastimes: tamale making.

Long Beach Living, in partnership with KCRW and Lola’s Mexican Cuisine, will host a fiesta fit for the masses—and the masa—on Dec. 4 for the second annual Tamales Festival. Residents will be able to enjoy various Latin inspired dishes and drinks, tequila tastings, live music, performances, arts and crafts and more.

Sal Flores hosted his first festival catered to Latin Americans during the pandemic, in a socially distanced taco festival. Following the success of the event, Flores’ husband suggested they take it a step further and expand to tamales.

The plan was to host a traditional tamale festival where the



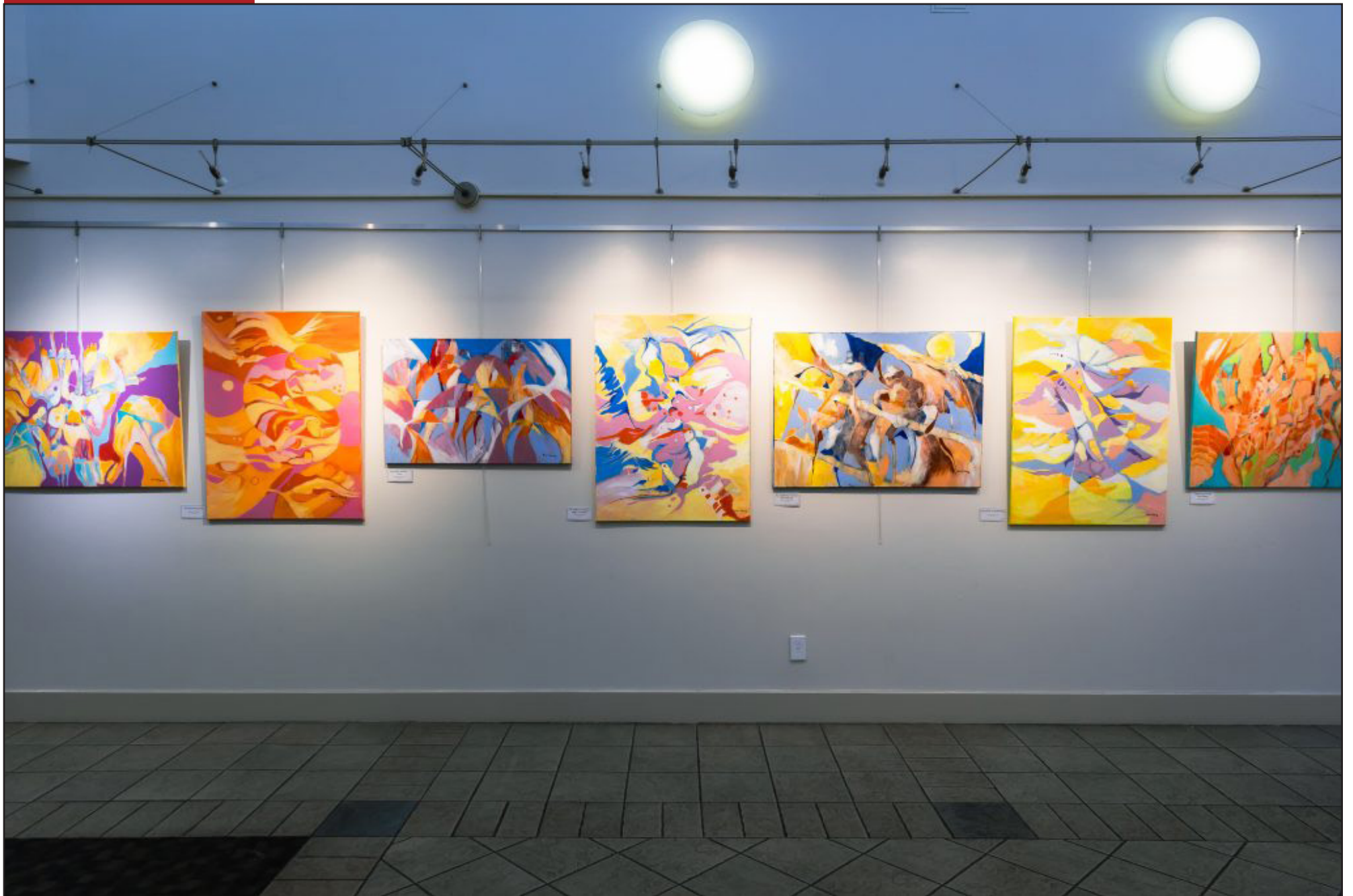
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Tamales plated and served with cotija cheese, sour cream, guacamole, onions and cilantro.

community is invited to try various flavors and learn of their cultural significance. The Instagram post where Flores announced the event quickly gave him another idea.

“People came posting all, ‘Well you have to try my mom’s tamales, they’re the best.’ And it just went on and on, you know everybody’s mom’s tamales come out the best,” Flores said, laughing. “Which they

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A collection of abstract paintings by local artist Paula Prager on display at the Alpert Jewish Community Center on Oct. 25, 2022.

‘Don’t wait ‘till tomorrow’: This 78-year-old shares colorful, lively exhibit

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The public has until Friday, Oct. 28 to take in the vibrant colors used by Paula Prager in her solo exhibit at the Alpert Jewish Community Center. “The Energy of Color” exhibit in Long Beach uses vivid hues to elicit an emotional response from viewers.

“I want people to realize that the artwork evokes something to you,” Prager said. “You need to get something from it and that’s what color does. Color comes off the page and says something to you. Beyond whether you like it or you don’t like it, it’s supposed to create something for you to think about.”

The exhibit includes both abstract acrylic paintings and fused glass sculptures: each piece contains eye-catching combinations of colors, boasting royal blue, periwinkle, tiger orange, lemon yellow, lavender, orchid purple and many more. Her paintings are a billowing amalgamation of hues from across the color spectrum. Prager’s late husband, B’nai Faulkner, left a deep impression on Prager’s work. The couple were both believers in astrology, with Prager being influenced by metaphysical aspects of color in her work. Prager was previously a water colorist, but turned to acrylic after a suggestion from Faulkner.

“He said, ‘You need to be more vibrant with your work and I think



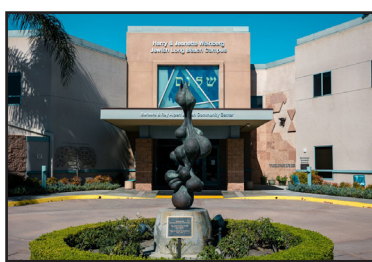
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A collection of fused glass pieces by local artist Paula Prager on display at the Alpert Jewish Community Center on Oct. 25, 2022.



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An information card sits in the main hallway of the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach for the art gallery on display, titled “The Energy of Color,” on Oct. 25, 2022.



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A front view of the memorial sculpture and front entrance of the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach on Oct. 25, 2022.



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A fused glass piece of art titled “L’Chaim” by local artist Paula Prager on display at the Alpert Jewish Community Center on Oct. 25, 2022.

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you'll get that through acrylics," Prager said.

Prager had been mourning the loss of her husband for a year when a friend suggested trying glasswork to help fill her days and lift her spirits. After seeing and being impressed by her friend's glass work, Prager began making jewelry.

Eventually she began to create glass sculptures inspired by her Jewish heritage, utilizing her signature rainbow of colors.

Her sculpture "L'Chaim" on display at the Alpert Jewish Community Center includes the Star of David at the center, with multicolored branches radiating from it. Other glass sculptures included in the exhibit resemble candy-colored

menorahs.

Prager will be turning 78 on Oct. 31, and has no plans to stop making art. She encourages other seniors to explore creative expression.

"It's my time to create during the golden years of my life, the time that I have left," Prager said. "And it's very cathartic. I think it's wonderful for all seniors, if they have any kind of passion and they have a will to do it and a way to do it—Do it now. Don't wait 'till tomorrow."

"The Energy of Color" will be on display until Friday, Oct. 28 at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, located at 3801 E. Willow St. The exhibit is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

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that a teacher can look at their class report and take action," Baker said. "It helps them with resources, it helps them with the opportunity to group students, it gives them ways of thinking about reteaching and acceleration."

Baker also said that the SBAC scores essentially corroborated what the district already knew about students' experiences over the last few years. According to Baker, the district had been taking actions based on the data that was already available in spring and then incorporating SBAC information as it was released.

Most racial/ethnic groups had been making progress in SBAC English Language Arts (ELA) and math before the pandemic,

but progress declined during and post-pandemic.

Whereas all students declined in ELA between the 2018-19 and 2021-22 academic years, students of color, especially Black students, show a greater decline.

Eighty-two percent of Black students did not meet the SBAC math criteria and 66% did not meet the ELA criteria, compared to white students who tested at 59% and 72% respectively.

Board member Juan Benitez highlighted the decline as an "exacerbation of equity gaps."

"Ultimately, we want to see gaps at the very least diminished," Benitez said. "The ultimate goal [is to] completely eliminate it in the spirit of equity, but there's a conversa-

tion nationally and at the state level around equity of opportunity versus equality of outcome right here."

Baker said the district is working directly with principals and teachers to address these gaps.

"What also matters is that everything that is talked about here [is in] alignment to what happens at the school building, at the classroom building, how teachers get to work together, use each other as resources ... that they are supported with professional learning experiences that help them to ensure that they have the skills and feel confident in meeting the needs of students in their classroom," Baker said.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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A group of Captains Jack Sparrow for a picture together at the Pirate Invasion Long Beach on July 30, 2022.

We are finally upon Halloween, and we have a list of (mostly) spooky events to prove it.

Residents can get their fill of costume parties, tricks, treats and holiday eats in Long Beach and Signal Hill throughout the weekend, then spend the following week picking up new hobbies at their local library while munching on leftover candy.

Friday kicks off the holiday weekend with events catered for children hoping to get a jump start on trick or treating, teens wanting to relax over spooky movies and adults ready to face the ultimate test: Halloween-themed improv comedy. Residents can spend their Saturday morning at one of the two health events in Long Beach, or begin their day decorating pumpkins and end it surrounded by either zombies or goblins.

On Sunday, families have the chance to bike ride as a zombie at Pixie Toys, carve pumpkins at Fluffy's Sno-Balls or enjoy a Halloween party at Bixby Park. For those with furry, four-legged friends, they can participate in a dog costume parade at Marina Vista Park.

28 FRIDAY

WITCHY FRIDAYS

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens between the ages of 13 to 17 are invited to enjoy witch-themed movies and eat snacks at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Free.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT CARNIVAL

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Children will be able to trick-or-treat in Orizaba Park (1435 Orizaba Ave.) during this seasonal event. The event will include a cake walk, carnival games, jumpers, a kid zone and more. Free.

OPEN MIC TERRORS

7:30 p.m. The Friendzone comedy troupe is hosting an improvised comedy open mic night at Ficklewood Ciderworks (720 E Broadway). Topics will include spooky movie villain roast battles, bucket topics, couples therapy, crowd work and more. Costumes are encouraged. Ages 21 and over. Free.

29 SATURDAY

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS

8 a.m. The Alzheimer's Association California Southland Chapter invites Long Beach residents to the annual Walk to End Alzheimers. The walk will raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research, will be decorated for Halloween and begin at Rainbow Lagoon Park (400 E Shoreline Drive). To register visit <http://www.alz.org/walk>. Free.

BEACH WALK AND FLOURISHING FAMILIES FESTIVAL

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This annual event hosted by TCC Family Health invites residents to a 5k walk and health fair at Shoreline Aquatic Park (200 Aquarium Way). The health fair will include games, activities, music, live entertainment and food from local vendors such as La Esperanza Restaurant and Bakery, the Cottage Cafe and Robert Earls BBQ. Free.

HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOUR

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Actors dressed in 20th century-period costumes will teach attendees about the lives of those buried at Sunnyside Cemetery (1095 E Willow St.) and how they shaped local history. The tour will take around three hours to complete. This event is appropriate for all ages. Tickets can be purchased online for \$25, or at the cemetery the day of the event.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

10 a.m. The Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association is hosting its second annual pumpkin decorating contests for kids ages 15 and under. Attendees should be registered with their name and age by Oct. 25 and arrive at Los Cerritos Park (3750 Del Mar Ave.) with their pumpkins fully decorated and ready to be judged. Free.

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The community is invited to this celebration of aircraft (west end of the airfield at 3590 East Wardlow Rd.) Different planes will be parked on the tarmac for visitors to view. Food trucks will

also be selling food and beer. No pets, large coolers or large bags are allowed at the event. Free.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Noon to 4 p.m. Beachwise Resource Festivals will be hosting this seasonal event for the community at MacArthur Park (1321 E Anaheim St.) including live music, food, drinks, activities and more. Free.

GOBLINS ON THE GREENBELT

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Belmont Heights Community Association invites children in the community to the greenbelt between Park Ave. and Ximeno Ave. to trick-or-treat in the park (423 Park Ave) and decorate a pumpkin. Free.

ZOMBIE WALK

4 p.m. to 10 p.m. This event at Shoreline Village (401-435 Shoreline Village Dr.) will feature roaming actors dressed as zombies, trick-or-treating, costume contests, live zombie bands, Halloween vendors and more. Free.

30 SUNDAY

BADDIES BOX

Residents can learn or practice their boxing skills at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave) at an all-levels welcome, LGBTQ+ friendly boxing class hosted by Devotion Fitness. Equipment is provided and the class is donation-based with a suggested \$5 minimum.

KIDICAL MASS: ZOMBIE BIKE RIDE

11 a.m. Families can participate in a zombie-themed neighborhood bike ride hosted by the Bixby Knolls Improvement Association. Children can bring their bikes to the Pixie Toys Parking lot (3914 Atlantic Ave.) before the bike ride begins to receive zombie face makeup. This event will feature treats, prizes for best/ugliest zombie and music by DJ Dave. Free.

ART AT THE PARK

Noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited to wear costumes and bring their own art supplies to Recreation Park (4900 E 7th St.) to create art together. Free.

KID'S HALLOWEEN AT BIXBY PARK

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Families can bring their children to Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) for games, face painting, ghost rock crafts, costume contests and treats. Free.

COMMUNITY PUMPKIN CARVING & HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Fluffy's Sno-Balls (1208 Long Beach Blvd.) invites the community to enjoy a Halloween celebration. This event will include a New Orleans second line, bounce houses for kids, candy, a costume contest and pumpkin carving. Contestants are asked to come dressed in costume and to bring their own carving tools. Free.

HAUTE DOG HOWLOWEEN PARADE

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Community members are invited to dress their dogs in costume and bring them to Marina Vista Park (5355 E Eliot St.) to participate in a parade. Humans can register their dogs for the parade for \$10 at hautedogs.org.

31 MONDAY

HIV TESTING

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. HIV testing will be provided at Seaside Park (1401 Chestnut Ave.) Free.

WELLNESS EVENT

Noon to 3 p.m. Local residents in need are invited to TAY Academy (2025 E 7th St.) to receive clothing, household items and food. To register, visit Eventbrite. Free.

TRUNK OR TREAT

4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Courtyard Care Center (1880 Dawson Ave.) will be hosting a trunk or treat event with treats, games, prizes and more. Free.

01 TUESDAY

RANCHO STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring young children to listen to a story read out loud at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Rd.) Attendees are welcome to bring blankets,

strollers and snacks. Free.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services will be offering free flu vaccines at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) for people without health insurance or whose health insurance doesn't cover flu vaccines. Free.

50+ BOOK CLUB

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. A monthly book club geared toward senior participants ages 50 and older at the El Dorado Neighborhood Library (2900 Studebaker Rd.) Visit the library or call (562) 570-3136 for information on how to join. Free.

02 WEDNESDAY

BABY'S STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parents and caregivers are welcome to bring babies between 0 to 15 months old to the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) for stories, rhymes, music and play. Free.

BEAR CITY COMEDY

7:30 p.m. A roster of stand-up comedians perform weekly at Que Sera (1923 E 7th St.). This event is for those 21 and older. Free.

03 THURSDAY

TODDLER STORYTIME

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Caregivers and parents are invited to bring toddlers ages 1 to 3 to enjoy story time, songs, bubbles and more at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) Free.

ARTLAB

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. An art exploration program for children ages 7 to 12 at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) Free.

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WHERE TO CELEBRATE DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS IN LONG BEACH

A centuries-old tradition will be celebrated throughout Long Beach for the next week. Día de los Muertos, commonly and mistakenly called “The Mexican Halloween” celebrates both life and death within Latin American culture by inviting ancestors who have passed away to visit their families for one night filled with music, dancing, food and prayer.

According to Mexican tradition, the gates of heaven open at midnight on Oct. 31, as ancestors flock to ofrendas, or altars, built by those still living. Altars usually have pan de muerto, water, colorful paper banners, marigolds, pictures of those who have passed away and other trinkets or favorite items from those who are no longer living.

The Day of the Dead is celebrated in America from Nov. 1 through Nov. 2 and is often accompanied by parades, performances and people donning skull makeup. Multiple Mexican organizations and shops in Long Beach are setting aside a few hours to honor the tradition through live music, games, performances and a community ofrenda.

29 SATURDAY

DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Centro CHA invites the public to this family-friendly holiday celebration



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Marigold flowers were placed on a gravesite at All Souls Cemetery on Nov. 3, 2021. Marigolds are used to celebrate the Día de Los Muertos holiday.

featuring live music, games and community resources at 14th Street Park (intersection of Cedar Ave & W 14th St.). Free.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS ART WALK

Noon to 4 p.m. Local business Dainty Disco (5659 Atlantic Ave.) invites the public to enjoy art, raffles and shopping. Attendees are encouraged to bring in a framed photo of a departed loved one for

the community altar in honor of Day of the Dead. Free to attend.

30 SUNDAY

FUERZA Y ESPERANZA

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to this family-friendly Day of the Dead celebration at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) to enjoy music, dance performances, vendors and more. Free.

01 TUESDAY

CANDLELIGHT DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Music lovers can enjoy a live concert dedicated to the Day of the Dead in Ovation Square Long Beach (350 Pine Ave.) The performance will incorporate songs from Pedro Infante, Juan Gabriel and more. This event is appropriate for those 8 years

and older. Those 16 years old and younger need to be accompanied by an adult. General admission costs \$70, and tickets can be purchased online at <https://feverup.com/m/118493>.

05 SATURDAY

7TH ANNUAL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

The City of Long Beach invites its residents to celebrate departed loved ones through dance, crafts and music at Rainbow Lagoon (400 E Shoreline Dr.)

06 SUNDAY

DANCE FOR DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

2:30 p.m. The public is invited to watch traditional folk dance troupe Grupo Folklorico Semillas de mi Tierra perform at the bandshell at Recreation Park (701-939 Federation Dr.). Free.



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DAINTY DISCO

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drive,” Lujan said. “I would literally drive up and down the streets of where I lived and go into boutiques and be like, ‘Hey, are you interested in selling my button earrings.’”

Once she decided to quit her job as a flight attendant, the pandemic hit. She spent time throwing herself into her craft, and started searching for Dainty Disco’s permanent home in December 2021.

The checkered floors and neon light fixtures in the North Long Beach shop immediately drew Lujan in—she had found the home for Dainty Disco. Five months later, the shop was filled with quirky, one-of-a-kind items from over 15 vendors, Lujan’s own creations included.

“I just think there was so much opportunity, like the people there at the shop with us are amazing,” Lujan said. “They’re so wholehearted and they understand small businesses and supporting [them] and I really love that part of where I’m at.”

Lujan tries to bring the same sense of community when recruiting artists who she works with. She has met people through Instagram, Long Beach events and various pop-ups, inviting those who she

connects with to sell their items in her storefront.

The result is a myriad of items where Lujan hopes there is something for everyone. Her next phase of the shop was to get the community involved in her journey. Dainty Disco has held two workshops open to everyone—a crocheting class where each participant walked away with their own granny square, and a piñata-making workshop where 20 heart-shaped, Bad Bunny-inspired items were handcrafted.

Lujan stressed the importance of having people feel a sense of belonging when they enter her store, whether for a workshop or simply to browse the quirky items displayed. She chooses items that will make her customers feel empowered: Latinx-inspired trinkets and “Protect the Cookie” stickers.

“Something that’s really important to me is the fact that I want to create a safe place for the community; for people of color, the Latinx community, LGBTQ+ community, while making sure that we’re also being delicate with ourselves and we’re taking care of ourselves,” Lujan said.

Once she has an artist’s items in her shop, Lujan takes care to keep in touch with them, checking in on

their mental health often. Stephanie Almaraz of Bubble Ghoul was one of Lujan’s first vendors she recruited for Dainty Disco.

The two met at a pop-up in Whittier and after chatting for hours and purchasing items from one another, Lujan offered the chance to collaborate before her shop was even open.

“I thought it was a pretty amazing deal because when you’re a small business, you don’t really think ahead like that,” Almaraz said. “Especially when you’re just starting out, it was my first year actually being official ... Just kind of showed me like, ‘I can do more than what I think I can do.’”

Almaraz’s handmade creations can be seen scattered throughout the shop: one-of-a-kind vintage-inspired earrings of varying shapes and vampire fangs that are delicately carved. Since the shop’s opening in April, Almaraz has returned for various pop-up events and met a few of her fellow vendors, always finding new items to be inspired by.

“I feel like that’s what I love about Marissa and the store itself—the sense of community, you find the people that are into the same things as you or even if they’re not in the same interest as you,

you still find a common ground,” Almaraz said.

Dainty Disco will be holding its third community event on Saturday, Oct. 29. Residents are invited to bring a picture of a loved one who has passed away to adorn the ofrenda inside the shop for Día de los Muertos. At least eight vendors will be selling items outside of the store from noon to 4 p.m.

As Lujan continues to search for the perfect additions for her off-the-wall storefront, she is often reminded of the long journey it took her to get here, and encourages other artists to keep trying.

“Just never giving up, every single day try to do one little thing that can [be] progress,” Lujan said. “I just think that’s so important, just like little steps. It took me 10 years but during that time the dream never stopped.”

Dainty Disco is located at 5659 Atlantic Ave. and open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For updates on the shop, follow @daintydisco_ on Instagram.



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(Above) Dainty Disco owner Marissa Lujan shows some mushroom-themed earrings that are for sale in her store in North Long Beach on Oct. 27, 2022. (Below) Marissa Lujan holds out one of her personal favorite greeting cards on Oct. 27, 2022.



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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, CA08000044-22-1. 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 CA08000044-22-1 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: October 4, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000044-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660 4288 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 86154, Pub Dates: 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022, 10/28/2022, SIGNAL TRIBUNE

TST6828 / 2022 214507
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. MOMENTS OF THE HEART, 2. SING GOD'S WORD, 3. J.R. SONGWRITER, 4946 RACHEL AVE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: JUANITA L. RUSH, 4946 RACHEL AVE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JUANITA L. RUSH, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in April, 2003. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September 30, 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: October 14, 21, 28 & November 4, 2022

TST6827 Case No. 22LBCP00383
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 MAGNOLIA, LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Vanessa Shawaya Tallsha Saunders, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Vanessa Shawaya Tallsha Saunders has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Vanessa Shawaya Tallsha Saunders Proposed Name: Vanessa Shawaya Tallsha Adisah 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: December 2, 2022; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S27, Room 5400. 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, October 14, 21, 28 & November 4, 2022 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 12, 2022

TST6829 / 2022 225829
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. LONG BEACH SPORT FISHING, 2. BERTH 55 SPORT FISHING, 3. QUEENS WHARF RESTAURANT, 555 PICO AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Registrant: SRM CORPORATION, 555 PICO AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: LAWRENCE MAEHARA, CFO. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 17, 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: October 21, 28 & November 4, 11, 2022

TST6830 / 2022 225959
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: YOUR ORNAMENT SHOP, 550 ORANGE AVE UNIT 139, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. Registrant: COCO DEAN, 550 ORANGE AVE UNIT 139, LONG BEACH, CA 90802.

This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: COCO DEAN, 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 October 18, 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: October 21, 28 & November 4, 11, 2022

TST6831 Case No. 22PSCP00500
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME,

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 PETITION OF: Sandra Kaye Simms, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Sandra Kaye Simms has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Sandra Kaye Simms Proposed Name: Sandy Kay Simms 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: December 14, 2022; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. O. 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, October 21, 28 & November 4, 11, 2022 ___/ss/___ Peter A. Hernandez, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 14, 2022

TST6833 Case No. 22LBCP00358
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA, LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Erika Mojica, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Erika Mojica has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Erika Mojica Proposed Name: Erika Mujica 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 18, 2022; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 27. 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, October 28 & November 4, 11, 18, 2022 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 22, 2022

TST6834 Case No. 22LBCP00390
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA, LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Maria de los Angeles Chiquete Tirado, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Maria de los Angeles Chiquete Tirado has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Maria de los Angeles Chiquete Tirado Proposed Name: Mary Angelica Chiquete 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: December 1, 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, October 28 & November 4, 11, 18, 2022 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vincencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 20, 2022

TST6835

Termination of Parental Rights Matter
State of Minnesota District Court County of : St. Louis Court File Number: 69DU - JV - 22 - 237 Judicial District: Sixth District Case Type: CHIPS - Permanency In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Mollie Sebok and Gregory Lide Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter (CHP - 115) **NOTICE TO: Gregory Lide, Above - named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).** 1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed. 2. This is your notice that this Termination of Parental Rights case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 100 North 5th Avenue West Duluth Minnesota 55802-1285, on December 12, 2022 at 2:10 pm or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information. 3. **YOU ARE ORDERED** to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date. 4. You have a right to be represented by counsel. 5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition. BY: Dated October 21, 2022 St. Louis County Court Administration 100 North 5th Avenue West Duluth Minnesota 55802 - 1285 218 - 221 - 7560



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DONATIONS

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organization can donate to a Long Beach mayoral campaign.

A list of donations to either Richardson or Price from Long Beach City Council members is as follows:

Richardson's donors:

Mary Zendejas for City Council 2019 Officeholder Account - \$900
Cindy Allen City Council Officeholder Committee 2020 - \$900
Suely Saro for Long Beach City Council Officeholder - \$900
Roberto Uranga - \$450

Price's donors:

Al Austin - \$250
Daryl Supernaw - \$900
Stacy Mungo - \$500
The only council members who responded to the *Signal Tribune's* request for comment were Daryl Supernaw and Stacy Mungo, both of whom support Price.

"If I had to pick a single issue that was most important to my

residents, it would be the issues surrounding homelessness," Supernaw said of Price, a district attorney for Orange County. "And I think of what [Price has] done in Orange County and she leads teams in homelessness in Orange County from her job there. Orange County's numbers are down 17%. The numbers for people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach are up 62%. So I would love for her to bring what they're doing in Orange County to Long Beach and see if we can start to solve our issues on that."

"I was honored to host a meet and greet for my friend and colleague Suzie Price in support of her becoming our Mayor," Mungo said in a statement emailed to the *Signal Tribune*.

Residents have until Nov. 7 to stop by the polls or turn in their mail-in ballot. A full list of ballot drop-off locations can be found on the *Signal Tribune's* Instagram page.

TAMALE FEST

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are, you know, my mom's tamales are definitely the best. So we're like, 'Oh, this could be fun and make it a competition.'"

Last year's event not only celebrated the beloved Latin American food, but made a point to educate residents on the history behind tamales and include children and families in Mexican crafts.

To the surprise of Flores and everyone waiting in line the day of the first tamale festival, tickets quickly sold out and the event hit capacity. People waiting in line were upset they wouldn't be able to participate, which only pushed Flores to create an even bigger event this year.

"The biggest thing that we learned from last year was needed ... it was something that the community wanted," Flores said.

This year's festival will be held at Long Beach City College in order to host double the amount of people as last year, almost 5,000, according to Flores. The location was a welcome change, he said, since most of the community surrounding the college are Latino.

"We want this to live as a Long Beach tradition. We need a Latin festival that is for the Latin community here in Long Beach," Flores said. "We're the highest concentrated minority here ... and we don't have our own thing. And so we're hoping this turns into something that is for all of us, and to teach other cultures what we're

all about."

The tamale competition will be judged by local foodie celebrities including Brian Addison of Longbeachize, James Tir of LB Food Coma and others. Due to health regulations from the City, participants in the competition will be invited to cook their homemade tamales in a commercial kitchen in the days leading up to the event.

Contestants who are making tamales will have their stories told through a video documenting all of the participants, their families and how they got into tamale making. The videos will be shown at the event.

"It's my culture, right? It's my tradition, it's something that I grew up with," Flores said. "So it matters and it should matter and so that's why we want to make sure education is a big part of it."

This year's festival will include an artistic component that residents can compete in: a piñata making competition that will benefit Long Beach-based nonprofits. Ten groups will create their traditional Mexican pieces from scratch, using cardboard and newspaper, then decorate them as they see fit in hopes to create a "learning experience" out of the traditional decoration.

"Piñatas are a big part of spiritual and Mexican holiday tradition," Flores said. "It's not only just for birthdays, but for Christmas and yet it's a big thing in Mexican culture."

Residents hoping to enter the

piñata making competition must fill out an online form explaining their vision for their artistic creation. Entries must be family-friendly to be considered.

Attendees will be able to view and vote on their favorite piñata by donating \$1 to their hopeful winner. Every dollar spent as a vote toward the competition will be donated to a local nonprofit of the winner's choosing.

"This is about engaging the community and to be able to raise a little bit of money for something that is going to do good for all of us, not just somebody," Flores said. "So we think it's a great way of giving back."

There will be workshops hosted during the festival teaching residents how to create their own piñatas from scratch, hosted by the Museum of Latin American Art.

"Education is a big part of what we want to be," Flores said. "It's not just about selling tamales, it's not just about a party. It's about honoring traditions. It's about educating people and it's about being respectful of other people's cultures, and also introducing other people's traditions to other cultures that have never heard of it."

The second annual Tamales Festival will be held at Long Beach City College, at 1305 E Pacific Coast Hwy, on Dec. 4 from noon to 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at an early bird discount for \$15 at www.lbtamalesfest.com.

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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

**TST6837
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

The City of Signal Hill ("City") will receive electronic bids only for Landscape Maintenance Services for the Landscape Lighting Maintenance District No. 1, no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 17, 2022. The electronic bid management system will not accept late bids. Bids will be opened November 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill. Bids shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening date.

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

<https://pssystem.planetbids.com/portal/36746/bo/bo-detail/98915>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to the Business and Professions Code and shall be licensed in the following appropriate classification(s) of contractor's license(s), for the work bid upon, and must maintain the license(s) throughout the duration of the Contract: C-27. In addition, the successful bidder will be required to self-perform at least 80% of the work.

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

For further information, contact Patrick Kelley, Public Works Contracts Manager, at (562) 989-7361 or pkelley@cityofsignalhill.org

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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

**TST6836
NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS**

The City of Signal Hill ("City") will receive electronic proposals only for the Hillbrook Park Renovation Design Services ("Services"), no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2022. Proposals shall be valid for 180 calendar days after the submission deadline.

The Services generally consists of providing landscape architectural and civil engineering design services for the renovation of Hillbrook Park.

Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the City's Request for Proposals ("RFP"), which is available to registered vendors through the City's electronic bid management system, PlanetBids, at:

<https://pssystem.planetbids.com/portal/36746/bo/bo-detail/98818>

Interested bidders may participate by selecting "Bid Opportunities" on the home page.

The Contract Documents may be downloaded at no charge. Contract Documents will not be available for sale at City Hall. Proposals must be submitted in electronic format through the City's electronic bid management system. The electronic bid management system will not accept late proposals. Electronic modifications to or withdrawal of proposals may be made by the Respondent prior to the proposal closing deadline. The price of each proposal will be available to the public at the closing deadline on the City's website in the electronic bid management system.

A virtual, non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held at **10:00 AM on November 3, 2022**. Please email pkelley@cityofsignalhill.org to request an invite to the meeting.

A contract shall be awarded, if at all, to the best qualified vendor. Determination of the best qualified vendor will be made solely by the City on criteria determined by the City. The decision of the City shall be final. In its discretion, the City may reject any proposal, abandon the purchase, or re-advertise. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal received by the City.

Certain labor categories under this project may be subject to prevailing wages as identified in the State of California Labor Code commencing at sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq. If applicable, employees working in these categories at the site must be paid not less than the basic hourly rates of pay and fringe benefits established by the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR"). Copies of the State of California wage schedules are available for review at www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/. The successful Respondent shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at each job site. It shall be mandatory upon the Respondent to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractors, to comply with all Labor Code provisions, which include but are not limited to the payment of not less than the said specified prevailing wage rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract, employment of apprentices, hours of labor and debarment of contractors and subcontractors. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with DIR. No proposal will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the DIR to perform public work. If awarded a contract, the Respondent and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the DIR for the duration of the project. The contract awarded pursuant to this proposal may also be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

For further information, contact Patrick Kelley, Public Works Contracts Manager, at (562) 989-7361 or pkelley@cityofsignalhill.org

Posted in the Signal Tribune newspaper October 28, 2022
Posted in accordance with S.H.M.C Section 1.08.010 on or before: October 28, 2022



**Pet of the week:
Atlas**

Halloween greetings from Atlas! Atlas wants to let you know that he's more than just a hound dog. He came as a stray to the shelter in January, and does not want to be in a situation where he has to say "It's now or never." He's 2 years old, has a tail that's all shook up, and just wants to be your teddy bear with all that affection he has. He zooms around the play yard like the King himself. Please, can you love him tender? Adoption fees for big dogs are waived until Oct. 31, and you can speed the process to adopt or foster Atlas and any of our other pets by emailing Pet-Adopt@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##A669744 to meet Atlas.

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