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A Long Beach Running Club member makes his way up to Skyline Trail in Signal Hill, leading to Hilltop Park on March 21, 2022. Runners take the group's Monday route, which is 5 miles of winding hills around Hilltop Park.

## Long Beach Running Club celebrates 8 years with \$5,000 donation to city's women's shelter

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

For the past five years, the Long Beach Running Club (LBRC) has celebrated each birthday with a 10k relay race and a donation to a local nonprofit. Their \$5,000 donation made on Oct. 30 to the Women's Shelter of Long Beach (WSLB) marks the club's largest gift yet, despite being the smallest anniversary gathering in years. "When it comes to the anni-

versary I always let my girlfriend decide. We pick someone local in Long Beach and we discuss it; what we think will make the biggest impact, what the club would relate to the most," said LBRC founder, Gus Esparza. "We have all these different backgrounds and people, this year that resonated a lot with us, after reading their story and their mission and what they're about."

The WSLB was founded in 1977 to help families "overcome

the trauma caused by domestic abuse," according to its website. The shelter provides safe housing for families, an emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, social services support, legal advocacy and more.

Esparza created the Long Beach Running Club eight years ago out of Signal Hill. He and his girlfriend Sandy Nevarez have chosen local nonprofits to donate to for the past five anniversaries, with past recipients including the Long Beach

Rescue Mission, His Little Feet and the Casa Youth Shelter.

Esparza said more than half of club members are women, making it "a no-brainer" to choose the WSLB as this year's recipients.

"For me I'm a Long Beach native so it has to be from here. I want to make a difference here first," Esparza said. "As soon as I announced it right away everyone was like, 'Wow thank you for choosing them.'"

The relay race allowed entries

for men's teams, women's teams, co-ed teams and individual runners. Each participant paid a \$25 entry fee, which went directly to the women's shelter. The race was followed by a raffle with donated prizes and a celebration at Steelcraft Long Beach.

The Long Beach Running Club has 150 active members, 120 of which participated in the relay race.

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## CITY COUNCIL

# Long Beach reaches agreement with police bargaining unit, including wage increases

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Following 17 meetings and bargaining sessions over the last month, Long Beach city council unanimously approved the three-year, \$28.78 million Memorandum of Understanding with the Long Beach police officer's bargaining unit Tuesday night.

The agreement, which expires in September of 2025, includes wage increases for the department, modified skills pay for certain officers, recruitment and retention bonuses, longevity pay for those who have been with the LBPD for at least 10 years, bilingual pay increases, police officer referral bonuses, updated military leave policies and more.

Rich Chambers, president of the Long Beach Police Officers Association, said it will help address staffing retention and recruitment issues, the "most critical issues" the department is facing at the moment.

"The number of people applying to the academy is lower than ever," Chambers said. "We think this contract takes a solid and important step toward making sure the Long Beach Police Department can remain competitive in the hiring market."

The City's general fund shortfall—money already budgeted that Long Beach still needs to gain—is now at \$38.30 million for fiscal year 2024. The shortfall was previously at \$28.1 million.

Long Beach police officers will receive wage increases of: 5.5% effective Oct. 8, 2022; 3.5% effective Oct. 7, 2023; and 2.5% effective Oct. 5, 2024. Active, full-time employees—police recruits not included—will also receive a \$5,000 retention bonus on Oct. 5, 2024.

Police officers, corporals, sergeants and lieutenants who have held one of those positions for at least 10 years will receive a 5%



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File Image: Long Beach Police Department.

increase from the base hourly pay. Those who have held an aforementioned position for at least 15 years will receive a 7.5% increase in pay, and those who hold 20 years under their belt will receive a 10% increase in pay.

"This is a process that is painstaking that we go through every few years but this contract ... I'm very confident will help us with recruitment and retention of valued employees in the city that do very important work," Councilmember Al Austin said. "The priority of the government is to ensure that our residents are safe and healthy and this workforce is obviously important to our mission."

Positions that will receive pay increases include homicide detectives (12.5%), police officers routinely placed on patrol (3%), officers that regularly provide relief to those patrolling (3%) and bilingual officers (80 cents to \$1.20 per hour). Eligible second languages include Spanish, Khmer, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Samoan, American Sign Language or other languages designated by the City Manager.

Officers are now eligible to receive referral bonuses for bringing in successful police recruits. A

member of the police department can receive \$3,000 for successful entry-level recruits and \$4,000 for lateral police officer recruits.

"One of the biggest challenges facing many police departments, including Long Beach, is staffing," Councilmember Cindy Allen said. "Retirements and resignations have outpaced hiring over the last several years and has created a lot of vacancies in our ranks... I think the competitive pay will also attract lateral officers, which is always good because they can get started and put into service right away."

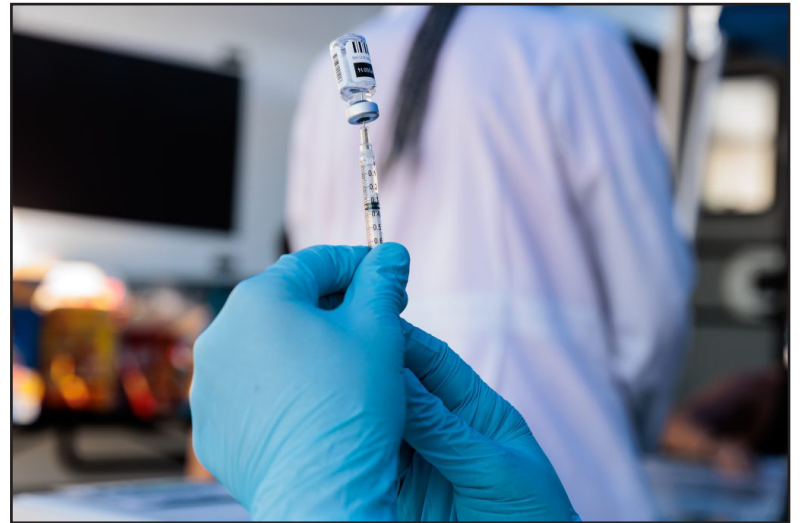
The bonuses will be paid in two parts—the first part when a recruit completes police academy or when a lateral officer completes six months in the Long Beach Police Department, and the second part when the officer completes their established probationary period. There is no limit to the amount of referrals an employee can submit.

The contract also includes vacation accrual policies for lateral officers, meaning those who have been sworn in as a police officer in a different department. Vacation

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## MONKEYPOX

# 122 monkeypox cases in Long Beach; infection rates level out



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A health care worker pulls a dose of the Jynneos combined smallpox and monkeypox vaccine into a syringe at the vaccine clinic located at Long Beach City College on Sept. 13, 2022.

## Staff Report

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There have been 122 confirmed or probable cases of monkeypox reported in Long Beach, as of Oct. 31. According to data shared by the City on its online monkeypox dashboard, infection rates have decreased significantly compared to the summer.

There was a spike in reported cases from July 9 to Sept. 10, and the highest number of new infections were reported the week of Aug. 20, when 18 confirmed or probable cases of monkeypox were discovered.

Of these 122 cases, 3 people have required hospitalization, and no one has died.

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

Symptoms of monkeypox can include the following:

- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Exhaustion
- Respiratory symptoms such as a sore throat, nasal congestion or cough

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

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

According to the City's monkeypox dashboard, 97.5% of confirmed or probable monkeypox cases in Long Beach were found in men and 70.5% were found in individuals who identify as "lesbian, gay or same-gender loving."

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

The City's eligibility requirements for the Jynneos monkeypox vaccine include:

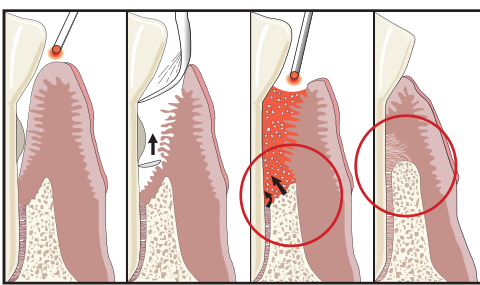
- People living with HIV, especially people with uncontrolled or advanced HIV disease.
- Gay or bisexual men and transgender people who have sex with men or transgender people
- People who had skin-to-skin or intimate contact with someone with suspected or confirmed monkeypox, including those who have not yet been confirmed by the Health Department.
- People of any gender or sexual orientation who engage in commercial and/or transactional sex (e.g., sex in exchange for money, shelter, food and other goods or needs).

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RESOURCES



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The adult computer lab inside the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

NEWS



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A woman takes a photo of the central figure of Narsiso Martinez's piece "Legal Tender" on display as part of the "Rethinking Essential" exhibit at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach on Aug. 13, 2022.

## Long Beach Public Library adds two new online learning platforms to its Digital Library

Staff Report  
Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) has broadened its Digital Library by partnering with popular online learning platforms Coursera and Skillshare.

Both Coursera and Skillshare are a part of Career Pathways, a collection of online learning platforms specializing in job training and career path preparation. Each platform contains thousands of creative and career development classes originating from universities, companies and industry leaders.

Career Pathways programs, as well as the rest of the Digital Library, can be accessed for free by LBPL cardholders, allowing Long Beach residents to pick up essential educational and job expertise.

Coursera and Skillshare are funded by the State and administered to city libraries by the California State Library.

"The digital resources available through our public library system are an incredible asset to our community," said Mayor Robert Garcia in a statement from the City. "We

are grateful to the California State Library for helping residents access these online tools."

Coursera has previously partnered with more than 275 American universities and companies such as Google and Intel to teach necessary skills to students and employees.

Skillshare's primary focus is on short online classes instructing users on how to grow their own businesses or pursue their passions.

Classes revolve around a range of topics including business, technology, user experience and freelancing, and are taught by experts with experience in their respective fields.

"The resources available through Career Pathways are another way for the Long Beach Public Library to aid patrons in self-directed learning, increase digital equity, and support the intellectual curiosity of Long Beach's diverse community," said Library Director Cathy De Leon in a statement.

For more information about the library's new additions to its Digital Library, visit lbpl.org or call 562-570-7500.

## MOLAA receives \$2.5 million grant from Perenchio Foundation

Staff Report  
Signal Tribune

The Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) announced Nov. 1 that it has been awarded a grant of over \$2.5 million by the Perenchio Foundation.

"This grant acknowledges the work MOLAA has been doing for the past 26 years to share Latin American and Latinx art and provide support for our community," said Lourdes Ramos-Rivas, President and CEO of MOLAA, in a statement.

The Multi-Year Operating Support Grant will be paid out to the museum over the next three years. The funds will go towards increasing the museum's capacity, day-to-day expenses, organizational learning and hiring more staff.

The Perenchio Foundation was

founded by the late A. Jerrold "Jerry" Perenchio to support the arts in Los Angeles County. The foundation provides grants to small and medium-sized organizations that provide arts programming for the public.

"The Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) is deeply honored and appreciative of the grant awarded by the Perenchio Foundation that allows MOLAA [...] to continue offering exhibition and education programming of the highest quality to the Los Angeles County community and all our visitors," Ramos-Rivas said in a statement.

MOLAA, located at 628 Alamitos Ave., is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission costs \$15 Wednesdays through Saturdays and is free on Sundays.

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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.

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# City exploring ways to reuse and revitalize Downtown Long Beach's vacant buildings

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

In response to the rising vacancies among office buildings in Downtown Long Beach, on Tuesday night city council directed staff to explore ways to utilize the empty spaces, one of which includes housing for homeless individuals.

According to a report from the Downtown Long Beach Alliance, 22.4% of the office buildings in the Downtown area are currently vacant. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, that number was at 13.5%, as many companies have switched over to either fully remote work or a hybrid model.

The number of spaces being rented out but not utilized each day is estimated to be about 67.4%, based on rates for Los Angeles County, according to staff reports.

"The problem is not just for our Downtown community, but for our city's economic viability," Vice Mayor Rex Richardson said. "... It impacts city revenues, lowers property values which impacts tax revenues."

The study also states that 16% of businesses currently renting out Downtown buildings are planning on minimizing their office space.

Rather than push for companies to return to in-person work, Long Beach is following a trend seen in cities such as Washington D.C., Denver and Boston, where vacant spaces are being converted into mixed-income housing as well as resources for homeless individuals.

City staff will look into tax incentives for developers to create affordable housing and zoning changes that would allow residential development on commercial-zoned properties. Long Beach's current inclusionary housing policy mandates that 11% of housing development must be affordable.

They will also consider giving one-year tax breaks to attract new businesses and working with the Downtown Long Beach Alliance and city homelessness resource providers for a homelessness outreach plan.

Long Beach saw a 22% increase in people living in homeless en-



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An aerial view of Downtown Long Beach with the LONG BEACH sign near Shoreline Drive during a misty morning on Nov. 18, 2021.

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- Mary Zendejas,  
councilmember

campments and a 380% increase in people living in their cars in the past two years according to the 2022 Point in Time Count.

The state of California passed Assembly Bill 2011, or the Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022, which streamlines the approval process for multi-

family housing development. The state also passed Senate Bill 6, the Middle Class Housing Act of 2022, which defines housing developments as an allowable use within a zone where office, retail or parking is the principal use.

California's 2023 budget included a \$400 million fund for adaptive reuse of vacant spaces, specifically focused on residential conversions of downtown areas. Adaptive reuse is when a city modifies an existing commercial or office property into affordable housing.

City staff will inspect whether the Downtown area is compatible with the measures defined in AB 2011 and SB 6.

"I thought it was concerning and a bit disheartening that we have all this vacant space," said Councilmember Mary Zendejas. "It's time to take these steps and be innovative."

President of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance, Austin Metoyer spoke in support of the item, and asked the council to also look into ways to revitalize vacant spaces on the first floors of buildings.

Richardson said that the City should be working with the police department, local stakeholders and homelessness services to create new ways to utilize the vacant spaces, stating that "[there] is not one trick to solve homelessness."

## EYE ON CRIME

### CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

#### Wednesday, October 26

7:41 a.m., Elder abuse, 2500 block Temple Ave.  
8:03 a.m., Burglary, 2100 block Crescent Dr.  
8:11 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3200 block Lewis Ave.  
11:30 a.m., Grand theft- motor vehicle, E. Hill St./Temple Ave.  
2:10 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Spring St.  
9:25 p.m., Auto burglary, 2900 block E. 19th St.  
9:41 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2700 block Panorama Dr.

#### Thursday, October 27

No information available at time of printing

#### Friday, October 28

10:25 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2200 block E. Willow St.  
11:50 p.m., Possessing paraphernalia; false ID to police officer, felony warrant, 1900 block Freeman Ave. (suspect arrested)  
11:56 p.m., DUI, Cherry Ave./E. Spring St (suspect arrested)

#### Saturday, October 29

9:11 a.m., Auto burglary, 3200 block E. PCH  
9:36 a.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
9:56 a.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block Cerritos Ave.  
2:44 p.m., Indecent exposure, 1800 block E. Willow St.  
6:37 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, Walnut Ave./E. 32nd St.

#### Sunday, October 30

12:25 a.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2200 block Stanley Ave. (citation issued)  
11:34 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, California Ave./E. 33rd St.  
12:56 p.m., Burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St.  
6:12 p.m., Petty theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)  
9:39 p.m., Auto burglary, 900 block Nevada St.

#### Monday, October 31

No information available at time of printing

#### Tuesday, November 1

No information available at time of printing

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## EVENT

## Patchwork Festival invites the community to a 'shop local' party

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Over 200 of Long Beach's local artisans and makers will be selling handcrafted items and teaching do-it-yourself (DIY) crafts at the 16th annual Patchwork Festival in the Marine Stadium parking lot on Nov. 13.

The festival celebrates the creativity of local artists and artisans by connecting residents directly to some of Long Beach's hidden talents, including 15 junior vendors under the age of 18. Long Beach is the second city on Dear Handmade Life's five-city tour across California and the largest festival in the slew.

"We activate the community by getting these folks who make their livelihood by doing a small craft and sharing their story a little bit with the community," said Nicole Spaulding, operations director for the Patchwork Festival. "Also by letting the community members get their hands on something fun and small to make and take [home] at the event so it also kind of feels like a modern festival."

Along with the 200 plus artists who will be selling their items, there will be 17 different arts and crafts booths run by local vendors. Residents will get the chance to create holiday gift tags, succulent planters, stick and yarn woven art, children's hair bows, henna creations, cardboard ornaments, crystal wish bottles and more.

Attendees will also be able to participate in a community chalkboard mural, where anyone is invited to add their own art throughout the event. All of the DIY booths will be offered for free, as Spaulding explained the company's belief that "communities shouldn't be charged to support



Image Courtesy | Dear Handmade Life

Local vendors and their customers converse and laugh at one of the do-it-yourself booths at the annual Patchwork Festival.

local makers."

The festival is pet-friendly and will offer free biking valet. There will be nine food trucks, mostly local, offering "a good mix of sweet and savory" options. Los Angeles-based rock duo Francis Retronome will be performing at the festival from noon to 1 p.m.

Vendor applications began months in advance, with the option for each vendor to send pictures of their booth setup, items they plan to sell, price ranges and any ideas for DIY crafts they would like to teach. Applicants are vetted by a jury made up of Dear Handmade Life's employees and were selected to offer residents a

mix of "diehard local Long Beach vendors" and new, undiscovered artists.

There is no qualification for how long a vendor has been creating in order to enter the festival.

"I think one of the most important things that our Long Beach festival does is build community," Spaulding said. "When you know who made the clothing you're wearing, if you know who made that cool piece of art on your wall, if you know their stories, then you also know their needs and also understand their perspectives. And it creates this rich tapestry of understanding and empathy."

The Long Beach show also

boasts the largest roster for junior makers. The 15 young creators will have their own section at the festival where they will be able to sell items, connect with older vendors, network with one another and create a name for themselves.

Junior vendors were able to enter the festival for a \$20 fee, minimizing barriers to participation.

"This company was founded as a way to really encourage and create a space for emerging makers, so we purposefully keep our booth fees really low because we really want to support and encourage creative makers that are just maybe starting out," Spaulding said. "Essentially it is to encourage and create

a safe space for kids to be able to express themselves creatively."

Dear Handmade Life also produces a five-day conference, Craftcation, every April in Ventura, California. Spaulding called it "a more intense experience," where workshops focusing on goal-setting, price setting, creativity, wellness and more are offered.

This year's conference is taking place from April 19-23 and already has over 50 creatives leading workshops. Early bird registration is open with tickets starting out at \$598.

Dear Handmade Life has a members-only community mentorship program for creative business owners who can learn tips on building their brand and setting goals for themselves from other professionals.

The company offers online workshops through their website and often shares tips for creative business owners through their Instagram @dearhandmadelife.

For those unable to attend the Patchwork Festival on Nov. 13, the second round of festivals will take place in the spring, where two new locations will be added to the tour.

"The thing I'm always most excited about is watching creative makers and vendors interact with the local community and seeing them get excited," Spaulding said. "Often those small business owners are leaving behind stability and a certain amount of income that they can be guaranteed by having a job and I think our show really gives a lot of those vendors confidence and really makes it worth that risk."

The Long Beach Patchwork Festival will take place at the Marine Stadium parking lot at 490 Bay Shore Ave. on Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## CITY COUNCIL

## Long Beach updates Code of Ethics for City employees

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

The Long Beach Ethics Commission introduced the updated Code of Ethics for Long Beach employees and staff and shared their plans to create a more equitable city. The code was passed unanimously and adopted as part of the City's ordinances.

The new code is a four-page document for City employees, elected officials, volunteers, board members, commissions and committees, which includes a values statement and specific principles for City staff to pledge to.

Values highlighted in the code are accountability, equity, impartiality, diversity, transparency and integrity.

Ethics board member Susan Wise said the ordinance will also serve as the "foundation" of all of the Ethics Commission's work for the next few years, specifically for the education training aspect.

"Our goal is to create an ethical culture within the city to have everyone look at their work and what they're doing and how they're treating people through an equitable lens," Wise said.

The City drafted its first Code of Ethics in 2003, and in 2020 the Ethics Commission recognized the



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A picture of the LONG BEACH sign located in the Long Beach Civic Center, in Downtown Long Beach.

need for an update as well as a formal Ethics Education Program. An ad hoc committee was created to draft an update, which then went through rounds of edits following feedback from City departments,

labor organizations and internal stakeholders.

The Ethics Commission is a seven-member team that focuses on implementing the City's Charter, statutes and ordinances particular-

ly pertaining to campaign financing, lobbying, conflicts of interests and developmental ethics.

The creation of the Ethics Commission was part of Measure CCC approved by Long Beach voters on

Nov. 6, 2018.

"I think updating our code of conduct is smart. As I look through it I see a lot of things that we're being held accountable to by state law and it's all presented in one way," Vice Mayor Rex Richardson said. "I also want to note, based on conversations with board members, there was really a need to expedite the implementation [of the code of ethics] or have more capacity to deal with issues as they arise. I know there were issues over the course of the last year."

The Ethics Commission received a one-time allocation of \$100,000 in Long Beach's 2023 budget with the goal of "furthering transparency" and supporting the Public Records Act, according to City Deputy April Walker.

Walker said the funds are being used to recruit temporary staff, since there are not enough funds yet allocated for permanent hires.

"I would say our current team has the capacity to build the framework for compliance and further support, but we do not have the capacity to actually deliver that day-to-day," Walker said.

Richardson said he thinks the City should be looking into permanent ways to support the

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A Long Beach Running Club member passes by the setting sun while running up the Skyline Trail in Signal Hill on March 21, 2022. Around 80 runners participated in the Long Beach Running Club Monday run in Signal Hill.



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A Long Beach Running Club member makes their way up the Skyline Trail in Signal Hill that leads to Hilltop Park on March 21, 2022. Runners take the group's Monday route, which is 5 miles of winding hills around Hilltop Park.

"From the third [year] on, it became more [about] making a difference," Esparza said. "We grew so much we didn't want to just run for no reason. We wanted to run for a cause ... It's a club anniversary but it's overpowered by the charity we donate to, and that's what we wanted."

Sponsors for this year's relay race included Oakley which donated 25 pairs of sunglasses, Rocky View Family Farms which donated 100 bottles of milk, Fleming's Steakhouse which donated a \$250 gift card, Tantalum Restaurant which donated a \$250 gift card, Los Angeles clothing company Nexlvl which donated reusable water bottles and others.

Esparza said many of the donations were made anonymously, some coming from out of the coun-

try. The club immediately began receiving messages inquiring about donations after posting the announcement on Instagram.

"As soon as I did it the response was overwhelming...people signed up the first day," Esparza said. "As soon as I said what it was, we started getting donations and I didn't even have a spreadsheet yet."

A representative from the women's shelter showed up before the races began and gave a speech to the club, thanking them.

"It touched a lot of people. It's hard to keep runners quiet, but when she had the floor it was so quiet," said Esparza.

The LBRC gathers every Sunday and Monday, averaging between 80 and 100 members. Sundays offer a long run, which is usually

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- Gus Esparza,

Long Beach Running Club Founder

used to prepare for upcoming marathons and begins at Hilltop Park and then takes runners through the hills in the city. On Mondays, the club does a five-mile run that loops around Cherry Ave., 19th St. and Temple Ave.



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Gus Esparza and his girlfriend Sandy Nevarez pose together for a photo at a 10 kilometer running event to support military veteran mental health awareness on May 15, 2022.

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accrual can be adjusted to give an officer credit for their previous services.

The cost of referral bonuses and vacation accrual is not included in the total cost of the contract, since it depends on how many officers participate and qualify for these benefits, according to a report from City staff.

"This is a contract that's fair, it's responsible and it absolutely works to address some of the real challenges in policing right now, it really speaks to our need internally, within our police department and the current team that we have," Mayor Robert Garcia said. "It's focusing on community, it's focused on reform, it's focused on serving the public, building trust."

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The monkeypox vaccination site at Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast Campus is located in Parking Lot 1 on the corner of Orange Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. The site offers appointments and non-appointments to those who are eligible Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The city's Multi-Service Center is also offering the vaccine to unhoused people who are eligible. Anyone seeking the Jynneos vaccine is required to self-attest they are eligible before receiving the vaccine. Those interested in scheduling an appointment may do so by visiting the State's vaccination portal at MyTurn.ca.gov.

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Commission so they can look more closely into issues of conflicts of interest and compliance with the City's Charter.

Current projects the Commission is working on include finishing the Ethics Education Program then implementing it across City departments, a city-wide survey on Long Beach's motto, symbol and catchphrase, an ethics helpline, new employee orientation and professional development.

Future goals are micro-trainings and workshops for City employees, an employee's handbook update, an ethics guide for City officials and tracking data through the Disclosure Reports and Ethics Portal.

Councilmember Al Austin said that he will volunteer to sign the Code of Ethics and encouraged his

fellow council members to do the same.

"I think it's very important that we lead on ethics," Austin said. "It starts with the leaders, and it starts with the elected officials ... it has to permeate through the culture of this organization."

Deborah L. Betance, president of the Women's Education Circle for Democracy in Long Beach, suggested the City replace the word "diversity" with the word "inclusion" and that the code aligns itself more closely with the United Nations goals.

"We send our children out into the world ... I think it's important in the education system and legal system in our city that we make sure that we're focusing on a global vision, so I think we need to have higher goals as we set this policy,"



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Exterior picture of the Long Beach City Hall, located in the Long Beach Civic Center in Downtown Long Beach.

Betance said.

"It's good to see this progress, us having a value statement, us having a code of conduct that will be codified into an ordinance ... and us showing a real commitment to ethics," Austin said. "This is going to increase accountability for all of the employees in the city of Long Beach, including elected officials."

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# AROUND TOWN

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



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Kristin (left) and Samantha Shaw (right) pose together with their pickleball paddles at Somerset Park in Long Beach. The two play together as a team against the other ten teams playing on April 2, 2022.

**T**he start of a new month means new beginnings and thus, new opportunities to meet fellow residents, learn new skills or support communities throughout Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Clear out those cans and boxes of non-perishable food that have been taking up room in your pantry to donate to the Food Finders' food bank Friday morning. Residents can also bring old documents that need shredding for free. After donating, head to Houghton Park for free pickleball lessons and join the sport sweeping the nation. For a more relaxing Friday, Alex's Bar will be hosting a handful of female artists for those 21 and older, and Beachwood Brewing will be displaying a gallery from local artist Rafael Murillo as well as live music, food and drinks.

The Cambodian community will be celebrated Saturday morning at the Mark Twain Library's Khmer, Come All series. Residents can also purchase one-of-a-kind art from famous tattoo artists with a \$300 maximum while supporting the creation of the first national tattoo museum in Long Beach at the Expo Arts Center Saturday night. Sunday offers chances to get in touch with your artistic side, either through oil painting classes at the Bixby Park Community Center or by listening to music and taking in art at The Grasshopper.

Residents can also spend the weekend preparing for Tuesday's election, where the next mayor of Long Beach will be on the ballot, along with numerous propositions and elected officials.

## 04 FRIDAY

### FOOD DRIVE & SHRED EVENT

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Community members are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Food Finders' food bank (2883 E Spring St.). Donors can also drop off documents to be professionally shredded. Free.

### ANA AVATAR XPRIZE FINALS

10 a.m. The public is invited to the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.) to watch technology companies competitively use state-of-the-art robot avatars to demonstrate the future of avatar technology. The competition will last two days. Admission is free. To register for the event, visit Eventbrite.

### INTRO TO PICKLEBALL

10 a.m. The public is invited to Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.) for an introductory pickleball class taught by the Long Beach Pickleball Club. Free.

### SILENT DISCO

5 p.m. So We Are Silent Disco invites the community to surrender themselves to the music and tune into their bodies on the shore of Junipero Beach (1 Junipero Ave.). All participants are given a pair of headphones and are encouraged to try "ecstatic dance" while listening to a curated playlist. General admission costs \$25. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

### BEYOND LIFE

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to the Expo Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.) to view the artwork of over a dozen local artists. Free.

### LADIES SOUL NITE

8 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to Alex's Bar (2913 E Anaheim St.) to listen to live performances by Maria Sanchez, Thee Heart Tones, Las Lagrimas, Daydream Time Machine and DJ Gold Lime. There is a cover charge of \$10.

### ARTFUL GALLERY SERIES

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those 21 and over are invited to view the work of local artist Rafael Murillo at Beachwood Brewing (3630 Atlantic Ave.) The event will feature beer, food and live music. Admission is free.

## 05 SATURDAY

### ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to Cal Heights United Methodist Church (3759 Orange Ave) to shop international fair trade and hand-crafted items for the holiday season and enjoy coffee and a food truck. Free.

### KHMER, COME ALL

Noon to 4:30 p.m. The kick-off event for a week-long program celebrating Cambodian culture at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). This event will feature a panel of Cambodian Americans working in the creative arts. The historical book "Cambodians in Long Beach" will be available for purchase. Free.

### LIVE MUSIC

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Those 21 and over are invited to listen to local musician Kat Hall perform Reggae, Funk and R&B tunes at the Long Beach Beer Lab (518 W Willow St.) Free.

### TATTOO HERITAGE PROJECT CHARITY ART SHOW

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tattoo legend Good Time Charlie and Sullen Clothing will be hosting a charity art show at the Expo Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.) to raise money to start the first national tattoo museum in Long Beach. Art pieces from Good Time Charlie, Jack Rudy, Time Hendricks and more will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis with a maximum of \$300. Entry is free.

## 06 SUNDAY

### OIL PAINTING CLASS

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artist Anita Sinclair will be teaching an oil painting class for participants of all skill levels at the Bixby Park Community Center (130 Cherry Ave.). The class costs \$30, and tickets can be

bought on activekids.com.

### SUNDAY IS FOR LOVERS ONLY

3 p.m. The Grasshopper (136 E Anaheim St.) invites the public to enjoy art, music, food, beverages and shopping. Free to attend.

## 07 MONDAY

### HIV TESTING

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

### RESEARCH FOR STARTING, MANAGING, AND GROWING YOUR BUSINESS

11 a.m. to noon. Entrepreneurs and business owners are invited to learn how to use Reference Solutions, a free program available at the library, to help them start, manage and grow a business. Registration is required for this event. To register, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6932781878054041870>. Free.

## 08 TUESDAY

### BABYTIME

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring babies between the ages of 6 to 18 months to enjoy fingerplays, books and interactive songs at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Free.

### RUMMIKUB GAME NIGHT

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to learn how to play Rummikub, a combination of mahjong and rummy, at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Free.

## 09 WEDNESDAY

### THE SILVER HOUR

3 p.m. This weekly musical event at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) will

feature live music, sing-a-longs and oldies for seniors. Free.

### TEEN D&D

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Teens are invited to play the role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons together at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) All experience levels are welcome. 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.

## 10 THURSDAY

### ARTS & SMARTS

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This workshop series at the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E Hill St.) will teach children about the artistic styles of famous artists. Children will be able to create their own artwork inspired by what they've learned. 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.

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LBUSD

# Updated LBUSD facilities timeline pushes HVAC projects forward by two years



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Allison, a Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School student, prepares to raise her hand and tell State Superintendent Tony Thurmond that her dream is to be a lawyer on Aug. 31, 2021.

**Briana Mendez-Padilla**

Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District's projected timeline for Measure E facility upgrades has been updated to prioritize Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) projects, according to information presented at the Wednesday, Nov. 2 board meeting. Measure E is a \$1.5 billion bond measure the district passed back in 2016 to fund repairs, technology, air conditioning and safety across school sites.

A shift in funding due to the governor's budget that allocated one-time state funds to school facilities projects as well as unused contingencies from past projects are some of the main factors that prompted rebaselining.

The new timeline proposes advancing HVAC-type projects at Charles A Buffum Elementary, Patrick Henry Elementary School, Herbert Hoover Middle School, Beach K-12 Independent Study, James Monroe High School and Benjamin Tucker Elementary by two years.

Other school sites such as Stanford Middle School, Minnie Gant Elementary School, George Washington Carver Elementary School, Tincher Preparatory School and John Marshall Middle School can only be advanced up to a year, as Executive Director of Facilities Development and Planning, David Miranda, stated it would not be feasible to start and finish construction in the span of two years.

Miranda explained that what he describes as the "runway" portion of these projects is not yet finished for these schools. He said that the process the facilities team takes to meet legal state requirements can take around a year and a half to two years.

"We just don't have the time to select an architect, calculate design work, go through the state

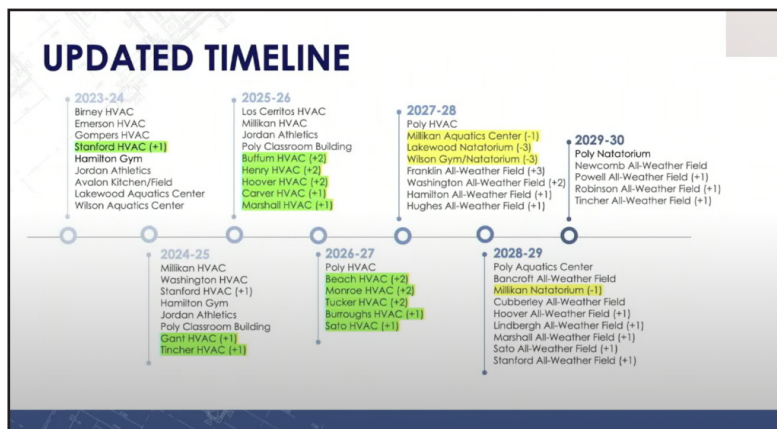


Image Courtesy | LBUSD Board

Facility projects timeline shown at a LBUSD Board of Education meeting on November 2, 2022 highlighting the projects that were moved forward in green and those that are being pushed back in yellow.

“ We just don't have the time to select an architect, calculate design work, go through the state processing and start construction within that time ... ”

- David Miranda, Executive Director of Facilities Development and Planning

processing and start construction within that time,” Miranda said. “The big benefit here that you see in terms of HVAC projects, is we’ll

finish every one of those projects by 2026-27, so that's a good push forward.”

In order to advance these projects, the facilities team is proposing pushing back or pausing athletic projects such as indoor swimming pools at Wilson High School, Lakewood High School and Millikan High School. The new timeline proposes pushing these projects back one to three years.

Miranda said that the district will continue to pursue State-matching funds, which could once again change the timeline of these specific projects.

The proposed timeline also promises to finish the last portion of Measure E projects by the 2029-30 school year; a year earlier than the last proposed timeline.

Aside from working on HVAC updates, the district is also working on additional projects outside of Measure E such as:

- bottle filling stations
- shade-offering structures
- new playgrounds
- skateboard racks
- backpack hooks

These additional projects are

see LBUSD HVAC page 11

EVENT

# Long Beach launches new website to assist first-time homebuyers

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach launched a new website on Monday, Oct. 31 as part of its First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program.

The goal of the program is to provide around 100 eligible families with up to \$20,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance. The application process for qualified residents is expected to open in early 2023.

“We are incredibly excited to support eligible first-time homebuyers with up to \$20,000 in grant assistance,” said Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau Manager Patrick Ure in a statement. “This program helps ensure greater equity in the city by eliminating social and economic disparities in our most impacted communities.”

The First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program is facilitated by the Long Beach Development Services Department and will provide grants to assist low and moderate-income families traditionally underrepresented in homeownership.

The program aligns with Goal 4 of the City's Racial and Reconciliation Initiative, which explores funding of down payment assistance programs and silent second mortgage programs while providing further opportunities to increase homeownership in the city.

Long Beach City Council directed the creation and funding of a Down Payment Assistance Program as part of the Everyone In Economic Inclusion Implementation Plan, unanimously approved by the council in June 2019.

The plan was proposed by Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and cosponsored by California State Senator Lena Gonzalez, Fifth District Councilwoman Stacy Mungo Flanigan and Seventh District Councilman Robert Uranga.

Enhanced funding for the program was included in the City's Recovery Plan in March 2021 through a motion introduced by Richardson.



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A “For Rent” sign sits in a window of a two-bedroom home, where the owners are asking for \$5500 a month in rent in the Peninsula neighborhood of Long Beach on July 20, 2022.

“Long Beach is proud to help support pathways to homeownership for local families,” said Richardson in a statement from the City. “By investing in down payment assistance, we are ensuring that our housing programs meet the needs of our diverse community, making sure residents can achieve the dream of homeownership.”

Following the extensive selection process to determine a vendor to administer and implement the program, the City selected the California-based program HPP CARES CDE to facilitate the program, including conducting applicant outreach and screening.

The program has received \$5 million in funding from the Long Beach Recovery Act, which helps to fund economic and health initiatives for Long Beach residents and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$5 million in funding has been allocated to support housing assistance, including \$3 million for funding and administrative costs for facilitating the program and \$2 million for additional housing programs.

Residents who are interested in participating in the grant program can sign-up now to receive program updates and additional details when available, including information regarding orientation sessions to assist with the application process. To learn more about the program, including eligibility information, visit [longbeach.gov/lbhomegrant](http://longbeach.gov/lbhomegrant).

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STATEMENT**

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**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 Talisha Saunders, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Vanessa Shawaya Talisha Saunders has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Vanessa Shawaya Talisha Saunders Proposed Name: Vanessa Shawaya Talisha 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

**TST6838 / 2022 234097  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. KUBO, 2. KUBO LONG BEACH, 3. KUBO LB, 345 E. CARSON ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90807. MAILING ADDRESS: 2106 ARTESIA BLVD., #1006, TORRANCE, CA 90504. Registrant: KUBO COLLECTIVE LLC, 2106 ARTESIA BLVD., #1006, TORRANCE, CA 90504. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JENNIFER ESTACIO, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in October, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 26, 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: November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022

**TST6841 Case No. 22CMCP00192  
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: Andrea Teresa Torres, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Andrea Teresa Torres has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Andrea Teresa Torres Proposed Name: Theresa Andrea Torres 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: January 10, 2023; 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, November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 31, 2022

**TST6842 / 2022 239131  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: BERTH 55 SEAFOOD, 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 begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in October, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 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: November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022

**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://pbsystem.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](mailto:pkelley@cityofsignalhill.org)

Posted in the Signal Hill Tribune Newspaper October 28, 2022 and November 4, 2022  
Posted in accordance with S.H.M.C Section 1.08.010 on or before: October 28, 2022  
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**LBUSD HVAC**  
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funded by Elementary and Secondary School Relief funds (ESSER) meant to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools.

According to Miranda, there will be over 280 new bottle-filling stations installed across the district within the next year and 79 new shade structures over the course of the next two to three years.

Board member Juan Benitez pointed out that despite the timeline shift, it is likely that current LBUSD students will not experience the culmination of these projects. At previous board meetings, parents have been vocal about the need for HVAC upgrades across schools and expressed frustration regarding the slow progress from the district.

Miranda said that the school district, being a public agency, is constrained on how bond money is issued and on how quickly these projects can be done.

"We cannot go in one fell swoop and issue bonds in the amount of \$1.5 billion," Miranda said. "Typically those are broken up into chunks we call 'issuances' or 'se-

ries.' Those series typically spend roughly three years on average."

According to Miranda, a typical bond issuance has been around \$300 to \$350 million. Since those funds need to be spent within the three-year period, the district needs to be intentional about which plans to commit to during that particular time.

"We can't overcommit ourselves to a number of different projects and start perhaps on 20 projects at any given time because we can't finish those construction efforts within a three-year window," Miranda said.



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**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

**TST6839**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, the Planning Commission of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted using a hybrid format in which members of the Planning Commission, members of the public, and City staff may physically attend the meeting or virtually participate by audio and/or video. Planning Commission will consider the following:

**SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW 22-03**

**REQUEST FOR SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW TO AMEND THE GATEWAY CENTER NORTH'S COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PROGRAM BY ALLOWING NEW WALL SIGNS AND A NEW FREESTANDING PYLON SIGN AT 3177 CALIFORNIA AVENUE WITHIN THE GATEWAY CENTER NORTH SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-12) ZONING DISTRICT**

**Agent:** Brian Sorensen of InSite  
**Property Owners:** E S Field LLC  
**Recommendation:** Staff is recommending approval.

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

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

- In-person: Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California;
- Call (408) 638-0968 (audio only) on the date and time of the meeting and enter the meeting ID 860-0994-8336, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode 636831. If you would like to make a public comment, please notify the meeting host by pressing "9" on the telephone keypad;
- Visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86009948336> on your desktop computer or laptop and enter passcode 636831; or
- Download the app from the app store if you are using a smart phone and enter meeting ID 860-0994-8336 and passcode 636831 when prompted.
- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to [cluis@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cluis@cityofsignalhill.org), or by mail to the attention of Carlos Luis, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before November 10, 2022), staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. If received after the publication date, staff will read the comments aloud into the public record at the public hearing.
- The City is not responsible for meeting disruptions or technical difficulties; however, if you are disconnected, please repeat the steps above.

You are encouraged to provide written comments in advance of the publication of the agenda as well as participating during the meeting, to ensure that the Planning Commission has ample time to consider your comments and that the applicant has the opportunity to respond to comments.

**THIS PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT** from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303 Class 3 (e) for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, of the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, in that the proposed project consists of constructing new on-premises signs (accessory structures) on a new industrial building (self-storage-facility) that is pending construction. The subject site is located in an urbanized area where all necessary public services and facilities are available, and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

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

**THE FILE** and associated documents for the proposed project may be reviewed publicly on the City's website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org). If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Planning Manager, Carlos Luis, at (562) 989-7360 or via email at [cluis@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cluis@cityofsignalhill.org).

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**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

**TST6840**  
**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

The City of Signal Hill ("City") will receive electronic bids only for the Police Station Interior Painting Project, no later than 2:00 pm on November 21, 2022. The electronic bid management system will not accept late bids. Bids will open November 21, 2022 at 2:00 pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill. Bids shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening date.

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

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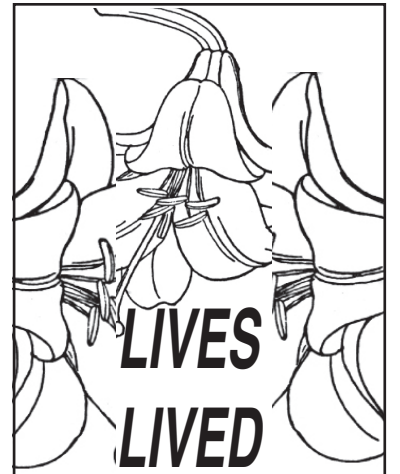
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