

**BUDGET**



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A man speaks about how the ban on evictions hurts landlords during the public comment section of the July 6, 2021, Long Beach City Council meeting.

## City Council clashes over use of 2022 year-end funds

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

An annual budget review had tensions running high during Tuesday night's city council meeting as members allocated a leftover \$10.7 million from 2022 revenues.

Long Beach ended the previous year with an \$11.5 million shortfall, but thanks to federal Recovery funds and higher than projected revenue increases, the city had an extra \$10.7 million in one-year funds to funnel into priority projects.

The 56-page 2022 year-end budget report details the priority projects that the last city council body laid out, which include library resources, language access, support for the Justice Fund, youth programs and \$5.4 million to tackle homelessness.

On the last pages of the report is a memorandum Mayor Rex Richardson sent out on Jan. 30 that requests \$1.3 million from the one-time funds to add positions to the mayor's office and additional staffers for each council member. Each proposed position in the mayor's office will be appointed by Richardson.

"This is the most we've ever done to address our most pressing issues facing our city—homelessness and economic growth," Richardson said. "I think we can't claim to focus on these issues without being able to invest resources and capacity necessary to take these challenges head-on."

Positions include a Housing Deputy and an Economic Development Deputy, though residents pointed out that there are no job descriptions for the roles.

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**POLICE**

## Long Beach police gets approval for \$1.2 million purchase of new license plate recognition technology



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The intersection on Orange Avenue and Spring Street in Signal Hill seen through a side mirror on Nov. 23, 2021.

**Kristen Farrah Naeem**  
Staff Writer

Long Beach City Council's unanimous decision to allow the police department to purchase over \$1.2 million worth of automatic license plate reading technology was met with a round of booing from community members during the Tuesday night meeting.

City manager Tom Modia will now be responsible for crafting a contract with Mallory Safety and Supply, LLC to purchase up to \$1,208,372 worth of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system equipment for the Long Beach Police Department.

The funding for the additional ALPR technology will come from an Urban Area Security Initiative grant given to LBPB by the Department of Homeland Security.

In the days leading up to the council meeting, local community organizations called on residents to attend and voice their opinions on the police surveillance technology. Dozens of residents and activists took turns addressing the council during public comment, urging

them not to approve the purchase. "LBPB cannot be trusted with surveillance technology," said Caitlin Bellis, a member of The Anti-Surveillance Coalition.

Long Beach Police Chief Wally Hebeish said LBPB has been using ALPR technology for nearly 20 years. Councilmembers defended the need for the surveillance technology by citing high crime rates and public safety.

"Technology is where it is, you know, we're always being tracked," Councilmember Al Austin said. "I mean, you can't commit a crime and get away with it without some form of technology catching up with you."

Greg Buhl, *Beachcomber* reporter and founder of police watchdog site CheckLBPD.org, found that in 2019 only 0.07% of license plate data collected was from cars suspected in criminal investigations.

"We know that surveillance does not and will not protect us, will not prevent crime in our community, nor does it keep us safe," said Dani Ortiz Padilla, development specialist for the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition. "We know from the data of millions of scans con-

ducted in Long Beach in 2019 that 99.93% of the license plate data collected that year was all on law abiding drivers. So please explain to me how that's preventing crime."

An ongoing concern repeatedly mentioned by members of the public was the potential impact this technology can have on marginalized communities, including immigrants and people of color.

In the summer of 2020, two women who peacefully protested in downtown Long Beach after the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police had their vehicles impounded weeks later. Neither of the women were ever charged with a crime, and their vehicles were eventually released, as reported by *Forward* and the *Beachcomber*.

In Nov. 2020, Long Beach news outlet *FORTHE* revealed that the Long Beach Police Department has shared data gathered by ALPR devices with Immigration and Customs and Enforcement, among over 1,000 other agencies. After *FORTHE*'s coverage, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) sent a letter to city officials decrying the sharing of license plate data with

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**GUN LAWS**



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Protesters carry signs decrying gun violence during the March for Our Lives in Long Beach on June 11, 2022.

## LA County Board of Supervisors approves slew of gun regulations

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

Less than three weeks after Los Angeles County's deadliest mass shooting in Monterey Park, which killed 11 people and injured nine others, the LA County Board of Supervisors sent a clear message—enough is enough.

The board passed a set of resolutions on Tuesday, Feb. 7 that will strengthen the county's gun regulations. While some of the measures passed create more strict regulations and requirements, others call upon state and federal government bodies to pass similar laws on a larger scale.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, as of Feb. 7 there have been 60 mass shootings in the U.S. since the start of the new year 38 days ago. The board passed a motion on Jan. 31 declaring gun violence a public health crisis.

"I hope that we can lead by example, and that other cities will take to heart what it is we're doing today, and that they will also understand that we are moving towards better control of at least those firearms that we know can create deadly after-effects," said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who authored and co-sponsored a number of the items.

A total of six resolutions and ordinances were passed, either voicing the board's support for pending state and federal legislation or requesting county staff to research the feasibility of other regulations and report back to the board within 90 days. Most of the items were introduced nearly a year ago, after a mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas left 19 children dead.

An ordinance drafted by Supervisor Chair Janice Hahn will prohibit the sale of .50 caliber firearms and

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# EYE ON CRIME

## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, February 1

8:09 a.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block Dawson Ave.  
8:54 a.m., Identity theft, 2400 block Lewis Ave.  
12:54 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block California Ave.  
1:46 p.m., Burglary, 2700 block Rose Ave.  
5:34 p.m., Person with a knife, 1800 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)  
7:26 p.m., Fight, 1600 block E. Willow St.  
9:38 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

### Thursday, February 2

12:00 p.m., Fire, 1800 block Coronado Ave.  
1:34 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
2:29 p.m., Grand theft, 2600 block E. 19th St.  
2:45 p.m., Criminal threats, 2300 block E. Willow St.  
5:07 p.m., Person with a knife, 1000 block E. 32nd St.  
8:36 p.m., Intoxicated person, 3300 block E. PCH  
11:51 p.m., Strong arm robbery, 1600 block E. Willow St.

### Friday, February 3

9:08 a.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
11:10 a.m., Battery, 2200 block Walnut Ave.  
12:33 p.m., Identity theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.  
3:23 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.  
5:13 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.

### Saturday, February 4

7:19 a.m., Fire, 1700 block Sherman Pl.  
1:28 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block Gaviota Ave.  
4:59 p.m., Burglary, 2200 block Gaviota Ave.

### Sunday, February 5

8:11 a.m., Burglary, 3300 block Lime Ave.

### Monday, February 6

1:20 p.m., Identity theft, 2400 block California Ave.  
11:01 p.m., Battery, 1800 block St. Louis Ave.

### Tuesday, February 7

3:28 a.m., Possessing narcotic (controlled substance); possessing burglary tools; 3 felony warrants, E. 33rd St./Brayton Ave. (3 suspect arrested)  
6:03 a.m., Possessing controlled substance, 2000 block Terrace Dr. (suspect arrested)  
7:41 a.m., Identity theft, 900 block E. 25th St.  
8:57 a.m., Grand theft auto; battery on a spouse, 2400 block Lewis Ave. (suspect arrested)  
12:13 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1600 block E. Burnett St.  
12:57 p.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.  
4:34 p.m., Grand theft money; possessing controlled substance; misdemeanor warrant, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)  
9:15 p.m., DUI, 1500 block E. Hill St. (suspect arrested)

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

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## NEWS

# Long Beach Fire Department appoints first Latino, Black chief

City News Service

Southern California Local News

Dennis Buchanan, a 29-year veteran of the Long Beach Fire Department, has been appointed chief, succeeding the recently retired Xavier Espino, City Manager Tom Modica announced Wednesday.

Buchanan, who becomes the department's first chief who is both Black and Latino, will begin his new role immediately, according to Modica and a department spokesman.

"Chief Buchanan is a true professional and community-oriented manager, who I know will take us to the next level of professionalism and service to our community," Modica said in a statement. "I have confidence that Chief Buchanan will lead with distinction, fostering a strong culture of service and honor, professionalism and accountability, and diversity and inclusion in our Fire Department."

Buchanan, a West Covina native, most recently was deputy chief of support services. He has also held the ranks of assistant chief of support services, battalion chief, fire captain, paramedic and firefighter. In 18 years as a captain, he spent eight in the port as a hazardous materials program specialist and three years teaching recruits in the Fire Academy.



Image courtesy of Long Beach Fire

Dennis Buchanan has been named the Long Beach Fire Department chief after 29 years serving the program.

A graduate of Cal State Long Beach, he has a bachelor's degree in vocational education. In addition, he recently served as president of the Friends of Long Beach Firefighters, a non-profit that supports community-based initiatives for the fire service.

Buchanan will oversee a department of some 545 sworn and civilian staff with an annual budget of \$154 million.

"What an amazing honor it is to have been selected for the position of fire chief for the Long Beach Fire Department," Buchanan said in a statement released by the city. "I

am humbled by this opportunity and am thankful for the support of those that supported me through this process. The Long Beach Fire Department must reflect the diversity of our city and strive to meet the evolving needs of those we serve. We must provide opportunities to those that aspire to have careers in public safety and promote professional growth within our organization."

Buchanan's predecessor, Espino, announced his retirement in November after 37 years with the department. He had been chief since 2018.

## OIL WELLS

# Law banning new oil wells near schools and hospitals is pushed to 2024 ballot

City News Service

Southern California Local News

An attempt to overturn a law banning new oil and gas wells near schools, hospitals and businesses open to the public has qualified for the November 2024 ballot.

The qualification of the referendum blocks SB 1137 from going into effect. The bill by California State Senator Lena Gonzalez, D-Long Beach, requires a minimum setback of 3,200 feet between what it calls "sensitive receptors"—such as homes, schools, childcare facilities, playgrounds, hospitals and nursing homes—and new or reworked oil and gas production wells.

The law also requires existing wells in "health protection zones" to meet specified health, safety, and environmental requirements by Jan. 1, 2025.

The referendum needed valid signatures from 623,212 registered voters—5% of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2018 general election—to qualify for the ballot. Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber announced Friday the referendum had reached that threshold.

"This referendum will allow California voters to better control the prices they pay at the pump by removing barriers to boost the supply of our homegrown oil production," said Rock Zierman, CEO of the California Independent Petroleum Association, the nonprofit, non-partisan trade association which spearhead the signature-gathering effort.

Zierman said SB 1137 would lead to an increase of importing oil in carbon-emitting tankers from Saudi Arabia, Ecuador and Iraq to

replace oil from wells that can't be built in California because of the law.

When Gov. Gavin Newsom signed SB 1137 into law on Sept. 16, Gonzalez said, "This legislation marks a true turning point in California's history and in our nation's fight against climate change and decades worth of environmental injustices faced by our frontline communities."

"Our planet is warming, and that is simply an undeniable truth but with bold actions like SB 1137 we can still catch up in the race to stop this crisis," Gonzalez said. "With the combined stress of global warming and proximity to oil and gas production wells, it is our frontline communities that carry the



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Two Pumpjack style oil wells surround the corner of Cherry Ave. and Willow Street in Signal Hill, California

heaviest burden with their already increased risk of asthma, heart disease and cancer.

"That is the reality and the severity of the public health challenges that pollution-burdened communities face daily across our state, and SB 1137 will help us change that."

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# AROUND TOWN

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



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A neon sign adorns a wall with hanging plants inside the new Plantiitas location on 4th Street in Long Beach on May 4, 2022.

**E**xpress your love for Long Beach this week by supporting nonprofits, attending paint nights and pop-ups or picking up a new hobby through your local library.

If community activism is how you show your affection for the city, you can attend a fundraiser Friday night for the People's Budget Long Beach, an annual budget made by residents that establishes how the city should spend its funds to best support its diverse communities. Residents can also support a small business and nonprofit Our Generation Cares while dancing the night away at Coco Beach Presents.

There are plenty of ways to show your love on Saturday, whether that fondness is for yourself or others. Shop for locally-made Valentine's Day gifts at Plantiitas in the morning, create a self-love-themed painting at Dainty Disco in the afternoon or enjoy cocktails, treats and a Barbie-themed pop-up into the evening at And Then LB's Galentine's soiree.

Animals lovers 21 years and older can support a local spay and neuter organization Tuesday night, while theater enthusiasts can audition for a chance in the spotlight for the Long Beach Playhouse Monday night. Families in need of food can fill up bags of food on Wednesday mornings, and residents who need assistance purchasing their first home can attend an informational meeting Thursday night.

### 10 FRIDAY

#### ASIAN FILM SERIES

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 1954 Japanese classic drama "Tokyo Story" at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). The film follows the story of a married couple visiting their adult children in postwar Tokyo, and explores

themes of family life and generational conflict. Free.

#### CHARITY CONCERT

9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. This performance by Karma and G Cam will benefit Coco Beach Presents (2300 E Pacific Coast Highway) and Our Generation Cares. A DJ will perform after the live performances. Admission costs \$15.

### 11 SATURDAY

#### AMORCITO CORAZÓN

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those looking for unique and locally-made Valentine's gifts for loved ones can choose from a variety of vendors at this marketplace hosted by Plantiitas (2011 E 4th St.). Products for sale will include flower arrangements, plant-based tamales, chamoy, accessories and more. Free to attend.

#### SELF LOVE PAINTING WORKSHOP

Noon to 2 p.m. During this self-love-themed painting workshop, participants will paint an 8" by 10" canvas at Dainty Disco (5659 Atlantic Ave.). All paint supplies will be provided. Complimentary snacks and drinks will be available. This workshop costs \$35 per person.

#### GALENTINE'S SOIREE

Noon to 5 p.m. Local business And Then LB (3803 Atlantic Ave.) will be hosting a Galentine's celebration for gals and pals. Attendees will be able to enjoy treats and cocktails as they shop. There will also be a pop-up shop of Barbie-inspired fashion by local vendor Miss Alphabet. Free to attend.

### 12 SUNDAY

#### LOVERS DAY FLEA

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 100 vendors will be selling vintage clothing, jewelry, art, plants and more at the Long Beach City College Pacific Coast Campus parking lot (1305 E. Pacific Coast Highway). The flea market is dog-friendly and free to attend. Parking is free inside the college campus.

#### THE BIG GAME

2 p.m. Residents are invited to watch the 57th Super Bowl game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chiefs at Trademark Brewing (233 East Anaheim St.). The game will be playing on multiple screens with the sound on and Felice Catering will provide pizza and wings. Vegan Jam will provide vegan food. Open seating is free and there is a VIP table for six to eight people available for \$125 that comes with 12 drink tickets.

### 13 MONDAY

#### SPANISH STORYTIME

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to listen to stories read in Spanish by staff at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

#### THEATER AUDITIONS

7 p.m. The Long Beach Playhouse (5021 E Anaheim St.) is holding auditions for cast members to perform in the "The Diary of Anne Frank." The play will run from April 4 to May 6, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Those who audition must bring their headshot and perform a memorized one-minute monologue. All actors who participate in the play must be vaccinated for COVID-19. This is a volunteer acting position, and

chosen actors will not receive compensation.

### 14 TUESDAY

#### GAME NIGHT

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tabletop game enthusiasts are invited to play a variety of games at this monthly event held at the Billie Jean King Main Library's Miller Room (200 W. Broadway). From 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., players will be able to choose from chess, checkers, backgammon, rummikub, mahjong and cards. From 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., attendees will learn and play The Royal Game of Ur, an ancient game first played in Mesopotamia around 5,000 years ago. Free.

#### BE MY WOOF-N-TINE

4 p.m. to 10 p.m. A fundraiser for local pet spay/neuter organization The Fix Project will be held at Roundin' 3rd Sports Bar & Grill (4133 E Anaheim St.). In order to fight animal overpopulation and shelter overcrowding, 20% of drink and food purchases will help pay for local pets to be sterilized. Those 21 and over can enjoy raffles, adoptable dogs, games, music and more. Entry is free.

### 15 WEDNESDAY

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

10 a.m. to noon. Individuals and families in need are invited to receive groceries at the Community Medical Wellness Centers USA (1360 E. Anaheim St.). Both walk-up and drive-up services will be available. Attendees are asked to bring their own shopping bag or cart to carry the food home with them. For more information, call 562-826-1608 or 562-624-5477. All food will be free of charge.

#### DIY LIP SCRUBS FOR TEENS

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens are invited to make their own lip scrubs to take home at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Free.

### 16 THURSDAY

#### ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. English language learners are invited to practice English conversations together at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). This is an informal gathering and a safe space for anyone trying to learn English. Free.

#### FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach's Development Services Department is hosting this information session at the Bret Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W Willow St.) to inform the public of the City's First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program. Attendees will learn about the requirements and application process for the program. Those planning to attend should visit <https://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/hn/lbhomegrant/> to see the eligibility requirements to apply. City staff will be available to answer questions. Free.

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Councilmember Jonie Ricks-Oddie requested an amendment for an additional \$383,000 to hire a legislative assistant and additional staffer for each councilmember. This money will be taken from homelessness resources allocations (\$212,000) and from a Public Service Pathways Program that the mayor introduced as part of his budget (\$171,000).

The suggested positions will be created using one-time funds, meaning the city will have to find funding in the general budget by next year and may have to cut funding from other projects or emergency needs.

"In any other normal year if we didn't have any resources from COVID we would be making actual reductions ... that's what we've done all the time in the past," said City Manager Tom Modica.

Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon clarified that these recommendations could not be passed under the same item as the year-end budget review, but will have to return to council as a separate item.

Council support came to a halt when Councilmember Al Austin, who has been on the Budget Oversight Committee for eight years and has chaired the budget process for three years, voiced his concerns.

"There's been no real council deliberation or input, but an 86% increase in the legislative budget on a single council item is egregious. We don't give an 86% increase to any department ever," Austin said. "What we are doing here and what is being proposed in this budget will dramatically shift the governance and foundation of this city and I really would ask my colleagues to think about what you're doing tonight and what you're agreeing tonight because it is big. You are giving away your authority as a city council to govern the city."

Austin asked the city council to approve the allocations set by the previous council and send the rest of the recommendations to the Budget Oversight Committee.

Councilmember Daryl Supernaw supported Austin's motion, saying that he has a seven-year track record of not needing additional staff. He suggested that the Public Works Department receive the hiring funds instead, in order to push city projects through the pipeline more quickly.

Councilmember Kristina Duggan asked why these recommendations weren't shared with the public during community budget meetings held over the past month, and questioned why it hasn't been present in the budget process. She held up a stack of papers, saying she's been receiving questions about the proposal from the community that she's been unable to answer.

"I just have concerns that we're adding positions and we're adding to the deficit," Duggan said. "I couldn't in good conscience vote for [Richardson's] motion that was made. I know I'm in the minority, but I couldn't vote for that."

Richardson's motion received support from councilmembers Ricks-Oddie, Robert Uranga, Sue-ly Saro, Cindy Allen, Meghan Kerr and Mary Zendejas, most of whom cited the need for more staff.

Residents nearly unanimously took to the podium to voice their objections at the motion.

"If we have a deficit, I strongly ask everybody to just tighten your belt and live within your means, because that's exactly what we need to do as taxpayers of this city, because when the prices of the gas shoots up to the roof, what we get from the city is a very nice shiny flier telling me that I have to turn down my thermostat," said Long Beach resident Paris Stew.



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Long Beach District 8 City Councilperson, Al Austin, looks at his laptop before the start of the July 6, 2021 council meeting.

The mayor's budget has been steadily increasing in recent years. In 2014, the mayor's budget was \$850,000 and rose to \$1.4 million under former mayor Robert Garcia. If the recommendation is approved, it will bring the mayor's budget to over \$2 million.

"There's this constant conversation about transparency and trusting the process, but when different things are done like this, it makes us really have to work harder to do the job that you all have been elected to do," said Long Beach resident Joleen Tatum. "The idea that additional layers are going to be created in the mayor's office only creates more bureaucracy, preventing communities from being able to connect with the people they need access to."

Councilmembers Austin, Supernaw and Duggan were the only votes against Richardson's motion, and it will return to council for a final approval.

"The concept of a deputy is not a new idea. Priorities may be different," Richardson said. "Mayor Garcia, we supported an innovation deputy and a million dollars to establish the Innovation Fund at the February end of year report when he first became mayor. My priorities are housing and jobs and that's what I'm focusing on and that's what I'm presenting."

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federal and out-of-state agencies as illegal, per California Senate Bill 34.

The LBDP now claims it only shares data with agencies that comply with the California Values Act, which aims to prevent state and local resources from being used to assist in deportations.

"LBDP has already shown it cannot be trusted with ALPR technology," said Tanya Navarro with the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition. "Now it's asking for a hardware upgrade that will expand its ALPR capabilities in the name of public safety. When in reality our communities have asked time and time again, that you remove funding away from policing and into community-centered resource solutions. We demand that the city council pass an ordinance prohibiting the purchase or use of surveillance technology now and in the future."

The Long Beach Equity and Human Relations Commission previously voted to ban the use of ALPR technology and to delete all existing data gathered from them.

Christopher Covington, a member of the Equity and Human Relations Commission, asked the council during public comments not to approve the purchase of additional ALPR technology.

"The Long Beach Police department does not need more technology," Covington said. "They need to actually put their detectives out in the field and go solve crimes. They don't need more gadgets, especially since those gadgets falsely incriminate and harm communities, specifically communities of color."

Police Chief Wally Hebeish claimed in his presentation to city council the ALPR information LBDP gathers "is not associated with an individual. It does not contain personal information. Information that is captured is placed in the Vigilant software system. If we needed that information because of a specific crime that happened in a geographic area at a certain time, we would be able to access that and then we would be able to further the investigation to try to find out anything we could, associated with that vehicle information."

But public commenters pointed out that license plate numbers are personal information.

"Obviously your license plate is tied to your identity," said Caitlin Bellis, a member of The Anti-Surveillance Coalition. "It's registered with the DMV. If someone is tracking my car, they're tracking me."

Councilmembers thanked public commenters for voicing their concerns before unanimously approving LBDP's purchase of additional ALPR technology.



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NONPROFIT

# Help Me Help You needs a helping hand from the community

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

Twice a month, over 500 seniors in Long Beach are greeted with smiling, masked faces from volunteers bringing fresh, free, ready-to-cook groceries straight to their doorstep.

The seniors, most of them from low-income areas in Long Beach, are also offered help navigating various programs they might qualify for—CalFresh, Social Security, Medi-Cal, General Relief, credit recovery and more.

These invaluable services are spearheaded by Help Me Help You (HMHY), a Long Beach nonprofit created in 2004 to reduce homelessness and improve the senior community's social, financial and emotional wellbeing.

"We try to provide as many services as possible for the seniors and their households," said Brandon Fallon, CalFresh Program Manager for Help Me Help You. "A lot of the times a single household can benefit from multiple programs."

The nonprofit operates nine grocery grab n' goes throughout Los Angeles County at community and school locations in Long Beach. Most of the grocery locations are placed at elementary schools since, according to the HMHY website, 55% of children in Long Beach belong to low-income families.

For a list of grocery grab n' go locations, visit [helpmehelpu.org/ggng](http://helpmehelpu.org/ggng)

HMHY introduced its home delivery service during the COVID-19 pandemic to help those who were most at risk of getting sick by



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Angel Vanderwerff, a volunteer with Help Me Help You, checks the name of the resident of the Long Beach Senior Arts Colony on a bag of food before delivering it to the resident on Feb 3, 2023.

leaving their homes. The program mostly focuses on seniors, who were most at risk, and they now also deliver twice a month to families in need who have a child attending Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School.

The services have been reduced from weekly grocery deliveries to twice a month since fall of 2021, as COVID grants and funding have slowly diminished, though the need for food equity has only risen, Fallon said.

"Now that the pandemic is winding down, inflation is revving up, so the need to help people eat healthy groceries [or] to afford the same amount of groceries has been impacted," Fallon said. "Pandemic funding is winding down. We're hoping to increase community awareness about the food delivery

program and the need for additional funding to replace those contracts and to expand service."

The program serves 500 seniors weekly at the moment—well over 1,500 deliveries a month—and consistently receives new requests and referrals. The nonprofit is based out of the Multi-Service Center in Long Beach, though they often receive calls from throughout Los Angeles, Wilmington, Carson and even one senior in New York who needed food.

The clientele is incredibly diverse, about 25% are African American, 25% are Latino, 21% are white and 29% are Cambodian, Filipino or other ethnic groups. More than half the clients live in the zip codes with the lowest average income in Long Beach.

Fallon explained that any fund-

ing received will be spent trying to get back up to one delivery per week, per person though the ultimate goal is to expand to more cities.

HMHY once prided itself on being able to deliver foods that matched residents' requests, whether the preferences were based on cultural or health reasons. For instance, certain residents request tortillas as their carb of choice rather than the regularly issued white bread, or they might ask for almond milk due to lactose intolerance.

The nonprofit is no longer able to accommodate these needs, and they won't be able to reintroduce the full service without grants or donations due to decreased funding, according to Fallon.

"Sometimes we're limited to what we have because we can't always go out and buy the foods that are in high demand," Fallon said. "We rely on the resources we have to buy food. We get food from the USDA [...]. The purpose of the funding is to help purchase those foods that are often requested."

Help Me Help You accepts online donations and referrals for clients

who are in need. They are also actively accepting volunteers to help deliver groceries. The nonprofit is located inside the Multi-Service Center at 1301 W 12th St. operating Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Brandon Fallon (right) and Angel Vanderwerff of Help Me Help You pose with their carts filled with a weeks worth of food for 20 households inside the Long Beach Senior Arts Colony on Feb 3, 2023.



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**TST6899 Case No. 23CMCP00006  
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: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Tagab-Cruz, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Tagab-Cruz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Tagab-Cruz Proposed Name: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Cruz 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: March 30, 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, January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 18, 2023

**TST6896 Case No. 22LBCP00007  
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: Lissett Sandoval and Luis Jose Alcazar Estrada, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Lissett Sandoval and Luis Jose Alcazar Estrada have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing their child's name as follows: Present Name: Neida Maite Sandoval Proposed Name: Neida Maite Alcazar 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: February 23, 2023; 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, January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 12, 2023

**TST6898  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
TS No. CA-22-911631-SH Order No.:  
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**TST6900  
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF: ROLF D. WARNER AKA  
ROLF DENIS WARNER AKA ROLF  
WERNLI CASE NO. 23STPB00453**

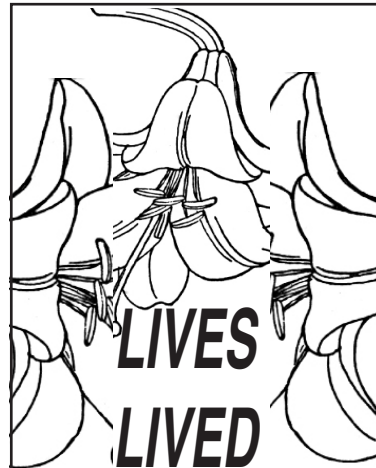
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROLF D. WARNER AKA ROLF DENIS WARNER AKA ROLF WERNLI. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBYN GORDON PETERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBYN GORDON PETERSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/21/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner JOANN FITZPATRICK - SBN 193962, LAW OFFICE OF JOANN FITZPATRICK 444 W OCEAN BLVD #1514 LONG BEACH CA 90802-4516 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/23 CNS-3664749# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

**TST6905 Case No. 23CMCP00009  
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: Claudia Livier Perez Alvarado for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Claudia Livier Perez Alvarado has filed a petition with this court for

a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Claudia Livier Perez Alvarado Proposed Name: Claudia Farias 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: March 30, 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, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 20, 2023

**TST6908 Case No. 23LBCP00044  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,**



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**TST6906/Order No: 12132  
Auto Lien Sale**

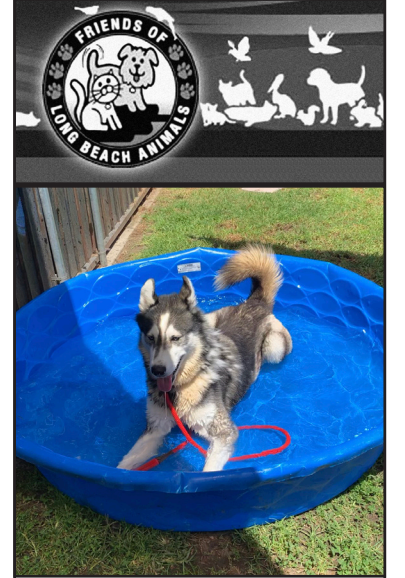
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90806 PETITION OF: Graviela Sambrano for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Graviela Sambrano has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Graviela Sambrano Proposed Name: Gabriela Zambrano 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: March 17, 2023; 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, February 10, 17, 24, & March 3, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 3, 2023



**Pet of the week:  
Steadman**

What's Steadman doing in a swimming pool in the middle of winter? Well, the photo was taken in August! Steadman came in as a stray in May and has been beached here for too long. He's about 5 years old and loves to have fun. If you're not familiar with the husky breed, they're devoted, spirited and playful and require above-normal levels of activity. But if they don't get it, they're notorious escape artists and will likely find adventure on their own. They also shed like mad and talk a lot! But they're loyal and such fun! Steadman needs to find a new place to dog-paddle. You can speed the process to adopt or foster Steadman and any of our other pets by emailing [PetAdopt@longbeach.gov](mailto:PetAdopt@longbeach.gov) or [petfoster@longbeach.gov](mailto:petfoster@longbeach.gov). You can also call (562) 570-4925. Even better, stop by during our 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 #A674834 to meet Steadman. We're at capacity, and everyone needs homes!

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**GUN REGULATIONS**  
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ammunition in unincorporated areas of LA County—more than 65% of the county—and prohibits firearms on county property with exceptions for law enforcement. Long Beach is not considered an unincorporated area, since it has its own city council and municipal services.

The ordinance also creates more regulations for ammunition dealers including requiring a business license, prohibiting minors from entering gun and ammunition stores, requiring signage about the dangers of firearms, annual sales reports, fingerprint logs, real-time inventory reports as well as requiring security cameras and providing a letter of gun owner laws and responsibilities with each purchase.

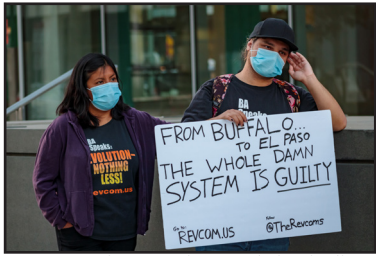
Most public commenters voiced their support for the items, though some residents had concerns that the regulations would only hurt law-abiding gun owners, rather than hinder those committing mass shootings.

“I’ve owned a gun since I was seven years old. I grew up going to Harry W. Sanford’s gunsmithing shop starting when I was five,” said Steven Lamb. “Keeping kids out of gun stores doesn’t make us safe, locking guns in people’s houses so they can’t use them to protect themselves ... is not going to protect anyone. Forcing people to get insurance isn’t going to keep crazy people from killing people. You have to understand that harassing people who are using guns legally makes nobody safer.”

The board requested that county staff look into a requirement for firearms to be “securely stored in a locked container or disabled trigger lock” as well as requiring liability insurance for gun owners. A similar item from the board was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Congress last year since certain safe storage laws are already in place at a state level for homes with children living in them.

“The goal, I think, collectively, is to reduce the availability and for those that have [guns], to make sure they secure them properly,” said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. “All of us have heard stories of those curious, precocious kids who find the firearm in grandpa’s house or mom and dad’s house, and the unthinkable happens. So to create opportunities where we encourage, insist and demand as an elected body that they be stored safely, I think it’s appropriate.”

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath asked staff to look into how they can place separate storage requirements for homes in LA County regardless of whether a child lives in the home or not. She also asked staff to look into the feasibility of creating a county gun database so that police would know which homes have guns when they are dispatched. Staff will return within



Kristen Farrah Naeem | Signal Tribune  
Protesters gather on the front steps of the Long Beach Civic Center on May 15, 2022 to condemn the racially motivated mass shooting that occurred in Buffalo, New York the day before.

90 days with their findings.

“Despite claims from the gun industry that firearm ownership keeps us safe, the evidence tells a different story,” said Stacey Mosley with Moms Demand Action, a grassroots nationwide movement that advocates for public safety measures surrounding gun violence. “The overwhelming research points to the fact that more guns do not make us safer. If it was true, we would be the safest country in the world. We don’t have to live this way and we certainly don’t have to die this way.”

Two of the items passed were to draft letters of support for current federal legislation. The board will formally support Senate Bills 14 and 25, which aim to raise the minimum age to purchase an assault weapon from 18 to 21 and ban the selling, transferring, manufacturing and importing of military-style assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and other high-capacity ammunition feeding devices.

The U.S. had an assault weapons ban in place for 10 years from 1994 to 2004 and there have been multiple unsuccessful efforts to reintroduce a similar law.

The board will also send a letter of support for Senate Bill 2 and Senate Bill 241 which will require arms dealers to complete annual training and set a minimum age of 21 years old to obtain a Concealed Carry Weapon license.

“We know that there’s been so much heartbreak, so much tragedy as we’ve heard in the comments shared here today,” Supervisor Horvath said. “The fact that in just a couple of weeks we had the tragedy in Monterey Park, the tragedy in Half Moon Bay and Benedict Canyon. This is in our control to end and all of these measures are steps taken. Will they be enough? We’ll see, but they are steps in the right direction.”

All six of the items pertaining to gun regulations were passed unanimously by the board.

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**HOUSING**

**Multi-Service Center will receive 30 ‘tiny homes’ for homeless residents**

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Homeless individuals in Long Beach will be able to find temporary respite in “tiny homes” that are soon to be developed at Long Beach’s Multi-Service Center (MSC).

City Council approved a \$2.3 million contract with Los Angeles company Connect Homes to create 30-35 “modular shelter units” that will be built in the MSC’s parking lot within the next year. The tiny homes will contain bathrooms, showers, fire suppression systems and will come with three meals per day for residents.

Funding for the tiny homes is coming from California’s Housing and Community Development (HCD) as part of Project Homekey’s second round of funds. Cities were given a total of \$1.45 billion in grants over the last two years to rapidly develop various housing types for people experiencing homelessness.

Long Beach received \$5.6 million in grants for the tiny homes, almost half of which will go towards designing and building the units. Money left over will be used to continue operations, which is estimated to cost about \$930,000 annually.

The units are not meant to act as permanent housing, and individuals living in the homes will be connected to caseworkers who will



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune  
An aerial view of the Long Beach Multi-Service center on Feb. 6, 2023.

assist in placing them into more permanent housing. Each unit has a lifespan of about 50 years and can be moved if necessary, according to Homeless Services Bureau Manager Paul Duncan.

A small group of residents criticized the tiny homes, referring to them as sheds that are bound to get overheated during summer months when temperatures can exceed 100 degrees.

“These sheds are not going to concur to any development,” said Alexandria Immanuel, District 1 resident. “We need development; we need case workers; we need some long-term resolutions.”

A different tiny home developer used public comment time to make a pitch to the city council for

his company California Backyard Homes. He asked the mayor and councilmembers to table the item for a month so he could return with a proper proposal.

“This is not a good deal for the citizens and people in Long Beach. We make these very cheap homes that are actual homes, not sheds,” Frank Sanford said. “We can get it done by May or June. This proposal is saying they’ll get it done by the end of the year.”

Kelly Colopy, director of Health and Human Services, clarified that “they are not sheds, they are tiny homes.” She said that a request for proposals (RFP) was sent out in October 2022 and a committee chose “the most qualified” company.

**SIGNAL HILL**

**Signal Hill searches for next interim police chief**

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The City of Signal Hill is currently accepting applications for the role of interim police chief.

Signal Hill’s last interim police chief, Carl Charles, served his last day on Feb. 3.

According to City Manager Carlo Tomaino, applicants for the interim police chief position will be vetted by recruitment firm Bob Hall & Associates, before applications are reviewed by the city.

Tomaino said the city will continue to accept applications until the position is filled.

It is currently unknown when a new interim police chief will start working. Tomaino said he hopes



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An exterior view of the Signal Hill Police Department headquarters.

to bring a work contract for a new chief to the Signal Hill City Council by the end of February.

According to the job posting on

the City of Signal Hill’s website, the position pays between \$177,147.17 and \$232,432.41 annually.

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