

EVENT

QFilm Festival back for 30th year with personal stories, LGBTQ history



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The neon lights and marquee of the Art Theatre of Long Beach illuminate the the sidewalks of Fourth Street on Feb. 28, 2023.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Back for its 30th iteration, the Long Beach QFilm Festival is setting the stage to tell original stories from the LGBTQ community throughand premiere films from all around the world.

“Our stories are being told by us, by our community, so it’s very important that we continue to celebrate ourselves and tell our stories, our struggles, wins, losses and liberties,” said Robert Cano, the Signal Hill resident who founded the festival 30 years ago.

On Sept. 16 and 17, residents, filmmakers and actors will flock to the Art Theatre

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Signal Hill spends \$250K on unexpected water leaks

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The Signal Hill City Council on Tuesday agreed to pay up to \$250,000 to contractors that had to fix multiple unexpected leaks in the city’s water system last month.

The council listened to proposed actions the Water Department will take to try to ensure the issue isn’t repeated.

On July 20 and 21, multiple significant water leaks began throughout the city. It was later concluded that the leaks were caused by maintenance work on a valve at Temple Reservoir, which increased the water pressure throughout the city.

Residents and small businesses reported several leaks around the city, the most significant of which required contractors to excavate the area and replace underground pipes. One leak near Pacific Coast Highway and Molina Avenue required traffic control measures.



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A fence surrounds a water reservoir, the namesake of Reservoir Park in Signal Hill.

The three contractors that dealt with the majority of the repairs are RP Vititow Construction, WA Rasic Construction and Doly Bros. The contractors have not submitted their invoices to the City yet, but City staff has estimated the total cost will be less than \$250,000. City staff estimate that the final cost for the repairs will

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HOUSING

New Director of Century Villages at Cabrillo hopes to deepen ties with community, remove stigma

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Many West Long Beach residents are unaware of the inner workings at the Century Villages at Cabrillo—the 27-acre campus built as a steward to lead people out of homelessness and into healthy, stable lives. Those who are aware are often wary about their neighbors.

Newly appointed Executive Director Kimberly Wee wants to change that. Wee began her tenure as executive director of the Villages on Monday, Aug. 21, in a role she said she’s been training to do for over 20 years.

The Villages at Cabrillo have been providing permanent and interim housing for vulnerable populations since 2010, mainly focusing on veterans and families as well as those experiencing mental health issues and people recovering from substance abuse issues and sexual trauma.

Nearly 1,800 residents called the dozen apartments and shelters at the Villages

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Image Courtesy of Kimberly Wee

Kimberly Wee has been appointed executive director of the Century Villages at Cabrillo after 20 years with Century Villages.

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COMMUNITY

As the city prepares for organic waste collection, North Long Beach residents show initiative in trial

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

A score of residents in a North Long Beach neighborhood tried their hand at organic waste collection this summer, giving a glimpse into the assurances and obstacles of an upcoming state-mandated program.

The week-long project was led by Cal State University Dominguez Hills student Amber Alvarado, who is studying to be an ecologist and environmental scientist.

Alvarado visited nearly 20 homes in July and handed residents fliers on what food and yard items to collect and the benefits of collecting organic waste.

Senate Bill 1383 took effect in January 2022, requiring cities to implement a mandatory organic waste collection program. California set a goal to reduce organic waste disposal in landfills by 75% by 2025 and to reduce food waste by 20% in the same timeframe.

Organic waste includes food scraps, yard trimmings, paper and cardboard, which currently makes up about half of California landfills, according to the bill.

Since the bill went into effect, CalRecycle reported that 70% of California communities have implemented residential organic waste collections.

Long Beach, like many other cities, has hit roadblocks in rolling out its residential organic waste program. The City's Waste Diversion and Recycling Officer Erin Rowland told the *Signal Tribune* that one of the main roadblocks is a supply shortage of the trucks that will pick up organic waste.

Another obstacle is "a lack of infrastructure in the area to support the processing of organic materials," according to the City's website.

The goal of Alvarado's project was to explore resident's willingness to learn about and participate in the organic waste collection program once it's rolled out to residen-



A fly sits on the "piña colada" styled piece of "compost art" made by Katie Kasprzyk at the Long Beach Community Compost site near Farm Lot 59 in Signal Hill on Oct. 29, 2021. Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

tial areas. The City said there is no concrete timeline for the residential program as of now.

Alvarado said 19 households agreed to participate in the project, but only six of these homes fully completed the program. Still, she said she was "pleasantly surprised" with her results.

Community Survey Results

After giving the neighborhood a week to test their organic waste collection skills, Alvarado checked back in with residents to collect their bags of food and yard debris. She asked them questions created with the help of Long Beach City recycling specialists to gauge their

An obstacle Long Beach is facing is "a lack of infrastructure in the area to support the processing of organic materials."

- According to Long Beach City organics page

experiences.

The 13 residents who had planned on participating but didn't collect organic waste cited issues of time fulfillments such as scheduled vacations or they simply forgot to separate their waste.

"This is what happens, it's real-world situations and it's still good that this happened," Alvarado said.

Despite the mishaps, Alvarado was still able to collect 27 pounds of food scraps and yard debris. After

removing non-compostable items such as plastic bags and bones with meat on them, she donated the remaining 25 pounds of organic waste to The Growing Experience urban farm in Long Beach.

Questionnaire results included:

- Most residents did not struggle separating their food waste into a separate container
- Most residents did struggle to get other members of their family to separate their organic waste
- Most residents said their collected food waste did not cause unwanted odor
- Half of the participants said before the program they did not know how to separate organic waste
- Most residents said that after the program, they feel confident separating and collecting organic waste

Alvarado said that the most surprising result was that only 10% of collected organic waste had to be removed.

"I think it made me feel more hopeful that people are going to be able to do this ... It'll take some time to implement but I think it will

be possible," Alvarado said, adding that she suspects the educational fliers she handed out made a big difference in inspiring confidence.

What Long Beach is doing now

Though Long Beach is not ready to implement the organic waste collection program in residential areas, it started a similar pilot program with 168 commercial businesses in 2021.

Waste Diversion and Recycling Specialist Britny Coker-Moen told the *Signal Tribune* that as of the beginning of August, 168 tons of organic waste had been collected. In July, the City collected 25.1 tons of organic waste.

Coker-Moen said the City is hoping to expand its pilot program to more businesses by the end of this year.

Residents can enroll in free composting shops through Long Beach's Environmental Services Bureau, where they can learn how to transform organic waste into nutrient soil.

A workshop on Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Michelle Obama Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) will cover the basics around recycling and will be taught in both Spanish and English.

Long Beach will teach composting skills through a virtual workshop on Sept. 7 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

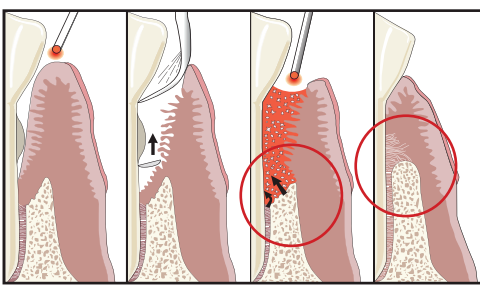
Residents can purchase a composting bin at a discounted rate through the City, but will currently be placed on a waiting list.

This article was updated on Aug. 23 to correct the spelling of Britny Coker-Moen's name and to clarify the subject of the Aug. 26 workshop. The *Signal Tribune* regrets these errors. A version of this article previously ran online on Aug. 14.

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NEWS

Bixby Knolls Literary Society celebrates 15 years of pondering over pages



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A reading chair rests at the intersection of three bookshelves inside Once Read Books on Aug. 16, 2023.

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Once a month for the past 15 years, Bixby Knolls residents have gathered to discuss works of literature as the Bixby Knolls Literary Society.

The book club was started by the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association (BKBA) in 2008, and was the second social club the association created in an effort to get more residents to visit the local business corridor along Atlantic Avenue.

The Bixby Knolls Literary Society will be meeting to discuss its 187th book next month—the 2014 novel “An Unnecessary Woman” by Lebanese American author Rahib Alameddine. This work of fiction follows a reclusive elderly woman living alone in Beirut.

The first discussion was held by author DJ Waldie on his memoir “Holy Land,” which centers around his childhood in Lakewood. The next 100 meetings were led by local resident Gordon Cohn, who was described as a “voracious reader” by Blair Cohn, his son and Executive Director of the BKBA.

Blair said that when Gordon was in charge, he often chose New York

Times bestsellers, as well as other significant works of literature from the 20th and 21st century.

Now, a small group of book club members nominate works to read over the next six months and submit the titles to Blair, who shuffles them into a random order. The book for the following month is always announced at the end of each meeting.

The book club meets at Dream Come True Tea & Party Room, and books vary from modern works of literature to American classics from the 20th century.

The Bixby Knolls Literary Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Dream Come True Tea & Party Room (4350 Atlantic Ave.).



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A selection of fiction books by author Stephen King at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

COMMUNITY

Long Beach receives \$5.3 million state grant to address homelessness in downtown

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach has secured a \$5.3 million grant from the State of California’s Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) initiative to address homelessness in Downtown Long Beach.

The ERF grant program was established by the State of California to address the needs of individuals living in homeless encampments, while freeing up these public spaces to be used as intended.

These funds will be used to address homelessness in parts of Downtown Long Beach that have shown a high level of need, such as Lincoln Park, Billie Jean King Main Library, segments of the Downtown Entertainment District, the Metro platforms, the Promenade and Harvey Milk Promenade Park.

“This significant new funding will enable us to get our unhoused neighbors the supportive services and housing they need and support a healthy, safe and welcoming environment for library and park patrons,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a statement from the city.

The decision to concentrate efforts on this area stems from data indicating that a significant number of individuals experiencing homelessness here face particularly acute physical and behavioral health service needs. Additionally, this location has witnessed the highest number of overdose-related

deaths, often linked to untreated trauma and mental health conditions.

The grant will enable City Outreach staff to conduct outreach efforts and provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness in the area. Moreover, the funding will also support immediate interim and emergency shelter solutions, with the long-term goal of transitioning people into permanent housing.

Sixty non-congregate shelter units will be made available for one year, offering immediate refuge. Simultaneously, the initiative aims to transition 125 encampment residents into permanent housing through the provision of rental assistance and supportive services.

“It is of the utmost importance to me that everyone in our community is able to enjoy our parks, libraries and public spaces. At the same time, I want everyone to be able to go home to somewhere safe and stable with peace of mind,” First District Councilwoman Mary Zendejas said in a public statement. “This funding is going to allow us to create more of those possibilities for people experiencing homelessness and that is very meaningful.”

This isn’t the City’s first encounter with the State ERF grant. In June 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the newest round of funding at MacArthur Park in Long Beach, a community that had benefited from the first round of



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

ERF funding.

The initial efforts resulted in 40 individuals gaining access to immediate shelter. In the last year, 13 people transitioned into permanent housing, while 25 individuals continue to receive case management to secure their own permanent residences.

“We have successfully done this before, and we will do it again—supporting our neighbors with critical services, helping them achieve housing stability and creating welcoming public spaces for all,” Health and Human Services Director Kelly Colopy said in a public statement.

For more information about the City of Long Beach’s response to homelessness, visit longbeach.gov/homelessness. Stay updated on the City’s progress by following @lb-healthdept and @longbeachcity on social media.

LIBRARIES

Three Long Beach library locations will extend hours, city says more to come

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Residents can soon enjoy an extra day to quench their curiosity through reading and accessing city resources, as Long Beach announced an extra day of service at three library branches.

Beginning Aug. 28, the following library branches will be open on Mondays, in the largest expansion of Long Beach library hours since 2007:

- Alamos Neighborhood Library (1836 E Third St.)
- Bret Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W Willow St.)
- Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)

Thanks to a \$1.25 million investment from the City’s 2023 Fiscal Year Budget, all three branches will now only be closed on Saturdays.

The Alamos Neighborhood Library will return to a five-day schedule once the Bay Shore Neighborhood Library (195 Bay Shore Ave.) reopens, following eight months of renovations. The Bay Shore Neighborhood Library will extend to six days a week once it opens again in April 2024.

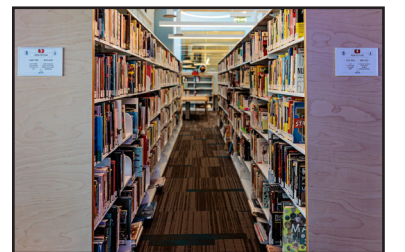
The Burnette Neighborhood Library (560 E Hill St.) and the El Dorado Neighborhood Library (2900 N Studebaker Road) are anticipated to extend their services by

a day in late September, according to a statement from the city.

“Libraries are such a vital resource for all, and by expanding hours we can continue to support our community with educational and enriching resources and computer access,” said Director of Library Services Cathy De Leon in a statement.

The City said they chose locations based on geographic distribution, socioeconomic indicators and redundancy of services.

For more information about Library’s extended hours, visit LBPL.org or call 562.570.7500.



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Bookshelves of nonfiction books inside the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

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be known by the end of the month. The \$250,000 for the emergency repairs will be taken from the Water Department Repair and Maintenance Services Account.

Under the Signal Hill Municipal Code, the City Manager is authorized to pay up to \$100,000 to deal with emergency situations, but anything over that must be authorized by the City Council.

In order to avoid similar leaks and emergency repairs in the future, the Water Department will make the following updates:

- Install high and low pressure pump cut-off switches at all reservoirs
- Increase the amount of pressure-reducing valves in Signal Hill
- Implement technology to create a leak detection system
- Create a mutual aid agreement with the City of Long Beach through the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network for



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The sign marking Reservoir Park with the namesake reservoir in the background on May 2, 2023.

emergency pipeline repairs
Signal Hill City Council meetings are held biweekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., and can be watched

online live or as a recording on Granicus.

CRIME

CBP intercepts counterfeit Apple products at LA/LB Seaport

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

On Tuesday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that a July investigation apprehended six shipments of counterfeit Apple products entering the Los Angeles/Long Beach Seaport Complex and Ontario International Airport.

Overall, the six seized shipments included 1,200 pairs of counterfeit AirPods and 220 counterfeit Apple Watches. The same amount of genuine products would have been worth \$396,812.

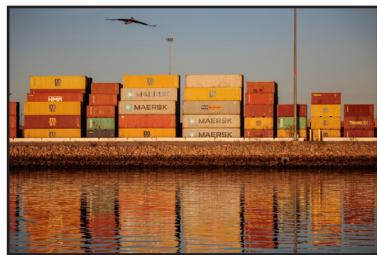
“Because they look and feel incredibly similar to legitimate Apple products, consumers are easily deceived by scammers,” Carlos C. Martel, CBP Director of Field Operations in Los Angeles, said in a statement. “Intercepting fraudulent import products is a top priority for CBP, we protect consumers and the economy every single day.”

This operation was conducted with the help of import specialists at the Electronics Center of Excellence and Expertise.

All six shipments were discovered within the same week in mid-July.

The counterfeit goods were inside generic packages in an attempt to conceal their appearance and pass them off as generic devices.

In fiscal year 2022, CBP confiscated nearly 21,000 shipments



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Reflections from cargo containers are seen on the water during sunrise at the Port of Long Beach on Aug. 13, 2022.

containing around 25 million individual counterfeit items, with an estimated total retail value of nearly \$3 billion if the products had been genuine. Consumer electronics accounted for approximately 3.7% of overall seizures.

“While it may seem innocent, the money you spend on counterfeit products often funds criminal activity, from forced labor, human and drug trafficking, to violent crime,” said Donald R. Kusser, CBP Port Director of the LA/LB Seaport.

As part of their commitment to consumer education, CBP has launched an awareness campaign, both at U.S. airports and online, to enlighten the public about the inherent risks and consequences tied to purchasing counterfeit and pirated goods. Interested individuals can access more information about the “Truth Behind Counterfeits” initiative by visiting www.cbp.gov/fakegoodsrealdangers.

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1:46 p.m., Conspiracy to commit crime; burglary, grand theft; 900 block E. 33rd St. (2 suspects arrested)
6:56 p.m., Battery, 700 block E. Spring St.

Thursday, August 17

5:06 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2100 block E. Spring St.
7:08 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1000 block E. 32nd St.
8:59 p.m., Grand theft, 1800 block E. Willow St.

Friday, August 18

7:46 a.m., Burglary, 2200 block Orange Ave.
1:49 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 1600 block E. Hill St.
7:02 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.
8:29 p.m., Robbery, 900 block E. 33rd St.

Saturday, August 19

4:53 p.m., Battery, 1800 block E. Willow St.
8:33 p.m., Grand theft, 3200 block E. PCH

Sunday, August 20

Monday, August 21

8:57 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon; misdemeanor warrant, 1700 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
11:22 p.m., Burglary, 2100 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, August 22

2:20 p.m., Misdemeanor warrants-3, 1200 block E. Hill St. (suspect arrested)
9:30 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, Orange Ave. north of E. 32nd St.

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QFILM FESTIVAL 2023
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of Long Beach to view over 50 documentaries, short films and narrative features as well as social events and Q&As.

Over 25,000 people have attended the festival over the years to enjoy films from Long Beach, Los Angeles and foreign films from over 70 countries.

The films this year and every year cover a wide range of experiences and history such as Black and Indigenous feminist women who fought for marriage equality in the '50s and '60s, the lesbians of First Fridays in the '80s, folk-rock band the Indigo Girls and queer nightlife in West Hollywood at the iconic Studio One.

The festival has only grown over the years, Cano said, bringing more diverse voices and opportunities for people to tell their own stories. QFilms allows community submissions to shape the programming each year, rather than dictate the kinds of stories they want to tell.

This year, programs include sections for trans shorts, Latinx queer shorts and for submissions local to Long Beach and Los Angeles.

"The trans community is now being able to tell their stories as opposed to the past, their stories were being told [by others]," Cano said. "So it's refreshing to see trans stories being told by trans filmmakers, trans people behind the camera and trans actors in front of the camera."

Residents will be treated to "a blast to the past" with a screening of the first-ever award-winning short film screened at the 1993 QFilm Festival. The film is titled "Twenty Two" and will be screened in the final category of the festival.

Over the years, Cano and the screening committee have begun receiving more films from their global audience. He said the pan-



Screenshot of the "Commitment to Life" documentary, which covers the AIDS Project of Los Angeles and its work during the AIDS crisis.

demic contributed to this growth, since they pivoted to an online festival and saw an increase in engagement following those years.

Many films are plucked from festivals around the world and have already received numerous awards. A jury and audiences will be able to vote on several awards that will be given out at the closing of the festival.

The festival also provides a place to remind the queer community of its roots and the struggles past generations have overcome to gain rights, access and representation. Kicking off the festival is a documentary about the AIDS Project of Los Angeles (APLA) titled "Commitment to Life."

The documentary takes viewers

back to the yearslong confusing, painful and scary times dealing with the AIDS crisis, and covers the organizations that stepped up to help. From 1981 to 1996, no type of cure, vaccine or medication existed for people with AIDS, and for many years the government refused to acknowledge the disease.

"Commitment to Life" tells the story of how APLA began out of a closet in the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center with a telephone service to answer questions from people scared and looking for answers.

"The more we got into it, the more we realized we had a much bigger story to tell," said Ron Sylvester, former QFilm Festival board member, APLA board mem-

ber and executive producer of the documentary.

The film explores what it was like to be queer in Los Angeles during the AIDS crisis, the "everyday heroes" who stepped up to start organizations to help and how Hollywood actors brought attention to the crisis during a time when people tried to ignore it. Ultimately, these small groups changed the course of the AIDS epidemic.

"Younger LGBTQ audiences need to understand what happened in their community, where the roots of their community are seeded," Sylvester said. "A lot of gay men now that are sexually active take a pill everyday called PreP to prevent HIV ... and they have absolutely no idea how devastating the history of

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- Ron Sylvester,
"Commitment to Life"
producer

this disease was."

Sylvester said young audiences who watch the film often tell him that they were completely unaware of the struggles their community went through during the '80s and '90s. He said the film was not easy to produce, and recognized his director Jeffrey Schwarz for being able to capture the many stories that went into the history.

The film "relives a difficult time in people's lives," Sylvester said, adding that some people they filmed for the documentary were unable to speak about it altogether.

"Commitment to Life" premiered in January and has been shown at multiple film festivals, but Sylvester said he's "honored" to return to his old festival and open it with a film on local history.

Tickets for the QFilm Festival can be purchased for a single program such as trans short, men in briefs, women in shorts, for specific film screenings, or for the entire weekend with a VIP pass on the festival's website.

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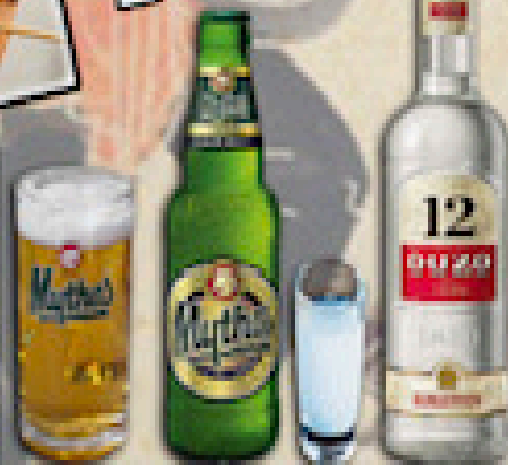
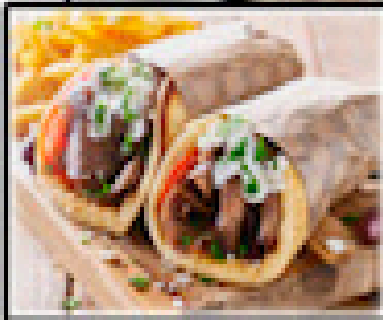
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TOWN HALL

From LB to DC—Congressman Robert Garcia visits his hometown to discuss government oversight, public transportation and aliens

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

An intimate crowd made up of mostly old friends, some community organizers and a handful of reporters sat in creaky chairs in a yet-to-be-opened, albeit swanky Altar Society Brewing Company in Downtown Long Beach to greet Congressman Robert Garcia for a town hall Tuesday night.

The former Long Beach mayor was welcomed with cheerful applause, many a “thank you” and “we’re so proud of you” and very few Long Beach-centric questions.

According to a statement from his team, Garcia was planning on speaking about “the issues facing our community and the work he is doing for Long Beach.” Instead, Garcia spoke about his seven months in Washington as a freshman congressman and took questions from the crowd for over an hour where no inquiry was too broad or too silly.

He recognized many faces in the crowd, many of whom cheered at every answer, and he would often stop to hug or wave to friends in the middle of questions.

Garcia galvanized the crowd in his introduction, speaking about the far-right and their attacks on the LGBTQ community and immigrants. He said his main focus so far has been issues surrounding ports, the COVID-19 pandemic, LGBTQ issues, immigration and government oversight.

Eight years serving as mayor of Long Beach did not prepare Garcia for working with people with “extreme” views on the right, he said, some of whom deny science and belittle LGBTQ folks.

“I realized really quickly that if I



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Congressman Robert Garcia talks to Long Beach residents during his first town hall meeting in Downtown Long Beach on Aug. 23, 2023.

spent the next few years trying to work with these folks and be bipartisan for 10 years ... we won’t have a country anymore,” Garcia said. “They’re not interested in the country we built. This is the moment we actually have to fight back and push back against these awful ideas meant to push us backwards.”

A couple of members from Jewish community groups asked Garcia why he attended a trip to Israel earlier this month with Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries. Garcia replied that he’s not “an expert” in relations between the United States and Israel, but added that he sup-

ports a two-state solution where Palestinians are able to live in freedom.

He said the trip is traditional for freshman Congress members, and as the President of the freshman class, he felt he needed to attend.

The crowd livened up at the next question, which regarded aliens and unidentified aerial phenomena (UAPs), previously known as unidentified flying objects (UFOs). As head of the government oversight democratic subcommittee, Garcia had a role in the first-ever government hearing on alien objects which occurred in July.

“It was wild,” Garcia said of the hearing. “I don’t know what they are or not. What I know is we have commercial pilots saying they’re seeing objects they cannot identify ... and they’re moving in ways that, as far as they know, American technology does not move.”

The congressman also stated that in the future he will take part in a classified briefing on UAPs.

Garcia was met with a handful of questions that were loosely tied to Long Beach about port regulations and public transportation.

He mentioned a few times that with the current Congress—which

is majority Republican—measures to increase port regulations on carbon emissions and a measure that would fund a high-speed railway through California are not likely to pass.

“While we work together, they will steamroll us backwards,” Garcia said. “We have to be aggressive and uplifting and protective of democracy.”

When asked about the possibility of raising living wages for people, Garcia said that the most obvious solution is to cut the Pentagon’s budget, which is currently at \$842 billion for 2024. It’s a \$100 billion increase from 2022, and Garcia pointed out that Congress has never decreased the Pentagon’s budget, despite them failing to pass an audit review for over a decade.

He compared the Pentagon’s budget process to a city, saying that making cuts in one area is sometimes necessary in order to fund other needed improvements such as schools and worker wages.

“When I was mayor of Long Beach, during hard years we had to cut budgets, whether it was police or fire, we would cut 1, 2, 5%,” Garcia said. “If cities and states across the country can make cuts, why is it that the Pentagon’s budget can’t ever be decreased?”

Each of Garcia’s responses ended with a call to action to protect democracy and continue fighting for rights for immigrants, blue collar workers, LGBTQ youth and communities while challenging powers in Washington. The audience replied with cheers and whoops to each answer, and Garcia ended the night by speaking with local friends and colleagues.



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AROUND TOWN

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



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Families sit together while the rock band, The Brobots, perform at Signal Hill Park on Aug. 3, 2022, as part of the Concerts in the Park series of summer events.

As summer comes to a close, residents are invited to make the most of long summer days with a final concert in the park at El Dorado West on Friday. The concert will end just in time for attendees to head over to Wardlow Park for a family-friendly movie after dark.

Foodies can savor a locally grown brunch at a North Long Beach farm on Sunday, or sample vegan eats at a brewery on Monday.

Parents of babies and young children can bring them to a variety of different story times throughout the week, including a bilingual storytime at the Billie Jean King Main Library and a storytime highlighting diverse authors at Rancho Los Cerritos.

Those looking to stay civically engaged can learn about surveillance technology in Long Beach, as well as planned changes coming to Pine Avenue, without leaving their homes.

25 FRIDAY

FREE SUMMER END CONCERT

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be holding a concert at El Dorado Park West (2700 Studebaker Rd.), featuring Journey cover band, Journey USA, who will be playing hits such as "Don't Stop Believing." Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the "Super Mario Bros Movie" at Wardlow Park (3457 Stanbridge Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

26 SATURDAY

CUENTOS Y CANTOS BILINGUAL STORYTIME

11 a.m. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring young children to read, talk, sing and play in English and Spanish at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Free.

LIBRARY ANNIVERSARY

Noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate the Brewitt Neighborhood Library's 75th birthday (4036 E Anaheim St.). The celebration will include a \$75 book sale, face painting, music and more. Free.

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY

3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local business Semillitas Learning Community will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary. The celebration will take place at its Bixby Knolls location (3768 Long Beach Blvd.). The event will include music, dancing, vendors and more. Free to attend.

ALT RHYTHMS

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Residents are invited to enjoy Latin and Caribbean music at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.). There will be food, beer and paletas available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 at the door.

27 SUNDAY

CLEAN STREETS

8 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help clean the Los Cerritos neighborhood. Bags, trash pickers and reusable gloves will be provided. Volunteers should meet at Los Cerritos Park (3750 Del Mar Ave.) by the bathrooms.

COMMUNITY CARETAKING DAY

10 a.m. The public is invited to help care for and learn about the sacred site Puvungna. Volunteers are asked to meet in the CSULB G2 parking lot (1250 Bellflower Blvd.). Volunteers are encouraged to bring chairs, water, a pot-luck style dish, gloves, rakes, flat shovels and weed whackers. Free.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

1 p.m. This intimate brunch at Organic Harvest Gardens (6751 Atlantic Ave.) will feature a multi-course meal made with organic, locally grown ingredients. Tickets can be purchased for \$95 per person on the site Brown Paper Tickets.

28 MONDAY

MEATLESS MONDAYS

4 p.m. A variety of vegan food vendors will be selling their dishes at Trademark Brewing (233 East Anaheim St.). Free to enter.

LB ANTI-SURVEILLANCE COMMUNITY TEACH-IN

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to this online discussion about the use of surveillance technology in Long Beach. This event is organized by the Anti-Surveillance Coalition, Long Beach Forward and Mi Jente. To sign up for this virtual event, visit bit.ly/asclbo828. Free.

29 TUESDAY

RANCHO STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring young children to Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Rd.) to enjoy stories from diverse authors. Families are welcome to bring blankets, strollers and snacks. Free.

CANNABIS JOB FAIR

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those interested in working in the cannabis industry are invited to this job fair at 4811 Airport Plaza Dr. During the first hour of the event, only Verified Social Equity Applicants will be allowed in, but afterwards all will be welcome. Attendees are asked to register ahead of time at lbcannabisjobs.com. Free.

TRIVIA NIGHT

7 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to the Auld Dubliner (71 S Pine Ave.) to participate in a weekly trivia competition hosted by America's Pub Quiz. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Free to attend.

CHESS & GAME NIGHT

7 p.m. Those 21 and over are invited to play chess and other board games together while enjoying beer at Trademark Brewing (233 E Anaheim St.). Participants can bring their own board or borrow one there. Those who play will get their first beer for \$5.

30 WEDNESDAY

HELP FOR THE UNHOUSED

9 a.m. to noon. The City's Mobile Access Center will be offering services to people experiencing homelessness at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). A medical clinic will be offering health care and showers will be available for use. Free.

BABY & TODDLER STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Babies and their caregivers are invited to Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.) to enjoy stories and playtime. 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.

31 THURSDAY

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.

NORTH PINE AVENUE COMMUNITY VISION AND ACTION PLAN VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to learn about the finalized North Pine Avenue Community Vision and Action Plan during this virtual event by the City of Long Beach. To register for the Zoom meeting, visit the City's online calendar.

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NEWS

Long Beach asks residents to take survey on shared bikes and e-scooters



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A view of one of the Long Beach bikeshare bikes waiting to be rented.

Staff Report
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The Long Beach Public Works Department is asking residents to take an online survey on the Long Beach Bike Share Program. The anonymous survey will take around 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and will ask about the City's bike share program as well as the use of e-scooters. According to a social media post by the Public Works Department, the purpose of the survey is so the City can better understand how the bike share and scooter share programs are being used locally. Under the Long Beach Bike Share program, 650 bicycles throughout the city can be rented out, with residents able to pick up and drop off the bikes at dedicated hubs. The Bike Share program can be paid for by the hour, monthly and annually. Three scooter share companies

(Veo, Bird and Lime) are also active in Long Beach. Under the City's Shared Micromobility Permit Program, each company can deploy up to 1000 e-scooters throughout Long Beach. Some of the survey questions include the following:

- Have you used bikes here in Long Beach?
- Have you used scooter share in Long Beach?
- If electric bicycles (e-bikes) were available as part of the bikeshare fleet, how would your use of bikeshare change?
- How would you rate the number of e-scooters available in Long Beach?
- How much would you be willing to pay to use bike share or scooter share to get to a destination 10 minutes (~2 miles) away?

The survey can be taken until Aug. 28 on the online survey platform Alchemer.

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- Can't Get That Right Job?
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The following person is doing business as: V&S TRANSPORTATION LLC, 11336 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: V&S TRANSPORTATION LLC, 11336 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: VICENTE PEREZ JR, PRESIDENT. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 10, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 18, 25, & September 1, 8, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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TST7057 / 2023 169167
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: EAUMUSE, 733 HINDRY AVE A305, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SCOTT MICHAEL BRITTON, 733 HINDRY AVE A305, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SCOTT MICHAEL BRITTON, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 4, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 18, 25, & September 1, 8, 2023

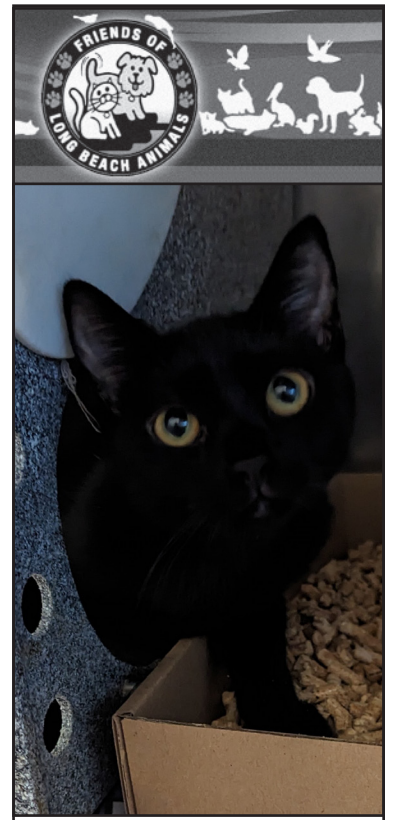
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The following person is doing business as: BEEZY BEE MAIDS, 219 S PAULSEN AVE, COMPTON, CA. 90220. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SAMARANA LLC, 219 S PAULSEN AVE, COMPTON, CA. 90220. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA G SAMANIEGO RODRIGUEZ, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in May, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 15, 2023. 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

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TST7064
Case No. 23STPB05475
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TERESITA REYES CATAMISAN

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of TERESITA REYES CATAMISAN 2, A Petition for Probate has been filed by JAN CURTIS CATAMISAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that JAN CURTIS CATAMISAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. 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. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and 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. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. October 16, 2023 @ 8:30am, Dept: 9 b. Stanley Most Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90802. 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or 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 with the later of either (1) four month from the date of 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. 9. 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. PETITIONER: JAN CURTIS CATAMISAN 2290 VILLAGE WAY SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755 Phone: 562-400-7562 Email: j.catamisan@yahoo.com Pub. Signal Tribune, August 25th & September 1, 8, 15, 2023



Pet of the week: Rocket

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The following person is doing business as: 1. MR MARVEL WINDOW CLEANING, 2. YOUR BACKYARD PROJECTS, 4051 SAN CARLOS ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JONATHAN MARAVILLAS, 4051 SAN CARLOS ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JONATHAN MARAVILLAS, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 1, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

**TST7040 / 2023 149919
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: WELCOME HOME THERAPY, 3050 E 5TH ST APT. 7, LONG BEACH, CA. 90814. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: WELCOME HOME THERAPY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR CORP, 3050 E 5TH ST APT. 7, LONG BEACH, CA 90814. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: AMANDA RIZO, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 11, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

**TST7036 / 2023 163414
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The following person is doing business as: ARGE GRILL, 14807 S GIBSON AVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ARGENTIS REYES ARMENTA, 14807 S GIBSON AVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ARGENTIS REYES ARMENTA, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 27, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

**TST7037 / 2023 163410
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: PUPUSAS LAS HERMANAS, 6485 ATLANTIC AVE APT 26, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DOMINGA DEL BARAHONA COELLO, 6485 ATLANTIC AVE APT 26, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DOMINGA DEL BARAHONA COELLO, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 27, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk.

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**TST6998
NOTICE OF \$10,000 REWARD OFFERED
BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has established a \$10,000 reward offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 12 year-old Eric Gregory Brown III, who was fatally shot while walking on the sidewalk with friends near the 2200 block of Lewis Avenue in Long Beach on May 9, 2023, at approximately 11:32 p.m. Si no entiende esta noticia o necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar al (213) 974-1579. Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detectives Michael Hubbard or Jesus Espinoza at (562) 570-7244 at the Long Beach Police Department or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 and refer to Report No. 230022639. The terms of the reward provide that: The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than September 3, 2023. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than November 2, 2023. The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$10,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes. The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate. Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than November 2, 2023, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Eric Gregory Brown III Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579. CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CN997788 04066 Jun 30, Jul 7,14,21,28, Aug 4,11,18,25, Sep 1, 2023

**TST7038 / 2023 163412
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: GALLARDO'S BARBER BEAUTY SALON, 415 E COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON, CA 90221. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CYNTHIA C GALLARDO, 12426 WILLOWBROOK AVE, COMPTON, CA. 90222. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: CYNTHIA C GALLARDO, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 27, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: EXODUS DRIVING SERVICES, 5139 LIVE OAK ST APT 1, CUDAHY, CA. 90201. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: OSCAR FERNANDO CANEDO ROMERO, 5139 LIVE OAK ST APT 1, CUDAHY, CA. 90201. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: OSCAR FERNANDO CANEDO ROMERO, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 1, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

**TST7043 / 2023 168446
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: KILLER MODELS BY PAUL, 3731 W. WARNER AVE, SANTA ANA, CA. 92704. Mailing Address: 2240 STANLEY AVE., #3, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755 County: ORANGE. Registrant: PAUL THOMAS KILLINS, 2240 STANLEY AVE., SIGNAL, CA 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: PAUL THOMAS KILLINS, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 3, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

**TST7024 / 2023 163284
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. DSJ LOGISTICS AND FULFILLMENT, 2. DSJ TRADING USA, 3711 LONG BEACH BLVD SUITE 4057, 4TH FLOOR #1004, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DSJ CREATIVE MANAGEMENT LLC, 3711 LONG BEACH BLVD SUITE 4057, 4TH FLOOR #1004, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ZUL A AMAT, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 27, 2023. 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: 8/11, 18, 25 & 9/1, 2023

**TST7025 Case No. 23CMCP00129
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Pamela Sandra Johnson for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Pamela Sandra Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Sandra Pamela Johnson Proposed Name: Pamela Sandra Johnson 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: October 3, 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, 8/11, 18, 25 & 9/1, 2023 ___/ss/___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: July 18, 2023

**TST7052 / 2023 153304
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: PACIFIC TERMINAL SERVICES COMPANY, LLC, 250 W WARDLOW RD, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: PACIFIC TERMINAL SERVICE COMPANY, LLC, 250 W WARDLOW RD, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. State of Incorporation/Organization: DE. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: TIFFANY TITUS, MANAGER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2017. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 14, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious

business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 11, 18, 25, & September 1, 2023

**TST7039 Case No. 23NWCP00281
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: Placido Valentino Cano for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Placido Valentino Cano has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Placido Valentino Cano Proposed Name: Valentino Cano Onac 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: September 25, 2023; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. C, Room: 312. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023 ___/ss/___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: July 24, 2023

**TST7053
KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
METROPOLITAN DIVISION - JUSTICE
BUILDING CITATION TO PARENT
CASE NO. BAT-23-003016**

In Re The matter of:
The Petition of: ROBIN RENE FERGUSON to Declare:
JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, Minors, for freedom from Parental Custody and Control
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
To: BREANNA LEIGH REYES:
By order of this court you are hereby advised that you may appear before the judge presiding in Division F of this court on SEPTEMBER 29, 2023, at 8:30 am, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, should not be declared free from your custody and control.

The following information concerns rights and procedures that relate to this proceeding for the termination of custody and control of JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, and require such protection that court will appoint counsel to represent them, whether or not they are able to afford counsel. JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, will not be present in court unless they so request or the court so orders.

2. If a parent of JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, appears without counsel and is unable to afford counsel, the court must appoint counsel for the parent, unless the parent knowingly and intelligently waives the right to be represented by counsel. The court will not appoint the same counsel to represent the minor child and the parent.

3. The court may appoint either a public defender or private counsel. If private counsel is appointed, he or she will receive a reasonable sum for compensation and expenses, the amount of which will be determined by the court. That amount must be paid by the real parties in interest, but not by the minor, in such proportions as the court believes to be just. If, however, the court finds that any of the real parties in interest cannot afford counsel, the amount will be paid by the county.

4. The court may continue the proceedings for not more than 30 days as necessary to appoint counsel and to enable counsel to become acquainted with the case.

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**TST7054 / 2023 174346
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: MILO PROPERTIES MGT, 10337 RENOVA AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MILO 99 LLC, 10337 RENOVA AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. State of Incorporation/Organization: California. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MIGUEL ANGEL LOPEZ, PRESIDENT. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 10, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 18, 25, & September 1, 8, 2023

**TST7060 / 2023 1778770
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ARTEAGA TRANSPORTATION LLC, 15517 S WHITE AVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ARTEAGA TRANSPORTATION LLC, 15517 S WHITE AVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DANIEL ARTEAGA, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 15, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 25, & September 1, 8, 15, 2023

**TST7061 / 2023 177873
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: NEW GENERATION ELECTRIC LLC, 5540 QUINN STREET 25, BELL GARDENS, CA. 90201. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: NEW GENERATION ELECTRIC LLC, 5540 QUINN STREET 25, BELL GARDENS, CA. 90201. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ALEXIS HERNANDEZ AGUIRRE, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 15, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 25, & September 1, 8, 15, 2023

TST7063/Order No: 9994
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/01/2021 at 1890 AUTO PARK PLACE CHULA VISTA,CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2014 YAMA HULL: YAMA3149B414 STATE: CF#: at 10 AM

TST7059/Order No: 13826
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/07/2023 at 1890 AUTO PARK PLACE CHULA VISTA,CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 SEADOO HULL: YDV16352B919 STATE: CA CF#: 7427VR at 10 AM

CENTURY VILLAGES
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home in 2022, over 600 of whom were veterans. With the help of 12 service partners, the Villages also has a health clinic and connects its residents with job training programs, food assistance, job placement, advocacy, education, skills-training and more.

Wee began working with Century Villages, the parent network of the Villages at Cabrillo, in 2000. She was part of the team who opened the Villages in West Long Beach in 2010, back when it housed only 200 residents.

"Being at the ground level was exciting and that's what's kept me there all these years," Wee said.

Wee is also co-chair for the Long Beach Continuum of Care Board and a member of the End Abuse Long Beach Board.

Though the Villages have experienced rapid growth, Wee said they still need support to keep going, and connecting to the surrounding community is part of that mission.

"I want to bring in more services and more community members so it's not such an isolated 27-acre of Long Beach that's not really part of Long Beach," Wee said, adding that residents can be part of the solu-

tion to homelessness. "We have a lot of good support right now with our mayor and local health department. We want to expand to business owners and residents."

Wee said one of her favorite experiences is bringing residents to the Villages and seeing their shock that "it's a nice community and a dignified place for people to rebuild their lives."

In 2022, 3,447 people were identified as homeless in Long Beach, and there was a 20% increase in veterans becoming homeless.

"Come visit the Villages, come volunteer, you need to see where that path is to get people off the streets," Wee said.

While Long Beach has been struggling to balance ensuring public safety and providing homelessness services during the years-long rise of people becoming homeless in the city, the Villages provide a valuable framework for handling both.

Wee said along with housing, providing services and support to people is "number one" for successful outreach. As Vice President of Residential Services for Century



Image Courtesy of Long Beach City staff reports
A building in The Century Villages at Cabrillo.

Villages, she has intimate knowledge of what it takes to maintain these services, including the ability to leverage support from outside sources.

Wee will continue in her role as Vice President of Residential Services, leading the 20-person team—soon to add another six—of case managers and clinical staff to oversee services at multiple locations. She said most of her job will be handling grant applications, while her day-to-day operations will focus on the Villages at Cabrillo.

One of Wee's immediate goals is to provide more mental health

and substance abuse services on campus. She said it's difficult for residents at the Villages to access city resources, many of which are concentrated in Downtown Long Beach

The Villages was able to hire a behavioral health specialist to respond to calls of mental health crises for the next three years thanks to a donation from a community member, something Wee said is typically "unheard of." She emphasized that they still require "a lot more" help for mental health services.

According to the Villages 2022

Social Impact Report, 46% of residents living at the Villages entered emergency interim housing due to mental health conditions. 68% of residents reported having either a mental or physical health issue.

Wee said someday they would like to have a mental health clinic, something she said wasn't considered a necessity 15 or 20 years ago.

According to the 2022 Point in Time Count, 34.7% of people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach had a "severe mental illness."

In 2022, the Villages received \$34.2 million in funding "to underwrite services" and provide housing to nearly 1,8000 residents.

The Villages will open another 90 housing units for veterans at the end of the year.

"We've had a lot more contact with the mayor's office, [Rex] Richardson has been really good at making sure Long Beach doesn't forget what they already have," Wee said. "We've been here 25 years and we've been doing okay, but we still need support to keep going."

EDUCATION

A weekend of back-to-school prep, with free school supplies from community orgs

Jonathan Bigall
Staff Writer

With school going back into session, families in Long Beach that may be in need of supplies have plenty of opportunities to stock up this weekend. Several Long Beach and other local organizations are offering free backpacks, school supplies, uniforms and other items to ensure students have what they need to succeed.

Back 2 School Jam: Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

District 8 Councilmember Al Austin's office and Crossroads Long Beach will be giving away free backpacks and school supplies at Scherer Park (4600 Long Beach Blvd.) for the 12th annual Back 2 School Jam.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. attendees can enjoy live performances, raffles, eye checks, immunizations,

games and free haircuts.

My Ancestors' Dream Long Beach Back to School Bash: Saturday, Aug. 26 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

My Ancestors' Dream, a Long Beach-based nonprofit organization that combats racial injustice in communities of color, will be giving free school supplies away as well as hosting arts and crafts, games and more activities at Drake Park (951 Maine Ave.) from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Children ages 17 and under are welcome to participate, and students must be present in order to receive school supplies. My Ancestor's Dream is still accepting donations for the event, and residents can drop off supplies at Dappers & Dames Parlour (507 E Broadway), Ambitious Ales (4019 Atlantic Ave.) or Annex Training (2431 Orange Ave.).

Local Hearts Foundation

Backpack giveaway: Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Homeland Culture Center (1321 E Anaheim St.), Local Hearts Foundation will host its annual back-to-school drive, with 2,000 backpacks for local children. Backpacks will be offered for students of all ages and will include supplies such as notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, and more.

Children can also receive haircuts to boost their confidence and prepare them for the school year. Supplies will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. As one of the largest back-to-school drives in the county, residents are advised to arrive early.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to arrive by 8 a.m.

Christ the Good Shepherd Coptic Orthodox Church Back to School Pickup: Saturday, Aug. 26, from noon to 3 p.m.



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Members of the Local Hearts Foundation stand behind the tables with backpacks that they will give out to students on August 14, 2021.

Christ the Good Shepherd American Orthodox Church is providing free backpacks, school supplies and uniforms as well as a free lunch from noon to 3 p.m. at the 15th Street parking lot located at 1303 East 15th Street.

Sensory Sunday Mixer: Sunday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

LBC Hero Squad is celebrating its last summer mixer with a back-to-school giveaway and uniform exchange at Skyzone in Cerritos (10755 South St.). By using the discount code HeroSquad, families can enjoy two hours of jump time and sky socks for \$20 to end their summer.

Students will receive free back-to-school supplies, fidget toys,

snacks and beverages in the party room 1. Families are asked to bring in their gently used uniforms so others can swap to prepare for the school year.



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After a group photo op with the volunteers, Tito Rodriguez runs towards the cameras before students are let in to grab backpacks on August 14, 2021.

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