

CITY COUNCIL

Signal Hill gets a new city seal



Image Courtesy of the City of Signal Hill

The new seal for Signal Hill was designed to coincide with the city's 100th anniversary in Spring 2024.

In honor of its upcoming 100th birthday, Signal Hill's city seal is getting a makeover.

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Signal Hill City Council unanimously voted on Tuesday to change the design of the city seal as part of its festivities for the city's centennial anniversary. The city council formed the Centennial Celebration Committee in January 2022 to redesign the city seal. The committee consists of Mayor Tina Hansen, Vice Mayor Lori Woods, Parks & Recreation Commission Vice Chair Tim Anhorn, Planning Commission Chair Chris Wilson and Planning Commissioner Victor Parker as an alternate member. Since the city was founded by local oil magnates in 1924, it has changed the design of its city seal five times. The City's first seal was created in the 1930s, and pictured the hilltop, with a mansion, a tree, a water tower and oil derricks of various sizes. The current city seal was designed in 1988, but wasn't formally adopted until 2008. It depicts 31 stars above the words "Signal Hill," with a depiction of a Native American woman

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FEATURE



Image Courtesy of Caught in the Moment Photography | Musical Theatre West

The cast of Musical Theatre West's production of "The Sound of Music" at Carpenter Performing Arts Center running from October 20 – November 5, 2023.

'The Sound of Music' filling seats for Musical West Theatre, fulfilling dreams for cast

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Musical Theatre West's current performance of "The Sound of Music" is a classic tale that's close to many people's hearts. For two cast members in leading female roles, the musical is also close to home, as they fulfill a lifelong dream of acting in the iconic performances.

Juliana Sloan grew up in the theater. She has cherished memories of watching musicals "Oklahoma" and "The Little Shop of Horrors" as a child, singing songs with her father and dancing with her mother, both of whom she described as "creative souls."

Joining the theater world as a child, Sloan went for one of the most popular young actor roles: a Von Trapp child in "The Sound of Music." With seven children rounding out the main cast, it's a logical aspiration, and one of Sloan's favorite musicals growing up.

Though Sloan was never cast as a Von Trapp child, she's fulfilling that dream in a different way: as Maria Rainer, the governess that's sent to watch over the seven Von Trapp children.

"I think there's just such a joy as a child watching it, there's just so much fun and joy and the music is contagious and thrilling," Sloan said. "As I've gotten older, it has a lot to do with the timelessness of the story and how important the message is of sticking to your convictions and having faith in yourself and continuing to search for the life you were meant to live."

It's a message that Sloan has lived out herself. She was living in New York for eight years, traveling across the country for endless musical roles in order to make a living when she decided to leave the country and take a break from the art form.

Sloan packed her bags for Europe and left years later with a Master's degree in acting, and a renewed "zest" for the theater. This time living in Los Angeles, she was determined to take roles that truly meant something to her, which meant being okay with saying no to other jobs.

"It's no secret that you can't really make a living as a musical theater performer in

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5:44 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St.
7:33 p.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block Ohio Ave.
8:18 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St.
4:12 p.m., Elder abuse, 2100 block Kelly Dr.
9:15 p.m., Fire, Walnut Ave./E. 33rd St.

Thursday, October 19

5:31 a.m., Auto burglary, Lemone Ave./E. Burnett St.
1:11 p.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
5:20 p.m., Auto burglary, 1500 block E. 23rd St.
6:21 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, Dawson Ave./E. 27th St. (citation)

Friday, October 20

3:55 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 1900 block Freeman Ave.
10:02 a.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
4:19 p.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
10:40 p.m., Residential burglary, 2300 block Promontory Dr.

Saturday, October 21

11:32 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1000 block E. 32nd St.
7:11 p.m., Grand theft – stolen vehicle, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.
8:44 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 1900 block Raymond Ave.

Sunday, October 22

6:43 p.m., Burglary, 2300 block California Ave.
11:26 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block Lemon Ave.
11:49 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2200 block Walnut Ave.

Monday, October 23

6:56 p.m., DUI, 3200 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)
9:42 p.m., Intoxicated person, 3300 block Cerritos Ave.
11:41 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2800 block Cherry Ave.

Tuesday, October 24

9:06 a.m., Battery, 1800 block Cherry Ave.
12:37 p.m., Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
1:27 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Myrtle Ave.
2:19 p.m., Elder abuse, 2100 block Kelly Dr.
2:31 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.

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

You can use filters to select dates and types of crime.

HOUSING

Long Beach will host virtual meeting on 'tiny homes' on Oct. 30



Emma DiMaggio | Signal Tribune

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

What are tiny homes, why does Long Beach want them and where will they be?

Residents can learn the answers to all these questions and more at a virtual meeting hosted by the City of Long Beach on Monday, Oct. 30.

Long Beach began discussions around tiny homes, or “modular shelter units” which provide privacy and basic amenities to homeless residents while they search for more permanent housing, in January 2022.

In February 2023, the City Council voted to create roughly 30 units

at the Multi-Service Center, since residents can connect to services more easily. This plan has since been scrapped, and the City is still exploring possible locations.

The homes will be federally funded by California’s Housing and Community Development (HCD) as part of Project Homekey’s second round of funding. 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 30-35 units. The shelters will each have

their own bathroom, shower and fire suppression systems and will come with three meals a day for residents.

At the virtual meeting, residents can learn about the proposed operations and criteria needed for the locations of tiny homes. City staff will also talk about the benefits of the tiny homes and give updates on the local emergency declared on homelessness in Long Beach.

Interpretation services will be available in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog with additional languages available upon advanced request.

Residents must register in advance for the Oct. 30 meeting on Zoom from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CRIME

Man caught on camera attacking woman in downtown Long Beach charged with misdemeanor

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

A man who was caught on camera sexually assaulting a woman in broad daylight in downtown Long Beach has been charged with a misdemeanor, and was due back in a Long Beach courtroom Thursday.

Security cameras captured Miguel Avila walking up behind a woman, unzipping his pants, lifting her skirt and pressing himself against her, causing her to fall to the ground.

A good Samaritan was seated nearby and rushed to assist the woman, leading Avila to flee the scene.

Avila was caught by Long Beach police hours later.



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Exterior picture of the Long Beach Police Department Headquarters in Downtown Long Beach.

The LA County Prosecutor’s office has decided to charge Avila for misdemeanor sexual battery, which carries a maximum penalty of 6 months and/or a \$2,000 fine.

Avila was originally held on a \$1,000 bail, which has recently

been increased to \$75,000. Individuals can get out of jail if they pay for 10% of their bond, meaning Avila could previously have been bailed out for \$100. Now he needs to pay \$7,500 to be released while his trial continues.

Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón has received ongoing criticism during his time in office, with detractors saying he’s soft on crime.

In an email to the *Signal Tribune*, LBPD said “To help keep our community safe, we have increased our patrols in the area and our Neighborhood Safety Bike Team is proactively engaging with residents and neighborhood groups.”

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AROUND TOWN

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

It's a holiday season, parade and festival-filled week with tons of fun and free things to do in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

As the last of Halloween events fill up our calendar section, we are just beginning to see Dia de los Muertos celebrations and community markets catering to early gift-buyers. Families can attend a Halloween carnival at Orizaba Park Friday night, a Signal Hill Park Halloween festival Saturday afternoon and a Dia de los Muertos festival at 2nd and PCH Saturday evening.

The weekend finishes strong with a Halloween-themed drag show and brunch Sunday afternoon and a dog costume parade Sunday afternoon complete with pet adoption opportunities.

Residents can fill their week with civic engagement by attending a Filipino community health assessment meeting Monday night at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, a virtual "tiny homes" informational meeting Monday night and a food safety workshop for vendors Thursday morning.

27 FRIDAY

BOO-BASH

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This Halloween celebration at Orizaba Park (1435 Orizaba Ave.) will include carnival games, a kid zone, trunk-or-treating and a costume contest. Free.

WAR OF THE WORLDS RADIO SHOW

8 p.m. The Long Beach Shakespeare Company returns with one of its oldest traditions of the "War of the Worlds" radio show based on the original 1938 CBS radio production that produced mass hysteria across the nation. There will

be one show a day Friday through Sunday at the Helen Borgers Theatre (4250 1/2 Atlantic Ave.) for \$13 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased online.

28 SATURDAY

AUTUMN HEALTH FAIR

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Women-Shelter will be holding a health and wellness fair at 20411 S Susana Road featuring flu vaccines, community resources, health & dental screenings, raffles and giveaways. Free.

TRICKS-FOR-TREATS PUP PARADE

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Dogs and their humans are invited to put on their best pup-sized Halloween costumes and parade at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) and Lincoln Park. There will also be training workshops for dogs. This a family-friendly, all-ages event. Free.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The City of Signal Hill will be celebrating the spooky season with a community festival in Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). Tickets can be purchased the day of the event for \$5. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased for \$4 at the Parks & Recreation Office, the Signal Hill Public Library, and the Youth Center, all of which are located at 1800 E Hill St. All children over 1 year of age will need a ticket (in the form of a wristband) to participate in carnival activities.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Unidos Community Events invites residents to celebrate the Day of the Dead at 2nd

and PCH (on the corner of Second Street and Pacific Coast Highway). Families can enjoy mariachi and folklórico performances, cultural food, an ofrenda installation and arts and crafts. Free.

29 SUNDAY

PATCHWORK FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The annual Patchwork Show Modern Makers Festival is returning to the Long Beach Marine Stadium parking lot 5255 E Paoli Way) featuring over 200 local vendors, food trucks, live music, DIY booths and more. Free.

HALLOWEEN DRAG BRUNCH SHOW

Noon. Those 21 and over are invited to Ficklewood Ciderworks (720 E Broadway) to watch a Halloween-themed drag show. Brunch will be provided by Sadie's Kitchen. Menu prices vary, but entry is free.

HAUTE DOG HOWL'OWEEN PARADE

2:30 p.m. Over 400 dogs and their humans will don their best costumes for the 22nd annual Haute Dog Howl'oween Parade in front of the former Belmont Pool (4000 E Olympic Plaza). Free to attend, with \$5 front row seats available to rent.

30 MONDAY

FILIPINO COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be sharing the initial results of an assessment of the health and wellbeing of the local Filipino community. Community members



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

are encouraged to share their feedback after the presentation. The event will take place at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Register at bit.ly/LBFilipinoHealthPresentation. Free.

TINY HOMES VIRTUAL MEETING

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Residents can learn about the "tiny homes" Long Beach plans to build to combat homelessness and provide short-term, affordable housing units. This meeting is free and virtual, but requires advanced registration.

31 TUESDAY

TODDLER TIME

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring toddlers between 18 months to 3 years to Fire Station 8 (5365 2nd St.) to enjoy songs, rhymes, dancing and play. Free.

DROP-IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students from the 3rd to 5th grade are invited to enjoy STEAM crafts, 3D printing, gaming, snacks and more at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

01 WEDNESDAY

COMMEMORATIVE FLAG RAISING

4 p.m. The City of Signal Hill will be hosting a flag raising in honor of Native American Heritage Month at the Signal Point Terrace (1800 E. Hill St.). Free.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS ART EVENT

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents ages 21 and older can stop by The Wicked Wolf (2332 Pacific Ave.) to enjoy Dia de los Muertos-themed art, face painting, live music and craft cocktails. Entry is free.

02 THURSDAY

FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOP

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Aspiring food vendors are invited to learn about the process of starting their new business during this workshop hosted by the Long Beach Health Department at Long Beach Energy Resources (2400 E Spring St.). To register for this event, visit <https://shorturl.at/buAJQ>. Free.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS PUPPET SHOW

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Puppeteer Franklin Haynes will be performing a marionette show in celebration of Dia De Los Muertos at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). This performance is appropriate for all ages. Free.

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The classic tale has a message that hits close to home for two of the show's cast members.

Los Angeles," Sloan said. "... Part of it was, 'How can I set myself up to live the life I want in the city that I want to be in and still be a paid creator?'"

Upon her Los Angeles return, Sloan was offered a job acting in a musical at Disneyland, but she knew her heart belonged to the classics. Some of her idols in the musical world include Rodgers and Hammerstein, who wrote nine musicals together such as "Oklahoma," "Juliet and Me," "Allegro," and of course, "The Sound of Music."

In 2019, Sloan began teaching singing lessons to children after multiple people approached her for help. Her teaching is a labor of love, as she eventually took over for the woman whom she apprenticed under, and now gets to teach children growing up in the theater.

When Sloan saw that Musical Theatre West was honoring the classic this year, she immediately prioritized the opportunity to live out her dream. Sloan now plays the wise, joyful music-loving Maria Rainer, sharing the same magic that she felt as a child watching the timeless story.

The show completely sold out its opening weekend, as Long Beach residents and musical lovers flocked to the Carpenter Performing Arts Center.

"That's not lost on me how special it is that it's come full circle, but also what an important and special



Image Courtesy of Caught in the Moment Photography | Musical Theatre West
Juliana Sloan in the role of Maria Rainer in Musical Theatre West's "The Sound of Music" playing at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center through Nov. 5, 2023.

position I'm in playing Maria with these young impressionable children," Sloan said.

The oldest of her "children" in the play is Natalie Gissel, who is the understudy for the role of Leisl, and is also returning to the Musical Theatre West stage in a full circle

moment.

Gissel got her start at Musical Theatre West as a second grader, but in the auditorium seats rather than on the stage.

Musical Theatre West invites local schools for a free matinee every year, and Gissel has vivid memories

of watching "See Me in St. Louis" and realizing her new dream as she saw kids her own age performing.

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- Natalie Gissel
'Sound of Music' actress

Gissel received her bachelor's degree from Cal State Long Beach in music education, often passing by the Carpenter Performing Arts Center where she performed in dance recitals as a child.

Though she's set on her plan to become a music teacher, the theater bug came back to her about a year ago, when she saw "The Sound of Music" was coming to Long Beach.

"I find myself every curtain call kind of tearing up that we have an audience and we get to share this really beautiful story," Gissel said. "As I grow up, different parts of it speak to me and things that went over my head as a kid are really touching now and people seem to really enjoy it."

"The Sound of Music" will be showing at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center at 6200 E Atherton St. on select dates through Nov. 5. Tickets can be purchased at musical.org/the-sound-of-music/.



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watching a rising smoke signal and a cornucopia filled with oil derricks and birds.

City staff said that the Centennial Celebration Committee decided they wanted a modern design that incorporates elements of the area's history, such as the original Native American residents of the land, the Zinnia flowers grown by Japanese farmers on the hill, and an oil derrick.

The new seal was designed by the City's graphic designer Alejandro Jaramillo, reusing many of the symbols included in the last seal. The new design will include the following elements:

- An oil derrick
- Catalina Island in the background as an homage to the Indigenous tribes on Signal Hill and Catalina who would use smoke signals from the hilltop to communicate
- An eagle feather, which Jaramillo said is used in Native American ceremonies to represent strength and courage
- Zinnia flowers that were cultivated in Signal Hill until the Alien Land Act forcibly removed Japanese farmers from their land.

"This seal design is intended to be reflective and sensitive, capturing the city's history while also providing a sense of hope for the future," Jaramillo said.

City staff said that the City had reached out to local Native American tribes, including the Gabrieliño-Tongva Tribe to get their feedback and approval for using the

eagle feather imagery on the city seal, but had not heard back.

"A pretty large portion of [the current] seal is the Native American woman sitting there, and so we didn't want to take that away from the community [...]," Jaramillo said. "And so to keep that tradition and history continuing in this seal we wanted, that's why we added the eagle feathers as a symbolic representation of that."

As part of the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget, city council allocated \$25,000 for replacing the city seal on various items created or owned by the City, such as stationary, vehicle decals and facility podiums.

The City Municipal Code also has to be updated, as the current ordinance describes the old city seal. The city council voted to introduce a new ordinance with wording that reflected the newest city seal.

The City has to post the upcoming ordinance on various public buildings by Nov. 3, and the item will come back to city council on Nov. 14. The ordinance would go into effect 30 days after a city council vote.

"I think it will be great," said City Clerk Daritza Gonzalez. "It's different but not too different from what we're used to, which I think is important too because we don't want a completely new image of what we know ourselves to be."

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.

HOMELESSNESS

Volunteers needed for the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is seeking 300 volunteers to help conduct the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count.

The annual Point in Time Count (Count) is a street count where residents survey the people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach, and ask them questions about their experiences. The Count is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which coordinates housing and services for people experiencing homelessness.

While HUD requires a biannual Count, Long Beach has chosen to conduct its Count annually, this year falling on Jan 25, 2024.

Along with providing a useful snapshot of how many people are experiencing homelessness in Long Beach, the Count also offers residents the opportunity to learn various perspectives, educate themselves on available resources and contribute to the efforts of reducing homelessness.

Long Beach's Homeless Services Bureau will organize the count and provide leadership.

Residents can register online until all 300 slots are filled. If more than 300 people register, they will be added to a waitlist.

To volunteer for the Count, people must:

- Be 18 years or older.
- Attend a two-hour orientation and training prior to the day of the Count. Orientations will be held both virtually and in person and will occur in early January.
- Commit to a four-hour canvassing shift on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024. Volunteers will be expected to report at 4:30 a.m. and dispatched to the field by 5 a.m.



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The remains of a tent and other items await removal from under the Ocean Avenue bridge that crosses the LA River in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

People registering as volunteers should expect to arrive at the Grand Long Beach (4101 E. Willow St.) at 4:30 a.m. They will be assigned a segment of the city for the street-based count in groups of three to five volunteers.

Volunteers will conduct a survey to people they come across who are experiencing homelessness and who are willing to share their information. Volunteer teams will be provided with gift cards, hygiene kits and water to distribute to people experiencing homelessness.

In areas of the city with less density, people may be assigned to canvass by car, but most will be on foot.

Long Beach requires a two-hour orientation that will educate canvassers on best practices to engage

people experiencing homelessness, how to use a mobile application to administer the Count and additional logistics.

Volunteer orientations are mandatory, regardless of prior participation in the Count, and will be hosted on the following days and times:

- Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, Jan. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center (1301 W. 12th St.)
- Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center
- Thursday, Jan. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

To learn more about the Long Beach Homeless Count, visit the longbeach.gov/HomelessCount, email HomelessCount@longbeach.gov or call the Multi-Service Center at 562.570.4500.

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By order of this court you are hereby advised that you may appear before the judge presiding in Division F of this court on JANUARY 05, 2024, 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 to 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. Attorney for Petitioner: George R. Horringan, Esq. State Bar No.: 134450 LAW OFFICE OF GEORGE R. HORRIGAN, APLC 900 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 310 Bakersfield, California 93301 (661) 489-3100; Fax: (661) 489-3500 DATED: October 2, 2023 Tamarah Harber-Pickens, County Clerk By: A. Muratalla

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The following person is doing business as: AAA CALVERT, 1348 29TH STREET, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 90268, LONG BEACH, CA. 90809. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: AAA ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES, INC., 1348 E. 29TH STREET, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. 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: LAURA J SULLIVAN, TREASURER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in September, 2008. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 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 SignalTribune: October 13, 20, 27 & November 3, 2023

**TST7109 Case No. 23LBCP00385
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: Morcia M. Vonk Brasser for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: MORCIA M. VONK BRASSER has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: 1. MORCIA M. VONK BRASSER Proposed Name: 1. SACRED LOTUS SKY 2. MARCIA M. VONK BRASSER 2. SACRED LOTUS SKY 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: November 17, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m.,

Dept.27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, October 13, 20, 27 & November 3, 2023 ___//ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 6, 2023

**TST7110 / 2023 215392
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. PERMA TOUCH SERVICE, 2. PERMA TOUCH, 4451 PEPPERWOOD AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. Mailing Address: PO Box 3350, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277 County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: REX SLUGGETT, 4451 PEPPERWOOD AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. 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: REX SLUGGETT, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in March, 2008. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 2, 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: October 13, 20, 27 & November 3, 2023

**TST7111 / 2023 220508
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: M.R. RAMOS AUTO BODY SUPPLY, 10828 AVALON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARIO AMILCAR RAMOS, 10828 AVALON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90061. 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: MARIO AMILCAR RAMOS, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in October, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 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: October 20, 27 & November 3, 10, 2023

**TST7119 Case No. 23LBCP00387
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: ALEX FLORES for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: ALEX FLORES has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: ALEX FLORES Proposed Name: KEMP YUGEN SHIRO 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: November 21, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, October 27, & November 3, 10, 17, 2023 ___//ss//___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 6, 2023

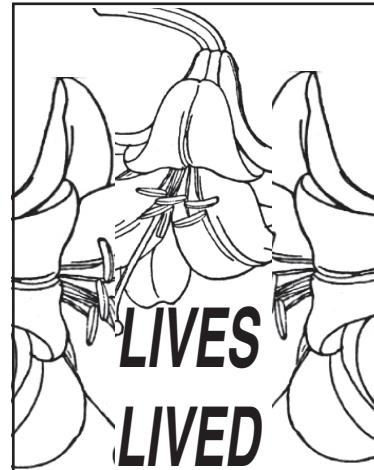
**TST7120 Case No. 23LBCP00386
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: MICHELLE ANN FLORES for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: MICHELLE ANN FLORES has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing (his/her) name as follows: Present Name: MICHELLE ANN FLORES Proposed Name: CARDEM MAE SANCHEZ 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: November 21, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, October 27, & November 3, 10 17, 2023 ___//ss//___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 6, 2023

**TST7121
Case No. 23STPB11618
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GLORIA
ELIZABETH GINTER**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of GLORIA ELIZABETH GINTER 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by STEPHEN A. TERRELL in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that STEVEN A. TERRELL 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. December 1, 2023 @ 8:30am, Dept: 4 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 months 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. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: AMY R. HENDERSON 225642 LAW OFFICES OF EMILY J. BUCHBINDER 525 CAPITOLA AVENUE CAPITOLA, CA 95010 Phone: 831-462-1313 Fax: 831-562-1045 Pub. Signal Tribune, October 27 & November 3, 10, 2023



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Jo Ann Zergman 92

Felipe Alemon 71

Mark Glenn 68

George Howard 78

Khiev Koout 66

Leon Leonardo 85

Kim Ran 60

Martin Monzon 53

Rosemary Hulen 101

Ramiro Diaz 86

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TST7122/Order No: 14853
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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

**TST7123
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

Ordinance No. 2023-10-1544 was introduced by the Signal Hill City Council at their meeting of Tuesday, October 24, 2023. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 1.02.010 AND SECTION 1.02.020 OF CHAPTER 1.02 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CITY SEAL

The ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

AYES: MAYOR TINA L. HANSEN, VICE MAYOR LORI Y. WOODS, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBERT D. COPELAND, KEIR JONES, EDWARD H.J. WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website: www.cityofsignalhill.org.

_____/s/_____
Daritza Gonzalez
City Clerk

Published in the Signal Tribune newspaper on October 27, 2023.
Posted at City Hall, Discovery Well Park, Reservoir Park, and Signal Hill Public Library on or before October 27, 2023.

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HEALTH

Long Beach Health Department releases survey, will study vaccine hesitancy in residents

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is studying why some residents may be hesitant to receive vaccinations, such as the flu and COVID-19 shots.

As a starting point, the Health Department has created an online survey for residents to take.

Long Beach received a \$150,000 grant from The National Association of County and City Health Officials to study why residents may be hesitant or not want to receive vaccines.

After the survey closes, City staff will analyze the data gathered and compile a report.

Jennifer Rice Epstein, Public Affairs Officer for the Health Department, said in an email to the *Signal Tribune* that more information about the survey will be released soon in an upcoming public notice.

Some of the questions on the survey include:

- How concerned are you about getting COVID-19 or the flu?
- How important do you think getting a COVID-19 and flu vaccine is to protect yourself against COVID-19 and influenza?

• How safe do you think a COVID-19 vaccine is for you?

• How safe do you think a flu vaccine is for you?

• Have you ever had COVID-19?

• How much do you trust the healthcare workers who gave you a COVID-19 vaccine?

• How much do you trust the healthcare workers who gave you a flu vaccine?

• How much do you trust the public health agencies that recommended the COVID-19 vaccines?

According to a study published in July 2023 in the scientific journal "Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug

Safety," 9,201 deaths were reported among COVID-19 vaccine recipients from Dec. 14, 2020, and Nov. 17, 2021.

However, deaths among COVID-19 vaccine recipients during this time period were lower than the all-death rate, which measures the average rate of deaths by any cause among every 100,000.

Since January 2020, there have been 1,136,920 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in the United States.

To take the survey by Nov. 1, visit longbeach.gov/vaccinesurvey.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

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

FOOD

Long Beach seeks vendor for Mobile Healthy Food Market pilot program

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach is seeking a partner to roll out a healthy, produce-filled vehicle in 2024 that will frequent areas that don't have easy access to a supermarket.

The Mobile Healthy Food Market (MHFM) will likely prioritize the areas of North and Central Long Beach. The City has identified these areas as being in the lower 50% of the Healthy Place Index according to the U.S. Census.

As the cost of food rises, coupled with low wages, unemployment and business closures due to the pandemic, many residents may be struggling to afford healthy foods. Increasing access to better food selection for food deserts is part of Long Beach's Racial and Reconciliation Initiative passed in 2020.

The chosen vendor for the MHFM will aim to provide fruits and vegetables at or below the cost of "large retail stores" as well as connecting residents to other services and resources that increase health. The specific foods and resources provided will be determined by the vendor.

Long Beach is offering a maximum of \$750,000 to the chosen vendor of the one-year pilot program, which will be funded with Long Beach Recovery Act dollars.



Kristen Farrah Naeem | Signal Tribune

A free food crate distributed by Ruth Crosthwaith's church in 2020. Groceries included vegetables, fruits, milk, yogurt, bread and packages of snacks.

Recovery Act funds are from the federal government to help communities recover from the effects of COVID-19.

According to 2015 data from USDA's Economic Research Service Atlas, Central and North Long Beach are considered food deserts, meaning the residents living there have limited access to affordable and healthy produce.

The exact locations, schedule and decisions on how the MHFM will function will be up to the chosen vendor, according to the Health Department's Public Affairs Officer Jennifer Rice Epstein.

Interested vendors can apply through the *Long Beach Buys* website by 11 a.m. on Dec. 5. The City has also released an instructional video about the application and registration process.

FOOD GIVEAWAY

Sad about student loans? Cheer up with some free pizza.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Nothing will eliminate the pain of student loan payments, but free pizza can certainly soften the blow (and help with finances).

Domino's is set to give away \$1 million worth of free pizzas to people dealing with student loan payments. The company announced the giveaway on Oct. 25, following a tumultuous year of political powers going back and forth on the issue of student loan forgiveness.

Student loan payments resumed on Oct. 1.

"Student loan payments have resumed for millions of Americans, and we wanted to help in our own little way by using the power of pizza to do something nice for our customers," said Kate Trumbull,

Domino's senior vice president and chief brand officer. "When life gives you loans, Domino's gives you free pizza!"

The giveaway requires customers to apply in hopes of receiving a code, which will have a set limit each day until the \$1 million is used up or until Nov. 9, whichever occurs first. The code will be good for one free medium two-topping pizza, and customers can then enter to earn a free emergency pizza.

Here's how to apply for a free Domino's pizza:

- Visit the Domino's website at dominos.com/student-loans
- Apply for a free Emergency Pizza for Student Loans
- Verify your email address

If codes are still available on the day you apply, Domino's will send an email with a free pizza code,



Image Courtesy of Domino's

Two medium two-topping pizzas from Domino's.

which they can redeem on an online or delivery order within 30 days.

The website tells customers if any codes remain before requiring an application to be filled out. The amount of codes reset each day at midnight, eastern time.

As of Oct. 26, \$124,000 has been used up in the fund.

HEALTH

Long Beach appoints Alison King as acting director of Health Department

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach named Alison King as acting director of the Department of Health and Human Services on Oct. 24 while continuing the search for a permanent director.

King, who has served as the Bureau Manager for Long Beach's Housing Authority since 2016, will lead the City's Health Department beginning Oct. 28.

"Ms. King is an accomplished housing administrator and forward-thinking visionary dedicated to creating safe, comfortable and affordable living opportunities," said City Manager Tom Modica in a public statement. "With her knowledge base and compassion, I am confident in her abilities to lead the Health Department during this time."

King has worked with Long Beach's Housing Authority since 2005 and brings 20 years of public



Image Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Alison King has been named acting director for the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services.

service to the position.

Long Beach announced the departure of its Health Director, Kelly Colopy in September 2023. Colopy will be the Director of Human Services for Utah's Salt Lake County. Long Beach's Health Department has been working closely with City staff to address the local emergency regarding people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach by providing the City with biweekly updates on services, obstacles and goals.

King most recently oversaw a \$110 million budget to subsidize rental housing for over 7,000 low-income families and helped the Housing Authority award over 900 housing vouchers and 10 affordable housing development contracts.

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