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(Left) A pro-Palestine commenter giving public comment at Long Beach City Council uses her 60 seconds of speaking time to support the proposed proclamation for the City of Long Beach supporting a ceasefire in Gaza on Dec. 19, 2023, at the Long Beach City Council. (Center) Two of the 150 public commenters, one pro-Israel wearing a flag and one pro-Palestine wearing a keffiyeh, stand in line together while waiting to give public comment on a vote for a response calling for a ceasefire in Gaza on Dec. 19, 2023, at the Long Beach City Council. (Right) An Israeli man holds an Israeli flag while giving a passionate speech denouncing the proposed proclamation to support a ceasefire in Gaza on Dec. 19, 2023, at the Long Beach City Council.

Hundreds of Long Beach residents show up for ceasefire vote

Long Beach calls for ceasefire in Gaza following months of protests

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 Managing Editor

On Dec. 19, Long Beach became the largest city in California to formally call for a ceasefire in the Israel-Palestine war, following a highly anticipated decision by the city council.

Following protests outside City Hall and over 150 residents lining up to speak during the meeting, Long Beach councilmembers voted 5-2 to pass the proclamation.

Mayor Rex Richardson, Megan Kerr, Roberto Uranga, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Suely Saro and Al Austin voted in favor of the ceasefire proclamation while councilmembers Kristina Duggan and Daryl Supernaw voted against the proclamation. Vice Mayor Cindy Allen and councilmember Mary Zendejas were not present at Tuesday's meeting.

The message will be passed on to federal representatives asking them to support a "lasting humanitarian ceasefire in Israel and Gaza;" the safe passage of food, water, medical supplies and life-saving aid into Gaza; and a peaceful resolution that ends the attacks by Hamas in Israel and protects civilian life in Israel and Gaza.

"We as a city are not immune to what happens outside of our boundaries," said Mayor Rex Richardson while introducing the item. "We learned in 2020 we can't just roll up the windows or close

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A pro-Palestine attendee at the Long Beach City Council meeting wearing a keffiyeh and Palestinian flag cheers as the decision is made for the City of Long Beach to support a ceasefire in Gaza with a vote of 5-2 on Dec. 19, 2023.

Local Jewish community divided on Israel-Palestine War

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Leeding up to the Long Beach City Council's decision to support a ceasefire in Gaza, it became apparent that there was contention among the local Jewish community.

During the public comment portion of the Dec. 19 city council meeting, approximately 38 of the over 150 people who spoke were identified as Jewish; Of these individuals, 27 spoke out against the resolution, while 11 spoke in support of it.

Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League (A Jewish-rights organization), Peter Levi, expressed that he felt the Jewish community at large was organized against supporting the ceasefire resolution, even if some Jewish individuals disagreed.

"Here in Long Beach, and for one of the first times, the whole Jewish community, organized Jewish community—not necessarily every Jewish individual—but the whole community really comes together, that we cannot support this proclamation as stated for the simple terms that you've heard, that it doesn't take the simple step of condemning Hamas as a terrorist organization."

Pini Herman, a leader in the Jewish organization IfNotNow (an organization that fights for Israeli and Palestinian equality) and a former member of the Israeli Defense Forces, referred to his group

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TRANSPORTATION

Port of Long Beach receives \$283 million for 'America's Green Gateway' rail project

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The setting sun is blocked by a Singapore-based Ocean Network Express (ONE) cargo ship at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022.

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The Port of Long Beach announced Monday it will receive \$283 million from the federal government to build "America's Green Gateway," a rail project aimed at expediting deliveries across the nation.

The U.S. Department of Transportation provided the funding for the port's B On-Dock Rail Support Facility through its Mega Grant Program. The \$1.5 billion project is expected to be the port's centerpiece of on-dock rail construction improvements, according to port officials.

Port officials said moving cargo by on-dock rail—directly moving containers to and from marine terminals by trains—is cleaner and more efficient because it reduces truck traffic.

The new facility will more than double the size of the existing Pier B rail yard from 82 acres to 171 acres and more than triple the volume of on-dock rail cargo the port can handle annually—from 1.5 million twenty-foot equivalent units to 4.7 million.

The yard will also include a depot for fueling and servicing up to 30 trains at the same time and a full-service staging area to assemble and break down trains up to 10,000 feet long, according to port officials.

Construction is expected to begin next year. The project will be built in phases, with completion aimed for 2032.

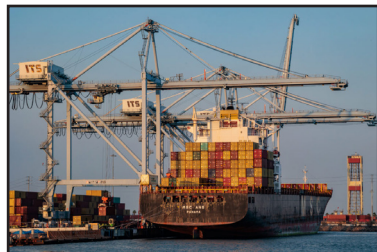
The federal grant follows a \$158.4 million award from the state, according to California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin, who led a state delegation to Washington, D.C., over the summer to meet with top U.S. transportation officials about federal funding for California's ports.

The port has secured more than \$640 million in state and federal grant funding for Pier B and continues to seek additional funding.

Mario Cordero, the port's CEO, said the grant will have a "staggering" impact on the project.

"This is a facility that will help move cargo more efficiently to homes and businesses across America, and from U.S. producers to overseas markets, resulting in systemwide benefits to the supply chain," Cordero said.

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson said the Pier B Rail project "will improve the Port of Long Beach's sustainability and efficiency, bringing us up to 35% on-dock rail capacity in our terminals and improving the air quality for our residents."



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Cranes remove cargo containers from a ship at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022.

SMALL PLANES

LB can't force regulation changes at airport; will look for voluntary solutions to noise and pollution

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The Long Beach City Council has instructed two of the City's committees to study noise and air pollution stemming from operations at the Long Beach Airport.

The Housing and Public Health Committee and the Mobility, Ports, and Infrastructure Committee will now discuss the issue, and return to the City Council with potential solutions.

Over the last year, District 5 residents who live under the airport's flight path have been saying that the noise from small airplanes has recently significantly increased. They've also expressed concern over the use of leaded gas by the airplanes that fly over their homes.

Residents have formed the Small Aircraft Noise Reduction (SANeR) group to advocate for a change in the policies that have allowed for these increases, but Long Beach city council said those changes may be harder than previously expected. The group has over 700 members as of Dec. 21.

When the United States Congress passed the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA) in 1990, it restricted cities from implementing their own airport codes. Long Beach is one of the few cities that had their noise ordinance "grand-

fathered in," and there has been no updates to that ordinance since 1995.

Cities who were able to keep their own ordinance must appeal to ANCA and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in order to make changes, and City staff said that no city has successfully passed the appeal process.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Long Beach Airport produces the second-highest lead pollution among airports across the nation.

Gasoline used in cars once contained lead, until legislation banned leaded gasoline once it became apparent that it caused health problems such as heart disease, stroke and cancer, as well as stunting the mental development of children.

A 2021 study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found evidence that from the 1950s to the 1980s, over half the U.S. population was exposed to significant levels of lead during childhood, which lowered the average IQ level by 2.6 points.

On Oct. 18, the Environmental Protection Agency released a statement saying that the use of leaded gas by aircraft can cause or contribute to air pollution, and "reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and welfare under the Clean Air Act."

During its Nov. 14 meeting, the



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

Long Beach City Council voted to write a letter to Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency and the FAA asking these agencies to more quickly phase out the use of leaded gas for general aviation aircraft—which is currently planned by the FAA for 2030.

Some residents have also asked that the City stop issuing business licenses to flight schools that want to operate out of the Long Beach Airport.

There are currently seven flight schools located at the airport, according to the Long Beach Airport's Public Relations Office.

According to a report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released in May, regional airports across the nation have reported that meeting the hiring demand for airline pilots has been difficult, and that this has caused

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CITY RESOURCES

Long Beach Multi-Service Center will shelter 60 homeless residents during cold-weather evenings

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

When low temperatures, high winds or increased levels of rain hit Long Beach this winter, the Multi-Service Center will provide overnight shelter for up to 60 people through March 2024, the City announced Sunday.

Long Beach also opened its annual winter shelter earlier this month with 125 beds, food and access to services, which will operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day, through March 24, 2024.

The Multi-Service Center will provide 60 separate rooms for men and women, according to a statement from the City. The Center will open for overnight shelter for those experiencing homelessness when temperatures are forecasted 45 degrees or lower, a flood watch warning is issued or when the National Weather Service forecasts rain heavier than "light showers."

"By activating our Multi-Service Center as an overnight shelter during these cold winter months, we are offering a vital lifeline for individuals who would otherwise be exposed to the harsh elements," Mayor Rex Richardson said in a



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An aerial view of the Long Beach Multi-Service center on Feb. 6, 2023.

public statement

The 2023 Long Beach Homeless Point-in-Time Count identified over 2,200 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Long Beach.

Homeless Services Bureau staff, REACH teams and Mobile Access Centers will conduct outreach to bring people into the centers who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness during times of activation. City staff will also utilize the Homelessness Text Alert Program and the City's social media to provide information on how to access shelter.

Residents will be able to stay in the Multi-Service Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Those spending the night in the

Center will receive a cot, a blanket, hygiene supplies, access to restrooms, a hot dinner, a small breakfast and links to supportive services from the Mobile Access Center. Residents will be required to leave in the morning and can re-enter in the evening if the Center is still required.

Recent reports by the National Weather Forecast estimate a record rainy season due to El Niño which is expected to bring increased rains, winds and low temperatures.

Long Beach residents can donate items for hygiene kits, blankets, coats, socks, sweaters, beanies, gloves, hand warmers and other cold-weather items at the Multi-Service Center. Those interested in volunteering with the City's Medical Reserve Corps, which will be utilized to support staff coverage at the shelter, can sign up at www.longbeach.gov/mrc.

The Inclement Weather Shelter is funded through Measure H funds, also used for the Winter Shelter Program, as well as additional support from Los Angeles County.

Residents can follow @lbhealthdept and @longbeachcity on social media for updates.

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AROUND TOWN

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

Tis the season for holiday movie screenings with friends, Christmas dinners at local restaurants and many more fun and festive things to do this week in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Those searching for last minute gifts are encouraged to stop by the Signal Hill Public Library to take advantage of their buy-one, get-one-free book sale going on through December.

Fun performances will take place at the Long Beach Convention Center with beloved performances of "The Nutcracker" Friday and Saturday, while Harvelle's will host burlesque and pole dance performances Friday. Families can watch "Gremlins" at Trademark Brewing Friday night, vintage cartoons at the Long Beach Art Theatre Saturday morning or "The Grinch" at Lincoln Park Thursday night.

22 FRIDAY

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) is hosting a buy-one, get-one-free book sale at its shop through the month of December. The book nook also offers CDs, magazines, audiobooks and more. Prices vary.

ART CHAT

Noon to 2 p.m. A weekly discussion of the exhibits at the Long Beach Museum of Art (356 E 3rd St.). Docents will inform attendees about each exhibit currently on display at the museum and facilitate a discussion about them. Participation is included when visitors pay the \$12 admission to enter the museum.

HOLIDAY MOVIE SCREENING

7 p.m. Trademark Brewing (233

E Anaheim St.) will be screening the holiday movie "Gremlins." To register for this event, visit Eventbrite. Free.

LONG BEACH NUTCRACKER

7:30 p.m. The Long Beach Ballet will host performances of the classic holiday ballet, "The Nutcracker," at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.). Standard admission tickets can be purchased for \$65, either in person at the Convention Center's box office or online on Ticketmaster.

TWISTED TEASE

8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Harvelle's (201 E Broadway) will be hosting a performance that combines burlesque and pole dancing for those 21 and older. There will be a two-drink minimum. General admission tickets can be purchased online on Eventbrite for \$21.

23 SATURDAY

TOY GIVEAWAY

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Local Hearts Foundation will be giving toys to children at MacArthur Park (1321 E Anaheim St.). Free.

HOLIDAY CARTOON MADNESS

11 a.m. The Long Beach Art Theater (2025 E 4th St.) will be screening a collection of vintage Christmas cartoons, featuring well-known characters such as Betty Boop, Popeye and more. Tickets can be purchased for \$12 on the theater's website.

STAND-UP COMEDY

7 p.m. Popular comedians will perform at Good Time LB (1322 Coronado Ave.) as the cafe remains open to offer craft beer, wine and plants for sale. Tickets are \$15 and

can be purchased on Eventbrite.

24 SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & DINNER

11 a.m. to midnight. Residents can kick off Christmas Eve with a "Santa Hat Christmas Eve Brunch" at Cafe Sevilla (140 Pine Ave.) featuring bottomless mimosas, Spanish breakfast foods and live DJ music. Dinner will also be available all day with a three-course Christmas menu and live Latin music from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THE DIRTY LOWDOWN

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. DJs Devyn and Ryan will be playing selections of yacht rock, city pop, funk and soul at The Bamboo Club (3522 E Anaheim St.). This event is for those 21 and older. Free to enter.

25 MONDAY

MEATLESS MONDAYS

4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Trademark Brewing (233 E Anaheim St.) hosts a rotating slew of vegan vendors such as Mexican food, pizza, pasta, desserts and more. Entry is free.

DINNER & MUSIC

Shenanigans Irish Pub & Grill (423 Shoreline Village Drive A) will be hosting a special Christmas dinner. The meal will include a 9 ounce prime rib, mashed potatoes, garlic broccolini, a dinner roll and garlic butter au jus. The dinner costs \$46 per person.

26 TUESDAY

LATIN MUSIC

8 p.m. to midnight. Every Tues-



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Dancers with the Long Beach Ballet perform a dance from Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.

day night, The Bamboo Club (3522 E Anaheim St.) features a rotation of all-vinyl DJs spinning Caribbean music. The restaurant will be serving Latin American food and drink specials. Entry is free.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can bring their Christmas tree to 12 locations around Long Beach for free recycling services. All decorations and stands must be removed, trees 12 feet and over must be cut in half and flocked trees will be accepted. If unable to drop off, trees can be picked up for free on Jan. 13 if the tree is placed where recycling is usually picked up by 7 a.m. Both services are free.

PACIFIC PAL MEET-AND-GREET

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local aquatic celebrities at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way) will meet and hang out with guests on select dates through Jan. 5. Mascots include Axl the Axolotl, Seymour the Shark and two other Pacific pals. The experience is included with general admission tickets, which can be purchased online, and is free for Aquarium members.

27 WEDNESDAY

COMMUNITY WELLNESS SPACE FOR PALESTINIANS

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Palestinian, Arab and Muslim people are invited to this community space by Birth Workers of Color Collective, where they can receive complimentary massages, acupuncture and more. Attendees will receive items that can help regulate their nervous systems to take home. Send a direct message on Instagram to @solan-drootsdoula to RSVP. The address will be shared after RSVP. Free.

TRIVIA

7 p.m. The Long Beach Beer Lab (518 W Willow St.) will be hosting a trivia night organized by America's Pub Quiz. The winners will receive gift certificates. Free.

28 THURSDAY

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

3 p.m. Families can enjoy a free screening of the 2018 animated film "The Grinch" along with cookie decorating, Grinch-themed arts and crafts, hot cocoa and popcorn at Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.). Free parking is available in the Civic Center garage at 332 W Broadway. Lawn chairs, blankets, food and drinks are encouraged. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

KWANZAA KUUMBA

5 p.m. Studio Pick (4356 Atlantic Ave.) will be hosting this workshop in anticipation of Kwanzaa. Attendees can prepare for the holiday by creating their own unity cup and mkeka mat. This workshop will be taught by Mirah, the President of the Black Student Union at a local highschool. All materials will be provided. Each family will get one unity cup. Free.

DISNEY ON ICE

7 p.m. This kid-friendly performance at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.) features the Disney characters Anna, Elsa and Mirabel as they discover the power of love. Everyone ages 2 and older is required to have their own ticket. Those ages 14 and older are asked to please not come in costume, but costumes are fine for smaller children. General admission costs \$25 per person and can be purchased on Ticketmaster.

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SAFE PARKING

Long Beach residents take parking solutions into their own hands

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Turning lanes, red-painted curbs and traffic lanes — Long Beach residents are creating their own solutions to the city's parking problems, and they're willing to risk a ticket to do it.

Double parking — using a traffic lane to park alongside a car at the curb — now has been joined by cars cozied up together in the middle of the road. Maybe some of them have their hazard lights on, set to blink on and off through the night. Most of them, however, sit comfortably but illegally, declaring that Long Beach lacks sufficient parking.

Parking has worsened in recent years as California pushes for denser housing, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and mixed-use zoning.

In the last 30 years, California has funneled \$3 billion to various cities to bolster the creation of affordable housing. According to the City's housing production dashboard, 1,300 units were developed in 2021, including 213 ADUs.

The U.S. Census estimates Long Beach had a total of 179,530 housing units in 2020, and it doesn't help that the average home in Long Beach has at least two cars, according to Data USA.

While the population and housing supply have grown, the amount of available parking has largely re-



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Multiple vehicles can be seen parked in the turning lanes on Pine Avenue from a car mirror on Dec. 12, 2023.

Long Beach parking issued 93 citations for double parking in October and November.

mained stagnant. In some areas, such as Downtown, delivery vehicles have normalized parking in the middle of two lanes to make a quick stop; in other parts of the city, it's a frequent overnight occurrence.

Parking challenges have made parts of the city "almost unlivable. It's frustrating," said Daniel Anaya, who grew up in North Long Beach, one of the city-identified "parking impacted areas."

Anaya parked illegally a few times with his own car, before switching to a motorcycle and a paid parking garage space.

Long Beach's Parking Impacted Areas map was last updated in April, and identifies parts of North Long Beach, Central Long Beach, Belmont Heights, Belmont Shore, Wrigley and more. These city-identified areas mean if a property owner wants to sell a home, they're

required to sign off on a report stating the home has "off-street parking spaces."

This isn't required for areas outside of the "parking-impacted" zones, or for apartments, condominiums or townhomes with a parking facility.

Rogue parking is happening throughout the city, and from October to November, Long Beach issued 93 citations for double parking alone, according to Public Works.

City Traffic Engineer Paul Van Dyke told the *Signal Tribune* on Nov. 29 that the city is in the process of addressing one of the most popular double parking destinations: Pine Avenue in Downtown.

Van Dyke said the street already was scheduled for repaving, and will be repainted to add different striping designs to eliminate the center turning lanes. The city also hopes to create more parking along the street by changing the parking lines from parallel to diagonal.

Van Dyke said these aren't cut-and-paste solutions, and the City is assessing streets on "a case-by-case basis." Belmont Shore is another area that frequently has trucks and delivery vehicles parked in turning lanes or blocking pathways, so Van Dyke said the City is "looking to reconfigure its loading zones."

The *Signal Tribune* reached out to Public Works and the City Traffic Engineer multiple times through

email and phone calls from Dec. 13 to Dec. 19 to get a timeline on when the work along Pine Avenue would be complete and did not hear back by the time of publication.

A California law passed on Jan. 1, 2023 said that Long Beach may implement a pilot program where vehicles can park "on the left-hand side of the roadway parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on two-way local residential streets."

The area that can be included in the pilot program is limited to the streets perpendicular to Ocean Boulevard beginning at Balboa Place and ending at 72nd Street, but excludes 62nd Place.

The *Signal Tribune* reached out to Van Dyke multiple times via phone calls and emails from Dec. 13 to Dec. 19 to ask if the city was considering implementing such a program and did not hear back by the time of publication.



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A delivery vehicle is parked in the turning lane on Pine Avenue as the driver leaves the vehicle on Dec. 12, 2023.

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the curtains on what happens outside our city," he said, citing the "tension and fear" in the community during the nationwide protests following the murder of George Floyd and other Black Americans at the hands of police.

Long Beach residents have been showing up to city council meetings and protesting outside of City Hall for over a month demanding that City officials vote to call a ceasefire in Gaza.

On Oct. 7, the terrorist group Hamas launched an airstrike attack on Israel, killing 1,400 civilians. Hamas took 240 hostages during the attack, and recently released 100 of those hostages who revealed they were subject to psychological, physical and sexual torture. Israeli leaders said they believe another 129 people, mostly men, are still being held hostage.

"Hamas' fight is not just territorial, it is a call for a new Holocaust against Jews. Israel not only has a right to defend itself, it has an obligation and a duty to do so ... to not let terrorists win," said Carol Jones, a District 3 resident who asked the city council to deny the proclamation.

In response to the Hamas' attack, Israel has launched an aerial attack on Gaza that has been nearly constant since Oct. 7, with only one brief pause. The Guardian reported that 20,000 Palestinian people have been killed in the bombings, with another 2 million displaced as the city crumbles.

Israel has limited Palestinians ability to leave the occupied territory of Gaza, even before the Oct. 7 attack, and has put up blockades preventing civilians from leaving the area. The Human Rights Watch called Gaza an "open-air prison" before the war began, with 80% of the population living in poverty and most residents living without education, health care or economic opportunity.



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A man draped in an Israeli flag plays guitar and sings songs in Hebrew during a rally outside Long Beach City Hall before a vote for a response calling for a ceasefire in Palestine on Dec. 19, 2023.

According to Gaza's Health Ministry, the vast majority of victims killed by the Israeli bombings have been women and children.

"Do you guys realize that history didn't begin on October 7 ... You fail to acknowledge that the attack itself was a result of the oppression of Palestinians in the past 75 years," said Carlos Seville. "You claim that Israel has a right to defend itself but purposely ignore that if Israelis have that right, why not Palestinians?"

On Dec. 8, the United Nations attempted to pass a humanitarian ceasefire similar to the one Long Beach passed, but despite the back-



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Pro-Palestine attendees of the Long Beach City Council cheer as the 5-2 decision is made to pass a proclamation for the City of Long Beach to support a ceasefire in Gaza on Dec. 19, 2023.

ing of more than 90 member countries, the resolution was vetoed by the United States.

Long Beach's Equity and Human Relations Commission has discussed the Israel-Palestine war three times in the past month, inviting residents to speak at their meetings. On Nov. 8, the commission passed a resolution urging the city council to call for a ceasefire to end the violence in Israel and Palestine, provide educational resources for the public and condemn all forms of hate.

Residents asking councilmembers to reject the proclamation largely requested the language be edited to condemn the terrorist group Hamas and ask for the return of the Israel hostages being held. Both of these statements were already written into the proposed proclamation.

"The city of Long Beach doesn't have any business telling an independent free country how to defend itself," said Anna Silesky in opposition to the proclamation. "This particular proclamation calls for a ceasefire without conditioning on a return of the hostages and the dead returning their bodies to their loved ones and I feel it's appropriate for that language to do so and

ask you to add that."

The almost-four-hour public comment period was met with cheering, booing and the occasional shouting match as people argued from their seats and in the aisle. Residents filled the chambers with signs reading "LBC United For Peace," "Free Palestine from the River to the Sea," "Bring Them Home," "History Will Judge Our Actions," posters depicting victims of Hamas kidnapping and more.

People on both sides of the issue were accusing the other of spreading "misinformation" and citing acts of violence from the extremist Hamas group in Gaza and the Israeli Defense Forces, the national military of Israel.

Many Jewish residents spoke in favor of the proclamation and in support of their Palestinian neighbors.

"Many Long Beach residents have family in Palestine and are impacted by the ongoing genocide taking place in addition to the anti-Palestinian rhetoric they are enduring here locally," said Estie Chandler. "As Jews, we know this dehumanizing language is intended to desensitize the public to the mass slaughter we are all witnessing. We must speak out and refuse

to be complacent in this horrific violence and oppression. As Jews, we say, 'Not in our names' as the cry for 'never again' includes all people everywhere."

The city council made their decision fairly quickly, after giving brief statements either in support or in opposition of the proclamation. Duggan was one of two council members who disagreed with the item, along with Supernaw. She echoed the statements of a few residents who said Long Beach had no place weighing in on global issues.

"I did not promise to rid the world of all issues, but to be focused on solving the issues facing the residents in the third district and in Long Beach," Duggan said.

She added that she supports the safe return of hostages, for negotiations to lead to a lasting ceasefire, humanitarian aid to Gaza and overall ending the war. However, she said she felt the item was "born out of division" and disagreed with the "scorched Earth advocacy that includes shutting down city council meetings until we take a desired position." Duggan was likely referencing the recent disruptions at meetings from protestors, which involved one meeting where all attendees had to be removed.

Supernaw said that residents from his district reached out to him "in overwhelming numbers" asking him to oppose the proclamation.

Before final votes, Richardson reminded residents that there's still more work to do, and that he wants the interfaith communities to come together and be an example of "dig-



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Cindy Lara talks to her son Brandon, who is holding a Palestinian flag, during a rally outside Long Beach City Hall before a vote for a response calling for a ceasefire in Palestine on Dec. 19, 2023.

nity and how to show mutual respect for our diverse communities."

He added that the City needs to engage in public education about the crisis.

Nearly the entire remaining crowd was made up of free Palestine and ceasefire supporters, many of whom were holding signs saying "Free Palestine." When the decision was announced, most of the crowd stood up with their signs held high, cheering as the councilmembers walked out for a much-needed break.

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**TST7168 Case No. 23LBCP00448
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: Haley Joan Solich for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Haley Joan Solich has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing he) name as follows: Present Name: Haley Joan Solich Proposed Name: Haley Joan Noriega 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: January 12, 2024, 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, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 ___/ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 29, 2023

**TST7157 / 2023 246270
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: EL RINCON MARKET, 10500 S FREEMAN AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA. 90304. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ONE 11 TURNING POINT LLC, 10500 S FREEMAN AVE, LENNOX, CA. 90304. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all infor-

mation in this statement is true and correct. Signed: FERMIN JAIME IGLESIAS, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2021. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 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: November 17, 24 & December 1, 8, 2023

**TST7171 Case No. 23LBCP00452
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: Everett Nehemia Mason for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Everett Nehemia Mason has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Everett Nehemia Mason Proposed Name: Yukatan Mason 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: January 19, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date

set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 ___/ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 05, 2023

**TST7178 / 2023 255240
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. BAMBUSI ENTERPRISES LLC, 2. CH CONSULTING LLC, 300 LONG BEACH BLVD 714, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CONSTRUCTIONJANE LLC, 300 LONG BEACH BLVD 714, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. 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: GOODNESS OLAYIWOLA, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in November, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 28, 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: December 22, 29, 2023 & January 5, 12, 2024

**TST7180 Case No. 23CMCP00222
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Compton Courthouse, 200 West Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: Emma Gutierrez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioners: Emma Gutierrez, by and through her parents. Mother, Vanessa M. Chavez & Father, Osvaldo Gutierrez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing their daughter's name as follows: Present Name: Emma Gutierrez Proposed Name: Emma Violet Gutierrez 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: February 20, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. B, Room 906. 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

TST7179/Order No: 16453
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newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755 December 22, 29, 2023 & January 5, 12, 2024. ___/ss//___ Fumiko H. Wasserman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 15, 2023

TST7177

**Case No. 23STPB13617
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Monica Rae
Herman, aka Monica Herman,
or Monica R. Herman**

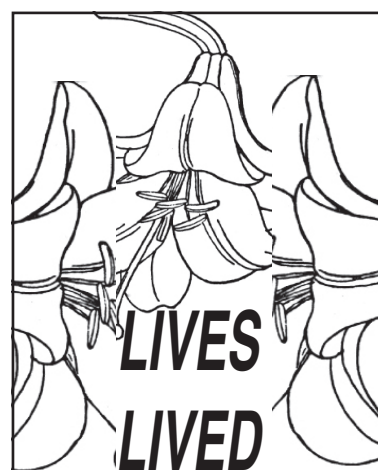
1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MONICA RAE HERMAN, aka Monica Merman or Monica R. Herman. 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Charlene Garces in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that Charlene Garces 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. January 11, 2024 @ 8:30am, Dept: 11 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: J. BRETT MILLER 3070 BRISTOL ST., STE. 500 COSTA MESA, CA. 92626 Pub. Signal Tribune, December 22, 29, 2023 & January 5, 2024



**Pet of the week:
Kandy**

A little bit of Kandy goes a long way to make things sweet, not just for you but also for Kandy herself! Kandy, seen here in her cone of pride, is a 2-year-old Chihuahua who was found near Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier covered in a motor oil-like substance. Shelter vets found some damage on her eye. Wow, does she need a Christmas gift, like a real home with trusted people! This month, Long Beach Animal Care Services is offering a Naughty or Nice, Pick Your Own Price deal for adoptions. Shelter hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). You can email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process for adopting or fostering Linda. Ask for ID#A682262.

(This rescue encouraged by the usual suspects.)



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EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, December 13

1:19 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block E. 33rd St.
2:17 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./Orange Ave.
2:58 p.m., Criminal threats, 2200 block Walnut Ave.

Thursday, December 14

1:08 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2300 block Ohio Ave.
12:43 p.m., Injury hit and run, Walnut Ave./E. 28th St.
1:14 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1600 block E. Spring St.
3:37 p.m., Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
8:06 p.m., Injury hit and run, 700 block E. Spring St.
8:21 p.m., Burglary, 1900 block Temple Ave.
10:13 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1500 block of 254th

Friday, December 15

11:14 a.m., Fire, E. Burnett St./Cherry Ave.
2:44 p.m., Fight, 1900 block Cherry Ave. (citation issued)
2:47 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block E. 20th St.
3:07 p.m., Criminal threats, 2000 block Stanley Ave.
7:02 p.m., Assault with deadly weapon, 1800 block Molino Ave.
7:48 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave./E. Spring St.

Saturday, December 16

9:54 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Obispo Ave./E. 19th St.
3:09 p.m., Battery, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
9:34 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2700 block E. PCH

Sunday, December 17

1:55 a.m., DUI, 2500 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
4:29 p.m., Criminal threats, 2400 block E. 19th St.
10:24 a.m., Burglary, 2100 block E. Willow St.
3:37 p.m., Battery, 3300 block E. PCH
4:31 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Walnut Ave./E. Burnett St.

Monday, December 18

6:05 a.m., Fire, 2600 block E. Willow St.
7:00 a.m., Criminal threats, 1900 block E. 21st St.
8:26 a.m., Burglary, 600 block E. 27th St.
12:44 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, California Ave./E. 32nd St.
10:46 p.m., Intoxicated person, Skyline Dr./Dawson Ave. (citation issued)

Tuesday, December 19

1:11 a.m., Possessing controlled substance; resist/obstruct Peace Officer; appropriate lost property, 2100 block Crescent Dr. (suspect arrested)
7:29 a.m., Receive known stolen property; possessing paraphernalia; possessing controlled substance, 2200 block E. 21st St. (suspect arrested)
12:54 p.m., Forgery, 2400 block Brayton Ave.
1:38 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1600 block E. Spring St.
4:28 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Temple Ave./E. 28th St.
5:53 p.m., Injury hit and run, Cherry Ave./E. Hill St.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

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Mobius Lucero (left) and another attendee hold pro-Palestine signs while waiting to enter the Long Beach City Council chambers to give public comment on a vote for a response calling for a ceasefire in Gaza on Dec. 19, 2023.

as “part of the newer organized Jewish community.”

“I’m asking you to vote yes on the ceasefire resolution,” Herman said during public comment. “As a former officer in the Israeli Defense Forces, I know that there is no military solution and only ceasefire negotiations, and an end to the 16 years siege, will bring the beginning of peace.”



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Tony Aldana holds a sign with “History will judge our actions” written on it outside of Long Beach City Hall before a vote for a response calling for a ceasefire in Gaza on Dec. 19, 2023.

While Tuesday was the first night there were counter-protesters at the Civic Center fighting for both sides, pro-Palestine protests have continued there for months. Shirin Senegal, a Palestinian resident of Long Beach who has been pivotal in organizing these demonstrations, said they were made possible in part due to the work of her Jewish allies.

“You know, my mom would tell me, ‘I grew up with my Jewish

brothers and sisters. They’re my sisters and brothers and I’m never gonna let a government divide us or separate us,’” Senegal told the *Signal Tribune*. “And that’s how we were raised. Even though she went through the ‘48 War. She survived the bombing at 10 years old. She didn’t have hate in her heart for the people. And I think that that’s a misconception. And in our work, it’s been the Jewish community standing with us.”

Many Jewish commenters on Tuesday took offense to the slogan “From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be Free” which they said calls for the elimination of Israel and the elimination of the Jewish people living there.

Marshall Blesofsky, a local Jewish man, spoke at a pro-Palestine rally at the Civic Center on Nov. 14, and shared a differing opinion on the phrase.

“The slogan ‘From the River to the Sea’ also applies to Jews in Israel,” Blesofsky said. “Because we’re not free until all Palestinians are free, and all Jews are free.”

Blesofsky highlighted the violence faced by Jewish Israelis who speak out against the war, specifically referencing the case of Israel Frey, a Haredi Jewish man who was driven out of his home by an angry mob after a video circulated online of Frey saying a prayer of mourning for Gaza’s dead children.

Blesofsky also stated his support for the “Everyone for Everyone”

campaign, which is supported by family members of hostages taken by Hamas. Under this plan, all hostages taken by Hamas would be exchanged for all political prisoners taken by Israel.

Many of the pro-Israel commenters Tuesday night expressed that any ceasefire should be contingent on the return of all the remaining hostages taken during the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas.

Before entering the council chamber Tuesday, protesters faced off on different sides of the Civic Center Plaza. Senegal was a peaceful presence throughout the protest. When pro-Israel demonstrators began loudly chanting “Bring Them Home” in reference to the hostages, the pro-Palestine crowd quickly drowned them out with louder chants of “Ceasefire Now,” until Senegal walked into the crowd and told those on her side to be quiet and calm and allow the other side to continue their chants.



Courtesy of Yanki Greenspan

The bus for a local Hebrew School was vandalized with antisemitic graffiti while parked in the Cal Heights neighborhood.

The loudest group on the pro-Israel side was a group of young female students from a local Hebrew school who were singing, chanting and shouting throughout the protest, before anyone else. The girls had been left hurt and irate after their school bus was reportedly vandalized with anti-semitic graffiti while parked in the Cal Heights neighborhood of Long Beach.

One of the teen girls was in Israel when the Oct. 7 attack happened.

“We woke up at 6 a.m. and there were a bunch of sirens going off and my family had to run. I didn’t know what was going on. I just jumped out of bed in my pajamas,” said the local Hebrew school student who chose not to give her name. “And it was terrifying because it was also Shabbat for us and we couldn’t go on our phones. So we were sitting in the bomb shelter, we went like eight times that day, and we were only able to look up what happened after the holiday. And it was just horrifying to be there and it was so heartbreaking.”

The students asked the *Signal Tribune* not to name their Hebrew school, due to fears of violence.

Yanki Greenspan, the father of one of the students, said, “Seeing the protests about genocide, I mean, that’s people accusing me and my family of genocide and so that’s hurtful. I’ve never been afraid to be a Jew in my life—except when I have been in Israel and when I’ve taken a wrong turn into the wrong neighborhood, that’s obviously been scary—but past that, this is the most scared I’ve ever been.”

Other Jewish protesters standing on the opposite side of the protest condemned the idea that accusing Israel of genocide was offensive to Jewish people or antisemitic.

“I was raised progressive Jewish and seeing the level of destruction being wrought by the Israeli government and the association that they have with Judaism hurts my soul,” said Long Beach resident Philip Belfer. “It goes against all of what I understood modern Judaism to stand for. I want to show that as a Jew, I also understand the humanity of the Palestinian people.”

Another point of contention in the global issue was brought up during public comment: Who is indigenous to the land that Israel and Palestine are on?

“We were there before they were, [...] and yet they say Jews don’t belong there,” said Holocaust survivor Yetta Kane in her public comment.

Around 73 A.D., the Romans drove the Jewish people out of Palestine, creating a diaspora where Jewish people were forced to flee to different corners of the world, and often intermixed with other pop-

ulations. Zionism is based on the idea that after thousands of years away from the land of ancient Israel, it is still the homeland of the Jewish people and they have a right to return.

However, a 2020 study published by the peer-reviewed scientific journal *Cell* found evidence that modern-day Jewish ethnic groups and Palestinians share the same ancestry, and that an average of 50% of DNA from both groups comes from shared ancestors.



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Both pro-Israel and pro-Palestine attendees hold signs and flags while waiting in line to enter city council chambers for public comment before a vote for a response calling for a ceasefire in Gaza on Dec. 19, 2023.

This information was echoed by a Jewish public commenter named Maya in support of the ceasefire resolution, who said, “While we’re talking history, I want to go way back to the Canaanites who were the first people in that land. And from the Canaanites, came the ancient people of Israel, the ancient tribes of Israel, and across the many thousands of years, the different groups that combined to form the ethnic group that is today the Palestinians also descended from the Canaanites. We are literally ancestral cousins.”

[The *Signal Tribune* is choosing to refer to the current violence as the Israel-Palestine War in reflection of the geographical areas where it is occurring. This is in line with the standard naming of wars, for example the Vietnam War and Iraq War, which the U.S. government has said was waged against the Viet-Cong and the regime of Saddam Hussein, respectively, rather than other nations at large.

The *Signal Tribune* also referred to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which was recognized as a genocide by President Joe Biden, as a war.]

LB AIRPORT NOISE

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operation issues. The GAO also noted that based on current data, the demand for pilots is expected to continue to be strong, despite the number of qualified airline pilots increasing every year between 2017 and 2022.

Long Beach Airport Director Cynthia Guidry said that there are now over 400 flights a day from small planes. The airport received \$5.6 million in revenue from general aviation, and \$50 million from commercial flights in 2023.

During the Dec. 12 city council meeting, City staff explained that the FAA controls noise levels for all airports across the country. City staff also explained that because the Long Beach Airport receives funds from the FAA, it is subject to FAA rules when it comes to allowing licensed businesses to operate at the airport and setting prices for leaded fuel as well.

Since 2004, The airport has accepted \$347 million in federal grants.

City Manager Tom Modica added that if Long Beach loses its noise ordinance, it would have to adopt the ANCA, which would result in

“an immediate increase in regional commercial flight activity.”

While the City can not force the airport to change its operations, District 5 Councilmember Megan Kerr shared other ways to address the noise and pollution concerns from residents.

The City is trying to get flight schools to voluntarily agree to its Fly Friendly program, which recommends flight paths for training that would minimize the amount of homes impacted by the noise.

Since it can’t charge pilots more for leaded fuel, the City hopes to find ways to subsidize non-leaded fuel in order to remove the financial barrier around the more expensive but more environmentally friendly option.

Mayor Rex Richardson acknowledged that the City’s “hands are tied” but said they will attempt to get senators and members of Congress to “back them up.”

Councilmember Al Austin suggested the City update its noise-monitoring microphones and locations, which have not been updated since 1987.



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



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