

Q&A

An end-of-year conversation with Signal Hill's mayor and vice mayor

Samantha Diaz
 Managing Editor

Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods and Vice Mayor Edward Wilson spoke with the *Signal Tribune* about the city's top priorities heading into its centennial in 2024, lessons they've learned in a collective 30-plus years on the city council, and what got them into local politics.

Answers have been shortened for clarity, length and grammar purposes. View the full version of the conversation on our website.

Signal Tribune: *How do you feel the city and the role of Signal Hill Mayor has changed since your last mayoral term in 2018?*

Lori Woods: The role of mayor really hasn't changed; here in Signal Hill the elected councilmembers rotate annually into the mayor position.

Over the years I've really come to appreciate the fact that we rotate being mayor, because the mayor is also exposed to more regional meetings and regional planning, not just for Signal Hill but for the entire region, the county, and the Gateway Cities Council. So we have time to be more exposed to regional issues and how they affect Signal Hill during our year as mayor as well.

ST: *What are you most excited about for the next year?*

LW: The thing I'm most excited for, for the entire community, is the centennial celebration. We're really hoping to get as many of our residents and businesses involved. In the next few days, we'll have a whole sponsorship package available for a variety of business members, community members, and residents to get involved and be recognized during the centennial.

The first major celebration will be in April. There will be smaller events going on, but the city was incorporated in April of 1924, so that will [be] the major celebration and kick off the rest of the year.

Starting in January, we'll have a history room in the library so every month there will be a different display focusing on the different history of Signal Hill.

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 Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods poses for a portrait in the city council chambers on Dec. 19, 2023.

Best Feature Photos

From the arts feature story "Local singer Calinnah writes songs for sad girls," written by Kristen Farrah Naeem. Our photo editor Richard H. Grant utilized a stunning Signal Hill landmark and a sunny SoCal day for these breathtaking feature photos.



BEST OF 2023

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POLITICS

What did your state and federal representatives do in December?

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The *Signal Tribune's* second installment of this new monthly series covers the actions taken by Long Beach's federal and state representatives throughout December. The purpose of this ongoing series is to help the public stay abreast of their elected officials year-round and hold them accountable.

Robert Garcia

U.S. Representative for California's 42nd Congressional District

Santos Expelled: On Dec. 1, the efforts of Garcia and other members of congress to expel George Santos from office were finally successful. Members of the House of Representatives voted 311-114 to remove the proven charlatan, who was found to have lied about his background during his election campaign, and to have misused campaign funds, including to make purchases from Sephora and OnlyFans.

Impeachment Criticism: Garcia has been an outspoken critic of efforts from members of the



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Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia sits at the head of a table inside Rose Park Coffee Roasters on Pine Avenue during the Recovery Roundtable event on March 8, 2022.

Republican Party to impeach President Joe Biden. Garcia wrote on X that "The impeachment inquiry is a political stunt with zero evidence."

Trump Criticisms: Garcia went on national news outlet

MSNBC in December to criticize Trump's re-election campaign, specifically speaking about Trump's stance on abortion and his vow to get rid of the Affordable Care Act.

\$283 million for megaport: On Dec. 18, Garcia announced that the Department of Transportation will be granting \$283 million to the Port of Long Beach for its Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Program. The new rail facility at the port is meant to increase efficiency, reduce shipping costs and decrease the port's carbon footprint.

Garcia wrote a letter to the Secretary of Transportation in August advocating for the port to receive this funding.

"This is a home run and significant investment for Long Beach and trade across the country. This grant will create over 1,000 local jobs and 13,000 jobs across the country. As the former Mayor of Long Beach I know how impactful this project will be to supporting the supply chain while reducing harmful pollution for families here at home," Garcia said. "We are grateful to President Biden and Secretary Buttigieg for their sup-

port and partnership."

Lena Gonzalez

California State Senator for the 33rd District

\$10 million for MOLAA: On Dec. 6, Gonzalez and U.S. Representative Josh Lowenthal presented the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) with \$10 million in funding.

"As Vice Chair of the Latino Caucus, it is a great honor to support The Museum of Latin American Art in their mission to uplift the unique history and culture of Latino communities from across the globe and to celebrate the diversity of our state," Gonzalez said in a public statement.

High-Speed Rail: On Dec. 6, Gonzalez released a statement in support of the U.S. Department of Transportation's decision to grant the California High-Speed Rail Authority \$3.1 billion in funding to help create the nation's first electrified high-speed rail system, which will be capable of traveling up to 220 miles per hour.

Fiscal Outlook: On Dec. 7, Gonzalez released a public statement on the California Legislative

Analyst's Office fiscal outlook for 2024-25. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimated that in the following year, the state's budget will experience a deficit of \$68 billion.

The state will have to plan a budget for the coming fiscal year by Jan. 10.

\$3.5 million for Long Beach ranchos: Senator Gonzalez advocated for funds to be allocated to Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos as part of the 2023 fiscal year state budget. On Dec. 8, Gonzalez presented the ranchos with \$3.5 million in funding to help with public safety concerns, accessibility improvement, and restoration of historic ranch buildings and gardens.

"I am proud to lend my support for the preservation of Long Beach's cherished landmarks, Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos," said Gonzalez in a public statement. "This funding will provide our communities with better access to beautiful outdoor spaces and historical buildings, and educational resources, where visitors can learn firsthand about our

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ENVIRONMENT

Conservation Corps of Long Beach receives national award for tree-replacement program

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) received the national Project of the Year award for its Urban Lumber project; removing 1,000 dead trees and planting 2,000 new ones in the city.

The Long Beach chapter is one of three branches to receive the annual award from The Corps Network out of over 140 chapters nationwide. The award is presented to groups that undertake "especially influential or innovative initiatives" that provide positive experiences and meaningful community improvements.

The group received \$1 million in grant funds from California's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to complete the project, in partnership with Long Beach's Public Works department and West Coast Arborists.

Conservation Corps chapters are local, state or national programs that engage young adults in service activities that address conservation and community needs while providing job experiences. Projects



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A single jacaranda tree blooms among other green trees near the El Dorado Duck Pond in Long Beach on April 26, 2022.

can address a range of needs such as urban forestry, habitat restoration, wildfire mitigation, drought tolerant landscaping, tree planting and more.

Long Beach's Conservation Corps was established in 1987 and serves residents ages 18 through 26 with workforce development and education. The chapter currently has 130 members and is the fourth largest Conservation Corps in the state.

The three winners of the Project of the Year Award will be honored at the Corps Network's 38th annual national conference, taking place in March 2024.

LAWSUIT

Long Beach Starbucks shift manager suing over alleged unsafe work conditions

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A Starbucks manager at a Long Beach store is suing the coffee house chain, alleging she was denied a transfer to a safer location after being told that despite her complaint about someone pacing at her location with a large knife, such problems were common at Starbucks stores.

Ashley Bautista's Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit alleges disability discrimination, failure to reasonably accommodate a disability and engage in the interactive process as well as violations of the state Labor Code. She seeks at least \$1 million in damages.

A Starbucks representative did not immediately reply to a request for comment on the suit brought Thursday.

Bautista, hired in 2018, was a shift manager at the Long Beach store in the 2200 block of East Carson Street in early May when "an aggressive individual ended up pacing plaintiff's work location with a large knife in his hands," the suit states.

Based on the person's prior behavior, Bautista believed the individual "wanted to use the large knife on her," the suit states. She complained to her district manager about the alleged unsafe conditions of the store, but her concerns were dismissed and she instead was given a week off, the suit states.

When Bautista returned, she met with her district manager and supervisor, told them she was seeking therapy and requested a transfer because she did not feel mentally capable of remaining at the same store, the suit states.



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A photo illustration of a Starbucks cup with "Union Strong" written in the name field at the Starbucks location on 7th Street and Redondo Avenue on May 12, 2022.

But the district manager replied that her request was being denied because "similar incidents happen at all Starbucks locations" and that store managers "just had to deal with such situations," the suit states.

Bautista was told to ask for a temporary leave of absence in order to "avoid a termination for unexcused absences," the suit added. Not

wanting to lose her job, she applied for the leave as well as for manager positions at other Starbucks stores nearby, the suit states.

Bautista was taken off the work schedule and was not told anything about how Starbucks would work with her to accommodate her needs, according to the suit, which further states that on Aug. 3 she submitted a doctor's note requesting more time off to deal with a disability that is not specified in her complaint.

Bautista subsequently made numerous attempts to return to work, but Starbucks did not call her back until Nov. 23, all of which caused her financial losses and emotional distress, the suit states. Bautista alleges that her transfer denial, her lengthy leave and her denial of accommodations were in retaliation for her complaints about her unsafe workplace conditions.

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AROUND TOWN

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

If you're stuck in the between-Christmas-and-New-Year's daze, these celebrations and gatherings in Long Beach and Signal Hill are the perfect way to end the year, and start a new one Monday!

The weekend is filled with different ways of celebrating the new year, from kid-friendly pajama parties at local libraries and a family-friendly day party at Roxanne's to a bar crawl across Long Beach, firework shows on the waterfront and a '20s-themed party at the Wicked Wolf.

If you want to start the year off being active, Nu Image Now Wellness Center is hosting an intermediate evening hike through Signal Hill Tuesday and residents will be doing yoga on the beach at the Horny Corner Wednesday morning. Those looking to try something adventurous in 2024 can try out in the Long Beach Playhouse's auditions Tuesday and Wednesday, or receive Tai Chi lessons Thursday.

29 FRIDAY

NOON YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Young children are invited to celebrate the new year early at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway), with dancing and a balloon drop. Free.

NOON YEAR'S EVE PAJAMA PARTY

11 a.m. to noon. Young children are invited to celebrate the new year early at the Brewitt Neighborhood Library (4036 E Anaheim St.), with a balloon drop, noisemakers and a dance party. Free.

TEEN CROCHET CLUB

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens between 13 and 17 are invited to the Billie

Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway) to learn the basics of crochet and make their own granny squares. Free.

OPEN MIC

6 p.m. Residents and artists of all types can attend this All Arts Open Mic at Confidential Coffee (137 W Sixth St.) every second and fourth Friday. Tickets include five minutes of mic time and can be purchased online for \$5 on Eventbrite.

30 SATURDAY

80s MOVIE SCREENING

11 a.m. The Long Beach Art Theatre (2025 E Fourth St.) will host a single film screening of the 1989 romantic comedy classic "When Harry Met Sally" starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. There will be a final showing of the film the following day. Tickets are \$13.50 and can be purchased online.

HIP-HOP BINGO

7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The public is invited to participate in a hip-hop-themed bingo game at 245 Pine Ave. Participants are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas. Bingo cards will be provided. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 on Eventbrite.

SATURDAY NIGHT SLAM

9:30 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to enjoy a stand up comedy performance at The Laugh Factory (151 S Pine Ave.). Tickets can be purchased on Tixr for \$25.

31 SUNDAY

NYE DAY PARTY

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Families, kids and friends can celebrate new

Year's Eve early in the day at Roxanne's Bar (1115 E Wardlow Road) with food specials, a variety of games, non-alcoholic drinks and alcohol specials, a photo booth, DJs, all-day karaoke, cookie decorating booths and more. Ideal for those who want to spend time with the family during the day, then celebrate adult-style at night. Entry is free.

FAMILY FIREWORKS CRUISE

7:30 p.m. Harbor Breeze Cruises will be hosting a two-hour cruise around the Long Beach Harbor, where those onboard can enjoy the New Year's Eve fireworks over the water. Tickets can be purchased for \$65 on Eventbrite.

NEW YEAR'S EVE NIGHT DIVE

8 p.m. to 1 a.m. This event at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way) will include music, a silent disco, karaoke, a photo booth and more. Those 21 and over will be able to purchase alcoholic beverages. This event is only for those 18 and older. Tickets can be purchased for \$95 on the aquarium's website.

FIREWORKS ON THE WATERFRONT

9 p.m. and midnight. There will be two separate fireworks shows over the Long Beach Harbor, an earlier one for those who want to get to bed early, and one at midnight to ring in the New Year. Free.

01 MONDAY

READ TO DOGS

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Young children can practice reading to certified therapy dogs at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Reading to dogs is meant



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Fireworks erupt from the top of the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the 8th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 5, 2022.

to build a child's self confidence as they learn to read. Free.

KARAOKE

10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Port City Tavern (4306 E Anaheim St.) invites those 21 and older to sing karaoke. Free.

02 TUESDAY

SIX-MILE URBAN HIKE

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nu Image Now Wellness Center (3351 East Hill St.) is organizing this group hike across Signal Hill. This hike will be at an intermediate to fast pace. Beginners should condition their body before joining or plan to be left behind by the group. Workout attire is strongly recommended. Hikers will leave right on time, so participants are urged to arrive a few minutes early. Free.

LOCAL THEATER OPEN CALL AUDITIONS

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Long Beach Playhouse (5021 E Anaheim St.) is holding open call auditions for its upcoming production of "Ben Hur." Auditions will continue at the same time the following day. Actors must be available to perform every single Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. between Feb. 24 and March 23. Those who audition are asked to bring headshots and a resume. This is a volunteer acting role, and actors will not receive any pay for their work. Free.

03 WEDNESDAY

CUENTOS Y CRAFTS

Noon to 1 p.m. Children between 3 and 5 years old and their parents are invited to enjoy arts, crafts and a bilingual storytime at Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.). Free.

SILENT FILM SCREENING

Noon to 2 p.m. The Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) is kicking off its 1920s silent film screening series with the 1922 classic horror film "Nosferatu." Free.

LECTURE & COCKTAILS

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way) will include a discussion by Peter Kareiva, President and CEO of the Aquarium of the Pacific, and a screening of the documentary film "National Parks Adventure." Alcoholic beverages for those over 21 will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 on the aquarium's website or \$10 at the door.

04 THURSDAY

ANIME LOS ANGELES

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This four-day anime convention will feature vendors, cosplayers and entertainment at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.). Tickets to all four days cost \$100. Tickets for individual days range in cost from \$35 to \$45. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

TAI CHI FOR WELLNESS

11:45 a.m. Anyone interested in learning how to practice Tai Chi is invited to 5608 E Los Santos Dr. for a lesson taught by Angie Sierra. Free, but donations are accepted.

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REPRESENTATIVES ROUNDUP

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state's history and the importance of environmental stewardship."

\$500,000 for ArtsLB: On Dec. 22, the Arts Council for Long Beach (ArtsLB) announced that Gonzalez's office gave the local nonprofit a check for \$500,000.

"Her recent investment of \$500,000 will significantly impact our mission," Arts LB posted on X. "Senator Gonzalez has always supported the arts & we are beyond grateful."



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California State Senator Lena Gonzalez speaks to attendees at Signal Hill Park before presenting city officials with a check for \$5 million that will go towards the renovation and expanding the amphitheater in the park on Oct. 18, 2022.

Nanette Díaz Barragán
U.S. representative for California's 44th Congressional District

Croatian ambassador: On Dec. 6, Barragán, who co-chairs the Congressional Croatian Caucus, released a statement in support of the Senate's decision to confirm Nathalie Rayes as the new ambassador to Croatia.

Palestine protest: Barragán held a private brunch for some of her constituents at a Long Beach restaurant, and was met with protesters demanding a ceasefire in the Israel-Palestine War. As reported by *Caló News*, Barragán stood firm in her stance against a ceasefire. *Caló News* also reported that Barragán has received campaign contributions from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Expansion Of Capacity In Home & Community-Based Alternatives Waiver: Barragán signed a letter last month to Governor Gavin Newsom asking for the Home-and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver program to be expanded. This program functions as an alternative to nursing homes and other institutional care facilities, using public funding to provide the care disabled individuals need to continue living at home.

This month, the State agreed to increase the number of beneficiaries for the program over the next four years.

Josh Lowenthal
U.S. Representative for California's 69th Assembly District

\$10 million for MOLAA: On December 6, 2023, Gonzalez and Lowenthal presented the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) with \$10 million in funding.

Claims of antisemitic public comments: Lowenthal reposted a post on X originally posted by the California Legislative Jewish Caucus, of which he is a member, decrying alleged antisemitic public comments made during the Long Beach City Council's decision to support a ceasefire in the Israel-Palestine War.

While some commenters mentioned in the post's video did mock Jewish fears of antisemitism and made stereotypical comments about Jewish people controlling the media, other commenters in the video were criticizing the Israeli government.

Among the examples of alleged antisemitic comments shown in the video reposted by Lownenthal was a shortened and edited comment made by local Jewish activist Winston De Laurier.

The full public comment made by De Laurier on Dec. 19 is as follows: "I'm a resident of Long Beach. I currently live in Cambodia Town I've been in Long Beach almost my whole life and I'm here to say, you know as a Jew, it really, you know, it makes me either want to laugh or want to puke when I hear the Zionists act as if they're the protectors of Jewish people. The logic of Zionism— and I want to quote someone who I really don't care for, but, as our senile President Joe Biden said, if there was not an Israel in the Middle East, America would have to invent an Israel to protect our interests in the region. So Zionism is not about protecting Jews. Zionism is a project to conscript Jews to act as human shields for the U.S. empire, which means U.S. corporate interests. So I don't want to hear anything about how this is about defending my people. Thank you. And I want to add further, that if we included any language about, you know, denouncing Hamas, I think it's utterly ridiculous for two reasons. For one thing, you know, like them or not, whatever you think about them, their armed forces are the forces on the ground who are fighting against the forces perpetrating this genocide. They are the ones fighting against the murderers who killed 10,000 children in Gaza."

De Laurier ran out of time for his public comment and his mic was cut off before he could finish.

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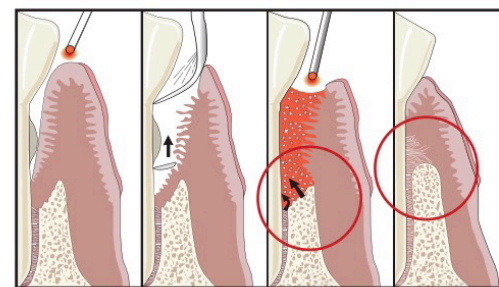
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"In Photos: 15th annual Cambodia Town Parade returns with theme of 'Stop the Hate' by Richard H. Grant beautifully depicted a beloved city tradition."

Best Arts Story

"Long Beach's newest literary magazine proves creativity and inclusivity are King," written by Samantha Diaz, turned the pages of The Kingfisher magazine, with stories of self-identity, mental health, cowboys and aliens, and an inviting home for all marginalized writers.



Best Feature Story



"Quiet comfort and curly hair care: the unique offerings of Black Sheep Salon," written by Kristen Farrrah Naeem, looked into the city's most inclusive hair salon, where curly-haired, neurodiverse and disabled clients get a high quality, premium experience."

Best News Story

"Is there a cult operating in Long Beach," written by Kristen Farrrah Naeem, dove into decades-worth of allegations against Morningland Monestary. Farrrah Naeem's analysis into alleged crimes that took place is harrowing, sinister and difficult to sit with, but a necessary read."



Best Print Issue



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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 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. Waserman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 15, 2023

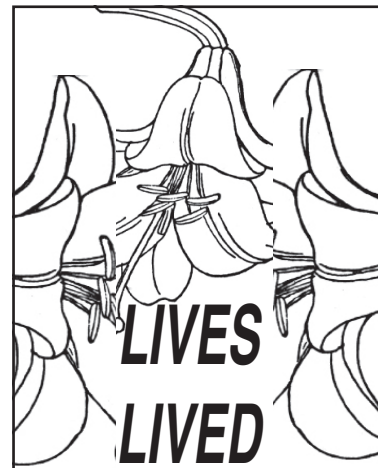
**TST7177
Case No. 23STPB13617
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Monica Rae
Herman, aka Monica Herman,
or Monica R. Herman**

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

**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, 29 2023 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 29, 2023



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EYE ON CRIME**CRIMES REPORTED BY THE
SIGNAL HILL POLICE****Wednesday, December 20**

9:34 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St/California Ave.
11:10 a.m., Identity theft, 1800 block E. Willow St.
4:45 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3300 block Lewis Ave.
5:03 p.m., Identity theft, 2600 block E. 19th St.
8:07 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2500 block California Ave.

Thursday, December 21

4:29 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3500 block E. PCH
7:14 a.m., Auto burglary, 3300 block Brayton Ave.
8:04 a.m., Elder abuse, 2700 block E. PCH
9:20 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block Palm Dr.
10:38 a.m., Intoxicated person, 1900 block E. Willow St.
2:00 p.m., Fire, 1900 block E. 21st St.
2:38 p.m., Auto burglary, 2600 block Panorama Dr.
11:27 p.m., DUI, Cherry Ave. south of Skyline Dr. (suspect arrested)

Friday, December 22

1:50 a.m., DUI, Cherry Ave. north of E. 36th St. (suspect arrested)
9:01 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Gaviota Ave.
9:10 a.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block Eastwind Way
2:06 p.m., Battery, 2300 block Dawson Ave.

Saturday, December 23

1:27 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
3:54 a.m., Auto burglary, 1400 block E. Willow St.
11:25 a.m., Intoxicated person, on drugs, 1700 block E. Willow St.
1:59 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block E. 33rd St.
8:36 p.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block Bay View Dr.

Sunday, December 24

12:44 a.m., Battery, 2600 block Wall St.
1:36 a.m., DUI, E. 33rd St. east of Walnut Ave.

Monday, December 25

2:33 a.m., DUI, E. Hill St. west of Legion Dr. (suspect arrested)
10:59 a.m., DUI, 1800 block E. Willow St.
1:43 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2100 block Cherry Ave.

**Pet of the week:
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On the cusp of a historic centennial year for Signal Hill, the city’s Mayor and Vice Mayor discussed what lies in store for 2024 and beyond.



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(Above) Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods, who will be the city’s mayor for the centennial anniversary, looks at a plaque for the time capsule located at Signal Hill City Hall on Dec. 19, 2023. (Below) Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods poses for a portrait outside of Signal Hill City Hall on Dec. 19, 2023.



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A portrait of Signal Hill Vice Mayor Edward H.J. Wilson in front of the Christmas tree inside the Signal Hill Public Library on Dec. 1, 2021.

Signal Tribune: What is most important, in your opinion, for the city to address or accomplish in the next few years?

Lori Woods: The top thing is always our financial stability. In Signal Hill we only collect about six cents on the dollar off property tax, so our revenue for the city and all city services and functions, we’re heavily dependent on the percentage of sales tax we receive, so diversifying that sales tax base is always one of our top priorities and ensuring the success of our businesses in Signal Hill and the diversity of those businesses.

During COVID, the diversity of our businesses helped us keep and maintain our annual city budget, our annual revenues and still provide all the services that we needed to in the community. At any time that can change or shift so that’s always the underlying; the financial stability long term and the resilience of that.

At our last council meeting we had our audit complete and we are under budget by \$8 million and we were still able to give our full services to our residents — all programming, children’s programming, PD [police], [and] our library services. It’s not always that way, but it’s a really good confirmation of our strategy of setting up our budget and tightening our belts when we need to.

We’re not extravagant here in Signal Hill, but we get our things done and I think we do that in a very professional way and a very positive way that our residents can rely on.

ST: What’s the biggest lesson you learned during your time on Signal Hill council?

LW: I keep this in front of me at all times: yes I’m elected by the residents, by the voters, but I’m elected to represent them and to represent what’s best for the entire city. So there’s several times where something may come up and I personally don’t like it, or I’m uncomfortable with it, with my own background or whatever personal experience, but I very consciously have to say, ‘No this is the best thing for all of Signal Hill, not just what I want personally.’

It takes a while sometimes, but the more open I am to everyone’s opinions, from their own diverse background or experience, the better the decision will be. Very few things we do here in Signal Hill are a failure. It may take a while to get there, it may take a while to see the bigger picture and do the studies and pay for consultants, to give us the bigger picture, but once we implement something, it’s a success. There’s very few reasons to really rush into a decision.

ST: What made you want to get into local politics?

LW: When I got elected in 2013, the council had not changed in 12 years. I didn’t have any complaints and I’ve been a resident in Signal Hill for 25 years. What I campaigned on in my first campaign in 2013, was, ‘Hey, this council has been together for a long time, and they’ve done a lot of successful things. Let’s get someone on the council to learn from these very successful people so we can keep this momentum, this mindset, this culture of success going.’ My fear was that suddenly, three council members would retire or something like that and there would be no legacy of information for people to learn from.

I’m happy to be in this city and be involved in leadership in a city that can move forward, we’re not just focused on surviving, we can dream and plan and move forward and talk about the possibilities of the future. I don’t know how many cities are in the position of survival mode and working with the bare minimum of what they have. It really is a great position to be in because of all the decisions that past councils have made, to be in a position to think ahead and dream big for our little city.

Edward Wilson is the first and only African American to be elected onto Signal Hill’s city council. He has been on the council for 27 years, and he said this is the last year he plans to serve. Wilson was planning on leaving the council in 2020, but the “social unrest” of the country made him feel like he had to stay on and provide his perspective on issues.

Signal Tribune: What made you want to serve on the Signal Hill city council, and what’s made you stay all these years?

Edward Wilson: I moved into Signal Hill in 1993 ... and it was a number of things. This was not in this particular order, but one: at the time there were no councilmembers with kids. I felt we weren’t addressing the concerns of our youth adequately because it wasn’t on people’s minds. When I say that, it’s about programming for kids. It was on our mind that we needed to safeguard our kids, but programming is important because that’s part of our public safety, giving kids something to do that they want to do is important for them to learn.

The second thing was my dad was in the Air Force for 31 years, my mom was in the Air Force Reserves, my sister was in the Army, both of my brothers in the Air Force as well, my nephew is in the Navy. I didn’t go into the military. I planned on it but when I went to USC and I got out, I already had a job in public accounting because that’s the path that USC wanted accounting majors to go through ... so this was an opportunity to give back that I didn’t do in the military. There was no person of color that had ever been elected and I thought that was something that needed to change. I thought people of color needed to be represented in the city, and well represented. Not just people of color, but that perspective too.

I didn’t think the finances were in the best shape, so I said, ‘We need to do something about that.’ I ran on putting million-dollar homes on top of the hill. We didn’t have a grocery store, we shared three different zip codes with Long Beach. So there were a number of things that I saw. I just thought that we weren’t looking or planning, we were reacting.

ST: How do you feel the city has changed during your time on the council?

EW: I think it’s become really, really inclusive. We’ve had our first female City Manager, we’ve had people of color on all of our commissions, we have a Diversity Coalition Committee ... Signal Hill had a history in the area and it wasn’t kind to people of color, where people of color kind of avoided it and people of color who lived here were afraid of the city. I think now, from my conversations with people and seeing them at events, you see a lot more diversity at all of our events and people feel like they belong and I think that’s important.

ST: What are your top priorities for the next year?

EW: Planning is big, so when I look at what we’re doing, it’s ‘Are we planning for our future?’ and I think we are with the Civic Master Plan, with the Workforce Housing Planning coming and with the Gateway Cities affordable housing.

ST: What are you most excited about for the next year?

EW: I’m really really excited about the 100-year anniversary, that’s a really big accomplishment for the city. All the planned events we have, people participating in that. I’m going to enjoy this last year and keep steadfast in how I approach being on council and representing people. I really believe that I represent the citizens and not myself when I’m on council. So what’s in the best interest of the city is what’s most important.

ST: What’s the biggest lesson you learned during your time in Signal Hill council?

EW: You know what you don’t know what you don’t, and everybody comes into the arena with that same perspective and we are all part of the built environment because it existed before we came here. So what we’re doing is modifying what currently exists.

It’s important when we’re making decisions, even if we’re keeping the same status quo, it’s important to question why we’re doing it, and understand any of the discrimination that might currently be existing for people in our community and try to remove that stigma.

ST: Anything you want to add?

EW: I do, I also want to mention Ron Settles, was a college student at Cal State Long Beach, a football player. He was arrested in Signal Hill for a minor traffic violation. This was in 1981, I was a sophomore at USC at the time. It was raining and the power went out in the jail, and when it came back on he was found hanged in his cell. That’s a huge, huge issue for this city.

They ultimately settled on it, but now we have a Ron Settles Day. Forty years to the date, we had our first celebration as a city [in 2021]. I was mayor at the time, and his aunt came. Both of his parents had since passed, but I did have a chance to meet his dad when I first got on council and I was talking to him and he said, ‘You can’t change the past.’

His mom said if there was some way for the city to recognize his life at some point, please do that. So I was really happy to do that and that’s why when the social unrest came up [in 2020], those things came up and I felt it was important to stay on council through all of this. I helped spearhead that through.

We now have a Ron Settles Day, the only day that I know of that’s designated for an individual person.



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