

**HOUSING**

# How Signal Hill solved its homelessness problem

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

Months of consistently focused outreach on the streets and partnerships across cities, counties and nonprofits has culminated in a remarkable feat. According to County and City officials, Signal Hill has housed every homeless resident the City could find with a private unit, three meals a day and supportive services aimed at permanent housing.

The March 14 operation put 45 homeless Signal Hill residents and 15 Long Beach residents into interim housing units in the same Long Beach location.

At the March 26 Signal Hill City Council meeting, City and County officials broke down the combined efforts taken by Signal Hill, Long Beach, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn's office and organizations such as Pathway Home, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the LA County Homeless Initiative.

Mayor Tina Hansen recalled attending the Contract Cities Fall Conference when she sat in at a panel on regional homeless services, learned about the new Pathway Home program and wrote down the number for Oni Williams, the program's contact, in her notes. That small piece of paper was



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A woman living in an unhoused encampment under the Ocean Ave. bridge that crosses the LA River looks over as Long Beach Parks, Recreation, and Marine workers remove items from a Shoreline Drive encampment on Nov. 18, 2021.

passed onto Deputy City Manager Grissel Chavez, as Hansen excitedly told her about the new program. Months later, Hansen congratulated city staff at the March 26 meeting while holding back tears for getting every homeless resident in Signal Hill into interim housing.

"It sounds as simple as that, but it was the preparedness for years and the desire and the compassion for our unhoused community that brought all of the elements together," Hansen said.

**Combined County Efforts**  
Pathway Home is led by the LA

County Homeless Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2023. The program enacts a "full-circle solution" that focuses on bringing people off the streets and immediately into interim housing accompanied by supportive services, an individual space, case

management, three meals a day and a pet-friendly environment.

Pathway Home partners with local jurisdictions to "eliminate barriers" that usually keep people from moving into interim housing and accepting other services. Pathway Home has provided interim housing for 488 residents experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County, and has helped move 56 residents into permanent housing.

"Signal Hill is the only [city] who's done anything and I've been homeless, on the streets day and night since 2016," said Kelly Wilson, one of the residents who was rehoused with her dog on March 14. "Not everyone out here is a drug addict, not everyone out here has mental health issues, some of us just had life show up."

Residents were moved into a Long Beach hotel, though Signal Hill was not permitted to give the exact location, City Manager Carlo Tomaino said. Those who were relocated will continue to receive supportive services, including housing navigation in an effort to help residents move into their own permanent homes within six months.

"We're thrilled that this is a sub-regional, multi-jurisdictional collaboration. This is exactly what we want to see throughout LA County to resolve homelessness and this can be a model to the rest

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**POLITICS**

# What did Long Beach's state and federal representatives do in March?

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This installment of the *Signal Tribune's* monthly series covers the actions taken by Long Beach's federal and state representatives throughout March. The purpose of this ongoing series is to help the public stay abreast of their elected officials and hold them accountable beyond election day:

**Robert Garcia**

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

**FEMA Reimbursements** - Congressman Robert Garcia (CA-42) spearheaded a coalition of 36 other California delegates urging

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fully reimburse local governments for the costs of providing shelter to people experiencing homelessness during the pandemic.

This request comes in response to FEMA's Oct. 16 announcement to the California Office of Emergency Services, which retroactively limited the amount of reimbursement local governments receive for providing emergency non-congregant sheltering. The letter, addressed to FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell, said there was a critical need for FEMA to reimburse local governments, or else they would experience financial strain. The lawmakers who signed the letter argued that withholding

reimbursements under California's COVID-19 Major Disaster Declaration could collectively cost cities and counties over \$300 million.

**\$15 million in federal funding**

Garcia announced on March 14 that a total of over \$15 million in federal funding has been allocated to Long Beach and Southeast Los Angeles to support community projects. Five of these projects will be in Long Beach, receiving a combined sum of over \$7 million. Garcia requested and secured these funds from the U.S. House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee, which allowed congress members to submit funding requests for up to 15 projects in the districts they represent.

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California representatives and members of Congress who represent Signal Hill, Long Beach and surrounding cities.

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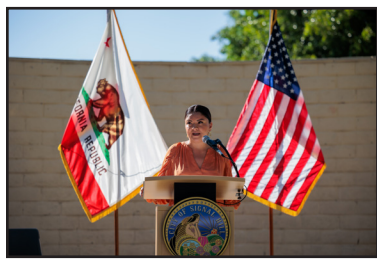
## MARCH REP ROUNDUP

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These projects can either belong to state and local governments, or eligible non-profit organizations.

**Loro Piana** - Garcia addressed concerns over the sourcing of vicuña wool from Indigenous communities in Peru by a luxury retailer. In a letter to Loro Piana's Chairman Antoine Arnault and CEO Damien Bertrand, Garcia highlighted recent reports indicating disparities between the rising prices of Loro Piana products and the decreasing payments to the Indigenous Andean community in Peru responsible for shearing the wool.

The letter alleges that despite Loro Piana's sweaters retailing for thousands of dollars, the price paid to the Indigenous Lucanas community for the wool used has dropped by one-third in just over a decade, with the community's revenue from vicuña falling by 80%. Garcia's letter contained questions to Loro Piana, asking about the process for procuring the wool from Indigenous workers, with a request that the company provide answers by April 29.



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California State Senator Lena Gonzalez speaks to attendees at Signal Hill Park on Oct. 18, 2022.

### Lena Gonzalez

California State Senator  
for the 33rd District  
Climate Resilient Schools

**Act** - On March 19, Gonzalez gave a presentation on her proposed Climate Resilient Schools Act, which aims to protect California's schools from climate change impacts, while lowering their greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to craft a comprehensive Master Plan, addressing sustain-

ability and resilience in school infrastructures.

**California Service Corp** - The California Service Corp announced earlier this month that it is looking to hire hundreds of Long Beach residents for its four work experience programs. Gonzalez released a statement in support of the announcement.

"I encourage the residents of Long Beach to consider participating in this exceptional opportunity to help our communities through the most pressing challenges of today, such as combating climate change and enhancing disaster preparedness and recovery. The opportunities available through our state's robust California Service Corp are invaluable."

**Street vendor homicide** - A street vendor, Yenner Ramirez, was killed in a shooting in Long Beach on March 20. Gonzalez released a public statement expressing her condolences to his family, friends and loved ones.

"This heartbreaking news underscores the importance of continuing the work to enhance the safety and well-being of our neighborhoods," Gonzalez said in the statement.

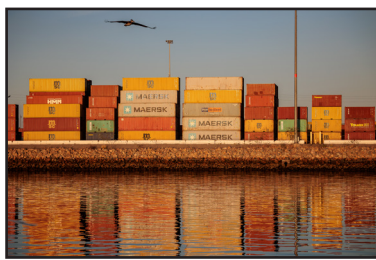
### Nanette Díaz Barragán

U.S. representative  
for California's 44th  
Congressional District  
Social Determinants of

**Health Act** - Barragán, along with Senators Chris Murphy and Tina Smith, have reintroduced the Improving Social Determinants of Health Act to the Senate. The bill aims to address factors that impact health — like housing, healthcare access, employment, and education. It would authorize the Center of Disease Control to lead public health agencies' and community organizations' in addressing these issues. The legislation allocates \$100 million annually for establishing programs, coordinating grants, funding research, and more in order to improve health outcomes.

"Social, economic, and environmental factors play a role in our health and can lead to increased

rates of illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer," Barragán said. "These social determinants of health contribute to disparities in health outcomes and access to care, and low-income families and communities of color are disproportionately affected. In my district, which is one of the most polluted districts in the nation, we have high rates of asthma and other respiratory diseases."



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Reflections from cargo containers are seen on the water during sunrise at the Port of Long Beach on Aug. 13, 2022. The port has been cited as a major contributor to local pollution.

Unfortunately, our health care system is largely focused on short-term solutions for these deep-rooted issues. The Improving Social Determinants of Health Act of 2024 will address a critical need by improving the capacity of public health agencies and community-based organizations to collaborate on long-term solutions for our communities."

**Chemical Plant Safety** - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) unveiled new regulations on March 1 to enhance safety at approximately 12,000 chemical plants across the nation. These updates were prompted by a joint letter from Barragán and Senator Cory Booker, and aim to strengthen protections for workers, first responders, and affected communities. Key changes the EPA made to its safety rules include the implementation of safer technologies, bolstering efforts to prevent accidents, and requiring third-party audits for facilities where accidents have occurred. Additionally, facilities will share data about the chem-

icals they release with local first responders, and come up with a plan to warn surrounding communities in case of danger.

### National Patient Safety

**Board Act** - Barragán and Representative Michael Burgess, both members of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, reintroduced the National Patient Safety Board Act on March 8.

The proposed National Patient Safety Board (NPSB) aims to curb preventable harm within health-care settings.

In a public statement, Barragán's office said that up to 400,000 deaths occur annually due to medical mishaps in the United States. In addition to fatalities, some cases result in long-term health repercussions for patients and their families.

Operating independently within the Department of Health and Human Services, the NPSB will identify harm, conduct studies and recommend solutions related to preventable medical injuries.

### Josh Lowenthal

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

### Schumer Comments on

**Netanyahu** - Senator Chuck Schumer set off waves two weeks ago when he gave an address on the Senate floor criticizing the leadership of Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and calling for new elections in Israel.

On March 14, Lowenthal posted a statement on X on March 14 in support of Schumer's position.

"There is no better way to support democracy than to speak loudly and forcefully when governments lose credibility," Lowenthal wrote. "I am steadfast in supporting Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, and yet remain fully dedicated to a two-state solution that provides dignity, security and self-determination of all peoples. I align myself with Senator Schumer here in calling for immediate elections in Israel. As is the case with Hamas, Mr. Netanyahu has lost all credibility to govern. Democracy, while sometimes messy, must take its course."

### Trump Comments on

**Jewish Democrats** - Trump said in an interview earlier this month that "Any Jewish person that votes for Democrats hates their religion. They hate everything about Israel and they should be ashamed of themselves because Israel will be destroyed."

On March 19, Lowenthal, who is both Jewish and a member of the Democratic party, wrote on the social media platform X "Words like this aren't helpful— just another antisemitic, cheap attempt to score political points and further divide the nation. You want to act like a clown, go and join the circus."

**AI Legal Filings** - Last month, Lowenthal introduced a bill, AB-2811, that would require lawyers who submit legal filings to disclose if they used Artificial Intelligence (AI) to write the documents. The bill was sent to the Committee on Judiciary on March 21, amended by Lowenthal, and will be next discussed in a hearing on April 9.

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EDUCATION

# LBUSD approves new policy; seeks more equitable grading

**Briana Mendez-Padilla**  
Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District unanimously approved a new district-wide policy at its March 20 meeting that aims to create a more equitable grading process.

The foundation of the Equitable Grading Policy was created over a two-year process with input and feedback from students, parents, teachers and administrators. The policy was created in an attempt to encourage transparency, consistency and fairness across the district.

Rooted in the district's Excellence and Equity policy, the new grading policy recognizes the "institutional, historical and systemic harms that have contributed to disparities" in student growth and outcomes, according to a presentation at a previous March 6 meeting. Specifically, this new policy would base student's grades on mastery of the subject and exclude factors that are not a direct measure of knowledge.



Mark Savage | Courtesy of LBUSD  
A Millikan High School student sits behind a computer in class on the first day of in-person classes on April 26, 2021.

Students would be able to demonstrate their mastery through different methods, including:



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A student in Ms. Viado's first-grade class keeps his head down to precisely cut some paper that will be glued for a class assignment at the Holy Innocents Parish School on Aug. 22, 2023.

- Tests
  - Projects
  - Portfolios
  - Class Discussions
- Factors that will no longer determine an academic grade include:
- Attendance
  - Effort
  - Student Conduct
  - Work habits

Students would also have the opportunity to submit missing assignments regardless of an excused or unexcused absence for potential full credit. Board Member Maria Isabel Lopez expressed her concerns over this aspect of the policy.

"I think that the unexcused absence is where I have a problem," Lopez said. "When there's a situation where the student wasn't in class for a reason that was not excused, I think that there's always that opportunity for the students to speak to their teachers directly."

"The current grading system that we have now is actually harmful to a demographic of our students. This new policy won't be taking away anything from anyone, but it does validate our neuro-diverse and vulnerable students."

- Diana Craighead,  
LBUSD Board President

Deputy Superintendent Tiffany Brown noted that the issue of absences is one of the crucial topics of discussion when looking at how this policy will benefit students. She added that many times, the impact absences have is much more significant than intended. Looking at unexcused absences specifically, Brown mentioned how punishing students for unexcused absences could potentially harm the district's most vulnerable demographics.

"The idea of clearing an absence implies a very intentional caregiver who is taking the time to clear those and that is not the circumstance for many of our students," Brown said.

Lopez ultimately voted yes for the policy with the clarification that she "strongly believe[s] unexcused absences not always necessarily merit full credit."



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A Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School student in Amy Baril's 5th-grade class looks towards the photographer while members of the school administration talk to media members during the fall 2021 return to the classroom amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The policy was presented to the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee. Student Board Member Axel Aguilar shared some of the apprehension from students in the group.

"My general summation of what the students thought was that it might have been a little bit too lenient on the students," Aguilar said at the previous board meeting. "[The group feared] it was giving students a freebie and that students were able to take advantage of the policy and end up the same as students who are high-achieving and complete their assignments on time.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools Jay Camerino emphasized that this policy will not affect high-achieving students like Aguilar; it is more so about offering hope to students who, for whatever reason, are not at that level yet.

"It's not really going to impact you, but really, it's going to be consistent with our classes, in our school, in our systems that will give our students, especially our Black and brown students, hope," Camerino said at the previous meeting. "Not give them higher grades, but a hope to improve their grades."

Board president Diana Craighead mentioned that the board received feedback from parents of students with disabilities who view the new grading policy as a step towards equity.

"The current grading system that we have now is actually harmful to a demographic of our students," Craighead said. "This new policy won't be taking away anything from anyone, but it does validate our neuro-diverse and vulnerable students."

The Equitable Grading Policy will be in effect starting in the 2024-2025 school year.

HOUSING

## Construction begins on interim housing project in North Long Beach

**Staff Report**  
Signal Tribune

Long Beach began construction on a 78-unit interim housing project on the former Luxury Inn in North Long Beach on Tuesday. The project will transform the former Luxury Inn into housing units for people experiencing homelessness in the city as part of Project Homekey.



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The exterior of the Luxury Inn motel in North Long Beach on May 9, 2022.

California's Project Homekey Program helps cities to create housing for people experiencing homelessness by purchasing and rehabilitating existing properties such as hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings and more.

The Luxury Inn is expected to cost \$6.5 million in renovations and is projected to open in early 2025.

"Today marks a significant stride forward in our efforts to expand interim housing options within our community," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "This initiative will provide a stable and supportive space for individuals as they pursue pathways to secure permanent housing."

The City purchased the Luxury Inn for \$16.5 million in September 2022, and was previously expected to open in October 2023. Long Beach agreed to a 15-year covenant to keep the Luxury Inn, but state funding will only cover the first two years of costs.

The 78 units of interim housing will be located at 5950 Long Beach Blvd. and include 12 ADA-accessible units, common areas and support facilities. All rooms will include new bathrooms, lighting and upgraded amenities such as laundry and kitchen appliances.

"I am pleased to see the transformation of this prior nuisance motel into a space that will support so many people on their journey to housing," said Eighth District Councilmember Al Austin II in a statement from the City. A nuisance property is a property that receives a high amount of calls to the police due to crime-related occurrences and is considered a blight to the

neighborhood.

The Luxury Inn was the fourth nuisance property purchased by the city to provide temporary housing. A Motel 6 in East Long Beach with 43 rooms and a Best Western in downtown with 102 units, were both purchased with grants from the state. The City has only purchased one hotel without state funding—a Holiday Inn in Central Long Beach.



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The exterior of the Searle Motel in North Long Beach on May 9, 2022. In 2018 the motel was labeled a "nuisance motel" by the City of Long Beach due to the large number of complaint calls to the Long Beach Police Department.

Renovations for the Luxury Inn began in February, focusing on restoring the electrical and plumbing capabilities. The project is supported by the State's Project Homekey grants and Measure A funds.

FUNDRAISER

## Long Beach Public Radio needs residents' help to buy new transmitter

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

Long Beach's only community-organized nonprofit Public Radio station is asking the public for help in order to purchase new equipment and continue providing independent media across the airwaves and online.

KLBP has been operating in Downtown Long Beach since 2018 online and on 99.1 FM with a small budget and even smaller crew. The future of the station is now unknown, as the crew's transmitter stopped working last month, according to a Gofundme page started by one of the crew members.

A transmitter is an electronic circuit that transforms electrical power into a radio frequency. KLBP has set a goal of \$6,600 in its fundraiser to purchase a new transmitter. As of March 28, the group has been able to raise \$1,241.

"From the beginning, Our mission at KLBP has been unwavering over the air or on the internet stream: in amplifying the voices of the marginalized, and to foster a sense of belonging and solidarity among our listeners," reads a state-

ment on KLBP's Gofundme page. "Your donation will allow those voices to be heard again on 99.1 FM in Long Beach."

The nonprofit radio station provides more than indie and groovy tunes. A wide range of shows on the station offer a venue for local news issues to be discussed and Long Beach talent to thrive.

While KLBP's station 99.1 FM is currently out of operation, residents can still tune into shows on klbp.org.



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**The Birth of a Water System**

In a mostly arid climate like Southern California's, the availability of water determines a city's survival and growth. This reality was probably foremost in the minds of Signal Hills City Council members when they voted, in 1927, for \$250,000 in bonds to erect the City's water reservoir.

By February 1929, the project was within one month of completion. Constructed of reinforced steel and concrete, the water reservoir was built to hold 5 million gallons. The original cost of the project, including new pipelines, was estimated in 1929 to be \$215,177.

The reservoir was erected south of Wardlow Road and east of Orange Avenue, on the tract of land that is now known as Water(Reservoir) Park. The structure is 200 feet in diameter, twenty feet deep and sunk 14 feet into the earth. The original roof was a conical wooden structure supported by concrete pillars. Eight miles of water mains were laid in 1929 to transfer water from the reservoir to storage tanks located at Hill Street and Temple Avenue. Four booster pumps were installed inside the reservoir to pump the water to these tanks.

Water to supply the new reservoir was obtained entirely from three city-owned wells, whose daily output was as high as 7,500,000 gallons.

Because Signal Hill was situated outside the Long Beach municipality, Signal Hill residents were charged higher water rates than Long Beach consumers for water acquired from Long Beach. But under its own water system, Signal Hill residents would eventually receive a 9 to 20 percent reduction in their rates. In 1929, City planners hoped to use this 20 percent difference initially to pay for the reservoir and other water system improvements.

By December 1929, Signal Hill was showing a \$12,000 per month profit in the operation of its water system. This was only a few months after three gate valves used to connect the Long Beach and Signal Hill water system had been permanently shut, and Signal Hill had purchased most of the water mains of Long Beach's system lying within its borders.

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Written by Julie Bendzick-Sin. Part 12 of 23*

The original \$250,000 bond voted for in 1927 was planned to cover the cost of producing only 1,250,000 gallons of water daily. This amount of water was the estimated consumption in 1927. But by 1929, increased oil field drilling activity had increased the daily consumption of water in Signal Hill nearly 400%. In fact, three oil producers (The Texas Company, Shell Oil & Gas Company and Signal Oil & Gas Company) combined used one third of Signal Hill's water! Nevertheless, the city found its new water system adequate to meet the needs of all its consumers.

According to John Travers, Superintendent of Public Works for the city, the Signal Hill Water Reservoir is still functioning well. It was refurbished several years ago and recently cleaned and inspected in 1990. Most of Signal Hill water today is pumped from wells No. 7 and No. 8, located in North Long Beach. The remainder of the city's water is procured from the Metropolitan Water District, when cost effective.

Virtually all of the old cast iron water mains purchased from Long Beach have been replaced. The newest water mains installed, like those used in the recent Southeast Water Project, are made of ductile iron and lined with cement, says Travers.

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LOCAL LABOR

# Long Beach Post reporters on strike following mass layoffs

*Reporters accuse their CEO Melissa Evans of leading the news outlet into disaster, and are asking the public to boycott the Long Beach Post.*

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Striking and laid off staff members from the *Long Beach Post* and *Long Beach Business Journal* are accusing the local media outlet of union busting and mismanagement, picketing outside its downtown offices Monday morning.

The Long Beach Media Guild, the as-of-yet unrecognized labor union *Long Beach Post* and *Long Beach Business Journal* employees are trying to form, announced over social media on Friday that nine employees out of a total of 15 had been laid off.

The Long Beach Media Guild said that while seven of the layoffs were expected, two staff members who were told their positions were safe before the staff pushed to unionize were also laid off. The Long Beach Media Guild alleges that these two reporters were fired as a direct result of their decision to join the union. The two reporters in question are Kat Schuster and Brandon Richardson, who have become prominent figures in the union movement.

The Long Beach Media Guild has filed a complaint against the *Long Beach Post* leadership with the National Labor Relations Board, striking *Long Beach Post* reporter Jason Ruiz said.

The *Post* suffered a previous round of layoffs when it started its transition from a business to a nonprofit model in late 2023. Another nine staff members were laid off between September and November, said Ruiz.

The dwindling newsroom at the *Long Beach Post* follows an ongoing trend of growing news deserts and local outlets struggling to stay afloat. The State of Local News 2023 report by Northwestern University's Medill School found that over half of all the counties in the United States had either very limited access to local news coverage, or none at all.

In December, the *Long Beach Post* announced its new nonprofit status to the public. The IRS had granted 501(c)(3) approval in the first half of December 2023, the *Long Beach Post* said. This gave the *Post* and *Journal's* ownership entity, The Long Beach Journalism Initiative, the ability to take tax-deductible donations.

"Everyone on staff, as well as our Board of Directors, knew that this move to a nonprofit carried with it considerable uncertainty and risk," CEO Melissa Evans said in a statement. "We completely changed our business model, with greater reliance on donors and grants. We've made huge strides — Long Beach is a fantastic and generous city — but carrying so much salary was threatening our ability to pay our bills now and in the long term. Our financial circumstances were the only reason for these cuts."

The former and striking *Post* staff allege that the CEO of the newly formed nonprofit, Evans, would not work with the staff on implementing cost-saving measures that they believed could have saved funds and jobs.

Reporters affected by the strike and layoffs told the *Signal Tribune* that the *Long Beach Post* staff notified Evans that they were willing to take pay cuts in order to preserve jobs.

Staff also said they wanted to continue working remotely to save money, but Evans began renting an office space for \$6,000 a month.

They allege that Evans asked staff members to work without pay for two weeks during the transition period. Ruiz said Evans made it clear that staff members who weren't willing to work for free during this time would not be offered jobs at the nonprofit after the transition concluded.

The Long Beach Media Guild said that on March 8, staff sent a letter outlining their concern to Evans and the board of directors. Ruiz and laid off reporter Jackie Rae said as a result, the board hired a human resources (HR) consultant, after which staff were reimbursed for the two weeks they worked without pay.

Due to a consensus among the staff that their concerns and suggestions were being ignored, they decided to unionize. All 14 staff members who were eligible signed unionization cards, publicly announced their unionization efforts through social media on March 15 and called on the CEO and board of directors to voluntarily recognize the Long Beach Media Guild.

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Jason Ruiz, who covers city council for the *Long Beach Post*, clad in a modified hat to shame the news outlet's leadership, speaks with *Long Beach Local News* on March 25, 2024, as he strikes in solidarity with his nine other coworkers who were laid off by the *Long Beach Post*. Ruiz is one of only three journalists left at the *Post* that were not laid off.



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Jackie Rae, who does reporting and podcasting for the *Long Beach Post*, chants outside the home of the *Long Beach Post* board chair Matt Kinley in Downtown Long Beach on March 25, 2024 with other members recently laid off from the outlet after forming the Long Beach Media Guild.



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Kat Schuster, an editor at the *Long Beach Post*, whom the outlet recently laid off, holds up signs in protest on March 25, 2024 while the newly formed Long Beach Media Guild strikes in response to the layoffs of nine journalists on staff.

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PHOTO ESSAY

# In Photos: DSF Werks Car Show continues in rain or shine

Richard H. Grant

Photo Editor

Despite the rainy Saturday morning, the DSF Werks car show continued to brighten the lives of underserved youth in the Long Beach community.

DSF Werks is a nonprofit organization that helps teach young adults critical professional skills in the automotive industry and media arts. The nonprofit partners foster youth with mentors who teach them how to restore classic cars and document it so they learn a variety of skills from mechanical work to media creation.

A recent project the group worked on was replacing an engine in a car that is a completely different model than what comes stock on the vehicle and using creative thinking on how to line up the new parts.

“It’s a lot of trial and error. So very much like skating, right?” said José Córdón, a professional photographer and mentor at DSF. “You gain those skills of resilience, right, you try to work out problems, problem-solving and being resilient at it and then finally, reaching your goal of making that engine work in that car.”

At the Pit Stop at the Shop event that was held on Saturday, the attendees that were brave enough to make it out in the rain were treated to a tour of the shop and complimentary coffee, tacos and donuts as they met some of the mentors and students.

The shop also showed off some of the classic cars they have worked on in the past and luckily, none of them needed a wash at the end of the show.

DSF Werks is a 501(C)(3) organization that takes donations to fund its youth outreach and can be found online at dsfwerks.org or at their shop located at 3180 Orange Ave. in Signal Hill.



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15-year-old Truman Lueb waits out some of the rain inside his fathers '41 GMC pick-up truck at the DSF Werks car show on March 23, 2024.



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Rain water beads up and drips down the sides of a red Thunderbird at DSF Werks during its Pit Stop at the Shop car show on March 23, 2024.



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A engine block is displayed in the DSF Werks shop to show attendees of the car show what the youth members are currently working on in the shop on March 23, 2024.



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Volunteers and mentors at DSF Werks look up towards one of the custom trucks on a rack inside of the shop during their Pit Stop at the Shop car show on March, 23, 2024.



# AROUND TOWN

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



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Yellow and blue lights are lit up around the Long Beach Convention Center to mimic the colors of the Ukrainian flag on Feb. 28, 2022. The venue will host H.R. McMaster Monday night as part of the ongoing Distinguished Speaker Series.

While hiding or searching for Easter eggs this weekend, residents can also make plans to participate in a number of free and fun things to do in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Kids and teens have no shortage of ways to fill up their spring break, with free library events such as a synthesizer lab, a science-centric talk, an Easter egg hunt and a musical theater improv class. Spring break activities for the entire family include a group hike Saturday afternoon, a fabric collage workshop Wednesday evening or an agricultural educational workshop Thursday morning.

For a kiddo-free outing, residents can attend a live music performance from a local musician Friday night, speed dating Sunday night or a talk from the Long Beach Convention Center's Distinguished Speaker series Monday night.

## 29 FRIDAY

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME & PLAY TIME

10 a.m. Children ages 3 to 5 can enjoy an hour of play, music, stories and snacks at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

### BILINGUAL STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Caregivers are invited to bring children between 1 and 3 years old to the Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.) to enjoy stories, arts & crafts and fun activities. Free.

### TEEN SCIENCE CAFE

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. During this educational event for teens, guest speaker and marine scientist Jessica Sportelli will teach participants about whale bioacoustics during a presentation at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

## 30 SATURDAY

### CAMINAR, COMUNIDAD Y CHISME

10 a.m. to noon. Pueblita Tortillas invites the public to join a group hike along the Signal Hill Trail (the entrance is on Hill Street between Obispo Avenue and Temple Avenue). After the hike, participants

will enjoy a sound bath. Snacks and water will be provided. Free, but registration through Eventbrite is required.

### SPRING FEST

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local families are invited to enjoy games, crafts and an egg hunt during this seasonal celebration planned by the City of Signal Hill inside the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Attendees must purchase wristbands to enter. These wristbands can be purchased at the Signal Hill Public Library and Youth Center (1800 E Hill St.), and cost either \$5 the day of the event or \$4 if purchased ahead of time.

### SYNTHESIZER PETTING ZOO

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Those 12 years and older are invited to learn about and experiment with synthesizers at the Billie Jean King Library. All supplies will be provided by the Feminist Synth Lab. Free.

### TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate the transgender and gender non-conforming community at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). There will be live performances, vendors, STD testing, speakers and makes. Free.

### ART SHOW OPENING

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This group art show "Keepin' in Local" will feature Long Beach artists at Loiter Galleries (425 The Promenade). Free.

## 31 SUNDAY

### EASTER BRUNCH

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Michael's on Naples (5620 E Second St.) will be serving a three-course prix-fixe menu. Reservations can be made on michaelsonnaples.com. The brunch will cost \$55 per person, not including tax and tip

### SPEED DATING

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Singles between the ages of 32 and 44 are invited to the Congregation Ale House (201 E Broadway) for speed dating. Ladies will remain seated while men will switch partners every six to seven minutes. Tickets can be purchased for \$36 on Eventbrite.

## 01 MONDAY

### HOW TO NAVIGATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public will learn how to navigate finding affordable housing during this virtual meeting organized by the Long Beach Community Development. To sign up for the Zoom meeting, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

8 p.m. Veteran and national security advisor H.R. McMaster will be giving a talk at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.). Doors open at 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$128, and can be purchased at distinguishedspeakers.csstix.com.

## 02 TUESDAY

### LITTLE FREE LIBRARY LAUNCH

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents can celebrate International Children's Book Day with the launch of Birthworkers of Color's free little library at 1635 E Anaheim St. The launch will feature a children's story time, an art build and a music and dance party. Free.

### VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH

Noon. Author Jacqueline Chio-Lauri and illustrator Kristin Sorra will be launching their new book during this virtual event with Bel Canto Books. Register for free on Eventbrite.

### DRIP IRRIGATION FUNDAMENTALS

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Metropolitan Water District will be hosting this online seminar to teach people how to design a lawn that utilizes drip irrigation, which saves water. To register, visit greengardens-group.com. Free.

## 03 WEDNESDAY

### BABY & TODDLER STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Babies, toddlers

up to 2 years old, and their caregivers are invited to Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.) to enjoy stories and playtime. Free.

### FAMILY THEATRE WORKSHOP

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kids are invited to participate in this hour-long improvisational musical theater class organized by the Jewel Box Children's Theater Company at the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W Willow St.). Family participation is encouraged. Free.

### FABRIC COLLAGE WORKSHOP

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Artist Ailene deVries will be teaching participants how to make a collage out of scraps of cloth at Burke Mercantile (435 East First St.). Tickets can be purchased for \$20 on Eventbrite.

## 04 THURSDAY

### SPRING BREAK WORKSHOP

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Acting Out (713 Termino Ave.) is hosting an acting workshop for kids between the ages

of 7 and 17, where they will enjoy theater games, costume play, improv and more. This two-day workshop costs \$182 for one day and \$250 for both days. Register at acting-out.weebly.com/.

### SPRING FOODWAYS SUMMIT

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited to the Sowing Seeds of Change Urban Farm (620 San Francisco Ave.) to learn about the use of agricultural education in assisting neurodiverse students. To register for this event, visit foodwayssummit.org. Free.

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**SIGNAL HILL HOUSING**  
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# Signal Hill is the first city in LA County to achieve a “functional zero homelessness,” as County officials hope others will follow its model.



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(Left) Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Fourth District representative Janice Hahn gives an award to Signal Hill Mayor Tina Hansen during the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address. Hahn's office was instrumental in providing support through the Pathway Home Program and helping 45 homeless Signal Hill residents receive immediate shelter. (Right) The sign marking Reservoir Park with the namesake reservoir in the background on May 2, 2023. Reservoir Park was one of the main areas that received a concentration of outreach and services during the last few months of Signal Hill's efforts to address homelessness.

of the jurisdictions ... when we work together, magic can really happen,” said LA County Homeless Initiative representative Kailee Caruso.

Following these efforts, Signal Hill has announced a “functional zero homelessness,” which means the City has housed nearly every homeless resident in the area and can now focus on maintaining a functional zero and preventing homelessness through long-term solutions.

“We don't get to say that a lot in LA County, so it's a big deal,” Caruso said, adding that Signal Hill can act as a model to other cities.

Tomaino acknowledged the difficulties in knowing the exact number of homeless residents in the city at any given time, since people who are experiencing homelessness may have to move from city-to-city for a variety of reasons.

“Due to the past couple months of outreach efforts, that was the known number of individuals living in places throughout the city and in cars,” Tomaino told the *Signal Tribune*.

### Signal Hill's 'Secret Sauce'

As County officials commended Signal Hill's success, they noted multiple times the goal for other cities of similar size — Signal Hill's population is about 11,000 according to the United States Census — to follow the same steps. Nearby cities with a similar poverty rate to Signal Hill include Lakewood and Carson.

One main aspect identified by Signal Hill officials was the collaboration across departments. Last year, Tomaino and Chavez created the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) made up of 10 staff members who meet monthly to address quality of life issues in a proactive approach.

The NET is made up of representatives from various City departments such as the City Attorney's Office, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, the Police Department and Public Works.

Homelessness in Signal Hill was one of the main issues discussed monthly, Tomaino told the *Signal Tribune*. Members of the NET would then coordinate daily across departments attempting to carry out the solutions suggested at the monthly meetings.

“The key to the Neighborhood Enhancement Teams is to be pro-



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Homeless encampments are set up along the Los Angeles River near Drake Park in Long Beach on Dec. 12, 2023.

active and problem-solving issues before they get bigger, before they become complaints from the community,” Chavez said.

The NET model for tackling homelessness focused on these efforts:

- Discussing individual cases of homeless residents and solutions
- Coordinating efforts with all service providers
- Identifying alternative solutions depending on each case and person
- Dividing complex problems into actionable solutions
- Sharing information across all City departments

Councilmember Keir Jones asked what the “secret sauce” was that contributed to the success of the program, since all the services provided have been available for years. Chavez responded it was “excellent teamwork, collaboration and the relationships that have been built over the last few years ... [as well as] all the boots on the ground from all the service providers.”

She also cited efficient communication among the city and providers over the last 12 plus months. Tomaino added that the Neighborhood Enhancement Team provides “consistent maintenance” of issues in the city and acknowledged Signal Hill officials for employing a

hands-on approach for outreach and building trust with residents.

“It's really monumental what you've achieved and it's because you all worked together with what resources were available to really change these people's lives, and it's huge,” Jones said. “I can't emphasize how proud I am of this team to make this happen, because many people have gone down this same path and not achieved the same results.”

### A Change in Leadership

Another change in Signal Hill's efforts to reduce homelessness was taking the responsibility away from the Signal Hill Police Department and giving it to City departments. Embodying this change is Adriana Lopez, the city's first-ever Homelessness Liaison who was hired in October 2022.

Lopez's job is to “encourage and create cooperation and exchange of information among the agencies and cities,” she said at the City Council meeting. She currently represents Signal Hill, Lakewood and Hawaiian Gardens.

The first step Lopez took was creating strong partnerships with regional services already being offered, and making Signal Hill more of a priority for providers through constant communication.

Signal Hill police sergeant Dan

Moreau said that prior to Lopez's hiring, SHPD was the “point person” for homelessness in the city. He said that SHPD would have an occasional success story, but the collaboration between police, City departments, LA County and service providers “has been a game changer.”

Moreau pointed out that the amount of time and effort put into creating trust with homeless residents and forming lasting partnerships among county departments and organizations is its own role, which SHPD was unable to do while maintaining its regular police work.

“We were struggling to ensure that we were getting the resources that we needed,” Moreau said, adding that Signal Hill was vying for the same resources as Artesia, Bellflower, South Gate, Huntington

Park and other cities in the region. Since Signal Hill does not have any homeless shelters, homeless residents would have to travel to Whittier or sometimes further in order to receive supportive services.

Moreau said that Signal Hill now has an increased focus from county services and providers.

“After working with the city for six years myself, seeing this growth has been tremendous,” Moreau said.

Lopez cited flexibility in her role as one of the most important parts of making connections, as she would conduct outreach and connect with homeless residents outside of regular working hours based on when she noticed the most needs. The City identified Reservoir Park and the Signal Hill Public Library as two areas of concentrated homeless population, and focused much of its efforts in those places.

“When we talk about the cost of homelessness, we don't talk about [how] a lot of it is spent on the people who are putting the work in,” said Vice Mayor Edward Wilson. “It's spun like we're wasting money, but it takes more than one meeting to create those connections ... It's an incredible feat that's been accomplished here in Signal Hill.”

### Plans for the Future

With a zero functioning homeless population in Signal Hill, work will now be centered on maintaining that number and seeking services that prevent homelessness.

Signal Hill's Community Services staff said in the next year, its focus will be on the senior services division. They hope to expand services for supplemental health care, financial assistance, transportation access and more. City staff also identified families and youth as an area of focus and said they hope to provide more affordable childcare options and grocery assistance.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: TAYNA LAVON KING for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: TAYNA LAVON KING filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: TAYNA LAVON KING Proposed Name: TANYA LAVON KING 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: May 14, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 5, 2024

**TST7232 Case No. 24LBCP00055  
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: Celeste Mishael Saxton for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Celeste Mishael Saxton has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Celeste Mishael Saxton Proposed Name: Celeste Mishael Saxton-Moncure 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: April 9, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-26, Room 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 23, 2024

**TST7233 Case No. 24CMCP00015  
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: Ramon Santos for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ramon Santos has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Ramon Santos Proposed Name: Ramon Flores 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: April 23, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755 March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Michael Schultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 14, 2024

**TST7234 Case No. 24NWCP00082  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk, Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: 1. FNU Rajni, 2. FNU Reeva for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners 1. FNU Rajni, 2. FNU Reeva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing their name as follows: Present Name: 1. FNU RAJNI 2. FNU REEVA Proposed Name: 1. RAJNI SINGH 2. REEVA SINGH 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: May 6, 2024; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. C, Room 312. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this

Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 6, 2024

**TST7247 Case No. 24LBCP00081  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, 275 Magnolia Ave. Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Crystal Hazel Saguin Flores for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners Crystal Hazel Saguin Flores has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Crystal Hazel Saguin Flores Proposed Name: Crystal Hazel Soegono 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: April 23, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S26, Room 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 12, 2024

**TST7253  
Case No. 23STPB08115 NOTICE OF  
PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE  
OF: FRANCIS EDWARD ARNOLD**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of FRANCIS EDWARD ARNOLD. 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by ROBERT EDWARD ARNOLD in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that ROBERT EDWARD ARNOLD 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. April 25, 2024 @ 8:30am, Dept: 62 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. ROBERT EDWARD ARNOLD 506 SOUTH LEBANON STREET MASCOUTAH, ILLINOIS 62258 Phone: 618-334-13069 Pub. Signal Tribune, March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024

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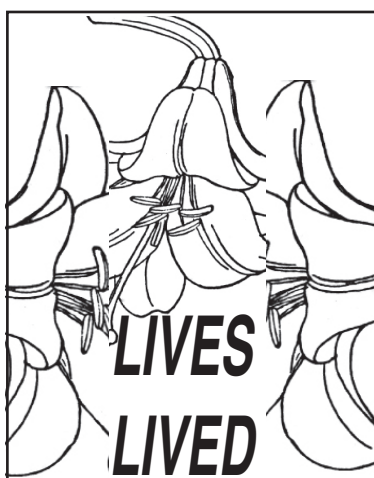
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**TST7256 Case No. 24NWCP00110  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk, Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA Proposed Name: LUIS ANGEL EXIGA 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: May 13, 2024; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. C, Room 312. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 29 & April 5, 12, 19, 2024 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 26, 2024

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- Margaret Coles 89
- Ginney Elmgreen 77
- William Lomas 88
- Edward McKenzie 77
- Ronald Hinton 60
- Barbara Schmidt 88
- Ronald Nelson 70
- Sarah Quinn 95
- Jack Copeland 94
- Genevieve Medeiros 90
- Tadd Wade 60
- Timothy Sailor 63

The families were assisted by  
McKenzie Mortuary.  
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and times, contact  
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**EYE ON CRIME**

**CRIMES REPORTED BY THE  
SIGNAL HILL POLICE**

**Wednesday, March 20**

12:27 p.m., Burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.  
12:53 p.m., Missing Juvenile, 3300 block Gundry Ave. (suspect arrested)  
1:30 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block E. Willow St.

**Thursday, March 21**

7:34 a.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block E. 19th St.  
12:37 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3500 block E. PCH  
1:46 p.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block St. Louis Ave.  
5:06 p.m., Fire, 1800 block Raymond Ave.

**Friday, March 22**

12:10 a.m., Grand theft, 1900 block Dawson Ave.  
7:46 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1500 block E. Spring St.  
8:19 a.m., Battery, 1900 block Obispo Ave.  
9:17 a.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block E. Willow St.  
7:04 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block Gaviota Ave.

**Saturday, March 23**

12:32 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2700 block E. PCH  
12:54 p.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block Orange Ave.  
4:36 p.m., Grand theft, 1400 block E. 33rd St.  
9:11 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

**Sunday, March 24**

7:30 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Junipero Ave.  
12:46 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block E. 21st St.

**Monday, March 25**

4:16 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Cherry Ave.  
8:26 p.m., Intoxicated person, 1800 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

**Tuesday, March 26**

8:57 a.m., Identity theft, 2300 block Lewis Ave.  
9:10 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 21st St./Cherry Ave.  
9:49 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

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

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

**LONG BEACH PLAYHOUSE** April 6 - May 4  
**MANSTAGE**  
**HAMLET**  
BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
**562-494-1014 LBPlayhouse.org**  
**5021 E. Anaheim St.**

TST7254/Order No: 15840  
Auto Lien Sale

On 4/10/2024 at 5635 IMPERIAL HWY SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 HONDA VIN: 2HGFC2F84MH560097 STATE: CA LIC: 8WLR549 at 10 AM

TST7255/Order No: 17170  
Auto Lien Sale

On 4/10/2024 at 9223 S VERMONT AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 HONDA VIN: 1HGCR2F77HA036214 STATE: CA LIC: 8MY263 at 10 AM



**LONG BEACH POST STRIKE**  
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“I do not think Melissa’s ego will allow her to admit that she is the sole reason for the failure of the *Long Beach Post*,” Rae said.

Rae said that when the *Long Beach Post* first started the process to become a nonprofit, a meeting was held where staff members asked whether they should preemptively take pay cuts and whether there would be additional layoffs — both of which Evans assured them wouldn’t be necessary.

Rae said that Evans’ confidence in this matter was based on a verbal promise of \$500,000 in funding from John Molina, a wealthy local investor and founding partner of Pacific 6, the company that previously owned the *Long Beach Post*. Rae said that Molina ended up donating \$175,000, leaving a shortfall in Evans’ planned budget for the outlet.

“We told her on several occasions that she should not rely on a verbal promise from somebody we were separating from,” Rae said. “[...] And she insisted that he made a promise to her that it was coming.”

Rae’s version of events seems to be supported in the open letter Evans published on the *Long Beach Post* site, in which Evans writes that the *Post* “retained nearly all of our previous staff based on the promise of several large donations, some of which did not materialize.”

Evans went on to announce layoffs due to the lack of funding. Staff said that these layoffs were a direct result of mismanagement by Evans, and that she was not allowing them to have any input in the outlet’s decisions. This led them to begin their unionization efforts.

The Long Beach Media Guild asserts that Schuster and Richardson were always told their jobs were safe and were let go because they became leaders in the union movement. “I don’t see a time when we align with Melissa Evans, that’s just not something that I personally can see us ever doing,” Rae said. “But I do think we are an immensely talented group of people who love Long Beach and do not want to see Long Beach become a news desert. So I do see us — as long as we can get the community to rally behind us — I do see us being a group of people who can relaunch a new site that’s dedicated to Long Beach and the community, independently of anyone else besides the community.”

As the strike continues, the Long Beach Media Guild is asking the community to boycott the *Long Beach Post* and *Long Beach Business Journal*. Ruiz said that while they’re not asking people to cancel their subscriptions, they are asking people not to visit the site, read any stories on it, or engage with the *Long Beach Post*’s social media.

The laid-off and striking workers have started a GoFundMe campaign to pay for necessary living expenses while they’re out of work. As of March 28, the online campaign has raised \$9,257 of its \$10,000 goal.

The Long Beach Media Guild launched a petition on actionnetwork.org urging the Long Beach Post to voluntarily recognize the union. The petition has garnered 762 signatures as of March 28.

To keep up with news and updates from the Long Beach Media Guild, follow them on social media, including X and Instagram, @LBMGuild.



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Jason Ruiz, who covers city council for the *Long Beach Post*, clad in a modified hat to shame the news outlet’s leadership, speaks with *Long Beach Local News* on March 25, 2024, as he strikes in solidarity with his nine other coworkers who were laid off by the *Long Beach Post*. Ruiz is one of only three journalists left at the *Post* who were not laid off.

**EVENT**



Courtesy of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance

Downtown Long Beach Art Walk attendees browse through one of the exhibits at the former iconic Acres of Books building—the central hub of the DTLB Art Walk.

**Downtown Long Beach Art Walk returns in April**

**Staff Report**  
Signal Tribune

Long Beach’s Downtown Art Walk is returning for its third iteration, boasting an immersive range of art forms from exhibits and activations to musical performances and workshops on April 13.

The quarterly series is hosted by the Downtown Long Beach Alliance, Arts Council for Long Beach, the Long Beach Museum of Art, Grey LB and Studio One Eleven. The theme for this quarter is “DTLB Art Walk: Celebrate Downtown Edition,” featuring a lineup of DJs, filmmakers, photographers and more.

The Downtown Long Beach Art Walk is meant to highlight the walkability of Downtown while building on the crowds and energy of East Village’s monthly 2nd Saturday Art Walk. This art walk will also include Downtown Long Beach Alliance’s Spirit of Downtown Awards.

“This initiative is a testament to the community’s dedication to enriching Downtown’s cultural landscape and supporting the heartbeat of our local economy. Together, we’re crafting an immersive journey that paints our streets with creativity and connects every visitor with the soul of our city,” said Austin Metoyer, Downtown Long Beach Alliance President and CEO in a public statement.



Courtesy of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance  
Downtown Long Beach Art Walk attendees shop from a local vendor.

Residents can walk through a variety of locations in Downtown Long Beach while stopping to enjoy exhibits, showcases, DJ performances, activations, collaborations and more. The full lineup includes:

- “Is this a river? This is a river?” by local designer and commercial artist Eric Trine and documentary filmmaker Vern Moen of Long Beach Film Co. will open at the former iconic Acres of Books building (the central hub of the DTLB Art Walk) at 240 Long Beach Blvd. Part of Studio One Eleven’s “We Activate our Cities Initiative,” this exhibition will display a diverse range of artwork, including photography, 3D installations, video and more, reconnecting viewers to the San

Gabriel Rivermouth.

- The Celebrate Downtown Hub will be located behind the former Acres of Books activation within the Onni East Village complex. Visitors can also expect music and entertainment by DJ Malcolm Alexander, funk soul outfit Anthony Cruz & Friends, and LB B-boy Squad, and the announcement and celebration of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance’s annual Spirit of Downtown Awardees.

- Long Beach Museum of Art Downtown at 356 E. Third St. will feature local artists and vendors showcasing their works.



Courtesy of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance  
A DJ plays music for attendees as they browse art exhibits and installations at the Downtown Long Beach Art Walk.

- RDC-Studio One Eleven at 245 E. Third St. will launch its Creative-in-Residence program, featuring Kristen Marie Flores’ Muse Apothecary and the launch of Muse Lab, encompassing a retail pop-up installation with locally sourced plants from Flora Forage, and an exploration of the bridge between community care and workplace well-being.

- Record Box at 324 Elm Ave. will host a record sleeve art show, “COVERS,” where artists pick a record to create a new, one-of-a-kind record sleeve cover. Check out works from the last show in September here.

- Hellada Gallery at 117 Linden Ave. will host the opening of its annual community exhibit, “Sensuality in Art,” alongside new artworks by Karen Zilly’s “a sense of place” — a collection of coastal and Zen-inspired works. More information on Zilly, Hellada Gallery and the upcoming exhibit can be found here.

- First Street & Historic East Village Arts District Activation: Businesses throughout the East Village, with a high concentration on 1st Street, will be organized from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., pairing their unique and boutique offerings with artists from throughout the region. More can be found on the collectives’ program on Instagram here or on the East Village website here.

The DTLB Art Walk will take place in various Downtown locations on Saturday, April 13 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Signal Hill COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
**COLOR FUN RUN & WALK 2024**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**  
**START: 08:00 AM**  
**SIGNAL HILL CITY HALL**  
**2175 CHERRY AVENUE**

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