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## Next up in the fight for a living wage: Long Beach Airport and Convention Center workers



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Masked passengers wait for their flights inside the Long Beach Airport concourse on March 22, 2022. The local campaign for higher wages now includes 87 concession workers at the airport, who are fighting for a minimum wage of \$23.

*These employees are aiming for similar wages and guarantees as Long Beach hotel workers recently won with Measure RW.*

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

The latest group to join a historic year in the fight for higher wages and local labor is Long Beach Airport and Convention Center food and retail workers, with a little help from familiar friends.

Last month, local worker's rights group Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) and its campaign group Long Beach for a Just Economy (LBJE) wrapped up over a year of hard work with a victory when voters passed Measure RW.

The measure, which narrowly passed with nearly 53% of yes votes, ensured higher wages for hotel and hospitality workers at establishments with 100 or more rooms.

Following a brief victory lap, it was back to business for LBJE organizers, as the group announced its campaign for higher wages for Long Beach Airport (LGB) and Convention Center concession workers on April 5.

The fight for these 203 workers (87 airport workers and 116 Convention Center workers) follows the trend of investing in those who guarantee the success of Long Beach's tourism economy, as the industry is one of the city's most economically prolific sources.

Airport and Convention Center food and retail workers in Long Beach are predominantly women and people of color, Unite Here Local 11 member Maria Kamel told the *Signal Tribune*.

According to the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, Long Beach's tourism industry made \$1.8 billion in 2023, and both the Convention Center and the airport have surpassed their pre-pandemic profits.

"With major world events like FIFA and the Olympics on the horizon, it's time to follow the mandate set by voters by expanding the living wage to concession workers at the airport and convention center who also make up the backbone

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Courtesy of KLBP

Long Beach Public Radio members work with to put out a live show. The station's transmitter has since broken, and KLBP is asking for the public's help to purchase a temporary transmitter while they get their original transmitter fixed.

## FROM SILENCE TO SOUND: THE RESILIENCE OF KLBP RADIO IN LONG BEACH

Kristen Farrah Naem

Staff Writer

With a volunteer staff and shoestring budget, local radio station KLBP has aired music and discussions curated by and for the community on 99.1 FM since 2020.

"It really has been worth it," said Kris Kosach Wellen, general manager of KLBP. "It really has been, it's been a headache for sure. But it's really absolutely been worth it. And that is why the station is really worth saving. There's something incredibly good and something incredibly different and something uniquely Long Beach here."

Loyal listeners will have noticed by now that 99.1 FM has gone silent over the past few weeks. KLBP sent its transmitter off for maintenance with a company in the midwest, and after it was shipped back to Long Beach, the team discovered it was in an even worse state than before, and was now unusable.

For a couple weeks the station's next steps were unclear, and volunteers began raising funds through an online campaign to buy a new transmitter to replace the damaged one.

However, Daniel Brezenoff, secretary and member of the board of directors for KLBP, told the *Signal Tribune* on Tuesday that the repair company is taking responsibility for the damages and replacing the original transmitter. Since that process could take weeks, the money from the online fundraiser will be used to rent a temporary transmitter to get KLBP back on the air in the meantime.

As of Thursday, the online campaign has raised \$2,006 of its \$6,600 goal. Brezenoff said the temporary transmitter was set to be installed on Thursday.

This is just the latest hurdle that KLBP's volunteer team has had to jump. Brezenoff and Wellen said the radio station's growth was severely hampered by the pandemic. The station celebrated the grand opening of its studio in early March 2020, days before the nationwide lockdown began.

During the pandemic, the owner of the donated space the station was operating out of asked them to move their operations to an adjacent property, which required volunteers to disassemble and reassemble the entire studio.

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## LOCAL WORKER WAGES

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of Long Beach's thriving tourism industry," said Gabriel Perez, community organizer for LBJE.

Perez said LBJE's goal is to get the airport and Convention Center worker's wages passed on the same exact schedule as the workers under RW, beginning July 1.

Dozens of industries saw major strikes and unionization efforts in 2023, including 60 major hotels across the nation. Hotel Maya workers in Long Beach are still negotiating with management on the details of their contract.

The protests were resounded by similar movements in a historic year for labor, accompanied by writers and actors strikes, auto workers strikes, University of California workers strikes, Starbucks and Amazon workers strikes and many more in the past year.

LGB and Convention Center concession workers are represented by Unite Here Local 11, the same union that represents local hotel and hospitality workers.

This group was predetermined as the next up to bat, as LBJE originally intended for them to be included in the Measure RW campaign, Perez said. Since hotel and hospitality worker wages were last established by voters through Measure N in 2012, Long Beach City Council didn't have the power to raise their wages; only voters could.

This means that — ideally — the fight for a living wage for LGB and Convention Center food and retail workers will be quicker, since the city council can make the decision amongst themselves. While Measure RW required door-to-door campaigning to inform voters, the bulk of the work for this campaign will be ensuring that LBJE and Unite Here Local 11 are on the same page with their requests, then relaying that message to the city council.

Unite Here Local 11 and LBJE are fighting for:

- A minimum wage of \$23 by 2024, with \$1.50 annual increases capped at \$29.50 by 2028.



Courtesy of LAANE

Unite Here Local 11 members gather to speak at a City Hall forum. The union is currently fighting for Long Beach Airport and Convention Center concession workers to receive a living wage.

- Preventing Loopholes in Service Charges, ensuring that workers performing the service are paid fairly and equitably.

- Insuring Compliance: ensuring that wages go into effect according to the agreed upon schedule for all concessionaires.

"We're trying to go back to the original vision and see it through," Perez said. "It's about equity. They're also a backbone of the tourism industry, so we wanted to go back and realize the original vision and intention."

Perez also pointed out Long Beach's \$750 investment in infrastructure and projects to prepare for the 2028 Olympics. This includes \$50 million towards the Convention Center and \$8 million towards the airport.

Long Beach City Council last established a minimum wage and scale for LGB and Convention Center concession workers in 2014, setting the minimum wage at \$13.26. Those wages are currently set at \$17.36 minimum.

Those who want to support Unite Here Local 11 and the Long Beach Airport and Convention Center workers who are fighting for higher wages should follow @lbjusteconomy and @laane\_ on social media to receive updates. Showing up in solidarity of the workers, as well as advocating for them during the public comment period of the items is highly encouraged.

## CITY COUNCIL

# Compensation for Signal Hill council members may increase at the end of this year

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The Signal Hill City Council voted on Tuesday to hold public hearings next month on increasing compensation for council members, as well as the city clerk and city treasurer, by 10% starting in December 2024.

According to the California government code, city council members are allowed to vote to increase their compensation each year. Recent legislation signed into law last summer, SB 329, allows city councils to choose between the standard increase of up to 5%, or an amount equal to the level of inflation since Jan. 1, 2024.

Since the city council did not take a pay increase in 2023, city staff recommended that they vote for a 10% increase in their compensation. City staff said this would bring city council members to the pay level they would have been at if they had accepted increases during those two years.

State law also requires that cities hold two public hearings where residents can comment on the ordinances to increase compensation for these roles. Councilmembers voted to schedule these hearings during the upcoming city council meetings on May 14 and May 28.



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An aerial view of the Signal Hill City Hall building on Jan. 13, 2022. The Signal Hill City Council voted on Tuesday to hold public hearings next month on increasing compensation for council members, as well as the city clerk and city treasurer, by 10% starting in December 2024.

The ordinance could be adopted during the second public hearing.

During these hearings, the city council will also discuss and vote on whether to add pay increases for the council members, city clerk and city treasurer to the planned annual development of the city budget in March and April.

If the 10% pay increase is approved by the city council, council member's compensation will

increase from \$722.18 a month to \$794.40, while the city clerk and city treasurer's monthly pay will increase from \$438.22 to \$482.04. These pay increases combined will represent an additional annual cost of \$5,384.81 for the City of Signal Hill.

Signal Hill City Council meetings are held biweekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and can be watched online live or as a recording on Granicus.

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FUNDRAISER

# Free concert Friday will raise funds to rebuild Open Gallery

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

A free concert this Friday from the Long Beach Camerata Singers (LBCS) will raise money towards rebuilding Open Gallery, which was destroyed in a car crash on Feb. 24.

The community gallery opened in 2019, and the crash, allegedly caused by a drunk driver, ruined original works of art as well as the five years of hard work poured into the establishment. The crash also destroyed the home of gallery owners Artos Saucedo, Liz Garibaldi and their son, as it was located directly above the gallery.

A Gofundme donation page has raised \$42,969 of the \$150,000 goal to rebuild the gallery as of April 10.

Open Gallery was slated to host the concert and an accompanying exhibit as part of the Long Beach Arts Council Creative Corps Collaboration before the car crash, according to a statement from the LBCS.

"After considering a number of alternatives, it became obvious that the concert should go on as scheduled, but as a fundraiser for Open Gallery," LBCS said in a public statement.

The concert will be free, with all donations going towards the rebuilding efforts of Open Gallery. LBCS Artistic Director James K. Bass will perform excerpts from their social justice-themed 2023 Peace Project, "THE WORTH OF



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The exterior of Open Gallery is boarded up on Feb. 26, 2024, after a suspected drunk driver crashed into the gallery with connect loft apartment above where the owners and their child live on February 24. To raise funds for the restoration of Open Gallery, there will be a free concert on Friday, April 12 at Grace First Presbyterian Church where donations for the gallery will be accepted.

WATER." The piece focuses on the importance of water as a life-giving resource, while metaphorically relating to the goal "of bringing Open Gallery back to life through the support of the Long Beach artistic community," LBCS said in a statement.

The fundraiser concert on Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m. is free and open to everyone in the community at Grace First Presbyterian Church at 3955 N. Studebaker Road. Free parking is available, and donations for Open Gallery will be accepted at the door.

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ROADS

# Street closures for Grand Prix will begin April 17

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach will screech back for its return from April 19 to April 21, prompting several street closures in the downtown area.

Street closures will begin on Wednesday, April 17 at 4 a.m. and last until Monday, April 22 at 5 p.m. Below is the full list of downtown Long Beach street closures and alternative access points. Times are approximate and subject to change, according to a statement from the City.

**Wednesday, April 17:**

4 a.m. –

Closure of the side streets off Shoreline Drive and Seaside Way leading into the racecourse.

7 a.m. –

Closure of westbound Shoreline Drive.

Closure of the northbound Queensway Bridge off-ramp.

Closure of the southbound Queensway Bridge on-ramp from Shoreline Drive.

Closure of Aquarium Way, south of Shoreline Drive.

3 p.m. –

Closure of eastbound Shoreline Drive from Broadway to Ocean Boulevard.

Pine Avenue will remain open to



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A Formula D drift car takes a turn at high-speed during a practice run at the Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sept. 14, 2021. The Acura Grand Prix returns to Long Beach the weekend of April 19-21, with road closures on and around Shoreline Drive beginning April 17.

traffic for visitors to the Hyatt, waterfront restaurants, Shoreline Village and Shoreline Marina tenants.

Aquarium of the Pacific will be accessible via Chestnut Place or Golden Shore Avenue. All vehicles must be out of the Aquarium parking structure by 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 18.

Valet parking will be available for guests dining at waterfront restaurants. Parking will also be available at Shoreline Village. All ve-

hicles entering at Pine Avenue will exit to the east through the Marina Green parking lot and should follow the directional signage.

**Friday, April 19:**

6 a.m. –

Access to the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and the Shoreline Marina from Ocean Boulevard and Pine Avenue will close.

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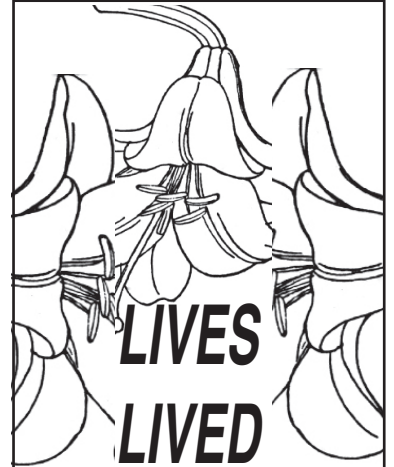
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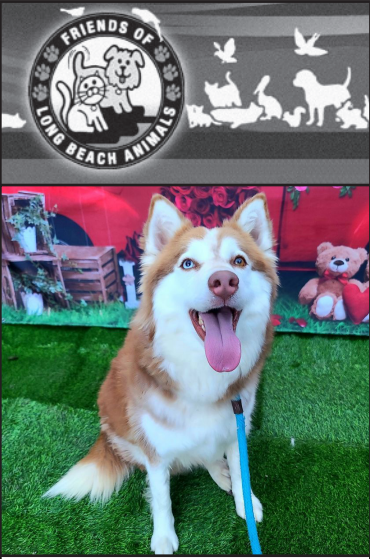
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On the Hill



**Romancing the Hill, Circa 1922**

By 1922, less than two years after the discovery of oil in Signal Hill, this area pulsed with the excitement and optimism that the prospect of Big Money brings. These feelings were so contagious that a number of local reporters simultaneously coined a phrase to describe them: The Romance of Signal Hill.

More notable among this group was Jessie Elwin Nelson, who wrote for local papers before becoming Signal Hill's first mayor. In her enthusiasm for the boom she wrote, "little else counted save the realization of a production well." When a General Petroleum well came in a gusher in 1922, Mrs. Nelson penned the following poem commemorating the event: ("G.P." refers to General Petroleum.)

Gasser to the right of them,  
Gasser to the left of them,  
Gasser in front of them  
Roared and thundered.  
Belching up rock and shale,  
Covering the ground like hail,  
Wrecking derrick and bail,  
While he town wondered.  
Soon a wild gusher rose  
Up from its deep repose,  
Spouting and shooting oil  
High in the air.  
Thousands of barrels fell  
With a black Smirch and smell,  
Spreading a dark blanket  
Over half of the hill.  
Homes were made desolate,  
Left to their blackened fate;  
While people fled.  
Oil to right of them,  
Oil to left of them  
Oil front and back of them.  
What's this they said?  
"What e'er the loss of it,  
What e'er the cost of it,  
The G.P. has proven the west side of the hill."

(This well was the first gusher west of Cherry Ave)

Another reporter to idealize Signal Hill's oil boom was M.A. Morrison, whose article "The Romance of Signal Hill" was a cover story for The Long Beach Press Magazine on December 31, 1922. Here is an example of Morrison's gushing prose:

*Above article originally published Jan 25, 1991 in the Star Tribune  
Written by Julie Bendizick-Sim. Part 13 of 23*

"Two years ago it merely was a 'hill.' Today it is the great oil field of California one of the greatest in the United States! Twenty-four months ago, one hundred Japanese toiled upon those hillsides. Today, more than 5000 men eat, sleep, live, that they may "drive steel bits deep into the earth of that same hill and draw from it the blackened blood of prehistoric crustaceans

. . . And that same fluid - that greasy, hot, viscid liquid which comes roaring forth from the reservoirs of Mother Nature those hundreds of streams of it which are giving wealth to the world -- they reach out and encompass the globe!"

Not to be outdone by a rival Long Beach paper, the Long Beach Telegram printed an article "Romance of Signal Hill is a Magic Tale of Wonder Oil Field," also on December 31, but one year later. The tone of this article was nothing short of raving:

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## EVENTS

# Concerts, plays and festivals, oh my! Friends of Rec Park Bandshell releases 2024 lineup

## Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Two years ago, longtime friends and music fans Steve Pruitt and Hans Hellsund created a nonprofit to revitalize one of Long Beach's abandoned historical landmarks: the bandshell at Recreation Park.

The bandshell has a colorful history, hosting bands, actors, students and even former president Richard Nixon in its heyday. Pruitt and Hellsund, equipped with fond memories of the bandshell and plenty of determination, created the Friends of Rec Park Bandshell (FORPBS) in 2022.

The duo has hosted multiple events at the bandshell since then, inviting residents to the outdoor amphitheater to enjoy music and movies from local students and musicians.

FORPBS recently received its largest grant yet: \$50,000 from the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Foundation, which they will use to refurbish the stage later this year, Pruitt said.

Much to Pruitt's dismay, the city of Long Beach has not thrown any support towards the bandshell, though Mayor Rex Richardson has excitedly announced plans to build a new musical amphitheater near the Queen Mary.

With no formal recognition from the City, FORPBS is moving forward with its plans to renovate the historical site, recently announcing



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An overhead view of the bandshell and seating area at Recreation Park on June 12, 2023. The Friends of Rec Park Bandshell recently released their 2024 events lineup, featuring several community concerts, plays and festivals.

a stacked 2024 lineup with musical performances, Shakespeare plays, festivals and more.

## The full 2024 FORPBS: April

•Saturday, April 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Pre-Dirtbags Baseball Game Concert with Higher Ed

## May

•Saturday, May 4: Long Beach Bluegrass Festival, time TBA

•Sunday, May 19: HS Battle of the Bands, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## June

•Thursday through Friday, June 20 to 22: Shakespeare by the Sea performing "Cardenio" from 8

p.m. to 10 p.m.

•Sunday, June 23: Long Beach Camerata Singers, "A Sondheim Tribute Revue" from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

•Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29: Shakespeare by the Sea performing "Henry IV" from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

•Sunday, June 30: KJAZZ Bubba Jackson Memorial Concert from noon to 8 p.m.

## July

•Saturday, July 13: 7 Saturdays of Summer - performance TBD from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

•Saturday, Jul 20: 7 Saturdays of Summer - Manuel the Band from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

•Saturday, Jul 27: 7 Saturdays of Summer - performance TBD from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## August

•Saturday, Aug. 3: 7 Saturdays of Summer - Long Beach Camerata Singers, Music of Laurel Canyon from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

•Saturday, Aug. 10: 7 Saturdays of Summer - King Salmon from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

•Saturday, Aug. 17: 7 Saturdays of Summer - performance TBD from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

•Saturday, Aug. 24: 7 Saturdays of Summer - Knyght Ryder from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## September

•Saturday, Sept. 7: Tribute Band Festival, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

•Sunday, Sep 15: LB Gives Fair & Concert from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## October

•Saturday, Oct. 19: Jazz at the Shell from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.



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“Just trying to launch a radio station is very challenging, trying to do it when you’re also managing COVID, you know, that was brand new for everybody,” Brezenoff said. “It was a lot. It was hard to have meetings. It was hard to stay connected with people, it was hard for people to see a workable model. [...] This was the worst timing in the world.”

The station is run by a handful of stalwart volunteer members, with over 50 more people producing their own shows for the station. The vast majority of independent radio shows aired on KLBP focus on different genres of music, including darkwave, indie, electronic dance music, hip-hop and more.

The station is seeking more talk shows, and its current lineup includes a show discussing Indigenous issues, American Indian Airwaves, as well as the interview show Artbeat Radio, created by members of local nonprofit Able ARTS Work.

While listeners wait for 99.1 FM to come back on the air, they can

visit [klbp.org/listen/](http://klbp.org/listen/) to listen to the live broadcast virtually.

“They need to do something a little bit different than what we already have,” Wellen said. “[...] It’s got to be a little different. It’s got to be truly independent. I don’t mind if it’s a little bit weird. I don’t want anybody copycatting commercial radio, that’s a ‘no no.’ If anybody comes to me and says I want to play Green Day and Coldplay, sorry, I don’t want you. You can find that anywhere. We want really different stuff. Blow me away.”

KLBP is one of only two radio stations based in Long Beach. The other one is run by Cal State Long Beach’s college news organization 22 West Media.

Even before the pandemic arrived in the United States, KLBP opened during a time when radio stations across the nation were either shutting down or making cuts. In January 2020, the country’s biggest radio company which owned over 850 stations at the time, iHeartMedia, announced mass lay-

offs among its local radio stations. The same company laid off another 2,000 radio station employees in 2009.

According to an article published by Britannica, Americans aged 18 to 24 listened to the radio 25% less in 2007 than they had in 2000.

According to data gathered by Nielsen Media Research and published by the Radio Advertising Bureau, 89% of Americans ages 12 and older listened to the radio in any given week in 2019, which declined to 83% in 2020, and 82% in 2022.

KLBP is entirely funded by donations and grants, and is always in need of more volunteers. Kosach Wellen said there’s currently around 10 volunteers, and that KLBP needs around 70 to run optimally.

To contact KLBP about volunteering or starting a show, email [info@klbp.org](mailto:info@klbp.org). To keep up with the radio station, visit its website [klbp.org](http://klbp.org) or its Instagram page, @klbpfm.

**IMMIGRATION**

# Long Beach expands Justice Fund; organizers still seeking long term commitment

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

Long Beach’s Justice Fund, which pays for legal and supportive services to prevent local undocumented immigrants from being deported, was renewed for another year and expanded to reach more of the community at Tuesday’s city council meeting.

Through mostly one-time allocations totaling almost \$1.4 million, the Justice Fund will now formally partner with Cambodian and Filipino organizations in the city. Services will also focus on preventative measures for undocumented residents rather than solely on removal defenses, which is the last step before someone is deported.

Following Tuesday’s meeting, funds will go to ÓRALE, who has advocated for and been involved in the Justice Fund since its inception, alongside the United Cambodian Community, The Filipino Migrant Center and Al Otro Lado.

Gaby Hernandez, executive director with Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation and Empowerment (ÓRALE), showed up to the city council meeting for the eighth year in a row to advocate for these funds and the continuation of the Justice Fund. She remembers back in 2018 when the Justice Fund was first introduced and championed by then-councilmember, now-senator Lena Gonzalez and how different the conversations around it are now.

“In 2018, the conversation that took place at that time was, ‘Why are we providing money for legal services for immigrants?’ I think we really shifted the narrative to, ‘These folks are part of the community, the people that work at hotels and in the city,’” Hernandez said.

Since 2019, the Justice Fund has represented over 70 clients, including 16 children. It has also helped 18 residents obtain work permits and closed 15 cases, with 51 cases pending. City staff stressed that



Courtesy of Gaby Hernandez

Members of the Long Beach Justice Fund Community Oversight Committee and supporters take a celebratory picture after receiving renewed funds for the program that provides free legal services for undocumented immigrants facing deportation.

deportation cases can often take years, if not decades to resolve.

Long Beach’s Justice Fund is unique to other local immigrant defense programs, which only provide removal defenses. The Justice Fund also assists residents in obtaining U Visas, which grant nonimmigrant status to victims of crimes who have suffered physical or mental abuse; T Visas, which helps victims of trafficking; and VAWA applications for victims of domestic abuse.

The program also has a Community Oversight Committee that decides how funds will be spent, something Hernandez says sets Long Beach apart from other cities that have similar funds.

Contracts with the chosen organizations are as follows:

Al Otro Lado: \$480,000 for providing affirmative and appellate legal services

- ÓRALE: \$122,500 for community connection services

- Filipino Migrant Center: \$122,500 for community connection services

- United Cambodian Community: \$75,000 for community connec-

tion services

Community Services means that the local organizations involved in the Justice Fund refer those in need of legal services to Al Otro Lado, which is located in Los Angeles.

“We’ve been able to form solidarity with other immigrant communities ... It’s important to note that immigrant communities come from different backgrounds and different countries, not just Latin-American countries,” Hernandez said. “Specifically here in Long Beach we have a big Filipino community, we have a big Cambodian community, so we joined forces with those folks to ensure that every community is taken care of and tapped into.”

The three Long Beach organizations will be meeting quarterly to understand each other’s needs and learn from one another, Hernandez said.

Cambodian residents make up about 4% of Long Beach’s population, roughly 486,000 residents. According to the Long Beach Health Department, more than 20,000 Filipino residents live in Long Beach. According to the U.S.

**JUSTICE FUND** see page 11



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# AROUND TOWN

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



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Ryan Dissman, a player with the Woodrow Wilson High School baseball team, gives a high five to Noah D'Ambrosio with the Playmakers program as he jumps onto third base with his mom at J.H. McGaugh Elementary School in Seal Beach on March 25, 2023. Playmakers will host Long Beach's inaugural Adaptive Sports Fair this Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Long Beach City College with free ice cream, entertainment, sports and more.

From Shakespeare plays to stand-up comedy, book clubs to burlesque shows, garden tours to farm parties; this week has something for everyone in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Those who wish to bask in the spring beauty of nature this week can attend Farm Lot 59's annual farm party Saturday night, Prisk Native Garden's open house Sunday afternoon or a peaceful stroll through Bixby Knolls early Saturday morning. More outdoor activities include the city's first-ever Adaptive Sports Fair Saturday morning and the Wrigley neighborhood's first-ever farmer's market Sunday morning and afternoon.

Businesses and City departments are hosting a variety of workshops this week, such as an informative online street vending seminar Friday afternoon, a mocktail-making class Saturday evening, a forum on park equity in Long Beach Wednesday night and a financial literacy workshop Thursday night.

For a more exciting outing filled with entertainment, residents can attend the Long Beach Shakespeare Company's "Antigone" show, wind down at a live comedy show Monday night or enjoy a burlesque show Thursday night.

## 12 FRIDAY

### LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long Beach Animal Care Services (7700 E Spring St.) will be offering discounted vaccines and microchips for pets. Cats must be brought in carriers and dogs must be leashed. Services are available on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 60 pets. Treatment prices vary.

### SIDEWALK TO SUCCESS

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be hosting an online seminar to inform the public on the new street vending ordinance and provide guidance to existing and aspiring vendors. To register for this Zoom meeting, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

### LIVE THEATER

8 p.m. The Long Beach Shakespeare Company will be perform-

ing "Antigone" at the Helen Borgers Theatre (4250 Atlantic Ave.). General admission tickets can be purchased for \$25 on the theater's website.

## 13 SATURDAY

### "AMÉLIE" SCREENING

Times vary. Beloved 2001 French film "Amélie" is screening at the Long Beach Art Theatre (2025 E Fourth St.) for two days only. The film follows a young woman who discreetly orchestrates the lives of those around her to create a beautiful world of her own making. Tickets are \$12 general admission and can be purchased on the theater's website.

### BIXBY KNOLLS STROLLERS

7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. This neighborhood walking group meets weekly at Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (4105 Atlantic Ave.) for strolls through the Bixby Knolls area. A new route is introduced each week. Free.

### DISTRICT 7 ADOPTION SERIES

10 a.m. to noon. The public is encouraged to adopt new family members at this pet fair at Silverado Park (1545 W 31st St.). All animals come from the City shelter and are in desperate need of homes. Adoption fees will be waived. Free.

### ADAPTIVE SPORTS FAIR

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local nonprofit Playmakers will host Long Beach's first-ever adaptive sports fair, with a wide range of sports for people of all ages and abilities at Long Beach City College (3932 Faculty Ave.). There will be free ice cream, entertainment, baseball, basketball, dance, martial arts, yoga, bocce and much more. Free.

### PEAK TO PASIFIKA

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Resident artist Jason Pereira and Chumash weaver Tima Lotah Link will be teaching a workshop at the Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum (695 Alamitos Ave.), where participants will learn how to create cords using the native plant dogbane. The workshop is included with the \$5 cost of admission into the museum.

### BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local business And Then LB (3803 Atlantic Ave.) is celebrating its seventh year in business. This celebration will feature tarot readings, face painting, flash tattoos, baked goods and a photo booth. Free to attend.

### WRITERS CLUB MEETING

2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. National Poetry month will be recognized at this California Writers Club of Long Beach meeting at Los Altos United Methodist Church (5950 E Willow St.). Local poet Nancy Woo will be the guest of the meeting. Free.

### FARM LOT 59 PARTY

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. This annual party at Farm Lot 59 will feature a picnic under the stars, live music from The Pollen Collective and a feast of roasted hog, chicken and vegetarian sides prepared by local chef Eugene. Tickets are \$65 for adults, \$20 for children and can be purchased on the farm's website.

## 14 SUNDAY

### WRIGLEY FARMER'S MARKET

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event marks the first-ever Wrigley neighborhood Association's Farmer's Market, with fresh produce and local art available for purchase at the corner of Willow Street and Pacific Avenue. The event has a greater chance of becoming a regular occurrence if the market receives a good turnout, according to the association. Free.

### GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Prisk Native Garden (2375 Fanwood Ave.) will be opening its doors to the public to view its native flowers and plants. The garden also features a new creek and pond. Free.

## 15 MONDAY

### THEATER AUDITIONS

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Long Beach Playhouse (5021 E Anaheim St.) is holding auditions for cast members to perform in the play "Lot." The

play will run from June 8 to July 6, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Those who audition must bring their headshots and a resume. Cold readings will be provided during the auditions. This is a volunteer acting position, and chosen actors will not receive compensation.

### COSMIC COMEDY

7 p.m. Attendees can enjoy a live comedy show along with their food and drinks at Jade on the Water (6380 East Pacific Coast Highway). There will be discounts for service industry workers. Free to enter; menu prices vary. Reservations can be made on Eventbrite.

## 16 TUESDAY

### SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

11 a.m. to noon. Seniors can socialize and get active at this class that will introduce basic zumba steps and dance moves set to music in the Signal Hill Library Community Room (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

### LINCOLN PARK WALKING GROUP

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Residents can join a walk starting at Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.), circling the Civic Center and the Billie Jean King Main Library. Participants can walk at their own pace. The walk will take place on flat ground. Free.

### A BETTER TRIP

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Comedian Shane Mauss will be performing live at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E Fourth St.). His stand up will be accompanied by visuals and animations on the screen behind him. Tickets can be purchased for \$27.50 on Eventbrite.

## 17 WEDNESDAY

### GRAND OPENING

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local nonprofit Algalita invites the public to the grand opening of its new laboratory that will focus on microplastic research (148 N Marina Drive), featuring vendors, a lab tour, a short film screening and more. To register, visit Eventbrite. Free.

### EXPLORING PARK EQUITY IN GREATER LONG BEACH

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During this open forum at Studio One Eleven (245 E Third St.), youth, academics and design professionals will discuss ways to create more park space in underserved areas of Long Beach. Register for free on Eventbrite.

## 18 THURSDAY

### GROCERY GIVEAWAY

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Local nonprofit Love Beyond Limits will be giving away groceries at Martin Luther King Jr. Park on the third Thursday of each month (1133 E Rhea St.). Free.

### ONLINE MOVIE AND Q&A

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Impact Media Partners will host this film and Q&A in honor of the upcoming Earth Day. Attendees can watch "Single Use Planet," a film about the impacts of single-use plastic and hear from a panel of four experts from around the country. Free, but RSVP on Eventbrite is required.

### TROPICAL TEASE

4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Marvelous Mavens will be hosting a burlesque performance to an exotica soundtrack at the Secret Island Tiki Restaurant and Lounge (209 Pine Ave.). General admission tickets can be purchased for \$10 on Eventbrite.

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EVENT

# Celebration of the Young Child returns for its fifth year on April 27



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Children trade books while Long Beach Councilmember Mary Zendejas speaks about the renovated KidSpace of the Long Beach Billie Jean King Main Library during a dedication ceremony on May 13, 2022. The library and Lincoln Park will host the fifth annual Celebration of the Young Child event on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*The event will offer hands-on activities, developmental screenings, local resource booths and entertainment.*

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Almost every resource a young child in Long Beach could need will be on display and offered for free at the fifth annual Celebration of the Young Child event on Saturday, April 27.

Parents, caregivers and their children will be greeted by a smorgasbord of activities, vendors, professionals and local resources at the Billie Jean King Main Library and Lincoln Park in Downtown Long Beach. Resources and activities will focus on children up to 8 years old.

"The early years of a child's life are so precious, and the opportunities provided at this event can positively influence their lives for years to come," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement.



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A young child grimaces while a temporary tattoo with the Long Beach Veterans Commission logo is applied to her hand with water at the commission's informational booth at the Long Beach Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 12, 2022.

This event is hosted by the Long Beach Health Department's Early Childhood Strategic Initiatives Program, the Long Beach Public Library and the Mayor's Fund.

Last year, the City's Early Childhood Education team conducted a community survey of participants from previous events to learn how best to support childhood development. The results from that survey helped to inform this year's lineup of activities and resources, which features healthy food options, hands-on activities, spaces for chil-

dren with varying sensory needs and on-site enrollment assistance to various programs.

Performances will entertain children and their families from Latin Grammy-winner and author of "Paletero Man" Lucky Diaz, as well as Wacko the Magician. Library staff will offer music and movement activities, read-aloud story times, a sensory exploration area and other educational activities.

Free parking will be available in the Civic Center parking garage located at the corner of Broadway and Chestnut Avenue.

Parents can also access early intervention resources and screenings for free. Screening tools will include the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)-3, which is used to help parents identify areas of development where their child may need more support. Children can also take the articulation component of the Preschool Language Scale (PSL)-5.

Screening appointments will be made on walk-in basis ranging from 10 to 20-minute sessions, and parents will receive the results and connections to related services on-site.

"Celebration of the Young Child showcases our commitment to the growth and well-being of our young children, offering a solid foundation of support for future generations of Long Beach residents," said First District Councilmember Mary Zendejas in a public statement.

Children can also receive vaccinations on-site. The Billie Jean King Main Library terrace will host information booths from local and regional education centers, agencies and vendors, who will be equipped with educational handouts.

The fifth annual Celebration of the Young Child will take place on Saturday, April 27 at the Billie Jean King Main Library and Lincoln Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No advanced registration is required, and the event is free to all.

CRIME



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The family of Manuela "Mona" Rodriguez, including Oscar Rodriguez and another family member, talk to the protestors outside the LBUSD headquarters building during a Board of Education meeting on Oct. 6, 2021. The prosecution rested its case-in-chief today in the murder trial of ex-LBUSD School Safety Officer Eddie Gonzalez, who fatally shot 18-year-old Manuela Rodriguez on Sept. 27, 2021.

# Trial continues for ex-LBUSD School Safety Officer who fatally shot 18-year-old

City News Service

Southern California Local News

The prosecution rested its case-in-chief today in the murder trial of a former Long Beach Unified School District safety officer who fired at a car and fatally wounded an 18-year-old woman who had just been involved in an altercation with a teenage girl near a high school.

The defense began its portion of Eddie Gonzalez's case after the jury heard a half-dozen stipulations, including an agreement that Manuela "Mona" Rodriguez died of a gunshot wound to the back of the head. Jurors are expected to be handed the case later this week against Gonzalez, now 54, who was charged in October 2021 with murder for the fatal shooting of Rodriguez as she sat in the front passenger seat inside the Infiniti as it was moving in a parking lot on Sept. 27, 2021.

The shooting was captured on video that was widely aired on local media. Rodriguez died days later after being taken off life support.

During his opening statement, Deputy District Attorney Kristopher Gay told the jury that Gonzalez "responded to youthful disobedience with deadly force" after breaking up a fight between Rodriguez and a female Millikan High School student near Spring Street and Palo Verde Avenue, about a block from the high school.

Gonzalez tried to stop the Infiniti containing Rodriguez, her boyfriend and his teenage brother from leaving the scene, slapped the hood of the vehicle and yelled at the car's occupants, who disobeyed his commands, according to the prosecutor.

The former school safety officer was "not done trying to stop that car" as it was being driven away from him, and raised up his firearm and fired two rounds from behind the car, the deputy district attorney told jurors.

He said the car "did not get anywhere near" Gonzalez, telling jurors that they would see videos taken by two students from the high school along with a surveillance video from the parking lot. He told jurors that the videos would be supported by the testimony of three prosecution witnesses and leave "no doubt" that Gonzalez fired as the vehicle drove away when he was in "no danger."

Gonzalez's attorney, Michael Schwartz, countered that the vehicle's tires squealed before any shot was fired and that the evidence will show that his client was much closer to the vehicle than what the prosecution alleged.

He said his client had less than two seconds to assess whether he was about to be run over, how to get out of the way and stop the threat.

"They will not prove that it wasn't self-defense because it definitely was," Schwartz said.

Gonzalez's attorney told jurors that they would hear from the teenage girl involved in the initial confrontation, along with two other witnesses who believed that the vehicle was headed toward Gonzalez before the shooting.

The defense's first witness, Sabrina Ramos, testified that she believed a phone had been taken from her during the altercation with Rodriguez and said that she told the school safety officer about it after he responded to the scene. She said

she subsequently saw the phone on the ground.

In questioning by the defense, the now-18-year-old woman told jurors that she saw Gonzalez run over to the car containing Rodriguez, her boyfriend and his younger brother.

"It looked like he was going to get hit by the car," the former Millikan High School student testified.

Under cross-examination by the prosecution, the young woman said she didn't want to fight with Rodriguez and denied that she had ever challenged her to a fight or threatened to call the Department of Children and Family Services. She acknowledged that she had communicated with Rodriguez on Instagram, but said she had shared her password with a friend.

In testimony Monday, Rodriguez's boyfriend, Rafeul Chowdhury, denied trying to run over Gonzalez after the school safety officer intervened in the confrontation.

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# EYE ON CRIME

## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, April 3

7:24 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Molino Ave.  
5:24 p.m., Person with a knife, 2200 block E. Willow St.  
5:58 p.m., Grand theft, 3000 block California Ave.

### Thursday, April 4

4:08 a.m., Auto burglary, 2700 block Wall St.  
7:42 a.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.  
9:50 a.m., Fire, 2700 block Gundry Ave.  
10:20 a.m., Intoxicated person, 2300 block E. 28th St.  
5:20 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3300 block Brayton Ave.

### Friday, April 5

3:25 p.m., Identity theft, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.  
8:09 p.m., Battery, 900 block E. 33rd St.  
8:35 p.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block E. Willow St.

### Saturday, April 6

10:24 a.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
12:40 p.m., Residential burglary, 2300 block Promontory Dr.

### Sunday, April 7

3:17 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2300 block California Ave.  
9:00 a.m., Battery, 2300 block Lewis Ave.  
8:51 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block St. Louis Ave.

### Monday, April 8

7:59 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
9:51 a.m., Auto burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.  
5:29 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Temple Ave.  
7:08 p.m. Burglary, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.

### Tuesday, April 9

7:59 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
9:51 a.m., Auto burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.  
5:29 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Temple Ave.  
6:01 p.m., Critical missing, E. PCH/Gardenia Ave.  
7:08 p.m., Burglary, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.

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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

#### TST7269 Case No. 24LBCP00041 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTH DISTRICT, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE, LONG

BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Adriana Chaidez on behalf of Aliyah Raylene Calfy for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Adriana Chaidez on behalf of Aliyah Raylene Calfy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Aliyah Raylene Calfy Proposed Name: Aliyah Raylene Chaidez 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: June 7, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S27, Room S400. 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. April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 29, 2024

#### TST7266 / 2024 064048 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. SGR GROUP, 2. BLUE DIAMOND EVENTS, 13746 HANWELL AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ANDRES ALBERTO GONZALEZ BARRERA, 13746 HANWELL AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ANDRES ALBERTO GONZALEZ BARRERA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 03/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 22, 2024. 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

#### TST7267 / 2024 064044 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. KARTUNES, 2. KARTUNES WINDOW TINT, 7321 S ALARM ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90001. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GABRIELA MENDOZA, 13558 DITTMAR DR, WHITTIER, CA. 90605. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GABRIELA MENDOZA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2012. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 22, 2024. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The SignalTribune: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

#### TST7268 / 2024 064046 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: ABN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 2512 MUSCATEL AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA. 91770. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SONIA RIVERA, 2512 MUSCATEL AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA. 91770. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SONIA RIVERA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 22, 2024. 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

#### TST7275 Case No. 24LBCP00097 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: Martina Tweneboah Kodua for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Martina Tweneboah Kodua, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Martina Tweneboah Kodua Proposed Name: Martina Abdul Haadi 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 10, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S27, 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. April 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 2024 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 28, 2024

#### TST7276 Case No. 24LBCP00102 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: Eugenie Sydney Sherman for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Eugenie Sydney Sherman, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Eugenie Sydney Sherman Proposed Name: Eugenie Sydney Valencia 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.S26, Room 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Or-

der 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 coun-

ty, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. April 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 2024 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 2, 2024

## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST7277

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 00-05

**AN AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 00-05 WHICH ALLOWS OPERATION OF A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY, AMENDING EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ADDING NEW CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL TO LIMIT OPERATIONS ADJACENT TO ELLIS AVENUE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2901 EAST PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY WITHIN AREA 2 OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-10)**

**Agent:** Chris Mata  
**Property Owners:** Signal Hill Self Storage LP  
**Recommendation:** Planning Commission recommended approval 3-0

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are hereby invited to participate in this public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE** and provide comments in one of the following ways:

To view or listen to the meeting live at 7:00 p.m.

- In-person: Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California;
- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to [cluis@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cluis@cityofsignalhill.org), or by mail to the attention of Carlos Luis, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda on or before Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received after April 17, 2024, but before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, will be provided electronically to the City Council and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record. You are encouraged to provide written comments in advance of the publication of the agenda as well as participating during the meeting, to ensure that the City Council has ample time to consider your comments and that the applicant has the opportunity to respond to comments prior to finalizing the item for City Council review.

**THIS PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT** from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303 Class 1 as an Existing Facility (Class 1 Exemption), consistent with the provisions of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15300.2. The proposed project consists of the continuation of a storage facility business in an existing commercial building and does not involve expansion of the existing building or require offsite utility improvements. The subject site is located in an urbanized area where all necessary public services and facilities are available, and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

**IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY** challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

**THE FILE** and associated documents for the proposed project may be reviewed publicly on the City's website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org). If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Carlos Luis, Planning Manager, at (562) 989-7360 or via email at [cluis@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cluis@cityofsignalhill.org).

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## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST7259

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider adopting a resolution amending the City's Uniform Schedule of Service Fees and Charges. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Signal Hill City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are hereby invited to attend the public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to [cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org), or by mail to the attention of City Clerk, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before April 17, 2024), staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. If received after the publication date and before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the written comments will be attached to the original meeting minutes, and available in the City Clerk's office.

**IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY** challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** regarding the amendment(s) to the Uniform Schedule of Service Fees and Charges will be available online as well as available for examination and comment in the Office of the City Clerk. Additionally, these materials may be obtained from the City Clerk's office by calling the City Clerk at 562-989-7305 or by emailing [cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org).

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Daritza Gonzalez  
City Clerk

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**GRAND PRIX CLOSURES**  
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- Access to the south side of the track will be provided at the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue and will only be available to Grand Prix passholders and those with boat owner permits.
- Interior streets of The Pike, north of Shoreline Drive, will close.
- 7 p.m. –
- Pine Avenue will open for traffic to access the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and Shoreline Marina tenants.
- Valet parking will be available for guests dining at waterfront restaurants. Parking will also be available at Shoreline Village. All vehicles entering at Pine Avenue will exit to the east through the Marina Green parking lot and should follow the directional signage.
- Once Pine Avenue is open, the Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue entry access route to Shoreline Village and marina tenants will close.

**Saturday, April 20:**  
6 a.m. –

- Access to the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and the Shoreline Marina from Ocean Boulevard and Pine Avenue will close.
- Southbound Pine Avenue will close to all traffic.
- Access to the south side of the track will be provided at the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue and will only be available to Grand Prix passholders and those with boat owner permits.
- Interior streets of The Pike, north of Shoreline Drive, will close.
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- Pine Avenue will open for traffic to access the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and Shoreline Marina tenants.
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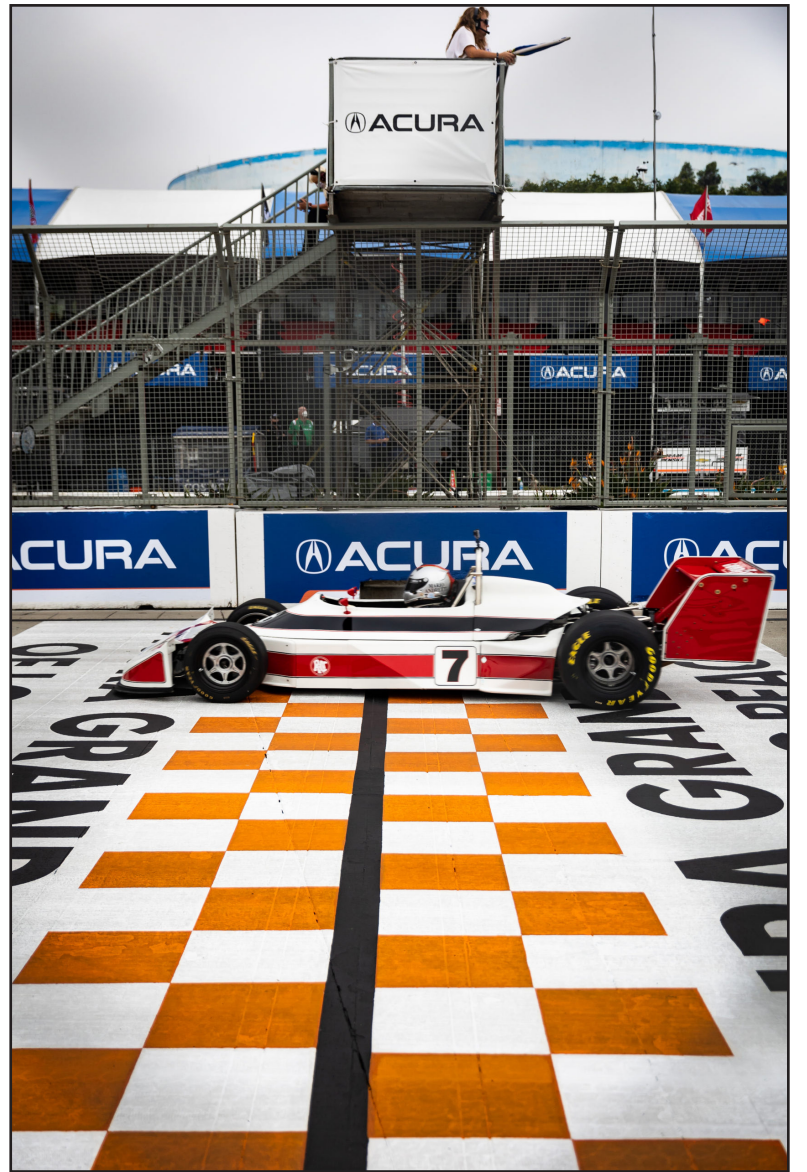
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A track marshal holds out the red “Stop!” flag for drivers due to a stalled racecar on the track at the Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sept. 24, 2021.

**Sunday, April 21:**  
6 a.m. –

- Access to the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and the Shoreline Marina from Ocean Boulevard and Pine Avenue will close.
- Southbound Pine Avenue will close to all traffic.

- Access to the south side of the track will be provided at the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue and will only be available to Grand Prix passholders and those with boat owner permits.
- Interior streets of The Pike, north of Shoreline Drive, will close.
- 7 p.m. –
- Pine Avenue will open for traffic to access the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and Shoreline Marina tenants.
- The Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue entry access route will close.
- Valet parking will be available for guests dining at waterfront restaurants. Parking will also be available at Shoreline Village. All vehicles entering at Pine Avenue will exit to the east through the Marina Green parking lot and should follow the directional signage.
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A driver crosses over the finish line while on their second lap of a Historic Formula Atlantic Challenge practice race at the Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sept. 24, 2021. Road closures for the 2024 Acura Grand Prix will begin with closure of the side streets off Shoreline Drive and Seaside Way leading into the racecourse.

**CRIME**

# Man working as gardener arrested for sexual battery; police seeking additional victims

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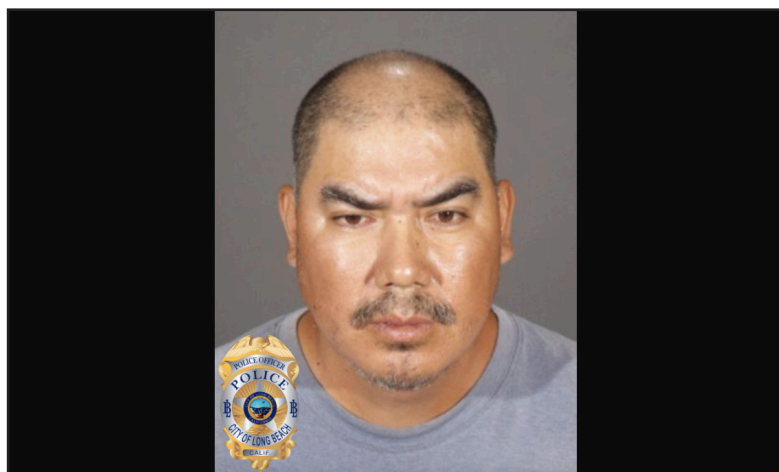
A suspect has been arrested in three sexual batteries against women in Long Beach, and authorities Wednesday appealed for other possible victims to contact police.

“Through their investigation, Sex Crimes detectives identified the suspect as Meliton Santoyo Jaramillo, a 38-year-old resident of Norwalk ...” police said in a statement. “Detectives believe that suspect Jaramillo was working as a gardener for the victims in each of the incidents.”

Jaramillo was arrested Monday in La Mirada and booked on suspicion of three counts of sexual battery, police said.

Authorities believe he is responsible for the following incidents:

- In August 2023 at Bellflower Boulevard and Wardlow Road, a sexual battery against an elderly female victim.
- In August 2023 at Bellflower Boulevard and Wardlow Road, a sexual battery against a second el-



Courtesy of LBPD  
Meliton Santoyo Jaramillo, a 38-year-old resident of Norwalk was arrested for three sexual battery cases in Long Beach. Police are asking other potential victims to step forward.

derly female victim.

- On Feb. 22, 2024, at Bellflower Boulevard and Wardlow Road, a sexual battery against a female adult victim.

The case was presented to the Long Beach City Prosecutor’s Office, which issued an arrest warrant, police said.

Detectives believe there may be additional unreported crimes, and they urged other possible victims to contact the LBPD Sex Crimes Detail at 562-570-7368. Tipsters may also call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS, or use the website www.lacrimestoppers.org.

**JUSTICE FUND**  
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Census, 24.6% of Long Beach residents identified as immigrants.

Hernandez still possesses the same passion for the Justice Fund as she did in 2018, but that was not the only reason she attended the Long Beach City Council meeting. There is no guarantee from year-to-year that the City will renew the program, as the Justice Fund is almost entirely made up of one-time funds.

“We applaud the City Council for moving forward in allocating the \$1 million that has allowed for that expansion that’s really going to support other services that are not available in Long Beach for immigrant communities,” Hernandez said. “We’re really excited about that, but we want to make sure that it’s not a one-time thing, that it continues to come.”

On top of that, Hernandez says the money allocated isn’t nearly enough to support the roughly 30,000 undocumented immigrants that live in Long Beach. She referred to Long Beach as a “legal desert” since it’s the second largest city in the United States without deportation legal services that undocumented residents can access for free.

Even through the Justice Fund, residents have to be referred to Los Angeles and Orange County, which have the legal support required. The money allocated for the Justice Fund has historically gone to Long Beach organizations that supply holistic and Community Connection Services for residents and their families, then refer them outside of Long Beach for legal services.

The 2024 funds that Long Beach approved for the Justice Fund are from the following sources:

- \$269,888 in structural funds from the Office of Equity
- \$500,000 in one-time funds
- \$700,000 in Long Beach Recovery Act funds, which expires at the end of 2024

The structural funds in the budget go solely towards removal defense services, which is the last step someone faces before they are deported.

Hernandez hopes that structural funding will be allocated to the Justice Fund in the future.

“Everyone’s very supportive of the fund, so it would be very hard for me to believe that the council and the mayor don’t see the importance of this and don’t lean into structural funding,” she said. “I think they understand that it’s going to take a lot of collaboration to get there, but there is no other way. We need these funds.”

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