

NEWS

Long Beach sees 2% decrease in homelessness, first drop since 2017

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Managing Editor

For the first time since 2017, Long Beach has reported a decrease in homelessness through its annual Point in Time Count, city officials announced Wednesday. Long Beach identified 3,376 people experiencing homelessness during that week, a 2.1% decrease citywide.

City workers and volunteers trekked through streets, shelters and public spaces during the last week of January 2024 to conduct the count, which is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This year is the first Point in Time Count since Long Beach City Council enacted a local emergency proclamation due to homelessness from January 2023 through February 2024.

"This is a real testament to our Health Department and all our City departments who have really taken a deep dive into this work," said Deputy City Manager Theresa Chandler. "We've certainly begun to turn the tide, but this is certainly not a victory lap ... There is still a lot of work to be done."

The City identified 2,455 homeless individuals living with no shelter, or 72.7% of those identified during the PIT Count. More than half (53%) of the people who were homeless told the City this was their first time experiencing homelessness.

Certain age groups saw larger drops in homelessness in Long Beach, according to the Point in Time Count:

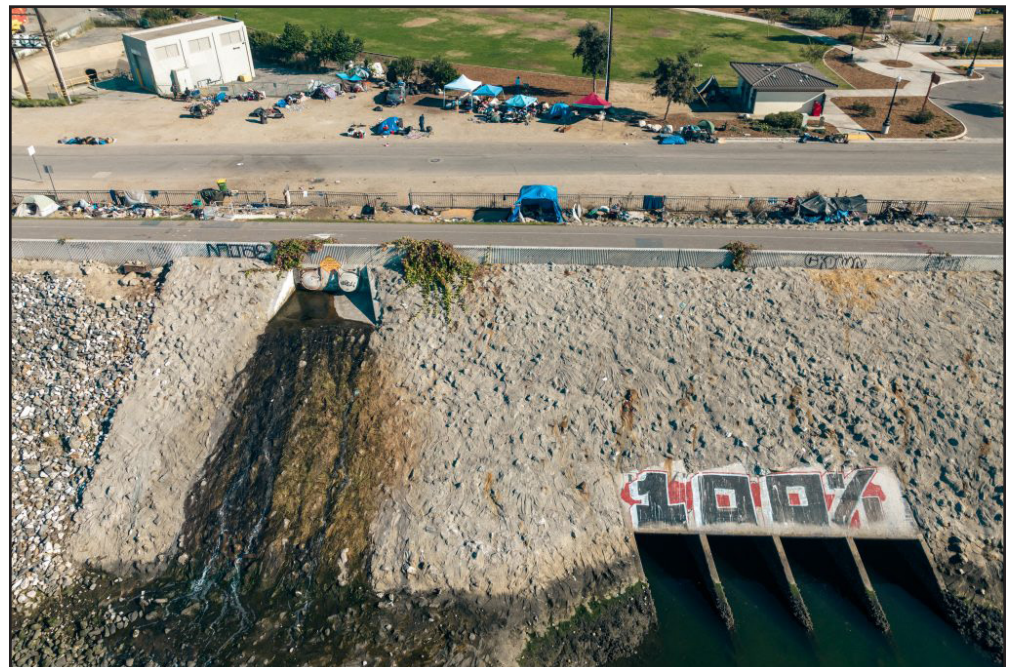
- Youth ages 18 and under: saw a 37% decrease in homelessness
- People ages 18 through 24: saw a 49.7% decrease in homelessness
- People ages 55 through 64: saw a 9.4% decrease in homelessness
- People ages 65 and older: saw a 3% decrease in homelessness

Those who were ages 45 through 54 made up the largest group of homeless individuals during the PIT Count, with 776 individuals identified as experiencing homelessness. People ages 35 through 44 made up the second largest age group, with 761 people experiencing homelessness.



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A woman living unhoused under the Ocean Avenue bridge looks over as Long Beach Parks, Recreation, and Marine workers remove items from a Shoreline Drive encampment on Nov. 18, 2021.



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

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Eloise Wood sets clay pots onto a rack before they are ready to be fired in the kiln at Clay on First pottery studio in downtown Long Beach on May 8, 2024.

Clay on First rekindles hope after blaze threatens local pottery studio

Kristen Farrah Naeem
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Clay Wood looks toward the camera while working on a soap dish inside his studio, Clay on First, in downtown Long Beach on May 8, 2024.

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ARTIST GRANTS

Arts Council for Long Beach accepting grant applications until June 14

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The Arts Council for Long Beach will be accepting applications for its annual grants program until Friday, June 14. These grants are available for individual artists, community groups and organizations.



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Artist Karina Vazquez paints with olive green paint on her mural at Dana Neighborhood Library in Bixby Knolls during the Long Beach Walls event on Aug. 30, 2022.

“As a leading arts agency and funder in Long Beach, our grants nurture and enliven the arts throughout the city,” said Arts Council for Long Beach Executive Director Griselda Suárez in a public

statement. “We know that funding for the arts has an incredible return on investment. I am proud of our ongoing partnership with the city to build resilient arts and culture grant programming throughout Long Beach.”

The Arts Council for Long Beach has three categories of grants for each of these groups: Professional Artist Fellowship Grant, the Community Project Grant, and the Organization Grant.

Technical assistance workshops to help assist applicants will be held during May, and will include guidance on applying to the Community Project Grants and Professional Artist Fellowship Grants.

During these workshops, applicants will learn about the grant application process, how to refine their proposals, and receive personalized support from The Arts Council for Long Beach. One-on-one meetings will also be available for Organization Grant applicants.

These grants are funded by the City of Long Beach through its allocation for the arts, the Percent for Arts Program and the National Endowment for the Arts. From

last year’s round of applicants, The Arts Council for Long Beach selected 32 grantees to receive a total of \$310,000.

“We are excited to support these grantees while uplifting diverse voices in our amazing community,” Arts Council for Long Beach Board President Greg Johnson said in a public statement. “We must continue to create favorable conditions for artists to live and work here to retain our standing as a leading creative city.”

To apply for a grant, or to sign up for a workshop for assistance, visit artslb.org.



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Dried paint and assorted brushes cover one of the mobile bar carts that painter Caryn Baumgartner uses in her home studio on May 30, 2023.

HEALTH

St. Mary Medical Center will close pediatric unit, transfer patients to Miller Children’s Hospital starting July

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Beginning July 1, St. Mary Medical Center will close its pediatric unit and send all pediatric patients and cases to Miller Children’s Hospital two miles away.

The decision is due to an increase in patients, specialized children’s medical needs and urgent care centers. St. Mary’s pediatric unit faced challenges to meet these needs over the past few years, according to a press release the center sent out.

“At St. Mary Medical Center, prioritizing safe, exceptional care guides every decision we make,” said Carolyn Caldwell, President and CEO of St. Mary Medical Center in a public statement. “With this in mind, we have made the difficult decision to close our pediatric unit.”

The two medical centers have had a partnership to handle pedi-



Signal Tribune File Photo

A team of staff and volunteers at a youth outreach event outside of St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach.

atric needs for years, and Caldwell and Miller Children’s Hospital CEO Blair Kent worked together to ensure a seamless transition for patients and doctors.

Miller Children’s Hospital has 357 licensed pediatric and women’s beds, according to its website. Its services currently include surgery, pediatric imaging, a children’s infusion center, a neonatal intensive care unit, a hematology and oncol-

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CYCLING

Ride, roll and stroll through these Bike Month events

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National Bike Month is cruising through Long Beach to showcase the benefits of cycling and encourage residents to incorporate bicycling into their daily lives.

The City and multiple neighborhoods and organizations will host bicycle-centered free events throughout May, from community bike rides and free check-ups to giveaways and pop-ups. Residents participating in any of the events or riding their bikes throughout the month can fill out an online form to receive a patch or sticker commemorating the 2024 Bike Month Challenge.

The Bike Month Challenge is beginner-friendly, with challenges like a 5-mile ride, biking to a park, store or business; riding with a friend, using the City’s Bike Share Program, adding a safety measure to a bike, or trying a new type of bicycle.

Bike Month events in May include:

Uptown Long Beach Bike Tour

Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local organization Bike the Vote Long Beach will lead this tour through uptown, beginning at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.) and ending at CoffeeDrunk (4374 Atlantic Ave.). The group will stop at community spots and corridor murals, including the new mural at CoffeeDrunk. The tour will loop back to Houghton Park and will total 10 to 12 miles. Participants should have a bike in working order and bring a helmet, bike lock, and a repair kit, and should be comfortable riding on sidewalks and riding



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While Broadway is closed, bikes take over the streets during the Beach Streets event on May 20, 2023. Local bikers will have various chances to ride around the streets of Long Beach during National Bike Month.

through and in arterial streets.

Lions Lighthouse Ride

Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

This group bike ride will begin at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) and ride along the shoreline to visit Lions Lighthouse for a scenic morning ride. This ride is approximately 5 miles round trip. Participants can receive free bicycle checkups before the ride from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Social Cycling Ride

Sunday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Local groups Ladies Ride LBC and Ciclaholic will host a 10-mile social bike ride on the seafront beach bike path. The group will meet at Starbucks (5251 Second St.) at 9:30 a.m. and roll out at 10 a.m. Any type of bike type is accepted, as well as skateboards, roller skates, scooters and other modes of alternative transportation.

Ride of Silence

Wednesday, May 15, from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This ride of silence will honor the lives of cyclists who have been killed or injured while sharing the road with motorists in an effort to spread awareness and help make roads safer. Participants will meet in the parking lot of the beach side of E. Ocean Boulevard and Bay Shore Avenue.

West Side Community Bike Ride

Friday, May 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

City staff will host a bicycle rodeo and bike safety workshop at Silverado Park (1545 West 31st St.). A 5-mile community bike ride will take off from the park at 2 p.m.

Pedestrian Takeover

Sunday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Los Angeles County nonprofit CicLAvia will take its mission of opening streets up to residents and foot traffic to the Wilmington

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SPONSORSHIP

Port of Long Beach opens applications for community event funding opportunity

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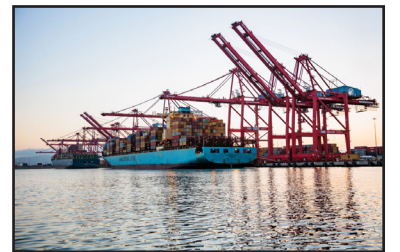
The Port of Long Beach has opened applications for its Community Sponsorship Program, which provides funding for non-profit organizations and community groups planning to hold events and programs that can be used to inform the public about the Port.

The sponsored events will focus on various themes including arts, environment, education, social justice and historic preservation.

Community groups can submit their sponsorship applications on the Port’s website until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 31.

Applicants are advised to submit their application well before they plan to hold an event or program due to the length of the application review process. Following the closure of the application period, there will be a 60-day period before the proposed sponsorships are presented to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for consideration and approval.

Events and projects scheduled for Aug. 1 and beyond are eligible for sponsorships from the May



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A Maersk Line cargo ship has containers removed from it during sunset at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022.

round of funding, while the September round of funding will consider events and projects taking place Dec. 1 and later.

Applications are evaluated based on how effectively the proposed events and activities will tell the public that the Port is an “economic engine and job creator,” according to a statement from the Port. For those interested in learning more about the Port’s Community Sponsorship Program, visit www.polb.com/sponsorship.

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COMMUNITY

City of Long Beach to hold series of events for Older Americans Month



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Bette Barden (right) and her daughter Nancy Faye (left) laugh together during a combined birthday celebration for the centenarian residents of the Bixby Knolls Towers retirement community in Long Beach on Jan. 26, 2022. Long Beach seniors will be recognized throughout the month of May with a series of free activities celebrating Older Americans Month.

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The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is gearing up to celebrate Older Americans Month, a nationally recognized event observed each May. In honor of this time, a range of free activities will be offered throughout the city for adults ages 50 and older.

“This May, we invite older adults to experience activities that improve wellness, foster social connections, and engage in some of the many enriching programs that are available,” Mayor Rex Richardson said in a public statement.

Richardson will be presenting a mayoral proclamation in honor of Older Americans’ Month during the city council meeting on May 7.

Throughout the month of May, adults ages 50 and above can enjoy art workshops, job fairs, a talent show and more.

For certain activities, pre-regis-

tration is necessary due to limited space availability:

May 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Senior Olympic Basketball at Chavez Elementary School Gym will include a three-on-three tournament, a free throw tournament, and a three-point shooting competition. Participants can register by calling (562) 570-8890.

May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Senior Olympics Swimming at Silverado Park Pool, offering various swimming events followed by a medal and certificate ceremony. For details, call (562) 570-1721.

May 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – The Older Americans Got Talent show at the Alpert Jewish Community Center welcomes musicians, singers, dancers, rappers, actors, comedians and magicians to showcase their talents. Registration is required to audition and compete. Call (562) 570-3500 for more details.

May 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Seniors are invited on tours of

the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Los Cerritos Wetlands. Attendees should meet at the McBride Park Community Center (1550 MLK Jr. Blvd.) for complimentary transportation to both locations. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required. Call (562) 570-1605 for more information and to register.

May 30 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Seniors are invited to a night of music and grooving at the Expo Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.) during the Light up the Night Dance and Dinner. Attendees will also be able to view a photography exhibit. Call (562) 570-1618 for more information or to register for the event.

All other events are open to attendance without registration. The complete list of activities and events, along with registration details and locations, can be found at longbeach.gov/events and the Long Beach Senior Programs webpage. Additional information is available by calling (562) 570-3150.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, May 1

10:31 a.m., Petty theft, 1600 block E. Willow St. (citation issued)
 12:12 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Orange Ave.
 1:49 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2300 block E. Spring St.
 3:04 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Temple Ave. south of E. Willow St.
 6:19 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Orange Ave.
 8:26 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Temple Ave.
 9:21 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block E. Willow St.
 9:39 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Obispo Ave./E/ 19th St.

Thursday, May 2

3:24 a.m., Burglary, 800 block E. Willow St.
 3:40 a.m., Burglary, 2300 block E. Spring St.
 7:11 a.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
 2:11 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block E. 33rd St.
 2:38 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.

Friday, May 3

7:22 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, DUI, 2700 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
 12:53 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

Saturday, May 4

9:40 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3300 block E. PCH
 12:32 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, open alcohol container in vehicle, 2200 block Stanley Ave. (citation issued)
 3:06 p.m., Battery, 2500 block Palm Dr.
 10:45 p.m., Burglary, 2700 block Raymond Ave.

Sunday, May 5

4:23 a.m., Burglary, 1400 block E. Burnett St.
 11:02 a.m., Auto burglary, 3200 block Lemon Ave.
 2:56 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Walnut Ave./E. 28th St.
 3:34 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./Orange Ave.
 6:39 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Walnut Ave./Crescent Heights.
 6:46 p.m., Injury hit and run, Redondo Ave./E. PCH

Monday, May 6

12:01 a.m., DUI, Orange Ave./E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
 11:54 a.m., Elder abuse, 1900 block Temple Ave.
 5:18 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 21st/Cherry Ave.

Tuesday, May 7

11:48 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 21st St./Gundry Ave.
 9:51 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2300 block E. Willow St. (citation issued)

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

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

SPORTS



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Senior middle blocker Simon Torwie jumps up to block a kill from UCLA in LBSU’s 3-1 loss in the NCAA championship on May 4, 2024.



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UCLA players celebrate and hold up the NCAA championship trophy after defeating LBSU in the NCAA final on May 4, 2024.

LBSU falls to rival UCLA in championship round

Jonathan Bigall

Staff Writer

No. 2 Long Beach State (LBSU) and No. 1 University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) clashed in the Walter Pyramid Saturday night for the NCAA Men’s Volleyball Championship. The Southern California rivalry filled the stands with waves of blue and yellow-donned fans to crown the next champions.

The Beach avoided a complete sweep, but the reigning champion Bruins defended their title and took home the trophy for the second season in a row, beating LBSU 3-1.

UCLA head coach John Speraw and the Bruins served a heartbreaking defeat to Alan Knipe and the Beach that muted Long Beach fans and the LBSU student section for the majority of the game.

Senior outside hitter Ethan Champlin led UCLA in both offense and defense with 15 kills and 6 blocks. Redshirt sophomore Libero Matthew Aziz darted around the floor on defense, racking up 9 digs.

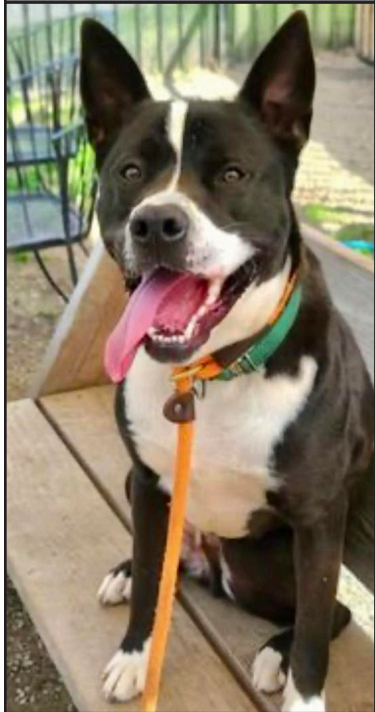
LBSU junior outside hitter Sotiris Siapanis led the Beach’s

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Centro CHA continues search for a permanent home as nonprofit and Long Beach end purchase agreement



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The mural design for "Sacred As the Sun" was a collaborative effort between artist Jose Loza, the nonprofit Centro CHA and West Long Beach community members. With the nonprofit's partnership with the City of Long Beach now over, Centro CHA is searching for a permanent location.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Local nonprofit Centro CHA will end two years of efforts to renovate a Central Long Beach building and pursue a different location for its permanent home, after over 20 years and eight location changes wrought with uncertainty. Centro CHA has been operating in Long Beach since 1992, providing services to the community such as citizenship and immigration services, health education, job training, workforce development, outreach and more. The nonprofit partnered with the

City in 2019 to create a workforce development center at 1858 Atlantic Ave. In April 2020, Centro CHA decided to purchase the building, and four months later Long Beach authorized a joint application with the nonprofit for the location. The contract was amended in April 2021 so \$500,000 of the purchasing money would go back to Centro CHA to offset renovation and development costs. The City says that rising costs of construction have made renovation of the current building "cost-prohibitive," and the City decided on Tuesday night to terminate its contract with Centro CHA allowing

them to look for a different location. During construction, the nonprofit has been located at 200 Pine Ave. in downtown. The City had obtained \$5 million in grant funds from GO-Biz for Centro CHA in 2022 to assist with construction at the building on Atlantic. As of now, \$800,000 was spent on construction, design and planning at the building that Centro CHA will be leaving. GO-Biz funds are from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Through those grant funds, Centro CHA will be given \$400,000

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EDUCATION

North Long Beach Higher Education Center opens to residents with free academic and career resources



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

(Left) The exterior of the newly opened North Long Beach Higher Education Center, located at 635 E. South St. (Right) Among the resources offered at the Center are tuition-free non-credit courses and workforce training opportunities as well as amenities such as a conference room and computer lab.

Staff Report

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On Monday morning, representatives from The City of Long Beach and Long Beach City College (LBCC) held a community grand opening for the new North Long Beach Higher Education Center.

The event included a ribbon cutting ceremony, open house and mural dedication to the new center which will provide career, technology and higher education resources to residents in North Long Beach.

“Creating equitable access to higher education and job training opportunities is imperative to ensuring that our residents have the resources they need to thrive,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement.

The operations of the center will be overseen by the Long Beach Department of Economic Development, the Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network and LBCC staff.

At the North Long Beach Higher Education Center, residents will

have access to:

- Education resources
- Career resources
- Tuition-free non-credit courses
- Workforce training opportunities
- Computer lab for classes and enrollment

“This Center will serve as a pivotal hub for educational and workforce enhancement, empowering individuals through access to essential training and resources vital for success in the job market,” said District 9 Councilmember Joni

Ricks-Oddie in a public statement.

The plan to develop a Higher Education Center originated from then-Vice Mayor Richardson, and received approval from City Council for a feasibility study in November 2018. The plan received support from LBCC and subsequently, the property for the Center was secured in August 2022 with a lease agreement with Long Beach Arts District.

In 2023, the interior of the building received various renovations, such as upgraded flooring and elec-

trical systems and the installation of a conference room, computer room and manager’s office. For the exterior, the Center received new roofing, lighting and landscaping as well as a mural organized by the Puente Latino Association.

The North Long Beach Higher Education Center is located at 635 E. South St. and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about services and programs at the Center, visit LBCC.edu/northlb.



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Seniors accounted for the next two largest groups of homeless people in Long Beach, with 734 individuals between the ages of 55 through 64 experiencing homelessness and 511 seniors over the age of 65 experiencing homelessness.

Mayor Rex Richardson said during a press conference Wednesday that the City is taking the most effective measures from the emergency proclamation and using those methods to create a five-year plan to end homelessness.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson gives his remarks with a promise to declare a state of emergency on homelessness at the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the inauguration ceremony on Dec. 20, 2022.

“We have to maintain our focus,” he said. “Now is not the time to switch strategies; now is the time to double down on the results we’ve seen and continue to make a difference.”

The Black community still accounted for the largest group of those experiencing homelessness, with just a 0.7% decrease over a year with 1,112 people identified. The City identified 945 Latinx people who were experiencing homelessness, showing a 22% decrease over the last year.

White people saw a slight increase in homelessness in Long Beach, rising by 0.7% with 802 individuals identified. The city found 80 people who are Native American experiencing homelessness, nearly double the amount from last year, and 101 Asian Americans experiencing homelessness, a 34% decrease.

Most of the people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach identified



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Sanitation workers bag up and toss out trash and debris left at homeless encampments that were set up along the Los Angeles River near Drake Park in Long Beach on Dec. 12, 2023.

tified as male (2,240), while around a third (1,008) of the people identified as female, 67 people identified as transgender (1.9%) and 62 identified as gender-nonconforming (1.8%).

Of the people who identified as homeless, 50.5% said they had been homeless for a year or longer, with 367 people living with shelter during that time and 1,338 people with no shelter for that duration.

The veteran population saw a 5.2% increase in homelessness over the last year, with 380 veterans identified; 201 with shelter and 179 with no shelter. Long Beach saw a 3.5% decrease in LGBTQ individu-

als experiencing homelessness, and a 0.8% decrease among students.

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Richardson also highlighted new affordable housing developments in Long Beach built over the past

year, and many on the horizon. An affordable housing development in Cambodia Town named Wellspring recently opened with 87 units, 20 of those reserved for people who previously experienced homelessness.

Richardson said that in 2024, 2,934 housing units were approved in Long Beach, with 1,011 housing units already under construction, including 671 Accessory Dwelling Units.

Long Beach conducted interviews with each person in the Point in Time Count and identified the reasons people became homeless:

- 37.1% of people said they became homeless due to unemploy-

ment or financial hardship, a 6% increase from 2023

- 29.1% of people said they became homeless due to a family disruption or relationship

- 16.5% of people said they became homeless due to eviction

- 16.3% of people said they became homeless due to mental health issues

- 12% of people said they became homeless due to disability

- 8.5% of people said they became homeless due to substance abuse

Residents can read the full results of Long Beach’s Point in Time Count at longbeach.gov/homelessness/annual-homeless-count/.

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CLAY ON FIRST
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Scores of people have given up their childhood dreams for corporate jobs, but far less abandon traditional careers to pursue their passions.

But that's exactly what Clay Wood, the serendipitously named owner of Clay on First, did.



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A large tub is filled with trimmings of clay that will be recycled into new ceramics at Clay on First in downtown Long Beach on May 8, 2024.

Wood fell in love with creating pottery when he was 12, thanks to his sixth-grade teacher bringing her personal pottery wheel from home for her students to try out. With only one pottery wheel for over 20 students, Wood waited in anticipation for the times he was allowed to use it.

"It was really generous," Wood said. "I remember like I couldn't wait for that half hour for my turn to come. I really enjoyed it."

Those half-hour sessions with the pottery wheel had a lifelong impact on Wood. When he entered high school, Wood became heavily involved with the ceramics program and built his first home studio at 16. In college, he made sure to enroll in a ceramics class every semester even though it had nothing to do with his psychology major.

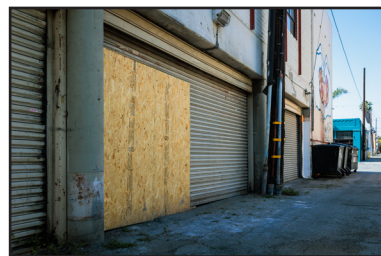
Like all too many creative children, by adulthood Wood found himself "miserable" in a corporate job managing high-rise buildings.

In 2009, he made the leap to pursue his passion and open his own pottery studio in downtown Long Beach.

"I just wanted to share what I was passionate about with other people," Wood said. "And I think that pottery generally brings people a lot of joy."

In order to spread that joy to others in the community, Wood opened Clay on First.

But keeping the dream alive isn't cheap; Clay on First was already in a financial hole when a fire broke out in the studio on April 14, caused by someone leaving a wooden drying rack too close to one of the kilns. While most of the fire damage was contained to one area, there was smoke and soot damage throughout the business as well as a decommissioned garage door where firefighters cut through to contain the blaze.



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Wood covers part of the garage door at Clay on First in downtown Long Beach where firefighters cut through to stop a blaze that happened on April 14, 2024. So far, the GoFundMe for Clay on First has raised \$10,000 of its \$15,000 goal.

According to the GoFundMe page, the fire caused around \$10,000 in damages. Besides that, Clay on First had already taken on \$60,000 in debt last summer, and temporarily decreased staffs' working hours, after a decrease in revenue to avoid layoffs.

Woods created an online fundraising campaign to help keep his business going, and the community came through and donated \$10,000 as of May 8.

"It's been so uplifting to see the community come out to support and help us and we just really hope that over time we can pay it back," Wood said.



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ON FIRST GOFUNDME**

Clay on First has two sections within: a studio where experienced ceramicists can work on their own projects, and a teaching area where pottery classes are held. Classes include stand-alone intro classes, courses ranging from three to 12 classes, specialized workshops, private classes, a summer camp and donation-based classes for children.

The children's classes cost only what families can or want to pay, and are popular among the community, with all five sessions between May 10 and May 24 already fully booked. These classes last for



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Cody Newberry shaves off and shapes clay to make a piece of pottery that will soon be fired in the kiln the pottery studio at Clay on First in downtown Long Beach on May 8, 2024.

an hour and a half, and are open to kids between the ages of six and 17. All materials are provided, and the kids' creations can be picked up four to six weeks after the class af-

ter it's been fired in the kiln.

To keep up with Clay on First visit clayonfirst.com or visit its Instagram page, @clayonfirst.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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The Wicked Wolf owner, Thea Mercouffer, adjusts some of the inventory in her bar before it opens for the night on Feb. 20, 2024. The Wicked Wolf will be hosting the first installment of DJ aggregator Daddy's new house and disco party series this Sunday, May 12 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Residents can enjoy house music, nature and everything in between with a wide range of fun and free things to do in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

A plethora of performances this week leave no room for boredom, with live music Friday night at the Terrace Theater, a low-cost performance of "Grease" by the Act Out Theatre Company, a peaceful library concert in Signal Hill Saturday afternoon and a house music DJ lineup at The Wicked Wolf Sunday night.

For a more relaxing outing, those 18 years and older can enjoy gentle yoga at Reservoir Park Saturday morning, farmers markets Sunday and Tuesday, a sunset sound bath Monday evening and a family movie at the Queen Mary Wednesday night. Residents can support local communities with a fundraiser Friday night, a beach cleanup Saturday morning, an LGBTQ literary event Wednesday evening or a neighborhood cleanup Thursday morning.

10 FRIDAY

FUNDRAISER FOR WOMEN MOTORCYCLISTS

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Women's Moto Project will be hosting this fundraiser at 1365 Obispo Ave. in order to train more women motorcycle instructors. There will be workshops led by women in the motorcycle industry, raffles and music. Admission is \$10.

LIVE MUSIC

7:30 p.m. The public is invited to watch the musical group Celtic Woman at the Terrace Theater (300 E Ocean Blvd #300). Tickets can be purchased for \$39 on Ticketmaster.

LIVE THEATER

7 p.m. Act Out Theatre Company (1060 E 70th St.) will be putting on a performance of the famous play "Grease." This show is recommended for those ages 12 and over. Tickets can be purchased on the theater's website or at the door for \$15.

11 SATURDAY

BEACH CLEAN UP

10 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to help clean trash and litter in the Hamilton Neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at 1060 E. 70th St. and are encouraged to bring water and wear sunscreen, comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes. Free.

LAWN BOWLING

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club is hosting its annual open house at 1109 Federation Drive. The public can get free lawn bowling lessons and enjoy refreshments while learning about the club and how to join. Free.

PAWS ON THE HILL

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The City of Signal Hill invites residents to bring their friendly pets to a celebration at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). The event will feature music, a photo booth, crafts, low-cost vaccines, wellness services and adoptable pets. Free to attend.

YOGA AT THE PARK

10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Residents ages 18 and older can practice slow-moving, gentle yoga at Reservoir Park (3315 Gundry Ave.) led by instructor Lacey Marsac each Saturday in May. Participants should bring their own yoga mat and water. Free.

LIBRARY CONCERT

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Violinist and singer Nicole Alexandria will perform in a concert at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

12 SUNDAY

FARMERS MARKET

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wrigley Farmers Market takes place every Sunday at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Willow Street. Residents can purchase produce, art from local artists and meet their neighbors. Free.

HOUSE & DISCO PARTY

6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Local DJ aggregator Daddy will be hosting the first in this new series of sophisticated, sensual house and disco parties at The Wicked Wolf (2332 Pacific Ave.). The dance party will take

place upstairs while the regular lounge downstairs remains open. Free to attend for those 21 years and older.

13 MONDAY

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.

SUNSET SOUND BATH

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Residents can relax and unwind to a sound bath as the sun sets at Signal Hill Point Terrace (1800 E Hill St.). Free, but an online reservation on Eventbrite is recommended.

14 TUESDAY

FARMERS MARKET

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Bixby Park farmers market takes place twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 130 Cherry Ave. Residents can purchase homegrown produce, handcrafted wares and more. Free to attend.

ZUMBA CLASS

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Signal Hill will be hosting these free zumba classes each Tuesday through June 25 at the Signal Hill Point Terrace (1800 E Hill St.). Zumba is an activity that combines dancing and fitness, usually through uptempo music. Participants should wear comfortable shoes, bring a towel and a water bottle. Free.

15 WEDNESDAY

LEARN TO PLAY MAHJONG

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to learn how to play American mahjong during this workshop at the Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.). Registration is required. To register, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

QUEEN MARY MOVIE NIGHT

6 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the movie "Coco" at the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy.). Admission is free, but registration is required. To register for this event, visit queenmary.com. Couples can also purchase the date package online for \$79, which includes reserved couch seating, assorted small snacks, drink service and a bottle of champagne.

LGBTQ LITERARY EVENT

7 p.m. Local author Lane Igoudin will have a conversation about his new memoir "A Family, Maybe" at bookstore Page Against the Machine (2714 E Fourth St.). Igoudin's book is about him and his partner's journey through foster adoptions to fatherhood. Following the discussion will be a live Q&A and books available for purchase. Free to attend.

16 THURSDAY

CAL HEIGHTS CLEAN STREETS

8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Volunteers are invited to help clean the Cal Heights Neighborhood. Volunteers

should meet at the northwest corner of Wardlow Road and Lime Avenue. Free.

STOP THE HATE WORKSHOP

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to learn about hate crimes and how to report them using their smartphones. The workshop, led by Pacific Asian Counseling Services, will be held at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). Registration is required. To register, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

LGBTQ ELDER WORKSHOP

3 p.m. LGBTQ seniors can attend this workshop about the challenges the community has historically faced, what barriers exist today, how to heal from trauma and other topics at Grace on 3rd Methodist Church (2325 E Third St.). Free.

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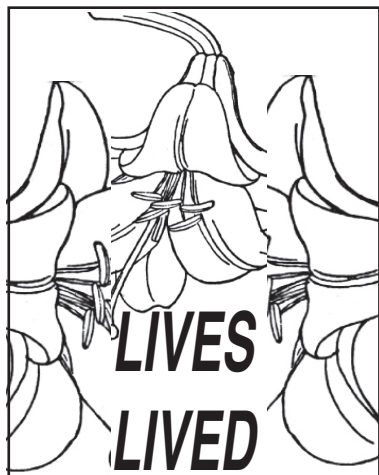
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- Charlene Harrison 86
- Phillip Doktor 70

The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301

BIKE MONTH EVENTS

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neighborhood in Long Beach. A 2.25-mile stretch will be closed to cars, with two hubs connecting to Banning Park and various pop-ups, games and activities throughout the route. This event is free and open to all ages.

Kidical Bike Mass -

Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m.

This monthly kid and parent-friendly community bike ride takes attendees on a unique route through Bixby Knolls and provides snacks to kids. Participants will meet in the parking lot behind Pixie Toys at 3914 Atlantic Ave.

Bike to Work Day

Tuesday, May 21,

from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Downtown Long Beach Alliance will host this pop-up at Harvey Milk Park (185 E Third St.) encouraging residents to ride their bicycles to work. The pop-up will include coffee, snacks, a small breakfast and small giveaways. Local bike shop



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Two women ride past the "Eco-Meter" on the beach bike path near the Belmont Memorial Pier.

Pedal Movement will be at the pop-up with a tire pump and other services.

Downtown

Infrastructure Ride

Thursday, May 23,

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

City staff will lead a group bike ride through roughly four blocks of the downtown Long Beach area to discover various bicycle infrastructure projects. The group will meet and take off from City Hall (411 W

Ocean Blvd.).

Fourth Fridays

on Retro Row

Friday, May 24,

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This monthly corridor activation along Fourth Street will include special Bike Month-themed features, such as on-site bicycle valet services, a Long Beach bicycle co-op pop-up and more.

Moonlight Mash

Friday, May 24 at 8 p.m.

This community-led group bike ride from Moonlight Mash Long Beach takes place every month on the night of a full moon. The theme for May's bike ride is Rainbow Pride. Many participants show up with bright lights attached to their bikes.

Long Beach Loop Ride

Sunday, May 26 at 9 a.m.

City staff will lead this 30-mile bike ride around Long Beach, beginning at Marina Green Park (386

E Shoreline Drive) and trekking through bike paths along the LA River Trail, the Carson Street Recreational Path, the San Gabriel River Trail and back to the beach path. Free bike checkups will be available before the ride from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Bike Fix-It Day

Sunday, May 26,

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents can receive bike tune-ups at a low cost or donation-based services on Promenade between First and Third Streets. This event is organized by the Long Beach Bike Co-op.

All month long, Public Works will be posting different challenges on Instagram at @goactivevb, and participants are encouraged to tag @goactivevb while completing challenges.

For more information on the different challenges and to log achievements, visit longbeach.gov/bikemonth.

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST7305

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the Planning Commission of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 24-02

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 24-02 AMENDING CHAPTER 20.58 SIGNS OF TITLE 20 ZONING OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE FOR CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS BY REMOVING LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO SIGN CONTENT, ELECTION SIGNS, PUBLIC INFORMATION SIGNS, AND ADDING REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS, CITYWIDE; AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA

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 during the in-person meeting at 7:00 p.m. in one of the following ways:

- 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, 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, May 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received after May 15, 2024, but before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, will be provided to the Planning Commission at the meeting dais 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 Planning Commission has ample time to consider your comments and that the applicant has the opportunity to respond to comments prior to finalizing the item for Planning Commission review.

THIS PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15061(b) (3) (Common Sense Exemption), consistent with the provisions of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061. The common sense exemption applies when it can be said the project will have no impact or effect on the environment. The proposed text amendments to the existing sign ordinance do not involve construction or alteration of facilities that will have a significant effect on the environment. The amendments would make the sign ordinance consistent with case law.

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. 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.

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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST7304

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO EIR 2008081009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the Planning Commission of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

AN AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 09-01

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO AMEND CONDITION NUMBER THREE OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 09-01 TO ALLOW AN INCREASE TO THE VOLUME OF WASTE PROCESSING AND TRANSFER FOR THE EDCO RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY LOCATED AT 2755 CALIFORNIA AVENUE IN THE GENERAL INDUSTRIAL SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-19) ZONING DISTRICT

Agent: Steve South, EDCO President and CEO
Property Owners: Signal Hill Disposal LLC
Recommendation: Staff is recommending approval, subject to conditions

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 during the in person meeting at 7:00 p. m. in one of the following ways:

- 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 cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org, or by mail to the attention of Colleen Doan, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda on or before Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, will be provided to the Planning Commission at the meeting dais and will be 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 Planning Commission 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. You will receive another notice when the City Council public hearing is scheduled.

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL HAS PREPARED AN ADDENDUM TO THE 2009 CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) (SCH #2008081009) consistent with Section 15164(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The addendum evaluates the proposed increase in maximum daily volume of material accepted at the facility from 1,500 tons per day to 2,500 tons per day and determined that no new significant impacts and no more severe impacts would result than as described in the certified EIR.

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. If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Colleen Doan, Community Development Director, at (562) 989-7344 or via email at cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org.

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TST7289 Case No. 24NWCP00131 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650 PETITION OF: GABRIELA COLINDRES LINARES for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: GABRIELA COLINDRES LINARES, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: GABRIELA COLINDRES LINARES Proposed Name: GABRIELA COLINDRES 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 3, 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. April 26 & May 3, 10, 17, 2024 ___/ss/___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 10, 2024

TST7309 / 2024 098724 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as: HAUS OF REGIMES, 143 W 59TH PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SIYYA LLC, 143 W 59TH PL, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90003. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: YARITZA SILLAS DOMINGUEZ, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on May 7, 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: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

TST7290 / 2024 052562 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as: SAY FRONT, 3720 E ESTHER STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90804. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CHRISTINE LE, 3720 E ESTHER ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90804. 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: CHRISTINE LE, 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 3/11/24. 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 26, & May 3, 10, 17, 2024

TST7295 Case No. 24NWCP00158 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650 PETITION OF: VICTORIA RAMIREZ-GARAY by and through her mother Silvia Garay, In Pro Per for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: VICTORIA RAMIREZ-GARAY, by and through her mother, Silvia Garay, In Pro Per has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: VICTORIA RAMIREZ-GARAY Proposed Name: GAIA GALAN-GARAY 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 24, 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. May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024 ___/ss/___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 24, 2024

TST7297 Case No. 30-2024 01395528 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE, ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA. 92701 PETITION OF: Julia Montoya for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Julia Montoya has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Julia Montoya Proposed Name: Julia Kugel Montoya 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 25, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. D100, Room: Remote. 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. May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024 ___/ss/___ Layne H. Melzer, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 24, 2024

TST7296 / 2024 088821 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as: HURTADO'S COLLISION CONSULTANT, 13952 MCCLURE AVE C, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SAUL HURTADO, 13952 MC CLURE AVE #C, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. 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: SAUL HURTADO, 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 April 24, 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: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024

TST7298 / 2024 052562 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as: SAY FRONT, 3720 E ESTHER STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90804. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CHRISTINE LE, 3720 E ESTHER ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90804. 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: CHRISTINE LE, 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 3/11/2024. 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: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024

TST7300 / 2024 093290 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as: DIAMOND LANE PRODUCTIONS, 2710 OREGON AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DIAMOND LANE TRANSPORTATION INC, 2710 OREGON AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: WILLIE EARL MARTIN JR., PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fic-

titious business name in 04/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 4/30/2024. 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: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024

TST7307 / 2024 098808 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as: 1. RAIN OR SHINE EQUINE AND FRIENDS, 2. RAIN OR SHIE EQUINE, 576 N. BELLFLOWER BLVD. UNIT 236, LONG BEACH, CA 90814. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: EBONY PORTER, 576 N. BELLFLOWER BLVD. UNIT 236, LONG BEACH, CA 90814. 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: EBONY PORTER, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 5/7/2024. 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: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

TST7308 / 2024 098722 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as: 1. LAVISH BEAUTY, 2. LAVISH HAIR CARE & BEAUTY, 3. LAVISH HAIR EXTENSIONS, 140347 ORIZABA AVE APT 5, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARIA LOURDES ALVAREZ, 14034 ORIZABA AVE APT A, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. 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: MARIA LOURDES ALVAREZ, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on May 7, 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: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

TST7299 Case No. 24STPB04758 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIAM HENRY HENNING.
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of WILLIAM HENRY HENNING 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by (inset name) in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that (inset name) I 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. May 31, 2024 @ 8:30am, Dept: 62, Room 600 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

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST7306 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

California Environmental Quality Act Draft Environmental Impact Report For Project: Signal Hill Petroleum Conditional Use Permit 97-03 Extension

The City of Signal Hill has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the potential environmental impacts of implementing the "Project" described below. We are soliciting input from members of the public, organizations, and government agencies on the analysis presented in the EIR. The Draft EIR is available on the City of Signal Hill Website: <https://ca-signalhill2.civicplus.com/612/Current-Projects> for the required 45-day public review and comment period in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PROJECT: Signal Hill Petroleum (SHP) is requesting a 20-year extension of the term of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 97-03 to continue their existing oil and gas production, storage, processing, and shipping of materials at seven existing drill sites located throughout the City of Signal Hill. The Signal Hill Petroleum Conditional Use Permit 97-03 Extension Project (Project) would not significantly alter or expand the scope of SHP's existing operations. No significant expansion of existing facilities or structures is proposed, and all operations (existing and proposed) would continue to occur within the existing CUP drill site footprints. SHP proposes to install new equipment at the existing natural gas processing facility at CUP Drill Site #2 and drill up to 46 new wells at the seven drill sites over the 20-year period of the CUP. All other operational activity, such as site maintenance, inspections, redrilling, well operation, and fluid processing would remain the same. SHP would continue to operate the CUP facilities (drill sites and central processing facilities) in accordance with the existing City Municipal Oil and Gas Code, conditions of approval, and mitigation measures, and in continued compliance with existing county, state, and federal requirements, including those published by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), the State Division with authority over oil and gas operations.

SHP is seeking to modify CUP 97-03 as follows:

1. Extend the term of the CUP by an additional 20-year term, to expire in 2042.
2. Continue existing consolidated drill site operations, including drilling new wells within the existing CUP footprint on an as needed basis.
3. Install upgrades to a natural gas processing system at Drill Site #2.

The City of Signal Hill has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Project. We are soliciting input from members of the public, organizations, and government agencies on the analysis presented in the EIR. The Draft EIR is available on the City of Signal Hill Website: <https://cityofsignalhill.org/612/Current-Projects>

Hard copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations:
 City of Signal Hill Community Development Office, 2175 Cherry Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755
 Signal Hill Public Library, Reference Desk, 1800 East Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755

The community is invited to participate in an in-person meeting for the EIR, which will be held as follows:

DATE: June 4, 2024
 TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM PST
 LOCATION: Signal Hill City Hall
 2175 Cherry Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755

Public comments on the Draft EIR are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2024, which marks the end of the 45-day public review period. Please send your comments in writing to the physical address or e-mail address shown below. Include your name, email address, telephone number, address, and an RE: Signal Hill Petroleum CUP 97-03 Extension EIR at the top of your comment:

Colleen Doan
 Community Development Director
 2175 Cherry Avenue
 Signal Hill, California 90755
 CDoan@cityofsignalhill.org

It's Graduation Season!

The Signal Tribune will be commemorating the 2024 graduating class from local high schools and colleges with a special graduation celebration issue on May 24!

You can honor your grad with us by:

- Submitting photos of your high school or college grad to newspaper@signaltribune.com
- Add a heartfelt message to your grad to go along with the photos (optional)

The deadline for submissions is May 17

To advertise in our graduation-themed special issue, email advertising@signaltribune.com for pricing



written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the later of either (1) four months from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of

the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: DARCIE F. HENNING 300 E. AEROPANE BLVD. BIG BEAR CITY, CA. 92314 Phone: 831-869-99113 Pub. Signal Tribune, May 3, 10, 17, 2024

TST7303/Order No: 17891 Auto Lien Sale

On 05/24/2024 at 3229 E IMPERIAL HWY INGLEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2016 FORD VIN: 1FDUF5GT2GED01567 STATE: PA LIC: at 8AM

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ogy unit, a pediatric intensive care unit and a pulmonary center.

St. Mary will continue to provide care to children who come into the Emergency Department, as well as women's services such as labor and delivery. The center said it will focus on expanding its NeuroScience service line with a new biplane suite that will help the center deliver advanced stroke care.

The Miller Children's Hospital is located at 2801 Atlantic Ave. and is open 24 hours, seven days a week.



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A masked Mandalorian fist bumps a young Spider-Man from the Miller Children's and Women's Hospital trick-or-treating event on Halloween 2023.

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offense with 12 kills while DiAeris McRaven's 6 blocks led the defensive front. The Beach were tripped up early by their attack errors, earning 7 in the first set. By the end of the night, the Beach racked up 24 attack errors to the Bruins' 18.

UCLA stayed just a few steps ahead of LBSU in the first two sets. The Bruins took set one 25-21, only losing the lead twice. They took set two 25-20 while only falling behind once, despite the LBSU student section hurling insults and booing whenever a Bruin served.

The Beach attempted a comeback in the third set, taking the Bruins into extra sets and winning 27-25. Senior libero Mason Briggs, who has been LBSU's defensive stronghold in the tournament, did his best to build momentum by egging the crowd back into the match and drawing cheers from the home crowd.



Jonathan Bigall | Signal Tribune
LBSU Head Coach Alan Knipe talks to his players in LBSU's 3-1 loss to UCLA in the NCAA championship on May 4, 2024.

LBSU tried to keep its season alive, but were bested in the fourth set and lost 25-21. UCLA's Ethan Champlin deflected a spike from LBSU, prompting sophomore opposite hitter Skylar Varga into an error when he tapped the ball out of bounds. The Bruin bench stormed the court to dogpile their teammates as LBSU players once again fell to their rivals.

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Centro Cha and Long Beach have spent \$800,000 in grant funds to renovate a Central Long Beach building since 2022.

to purchase a building, and the remainder of the grant — which is \$4.2 million — will go towards renovations, preparation, space planning, construction, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

City staff said the entire process will be under its oversight and verification, though an audit from the City Auditor's Office in March found that the City has no oversight for most of the nonprofits that lease land from the city, Centro CHA included.

Councilmember Mary Zendejas voiced her support for Centro CHA, saying she was happy to recognize "the importance of their presence in our community and how Centro CHA continues to change lives whether it's by providing employment, a pathway to citizenship, a pathway to DACA. I've been so blessed to work hand in hand with you ..."

Since Centro CHA and Long Beach's contract is ending, the proceeds from the building's sale will go back to the City. According to an audit from the City Auditor's Office, Centro Cha was paying \$53,932 annually for rent, significantly more than any other nonprofit leasing



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Jessica Quintana, executive director of nonprofit Centro CHA, speaks to the crowd outside of Long Beach City Hall during a rally to oppose gun violence on May 16, 2023.

land from the City.

Centro CHA's new building will be purchased under a restrictive covenant, so along with the services the nonprofit already provides, it must serve as a workforce development center for a minimum of 20 years.

"This is a special day for us, to be able to have this partnership with

our city, to really be on this journey together," Jessica Quintana, executive director of Centro Cha said. "I think what people don't understand is that this has been a true journey. We have been displaced eight times so I don't know of any other organization who has had to move their whole operations eight times in the city, but we have."

COMMUNITY ENTRY

Letter to the Editor: The Importance of Recognizing Building Safety Month

By David Khorram,
superintendent of Building and Safety/building official for the city of Long Beach.

Responsible for new construction permitting and inspection services throughout the City for more than 10 years.

From Signal Hill and California Heights and all across Long Beach from east to west, there is a commonality I believe that many people hold as their top priority in life: how to best ensure the well-being and safety of themselves and their loved ones.

A simple but important aspect of ensuring that sense of security has to do with the building safety of the various places where we live, work and socialize. I am talking about all the gathering locales we use and visit such as houses, offices, schools and stores, which are collectively known simply as the built environment.

That is why, as the City of Long Beach's top building official, I heartily encourage more public awareness about why the International Code Council each year designates May as Building Safety Month. This year's theme is "Mission Possible."

The constructional integrity of any built environment should certainly be considered fundamental to helping sustain thriving and healthy communities. Proper and



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Workers continue to tear down the remains of the previous Long Beach Civic Center on Feb. 2, 2022.

professional design and construction standards absolutely help ensure structural resiliency and reliability.

The California Building Codes, which are adapted by the City on a triennial basis, ensure that buildings and facilities are planned and constructed based on the latest building, fire, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, energy and green building regulations. These codes, spelled out in technical detail across hundreds of pages of manuals, are what I and the staff at the

Community Development Department's Building and Safety and Planning bureaus know very well.

And did you know that all buildings must at least meet the minimum requirements of the state and city codes? Whether they are accessory dwelling units (ADUs), high-rise mixed-use projects, residential photovoltaic installations, major electrical service work or seismic upgrades of existing historic buildings, they all must receive scrutiny and approval.

Each business day, in addition to

personnel handling engineering/plan reviews at our City Hall Permit Center, dozens of bureau inspectors head out to conduct safety inspections in the field. And we certainly do a lot of inspections.

In 2023, city crews conducted over 42,000 residential and commercial inspections ranging from home improvement projects to multi-story developments. For the first quarter of this year, we have already completed 12,200 inspections.

Of course, all this staff work re-

quires that city personnel receive constant training and updates on the building codes. And keep in mind that those in the building industry such as contractors, design professionals and developers also must be up to date on the codes.

Public information and outreach about the codes and what they mean have always been an important priority for the City's management and leadership. To help commemorate Building Safety Month this year and promote public understanding of city services, department staff will visit some of the local college and high school campuses.

We will reach students studying aspects of engineering, engineering technology, architecture, construction and related career pathways as well as those with an interest in public service. We will share information on the various aspects of community development such as project entitlement, permitting approval and, of course, the inspection process.

Our overall goal is simply to demystify the general operations of the department and help the public develop a better understanding of the city's key role in ensuring the safety and sustainability of Long Beach. We also aim to show how the good work of our professional staff over the years has helped transform Long Beach from what once was an older coastal urban zone to that of a destination city with a growing and vibrant skyline.

For more information about the Community Development Department, visit: www.longbeach.gov/lbcd.

Pride in Our Community

The Port of Long Beach will join the Long Beach Pride Parade on Sunday, May 19. Watch for our float along Ocean Boulevard!



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