

Breaking Down the Ballot

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The City Council decided on Tuesday that Long Beach voters will vote on three local measures this November regarding utility taxes, City departments and commissions.

The items have gone through months of public meetings and modifications, though the City Council hearing proved residents remain divided on the issues. City councilmembers unanimously approved each measure to be entered into the ballot for the general election on Nov. 5.

The council added three local measures:

- Whether Long Beach will remove a 5% tax exemption for two local power plants
- Whether the City will combine the Civic Service and Human Resources Departments into one hiring department
- To reduce terms for the Harbor Commission and Utility Commission to a maximum of three terms of four years each

California residents have until Oct. 21 to register to vote, and can do so online.



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An election worker hands an "I Voted" sticker to a voter after turning in their ballot at the Signal Hill Community Center voting center on Nov. 7, 2022.

TAXES



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Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero speaks to attendees of the Long Beach Clean Air Day event on Oct. 5, 2022, in front of one of the Port's electric Volvo trucks.

Utility taxes on local energy companies

Voters can decide whether to remove a 5% tax exemption for two local electrical power plants, which City staff predict would increase the City's general fund by millions each year.

Long Beach's Municipal Code sets a 5% Utility Users Tax (UUT) on every person in the city who uses its gas,

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COMMISSION TERMS



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

Harbor Dept. and Commission changes

Long Beach's Harbor Department is responsible for managing, promoting and developing the Port of Long Beach, which employs over 50,000 Long Beach residents and generates more than \$126.8 billion in wages, according to the Port's website.

The Harbor Department acts under the direction of

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CITY DEPARTMENTS



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During the July 6, 2021 Long Beach City Council meeting, tenant organizer Abraham Zavala speaks during the public comment section.

Restructuring the City's hiring process

Following multiple meetings with city labor union groups, City departments and the Civil Service Commission, the Long Beach City Council voted to add a measure to the ballot that, if passed, will drastically change the City's hiring process.

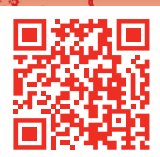
The measure includes several changes to City of Long

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CRIME TREND

Shooting claims life of teen in North Long Beach: A grim reality for the city's youth

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

A 16-year-old boy was fatally shot in Long Beach on Sunday. He was one of the dozens of children and teens victimized in shootings across the city each year.

The 16-year-old was in North Long Beach when he was killed. Long Beach police responded to the 3300 block of 67th Street at 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, after receiving multiple reports that someone had been shot in the street.

Since 2007, there have been 312 minors involved in shootings in the 90813 zip code.

Officers said they found the victim suffering from multiple gunshots to the upper and lower body. Police provided emergency aid to the victim, until personnel with the Long Beach Fire Department arrived at the scene and declared him to be deceased.

The victim had been dropped off in the area by an adult relative, and then later returned to his relative's car while being followed by a group of unknown suspects, according to a statement by police. The shooting occurred shortly afterwards. The teen's relative was also injured during the shooting, although it was unclear whether the relative was struck by debris or gunfire.

No arrests have been made in the shooting, and the police have not released any information about potential suspects.

Police said that they believe there were additional witnesses to the crime, and encouraged them to reach out to police.

Data shows drastic differences in gun violence between neighborhoods

Over four months ago, another teen, 17-year-old Briana Soto, was fatally shot while walking home from work. Police released surveillance footage of a suspect, but no arrests have been made in the case.

The *Signal Tribune* obtained the data for all shootings reported in Long Beach from January 2007 to April 2024 through a public records request. Police records list people who were shot at as victims, regardless of whether they were struck by gunfire or not.

Soto was shot near the intersection of 11th Street and Lewis Avenue, which is located in the 90813 zip code: the area of the city in which minors are most often involved in shootings. Since 2007, there have been 312 minors involved in shootings in the 90813 zip code. This includes shootings where a minor is the victim, as well as shootings where the suspect is a minor. The term minor refers to anyone under the age of 18 years old.

Sunday's shooting occurred in North Long Beach, in the 90805 zip code, which is the area with the second most shootings involving minors. Since 2007, there have been 219 minors involved in shootings there.

This is in stark contrast to more affluent neighborhoods. In the 90807 zip code, which encompasses the Cal Heights and Bixby Knolls neighborhoods, 29 minors have been involved in shootings since 2007. In the 90803 zip code, which encompasses Belmont Shore, one of the city's wealthiest areas, there has only been one shooting involving a minor since 2007.

There are more than quadruple as many people living in poverty

in the 90813 zip code compared to 90803. Around 25.6% of residents in 90813 live below the poverty line, compared to 6.5% in 90803. The state average is 12.2%, according to U.S. Census data.



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

Rates of gun violence against minors keep changing

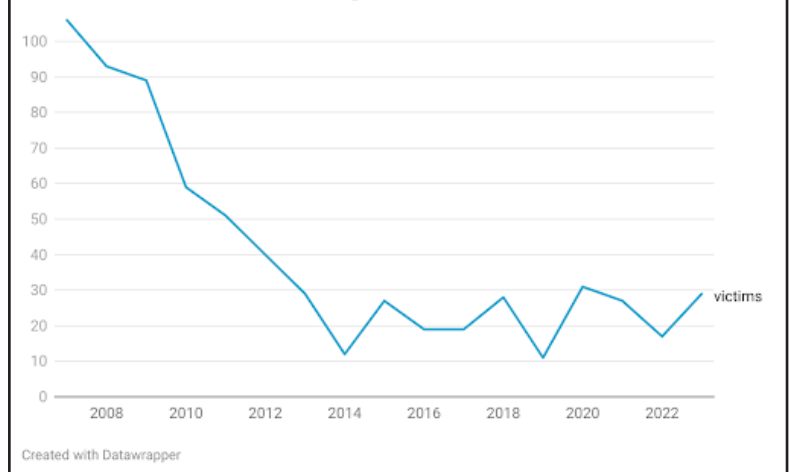
While shootings involving minors are drastically lower than they were over 15 years ago, they've fluctuated over the last decade. The data shows that the number of shootings involving minors steadily decreased each year from 2007 to 2014, but has bounced up and down since then.

In 2023, 29 children and teens were the victims of shootings.

One of the most widely publicized cases was a drive-by shooting in May 2023 that killed a 12-year-old boy, Eric Gregory Brown III, and injured a 14-year-old-girl. Two adults, Reshawn Strother and Destenee Sheree Scipio, were arrested as suspects in the shooting in July 2023. Their court case is still ongoing over a year later.

Anyone who may have information about Sunday's shooting is urged to call Detectives Leticia Gamboa or Oscar Valenzuela at 562-570-7244. Tipsters may reach Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS or www.lacrimestoppers.org.

[Number of minor shooting victims from 2007-2023]



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The data from all shootings reported in Long Beach from January 2007 to April 2024 shows that the number of minor shooting victims in the city has noticeably decreased since 2007, but has continued to fluctuate throughout the past decade.



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Family of Eric Gregory Brown III, a 12-year-old who was shot and killed in Long Beach, speak to the crowd of rally attendees outside of Long Beach City Hall on May 16, 2023.

CRIME

Former Queen Mary operators slapped with federal fraud charges

City News Service
Southern California Local News

The former operators of the Queen Mary were facing federal fraud charges Wednesday, with regulators alleging they bilked investors out of millions of dollars through schemes tied to their ownership of more than a dozen hotels, including the iconic ship in Long Beach.

Taylor Woods and Howard Wu were charged Tuesday by the Securities and Exchange Commission with two counts of securities fraud. The complaint was filed in federal court in downtown Los Angeles.

According to the SEC, the pair — doing business as Urban Commons see QUEEN MARY page 7



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The permanently closed Russian Foxtrot-Class submarine known as the Scorpion sits next to the Queen Mary on June 7, 2021.

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AROUND TOWN

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

August continues with celebrations throughout the city's parks and libraries, as well as multiple back-to-school events to help families prepare for the school year.

The Signal Hill Public Library is hosting a dinosaur-themed birthday party on Saturday, the Homeland Cultural Center is celebrating its talented students Friday night, and the Museum of Latin American Art is hosting a cultural summer celebration Sunday.

Movies continue to take over parks with screenings like "Kung Fu Panda 4," "Mamma Mia," "Blue Beetle" and "Guardians of the Galaxy III" throughout the city. Residents can also enjoy a wide variety of live music in a park (and a parking lot) Monday and Wednesday evening. Families can receive free school supplies while enjoying community celebrations Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

09 FRIDAY

BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Children and their families are invited to the 13th annual Back to School Festival at the Long Beach City College Veterans Stadium Parking Lot (5000 E Lew Davis St.). Families can enjoy free backpacks filled with school supplies, live music performances, raffle prizes, eye and dental exams, free haircuts and more. Free.

DANCE FEST

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Homeland Cultural Center will be showcasing the talent of its students with performances of breakdancing, drumming, poetry, Khmer martial arts, Aztec dance and more at the Chavez Park Amphitheater (401 Golden Ave.). Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the 2024 movie "Kung Fu Panda 4" at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

10 SATURDAY

HAMILTON NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help clean up litter in the Hamilton Neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at 1060 E 70th St. Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and sunblock. Free.

GROCERY GIVEAWAY

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Residents can receive free groceries at Grace Memorial Baptist Church (1021 E 19th St.) every second and fourth Saturday of the month. No registration is required. Free.

BUSINESS BLOCK PARTY

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The businesses along Fourth Street and Termino Avenue are hosting food, drinks, pop-ups, giveaways, music, special sales and more inside and outside of their stores. Free to attend.

SIGNAL HILL LIBRARY 5TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) will be celebrating its fifth birthday with a dinosaur-themed party. Families can enjoy a Khmer story time, a magic show, an escape bus experience, virtual reality experience, face painting, 3D printing,

cupcakes and goodie bags, all dinosaur-themed. Register in advance by calling (562) 989-7323. Free.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

Noon to 2 p.m. Local nonprofit Adventures to Dreams (903 DeForest Ave.) will be giving away backpacks, school supplies, school uniform shirts, nutritional snacks and more to students preparing to start the new school year. Registration is required. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/i4AJGfTko86s7oCy7>. Free.

11 SUNDAY

AUTISM FAMILIES MORNING

7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way) welcomes adults and children with autism, along with their families, for a special morning at the aquarium. Attendees will be able to view all exhibits, excluding Lorikeet Forest. Advanced registration is required. To register, visit the Aquarium's website. Tickets cost \$12 per person, and the event is free for Aquarium members and children under 3 years old.

SUMMER & SABOR

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to the Museum of Latin American Art's sculpture garden (628 Alamitos Ave.) to enjoy food, drinks and music. There will be a DJ playing music for the crowd, food available for purchase and a cash bar. Free to attend.

OPEN STUDIOS

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to view the work of local artists inside their studios at the Icehouse Arts Complex (625 W Anaheim St.). Free.



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On Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., residents can receive free groceries at Grace Memorial Baptist Church. This giveaway occurs every second and fourth Saturday of the month, and no registration is required.

12 MONDAY

COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate in the creation of the city's next annual budget at Cabrillo High School (2198 Monitor Ave.). Participants are encouraged to give feedback on how the City should use its funds. Free.

CONCERT IN THE PARK (ING LOT)

6:30 p.m. The public can enjoy live soul, funk, R&B and classic rock music from abSOULute in the Bixby Knolls Shopping Center parking lot (4470 California Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, food and drinks. Free.

13 TUESDAY

LEGO CLUB

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. School-aged children between 6 and 12 years old are invited to build with Legos at the Alamitos Neighborhood Library (1836 E Third St.). Legos will be provided. Free.

MOONLIGHT MOVIES ON THE BEACH

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Watch a screening of "Mamma Mia" at Granada Beach (5000 E. Ocean Blvd). The event will feature pre-show entertainment from local bands. This screening is part of the summer-long Moonlight Movies at the Beach series. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs to sit on. Food trucks will be present. The movie screenings are family-friendly and pet-friendly. Free.

14 WEDNESDAY

SENIOR BINGO

10 a.m. Seniors are invited to play bingo together at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Free.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Local band Pop Vinyl will be performing at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). There will be food trucks, raffles, arts and crafts and more. Signal Hill residents can get free rides to the concert by calling 562-989-7330 ahead of time. Free.

15 THURSDAY

BLOOD DRIVE

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help save lives by donating their blood at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.). To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: MOLAA.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the movie "Blue Beetle" at Seaside Park (1401 Chestnut Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

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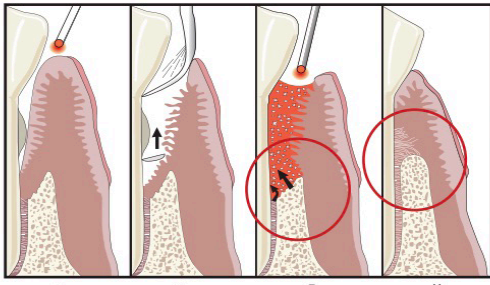
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UTILITY TAXES

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electricity, water and telecommunications.

The City has four local power plants which burn gas to produce electrical energy. Two of these power plants have been exempt from the 5% Utility Users Tax for the last 30 years: the Alamitos Energy Center owned by the Applied Energy Services Corporation (AES) and Southern California Edison, and the Haynes Plant owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

If this measure passes, AES can absorb this loss in revenue — caused by the loss of the tax exemption — by passing it onto its customers. The question is whether it will divide the cost among all its customers in Southern California, or only Long Beach residents.

The AES has received permission from the California Energy Commission to split the cost among all its customers, which would result in a 50 cent bill increase for everyone. But Southern California Edison has asked the California Public Utilities Commission for permission to split the cost only among Long Beach residents, which would result in a \$50 annual bill increase for only residents of the city.

According to documents from the City of Long Beach, the LADWP plant only services Los Angeles County residents and no homes in Long Beach.

Why Was This Item Introduced?

If voters pass this measure, it will repeal the UUT exemption. City staff predict it will result in the following revenue increases for the City's General Fund, though City Manager Tom Modica said the exact annual revenue will depend on utility prices and usage:

- \$7.5 million for the second half



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An exposed natural gas line connected to a wall heater is seen through a hole in the wall of an apartment in Long Beach on Feb. 2, 2023.

of 2025

- \$15 million in 2026
- \$15.8 million in 2027
- \$16.5 million in 2028
- \$17.4 million in 2029
- \$18.2 million in 2030

This measure was introduced in hopes of decreasing a large deficit in Long Beach's budget, projected to be \$61.5 million by 2030. City staff sought out ways to shrink this deficit "without increasing taxes" and decided this would have the "least impact on Long Beach residents."

City Auditor Laura Doud voiced her support for the item at Tuesday's meeting, claiming that Long Beach residents receive only a "marginal benefit" from the AES plant and "little to no benefit" from the LADWP plant.

The Back and Forth

Both AES and LADWP have voiced their opposition to this item. AES predicts that this will cause Long Beach consumers to be double-taxed, and Southern California

Edison has stated it will seek permission from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to pass these taxes onto Long Beach customers only, according to a City report.

The City of Huntington Beach failed to pass a similar item in 2002 after receiving the same response from AES. Long Beach staff reports state that the City will appeal to the CPUC if Edison tries to only tax Long Beach customers.

If Southern California Edison is successful in only taxing Long Beach, residents can expect a \$50 annual increase in their electric bill, City staff predict.

John Gregory with the Los Angeles Water Department spoke against the item Tuesday night, claiming it goes against a "long-standing tradition" of Long Beach and LA governments not taxing each other. He added that the rate increase would be passed onto LA residents, many of whom are "living in underserved communities."

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Reflections from cargo containers are seen on the water during sunrise at the Port of Long Beach on Aug. 13, 2022. A new ballot measure, if passed, would make it so hiring within the Harbor Commission falls under the chief executive officer.

Long Beach's Board of Harbor Commissioners. The five-member commission board is appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council. They are responsible for setting policy, appointing the Port's executive director and electing board officers to one-year terms.

This measure aims to shift the responsibility of hiring within the department from the Harbor Commission to the chief executive officer. Mario Cordero was appointed chief executive officer of the Port of Long Beach by the Harbor Commission, and has held the position since 2017.

The Harbor Commission will continue to appoint a chief operating officer, executive officer to the board and the board staff.

If passed, the terms of the Harbor Commission and Public Utilities Commission would change from a maximum of two six-year terms

to three four-year terms, resulting in shorter terms. Those currently serving on either board can receive "certain exceptions," according to City documents.

The measure would also move the timeframe of the Harbor Department's annual budget to align with Long Beach's fiscal year, which is from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. The item includes an increase in penalties for violating Harbor Commission ordinances, from \$500 to \$1,000 or up to six months in prison.

Why is this Item Being Introduced?

Similar to the City hiring process measure that will also be on the ballot, this measure is meant to speed up the Harbor Department's hiring practices. By removing the need for Harbor Commission approval, hiring within the Harbor Department will more closely align with the rest of the city's process.

HIRING PROCESS
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Beach departments and hiring regulations:

- Combining the Civil Service Department and Human Resources Department into one hiring department.

- Implementing classified hiring preferences for Long Beach residents, students from local colleges and universities, current employees and internships/apprenticeships related to the position they're applying to.

- Establishing an independent Civil Service Employee Right and Appeals Commission which would be in charge of resolving complaints regarding civil service rules and making final decisions on employee disciplinary appeals.

Applicants who qualify for veteran preferences in the City are also eligible to receive these local preferences if passed. All applicants must meet the minimum job requirements for positions, and can qualify for 10 points maximum with the local preference system.

City staff predict the changes will require additional funding if passed, but are still evaluating the amount required. Long Beach has set aside \$250,000 in one-time funds to hire a third party to help with the transition, which would

include rewriting a portion of the City's Charter. Long Beach has already set \$1.4 million aside for election costs so far.

Why Was this Item Introduced?

The City of Long Beach currently employs over 6,000 civic service employees across 23 departments, according to a chief of labor relations hiring brochure released this year. According to City documents, Long Beach has a citywide employee vacancy rate of 22%, with some departments as high as 40%.

Currently, the Civil Service Department is in charge of oversight and recruitment of unclassified City positions, which makes up roughly 40% of Long Beach's workforce. The Human Resources Department is responsible for the oversight and recruitment of classified positions; the remaining 60% of the City's workforce.

The two departments conduct their own job marketing and outreach efforts, are responsible for implementing its own policies and hiring procedures and have their own hiring websites. City staff reports have called the process "outdated" and "redundant."

Multiple City departments have stated that it takes them seven

months to a year in order to fill a vacant position.

The Back and Forth

The Long Beach City Council unanimously supported this item. The City Council has said they aim to bring the recruitment and hiring process for City jobs down to 90 days and believe these changes will accomplish that.

About half the residents who spoke at Tuesday's meeting supported the item specifically for its local preference aspect.

"Our students are struggling to find stability after college. I have friends of mine that just graduated last May and are in that reality right now," said Luis Ortiz, a student at Cal State Long Beach. "... We cannot afford to wait another eight months to be hired so we can put food on our tables."

Multiple members of the Civil Service Commission and residents spoke against the item, saying it will reduce the role of the commission, resulting in less equity among job candidates and a lack of oversight in departments.

Long Beach voters denied a nearly identical measure in 2007, citing concerns that it would "reduce employee protections" and dismantle the employee merit system. Members of the Civil Service Commission said they were not allowed to make their own recommendations on how to make this measure more equitable.

"I would really like you to hold this over and let the commission be a part of whatever is the end result. We know what needs to be changed better than anybody," Civil Service Commissioner Nicki Love said.

The Civil Service Commission has been against the item and voiced their opposition to the council over the past year, citing concerns of nepotism and lack of accountability in the hiring process, which the commission is there to prevent. If the item is passed, the commission will become the Civil Service Employee Right and Appeals Commission and will have radically different job duties.



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Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson speaks with members of the Native Employees Organization during an event in honor of Native American History Month at Long Beach Civic Plaza on Nov. 14, 2023.

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7:56 a.m., Burglary, 1900 block Molino Ave.
11:05 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave. north of E. Willow St.
11:34 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2300 block E. Spring St.
11:48 a.m., Battery, 2300 block Lemon Ave.
3:45 p.m., Auto burglary, 1400 block E. Willow St.
7:22 p.m., Battery, 1600 block E. Willow St.

Thursday, August 1

11:54 a.m., Auto burglary, 900 block E. Willow St.
5:42 p.m., Auto burglary, 3300 block Olive Ave.

Friday, August 2

1:05 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 19th St./Dawson Ave.
10:34 p.m., Intoxicated person, 2200 block E. Willow St.

Saturday, August 3

12:25 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Orizaba Ave.
12:39 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.
10:58 p.m., Inflict corporate injury on spouse; false imprisonment, 3500 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)

Sunday, August 4

2:56 a.m., Theft of personal property; bench warrant, 2700 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)
11:34 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Spring St.

Monday, August 5

10:36 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3300 block California Ave.
4:42 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Signal Parkway/E. Willow St.
9:00 p.m., Shoplifting; obstruct/resist officer, 1000 block E. 32nd St. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, August 6

4:32 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.

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TST7377 / 2024 158939 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: RED DOOR LIVING, 2699 E. 28TH STREET SUITE 409, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DORIAN BOLICK, 6224 RIVIERA CIRCLE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. 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: DORIAN BOLICK, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 08/2004. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 7/29/2024. 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: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

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TST7381 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: THELMA M. FLEMING CASE NO. 24STPB07414

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of THELMA M. FLEMING. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KARLEEN A. ROSS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KARLEEN A. ROSS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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. 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 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. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/28/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a 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 within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first 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. 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 CHINA M. ROBINSON, ESQ. - SBN 255562 LAW OFFICES OF CHINA M. ROBINSON 552 E CARSON ST, STE 104-144 CARSON CA 90745 Telephone (323) 828-9072 8/9, 8/16, 8/23/24 CNS-3839969# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

TST7382 Case No. 24STPB08727 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DONNA JEANNE CLARA DEBELLIS

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of DONNA JEANNE CLARA DEBELLIS 2, A Petition for Probate has been filed by KENDAL DEBELLIS AND ALINA DEBELLIS in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that KENDAL DEBELLIS AND ALINA DEBELLIS 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. September 6, 2024 Time: 8:30 AM Dept. 67 b. Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90802. 7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. **If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** 9. **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. **ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: BRUCE A. PENCE III P.O. BOX 6570 LOS OSOS, CA. 93412 Phone: 805-214-8292** Pub. Signal Tribune, August 9, 16, 23, 2024

TST7383 Case No. 24CMCP00111 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Quiroz de Arguelles, Maria Elena for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Quiroz de Arguelles, Maria Elena has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Quiroz de Arguelles, Maria Elena Proposed Name: Maria Elena Arguelles 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: October 15, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. E, Room: 1004. 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. August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024 ___/ss//___ Virginia Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 6, 2024

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The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors (Proposers), to provide Network Cabling Services (As Needed) District wide. The intent of this RFB process is to develop a pool of vendors that submit the most responsive and responsible proposals for the project. More information at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>. Proposals are due by 4:00 pm (PT) on 8/30/2024.

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LLC — engaged in a pair of fraud schemes. In the first, they allegedly convinced investors to sell their interests in the hotels, promising them profitable returns when the properties, including the Queen Mary, were sold to a third-party buyer.

Prosecutors contend, however, that the pair actually planned to retain ownership of the properties and list them in an overseas real estate investment trust.

“In a second scheme, perpetrated in 2021 after the REIT had filed for bankruptcy, the complaint alleges

that Woods and Wu raised at least \$1.775 million from a second set of investors to purchase the same hotels out of bankruptcy,” according to the SEC. “The defendants allegedly told investors that their funds would be held in escrow, used only to fund the hotels’ purchase, and returned to investors if the bid was unsuccessful.”

Prosecutors contend, however, that Woods and Wu “misappropriated virtually all investors’ funds,” using the money mostly for business and personal expenses.

Speaking to the *Long Beach*

Post, an attorney for Wu denied any wrongdoing, saying the case is based on a “lack of understanding how these transactions were structured.”

The city of Long Beach regained control of the Queen Mary in 2021 when Urban Commons surrendered its leases for oversight of the deteriorating vessel.

City officials said the company violated multiple provisions of the leases, “including failure to maintain the ship caused in part by decades of deferred maintenance by former operators of the ship.”

HOUSING

Long Beach considers partnering with LBCC for Tiny Homes project

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach officials have decided to focus its anticipated Tiny Homes project to specifically aid students experiencing homelessness, the City announced Monday.



Richard H. Grant | *Signal Tribune*
Long Beach City College will potentially partner with the City of Long Beach to create Tiny Home units.

The City is discussing the project with Long Beach City College, though it is still in its early stages and the location for the Tiny Homes remains undecided. Tiny Homes are single-occupant modular units that are roughly 100 square feet and contain a bed, bathroom with a shower, lighting, electrical outlets, a fire suppression system as well as air conditioning and heating.

The Tiny Home units will include both standard and ADA-accessible options, and any host the City chooses to partner with must

ensure that they have proper amenities such as utilities, supervision and can host supportive services.

“We are having meaningful conversations with our partners at LBCC, to see how collectively we can provide some housing security for students experiencing homelessness, so that they can better focus on their education and career paths. In the long run, this helps support our entire community,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement.

Funding for this effort comes from the Homekey Program Round 2 Grant, which was awarded to the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services by the California Department of Housing and Community Development in August 2022.

The Long Beach City Council and Long Beach City College Board of Trustees will discuss this possible collaboration at its future meetings, and agendas will be published ahead of time.

Long Beach was considering putting its Tiny Homes project at the corner of California Avenue and E Springs Street adjacent to Willow Springs Park, but pulled out of that location due to “high costs related to installing utilities,” according to a statement from the City. Costs related to clean up at the site were another issue.

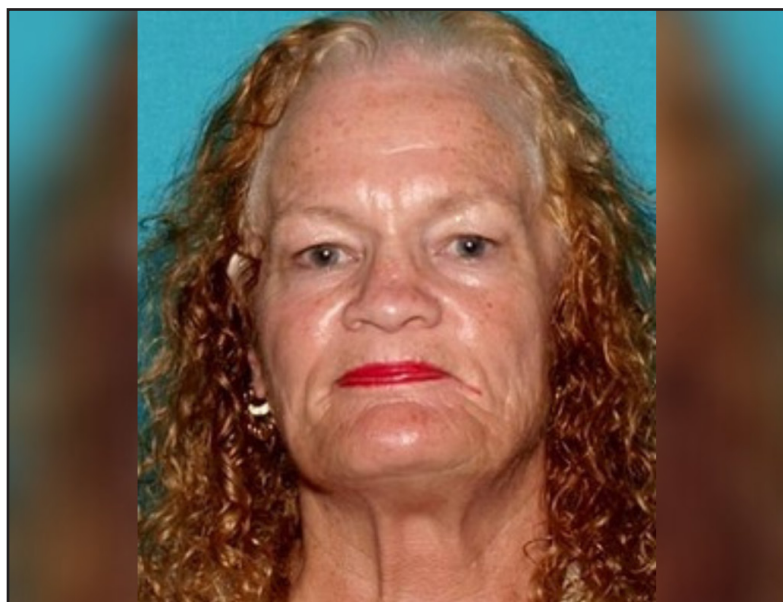
Tiny Homes are single-occupant modular units that are roughly 100 square feet and include a bed, bathroom with a shower, air conditioning and heating.

Long Beach is dedicating 46.24 acres (Parcel A) of Willow Springs Park as park space in perpetuity. The City is proposing a \$1 million transformative project called the Willow Springs Trailhead Project to revitalize the park space, but the budget is not yet approved. Long Beach is considering another 1.8 acres (Parcel B) in the northwest corner of the park to be used as park space if the City is able to establish a land bank, which means it will be protected use under the City Charter.

“It was important that we explored the different possible uses for Parcel B in support of our community,” said Fifth District Councilwoman Megan Kerr in a public statement. “As the Tiny Homes project takes a new direction, I am excited at the prospect of Willow Springs Park’s long-awaited dedication as official park space in perpetuity, as well as the potential for some well-deserved upgrades that the entire community can enjoy.”

MISSING PERSON

Missing woman’s last known location was in Long Beach two months ago



Courtesy of California Department of Justice
Arlene Marie Bright has been missing for over two months. She was last known to be in Long Beach.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

A 67-year-old woman who was last known to be in Long Beach has been missing for over two months.

Arlene Marie Bright was last heard from on May 22.

Bright is described as a Caucasian woman with hazel eyes and white hair. She is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs around 160 pounds.

Anyone who may have information about Brights’ whereabouts is urged to call the LBPD Missing Persons Detail at (562) 570-7246 or Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may submit a tip through “LA Crime Stoppers” by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visiting www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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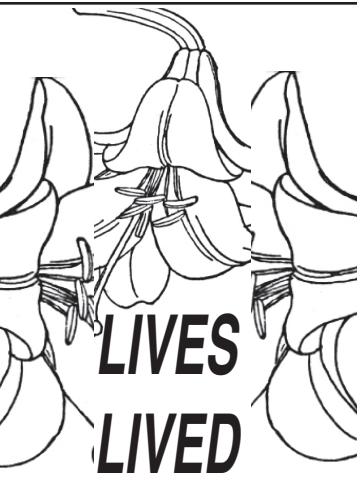
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The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary.
For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301



Pet of the week: Gerald

Meet Gerald, a gray-and-white 12-year-old geriatric dude. He’s a shy, slow-moving sweetheart who looks like your favorite uncle—all he needs is a rocking chair and a safe place to call home! Gerald came to the shelter on May 2, presenting all kinds of medical issues: dehydration, decreased muscle mass, a buildup of fluid and a corneal scar in his left eye, severe dental disease and chronic kidney disease. The shelter was considering sending Gerald over the Rainbow Bridge, but our veterinarians worked hard—by July 7, he was doing well on his special renal diet. He’s gained weight and is now well hydrated. He sees out of his right eye but we’re not sure about the left. No matter—he can now sun himself on the patio, set off from the other kitties so they don’t eat his special food. And he gets so much love from the volunteers! After the first few pets, he stands up to really enjoy the attention. Here’s hoping he gets that forever home soon, rocking chair or not! To adopt or foster Gerald, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process, or call (562) 570-7387. Better yet, meet them in person at Long Beach Animal Care Services, 7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach, at entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Visiting hours are Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., and Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Ask for ID#A720121.

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