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BUDGET

Police and parks are king, and our other Long Beach 2025 budget highlights



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



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune A 1974 Dodge Coronet Police car drives along Anaheim Street during the 15th annual

Cambodia Town Parade on April 2, 2023.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

he Long Beach City Council finalized the City's 2025 budget Tuesday night, divvying up more than \$4.7 billion for various City departments and services.

Long Beach offices, departments and commissions have been presenting their esti-

mated revenues and needs to the council for the past two months.

Per usual, police and parks are receiving most of the newly allocated funds, which is roughly \$3.6 million. A large portion of this budget (\$1.12 million) is carryover funds from 2024 in the form of grants and ongoing projects the City already committed money to as of May 31.

Though a bulk of the budget is rolled-over funds, Long Beach has announced that it's facing a projected \$28 million deficit. This is mostly due to shrinking oil revenue funds and the cost of oil well abandonment and plugging, which is estimated at \$80 million by 2035.

Long Beach is also one of many cities that is losing its Recovery Act funds, which was money from the federal government to help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with several youth and community programs, this has resulted in an underfunded Health Department and the loss of nearly 50 healthcare employees. Richardson acknowledged that a Health Department mostly funded through grants is "unsustainable."

Over 50 residents spoke at the meeting Tuesday, most of which were there to support the City's \$1.1 million allocation to the Long Beach Justice Fund. The fund provides legal representation to immigrants facing deportation in Long Beach. Local organization ÓRALE (Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation, and Empowerment) also asked the City to create structural funding for the budget, since as of now the program is supported in one-time funds.

Another item residents came to support was the Tenants Right to Counsel, which provides legal aid and advice to renters in the city. Long Beach allocated \$1.2 million in one-time funds towards this program for 2025.

Long Beach's \$3.6 billion budget was broken down into 22 City departments/offices as follows:

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Exterior of the Long Beach Police Department Headquarters in Downtown Long Beach on May 17, 2021.



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A view of the playground equipment at Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Long Beach on Oct. 3, 2022.

HOUSING

Long Beach applying for \$2.5 million in state grants for Housing Trust Fund Program

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Long Beach is applying for a \$2.5 million matching grant from the state for its newly reestablished Housing Trust Fund.

The City established its Housing Trust Fund program in 2005 with the goal of meeting housing needs in areas of extremely low to above-moderate income. The fund was created with \$750,000 in grants and taxes and used on two projects: a mobile home repair grant program and a second mortgage assistance program.

Since then, the fund has been ineligible to receive grants from the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Local Housing Trust Fund Program since it did not conform with state mandates. In October 2023, Long Beach updated those guidelines to regain eligibility, and this is the first application for funding since then.



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A "For Rent" sign sits in a window of a two-bedroom home, where the owners are asking for \$5500 a month in rent in the Peninsula neighborhood of Long Beach on July 20, 2022.

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HEALTH

Port of LB accepting grant apps for health-focused projects

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Port of Long Beach is currently accepting ideas for funding projects that aim to reduce the health risks to the community associated with asthma, respiratory and cardiopulmonary conditions.

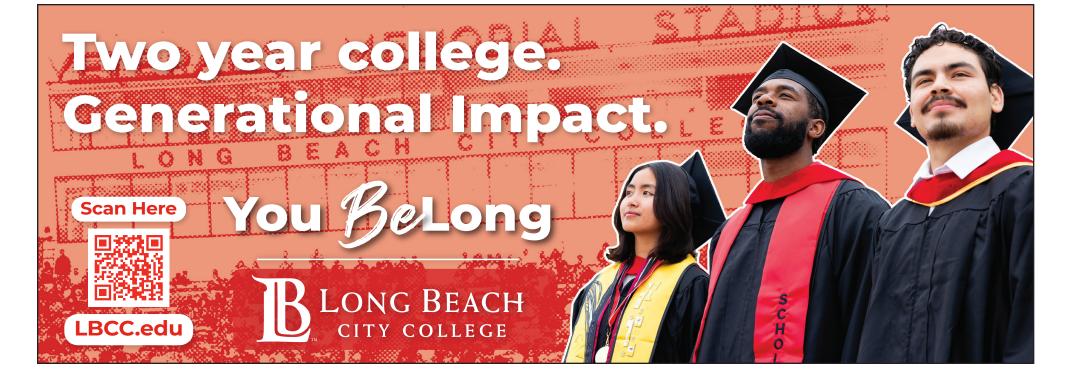
The increased transportation in the area caused by trade at the port is believed to be a contributing factor to the increased rate of these conditions in the local population when compared to national and state averages.



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Cranes remove cargo containers from a ship at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022. The Port has made \$4 million available for its new health-focused grant application program.

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A crane places a cargo container onto a stack on a cargo ship at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022.

The Port of Long Beach has made \$4 million available this year through its Community Grants Program, and government agencies, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and licensed health care providers

are invited to apply to have their projects funded.

In August, the Port hosted a virtual workshop to help potential applicants prepare their proposals. The presentation from this session is available on the Port's website at www.polb.com/grantopportunities, and further questions can be sent to grants@polb.com.

Applicants are required to submit highly detailed descriptions of their proposed projects, which will then be reviewed by Port staff based on eligibility, feasibility and effectiveness. Concept papers must be submitted online by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Detailed guidelines for applying to the Community Grants Program can be found at www.polb.com/grants.

The Community Grants Program will provide over \$65 million to projects that address environmental impacts affecting vulnerable populations, and has already committed over \$50 million to various projects.

Funded projects have included expanded asthma services, stormwater management improvements, and the creation of green spaces to buffer communities from port op-

Memorial Care teams up with **Long Beach State** Athletics for new

Former Dirtbags pitcher Tyler Gums stands on the mound during a 2019 Long Beach State baseball game. MemorialCare is now the official health care sponsor for Long Beach State Athletics and will be the game sponsor for several sports teams, including the Dirtbags, through June 30, 2029.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

MemorialCare recently announced a five-year partnership with Long Beach State Athletics as its official health care sponsor through June 30, 2029.

sponsorship

SPORTS

According to MemorialCare, the nonprofit health care provider has over 800 current employees working in Los Angeles and Orange County that are Long Beach State (CSULB) alumni.

"Considering our rich history with California State University Long Beach, and as one of the largest health care providers in Long Beach, it seemed like a perfect fit," said Blair Kent, CEO of Memorial-Care's Long Beach Medical Center and Miller Children's & Women's Hospital, in a public statement. "Continuing to expand this private-public partnership and bringing health awareness and education to Athletics just makes sense."

MemorialCare will be the game sponsor for several Long Beach State Athletics' sports teams, including baseball, softball, and the men and women's teams for basketball, volleyball and water polo. The sponsorship will also include health education messaging during

This partnership was jointly established with Learfield's Beach Sports Properties. Learfield offers marketing services for collegiate sports programs, and through Beach Sports Properties, is the

multimedia rights holder for Long Beach State Athletics.

"Healthy living is a core belief we share with MemorialCare, and this partnership will unite our student-athletes, coaches, staff, and the Long Beach community in that shared mission," said Bobby Smitheran, executive director of athletics at Long Beach State, in a public statement.

The health care provider will also provide the opportunity for select student athletes to shadow nurses at Long Beach Medical Center and take part in visits to pediatric patients at Miller Children's & Women's. MemorialCare hopes to expand students' interest in the profession with first-hand experiences in a health care setting.

"MemorialCare is always looking for ways to give back to the community, and we are excited to use this partnership to encourage aspiring health care professionals to continue to pursue their studies," said

Two years prior to the sponsorship, MemorialCare and CSULB announced the creation of a clinic on the school's campus to combine clinical education with clinical practice. The goal of the clinic is to make a substantial impact on health care education and grow the amount of allied health practitioners entering the field from the local community. As of October 2022, the facility is on track to open in spring 2026.

YOUTH

Long Beach Public Library launches new reading program to prepare kids for middle school

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) is introducing a new reading challenge aimed at children ages 6 to 12 to help prepare them for their transition to middle school. Registration for "KOALA Quest: 500 Books Before Middle School" began on Monday, Sept. 9 and will remain open indefinitely.

"KOALA Quest supports our commitment to nurturing the intellectual growth of our young residents," Mayor Rex Richardson said in a public statement. "By making reading an enjoyable and rewarding experience, we are laying the foundation for lifelong learning and success."

KOALA Quest is free and accessible through the Library's Beanstack app, which allows participants to complete activities, view recommended book lists, and track their reading progress in order to earn prizes. The program emphasizes reading for enjoyment, encouraging children to choose books that interest them while building essential vocabulary and comprehension skills.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune A return cart filled with books near the children's section of the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

"We are excited to offer KOALA Quest to elementary-age children as a way of engaging them outside the classroom," Cathy De Leon, Library Services Director, said in a public statement. "Our libraries are more than just places to borrow books - they are vibrant community hubs where learning and discovery happen every day.'

Registration for KOALA Quest: 500 Books Before Middle School will remain open indefinitely.

In addition to reading, KOA-LA Quest motivates participants to engage with their local library branches, where they can discuss their reading choices with librarians and earn badges by attending library events. Upon reaching the 500-book goal, participants will be honored with a celebratory pizza

For details on how to register for KOALA Quest: 500 Books Before Middle School visit lbpl.org or call 562-570-7500.

LEISURE

Pixar-themed mini golf course coming to 2nd & PCH

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

A new Pixar-themed pop-up mini golf experience is coming to the 2ND & PCH shopping center in Long Beach. The attraction will be open for a limited time from Sept. 21 through Jan. 15, 2025.

Pixar Putt features an 18-hole mini golf course inspired by well known Pixar films, including "Toy Story," "The Incredibles," "Monsters, Inc.," "Finding Nemo," "Coco," "A Bug's Life," "Wall-E," and "Inside Out." The course will be appropriate for all ages.

In addition to the regular hours of operation, the course will offer after-hours tickets for those 18 and older to Pixar Putt After Dark. This adults-only experience is available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights starting at 7 p.m.

The hours of operation for Pixar Putt are as follows:

• Monday and Tuesday: 3 p.m. -8:30 p.m. (closing at 10 p.m.)

• Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (closing at 10 p.m.)



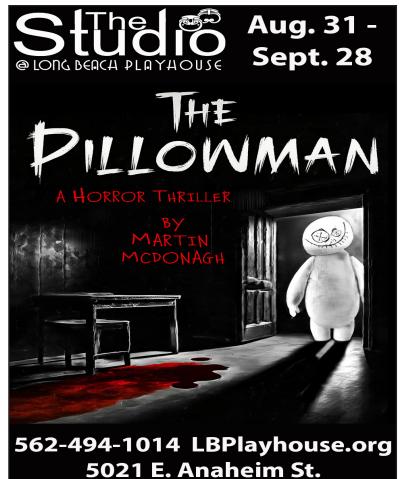
•Thursday: 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. (closing at 11 p.m.)

• Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. -9:30 p.m. (closing at 11 p.m.)

limited time.

•Sunday: 10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. (closing at 10 p.m.)

Tickets for Pixar Putt start at \$25, with Family Four Packs available starting at \$100. Advanced bookings are recommended, and tickets can be purchased at Pixar-Putt.com. On-site ticket purchases are available via credit card only and are subject to availability.



AROUND TOWN

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



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A view of the facade of the Recreation Park Bandshell in Long Beach on June 12, 2023. This Sunday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Bandshell will host the free Long Beach Gives Live fundraiser, which will feature live music, food trucks and community activities.

vents this week highlight Long Beach's diversity and community-centric culture, with ways to support nonprofits and celebrate Latin American Heritage

Agaves Ultra Lounge is kicking off the weekend with a free two-day party complete with drink specials and plenty of dancing, while KUBO LB will recognize Latinx poetry and local libraries invite families to partake in loteria and Spanish story time. Spooky gatherings are beginning to creep in as well, with a speakeasy at the Queen Mary Thursday night.

Residents can support the annual citywide fundraiser to help Long Beach's nonprofits at a free event at the Recreation Park Bandshell Sunday or a community bike ride through Bixby Knolls the same morning. Other ways to support the community include Compound's market Saturday morning, a golf and taco party at the Heartwell Golf Course Tuesday night or at Long Beach State's women's volleyball game Thursday night.

MOVIES & MOONLIGHT

6 p.m. The public is invited to watch the animated film "IF" at the outdoor shopping complex 2nd & PCH (at the intersection of Second Street and Pacific Coast Highway). Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets and lawn chairs to sit on. Free.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE **PARTY**

 $9:30\,$ p.m. to $2\,$ a.m. Celebrate Mexican Independence with live music, DJs, dancing and drink specials at Agaves Ultra Lounge (200 Pine Ave.). The event runs for two days. Ages 21 and over. No cover charge. Register on Eventbrite.

4SATURDAY

READING MEETUP

10 a.m. The Silent Book Club Long Beach chapter will be holding a gathering of readers at SteelCraft Long Beach (3768 Long Beach Blvd.). Attendees are invited to bring whatever book they're currently reading. Free.

SUMMER SHOE GIVEAWAY

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Made New Foundation (5580 Cherry Ave.) will be giving away Vans shoes and merchandise for youth between the ages of 11 and 26. There will be food and music. Free.

RIBBON CUTTING

11 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to the grand opening and ribbon-cutting of a new ocean-side sports court at Junipero Beach (2630 E Ocean Blvd.), including a basketball court and roller skating area. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Free.

COMMUNITY MARKET

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public can discover local artists, handmade goods and food vendors at this marketplace hosted by local nonprofit Compound (1395 Coronado Ave.). Free admission.

LIVE MUSIC

8 p.m. Local band Kool Breezz will be performing at 562 Pacific Grill (2050 Pacific Ave.). No cover charge.

15^{SUNDAY}

LONG BEACH GIVES LIVE

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join this special fundraising event featuring live music, food trucks and community activities at the Recreation Park Bandshell (4900 E Seventh St.). The event celebrates Long Beach Gives, a citywide day of giving that supports local nonprofits. Attendees can enjoy performances by local artists and learn more about participating charities. Free admission; donations encouraged to support various causes.

KIDICAL MASS

11 a.m. Families with kids of all ages are invited to this monthly group bike ride through Bixby Knolls. This event will promote the annual Long Beach Gives Fundraiser. Families can meet in the back parking lot of Pixie Toys (3914 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

CELEBRATING *LATINX POETRY*

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate and appreciate poetry by Latinx writers at KUBO LB (3976 Atlantic Ave.). The panel of poets will include liz gonzalez [sic], Mia Amore Del Bando, Xochitl-Julisa Bermeio and more. Register for free on Eventbrite

16^{MONDAY}

SPANISH STORYTIME

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children of all ages will be able to enjoy Spanish stories read by library staff at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

FAMILY LOTERIA

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to a family-friendly game of loteria at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

17TUESDAY

LEGO CLUB

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. School-aged children 6 years old and up are invited to build with Legos at the Alamitos Neighborhood Library (1595 W Willow St.). Legos will be provided. Free.

FARMERS MARKET

3 p.m. to 8 p.m. This market at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) features local vendors offering fresh produce, handmade goods and live music. Free entry.

BEGINNER-FRIENDLY DRIVING RANGE & TACOS

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Those interested in golf can practice their swing at Heartwell Golf Course (6700 E Carson St.) while enjoying tacos. Open to all skill levels. A bucket of balls will cost \$17; tacos prices vary.

8 WEDNESDAY

COFFEE WITH A COP

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to meet and have coffee with their local police officers at Milana's New York Pizzeria (165 E Fourth St.). Free to attend.

OUEEN MARY MOVIE NIGHT

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 2023 movie "Wonka" 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 a movie experience package online for \$99, which includes reserved couch seating for four, assorted small snacks and a bottle of champagne.

19THURSDAY

WASHINGTON HUSKIES VS. LONG BEACH STATE BEACH

7 p.m. Cheer on the home team during this women's volleyball game at Walter Pyramid (1250 N Bellflower Blvd.). Tickets can be purchased for \$12 at longbeachstate.com.

SPOOKY SPEAKEASY

8 p.m. Those 21 and over are invited onboard the Queen Mary to listen to a variety of spooky stories, each one paired with a specialty beverage. Tickets are purchased for \$55 on the Queen Mary's website.

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HOUSING TRUST FUND continued from page 1

The Housing Trust Fund can be used to build affordable housing projects, create Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), or help current homeowners with repairs.

The Housing Trust Fund can be used on construction loans, loans to rehabilitate affordable rental housing projects, establishing emergency shelters, creating supportive or transitional housing and granting loans for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

The City established its Housing Trust Fund program in 2005 with the goal of meeting housing needs in areas of extremely low to above-moderate income.

The guidelines for the Housing Trust Fund are as follows:

•At least 30% of the funds must be used on assisting extremely low-income households.

• No more than 20% of the funds can be used on moderate-income



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An aerial view of three Spanish revival-style homes in the Nehyam Historic District on March 16, 2022. Most of the homes were built in the 1920s and '30s along the 6000 block of Walnut Avenue in North Long Beach.

households.

•The remaining funds must be used on lower-income households.

The California Department of Housing provides matching grant funds to cities with eligible Housing Trust Funds, so if Long Beach is approved for the \$2.5 million grant, there will be \$5 million in the fund.

The money will then be given out through a competitive process conducted twice a year until funds are exhausted. Community Development Executive Director Christopher Koontz did not specify which of the possible uses the City will focus investments on at the Tuesday meeting.

The process will be overseen by the Long Beach Community Investment Company, whose members are appointed by Mayor Rex Richardson. Koontz is the president of this company.

Koontz said that they will likely take a "scattered" approach to distributing the funds, spreading them out to ADUs, affordable rental projects, homeowner assistance programs and more.

When Long Beach approves a contract with a private developer for the creation of an affordable rental project, the City typically ends up subsidizing around \$100,000 per unit, Koontz said. The City slowly receives payments on these loans over 55 years, while the creation of the project can take from five to six years.

With an ADU, the City loans a homeowner \$250,000 to create the affordable housing units and

the loan is expected to be paid back over 10-15 years. These units are typically finished within one year.



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Alvin Waldon poses outside of his home in the Nehyam Historic District in North Long Beach on March 16, 2022.

Richardson has praised the existence of ADUs in Long Beach, claiming that they have approved more ADUs and smaller-sized junior ADUs than most California cities. NBC reported that Long Beach has approved 1,431 ADUs in the last five years.

The City did not give a timeframe of when they expect to get a response on their grant application.

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A man speaks about how the ban on evictions hurts landlords during the public comment section of the July 6, 2021, Long Beach City Council meeting.

- Mayor and City Council: \$8.93
- •City Attorney's Office: \$11.02 million
- City Auditor's Office: \$3.84 mil-
- City Clerk's Office: \$5.07 million
- •City Manager's Office: \$24.97 million
- City Prosecutor's Office: \$8 million
- •Civil Service Department: \$4.35 million
- •Airport Services: \$63.19 mil-
- •Disaster Preparedness and Communications: Emeraencu \$16.62 million
- Communitu Development: \$77.17 million
- Development: • Economic \$29.02 million
- Financial Management Department: \$786.48 million
- Fire Department: \$189.71 mil-
- Health Department: \$201.17 million
- Human Resources Department: \$44.52 million
- ·Library, Arts and Culture De-
- partment: \$21.61 million • Energy Resources Department:
- \$101.24 million · Parks, Recreation and Marine

Department: \$85.33 million

- Police Department: \$338.08 million
 - Police Oversight: \$1.8 million
 - Public Works: \$382.41 million
- Technology and Innovation Department: \$87.79 million

The Financial Management funds include money the City already has allocated due to loan



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune 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.

agreements.

Another \$1.14 billion is set aside for the Harbor and Public Utilities Departments:

- · Harbor Fund Group: \$761 mil-
- · Water Fund Group: \$180 mil-
 - · Sewer Fund Group: \$32 million • Gas Fund Group: \$164 million Budgets for the harbor and util-

ities were adopted by the Harbor Department and the Board of Public Utilities in June, and approved by the council Tuesday night.

Roughly half, or \$1.6 billion, of the budget is from estimated tax revenue, according to the City Ordinance.

Mayor Rex Richardson's priorities for the budget, he said, were improving City services, economic growth, providing residents with opportunities and creating a climate-friendly environment.

City Services

Services receiving a focus in the 2025 budget include fire, police, homelessness prevention, street repairs and crime prevention. This section includes Richardson's Elevate '28 plan, which is \$758 million meant to prepare Long Beach to host the 2028 Olympics. The plan lays out investments in transportation and infrastructure such as ADA curb ramps, bikeways, traffic safety enhancements, and improvements to bridges, alleys, murals, signage and buildings.

The main departments affected by these investments include the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works.

Some highlights include:

- \$4.8 million for fire station enhancements, increasing arson investigations and improving ambulance response times.
- •\$1.3 million for a Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) crime prevention unit focused on taking illegal guns off the streets, apprehending known suspects and supporting safety measures at public libraries.
- •\$400,000 towards improving neighborhood lighting, tree trimming, adding landscape and street furniture and other environmental designs.
- •\$100,000 toward the S.T.R.O.N.G. Beach Initiative and Advancing Peace Neighborhood **Activation Program**
- •\$50,000 to support public education of hate speech and hate crime awareness, prevention and responses.

- •\$14.7 million toward the City's organic waste collection program
- \$1.15 million toward the Youth
- •\$50,000 for a citywide youth visual arts contest and expanding arts equity
- •\$25,000 for veteran outreach and education efforts of the Veteran Affairs Commission
- •\$44 million for transportation and mobility infrastructure

Economic Growth

This section of the budget is fo-



A view of some of the machinery that is used to pump and separate water, oil and natural gas that is harvested in the Long Beach Oil Field by Signal Hill Petroleum on Dec. 5, 2023.

cused on increasing revenue to make up for the projected \$80 million deficit in oil. The City Council identified multiple sectors in its Grow Long Beach initiative to invest in such as small businesses, tourism, technology and develop-

Departments involved in these initiatives include the Economic Development Department, Community Development and the City Manager's Department.

Highlights include:

- \$1.1 million in developing a Signature Projects Division with five new city planners focused on redeveloping the Queen Mary Island, Pier H, the Long Beach Convention Center and Elephant Lot, Shoreline Drive and Alamitos Bay.
- \cdot \$1.04 million to establish a Revenue Innovation, Strategy, and Enhancement (RISE) Division in the Economic Development Department to manage the Queen Mary, Convention Center, Catalino

Landing, Shoreline Marina, Alamitos Bay, the beach boardwalk and other Tidelands properties.

- •\$300,000 towards marketing. tourism and advertising efforts
- •\$210,000 support international diplomacy efforts
- •\$150,000 to develop an Entertainment Strategic Plan related to the anticipated outdoor amphitheater, the Long Beach Terrace Theater and other music-hosting sites.
- •\$100,000 for programming through the Long Beach Historical Society to archive Long Beach's role in the 2028 Olympics
- •\$250,000 towards various **Business Improvement Districts**
- •\$250,000 toward the Level Up LB: Extreme Small Business Makeover Program

Creating Opportunities for Residents

Through workforces and service corps that prioritize residents, Long Beach hopes to give its community opportunities to thrive within the city.

Efforts to modernize its hiring system, which has been a contentious issue over the past year, is also receiving funding in 2025.

Long Beach hopes to revamp its workforce development board, the Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network, to connect residents to jobs in its growing sectors of aerospace and aviation. The mayor requested a name change to this network to the Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network.

The City prioritized finding funding for certain programs that were created by Long Beach Recovery Act dollars, such as the Immigrant Justice Fund, the First-Time Homebuyer Program, City Employee-Youth Mentoring programs and its language access efforts.

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90755. August 23, 30 & September 6, 13, 2024 ___//ss//__ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 16,

TST7405 Case No. 24LBCP00259 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR **CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVER-NOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURT-HOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Randy Roland Deshawn Colbert for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Randy Roland Deshawn Colbert has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Randy Roland Deshawn Colbert Proposed Name: Jehovah God 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 1, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. August 23, 30 & September 6, 13, 2024 ___// Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 16, 2024

TST7406 Case No. 24CHCP00311 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR **CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CHATS-WORTH COURTHOUSE, 9425 PENFIELD AVE., ROOM 1200, CHATSWORTH, CA. 91311 PETITION OF: Luciana Wyna Straughter for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Luciana Wyna Straughter aka Jasmine Straughter has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Luciana Wyna Straughter aka Jasmine Straughter Proposed Name: Jasmine Luciana Wyna Straughter 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 10, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. F49, Room: 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 23, 30 & September 6, 13, 2024 _ ss//___ David B. Gelfound, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 8, 2024

TST7407 / 2024 175751 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: SIERRA DAWN ENTERPRISES, 1941 DAWSON AVENUE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LORI Y. WOODS, 1941 DDAWSON AVENUE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: Aan Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: LORI Y. WOODS, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 08/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 8/21/2024. 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 23, 30 & September 6, 13, 2024

TST7408 / 2024 153440 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: DAYS GONE BY. 4747 MATNEY AVENUE. LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 1. RODNEY L. DENNIS, 2. DONNA LESI IE-DENNIS. 4747 MATNEY AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: RODNEY L. DENNIS. OWN-ER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/2014. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 7/22/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 23, 30 & September 6, 13, 2024

TST7416 / 2024 169649 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: PACIFIC FOOTWEAR TRADING COMPA-NY, 2250 OBISPO AVE #103, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGE-Registrant: PRIVATE,INC, 2250 OBISPO AVE #103. SIGNAL HILL. CA. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GUSTAVO NAVARRO, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 08/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Aug 13, 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 30, & September 6, 13, 20, 2024

TST7429 Case No. 24LBCP00293 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVER-NOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURT-HOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Cela Raquel Love for change of name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Cela Raquel Love has filed a petition with

this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Cela Raquel Love Proposed Name: Marcela Raquel Torres-Love 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 21, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S25, Room: 5600. 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. September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 2024 __ ss//___ Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 6, 2024

TST7430 Case No. 24LBCP00292 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH. CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Sunny Hendrix Love for change of name. TO ALL INTER-ESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Sunny Hendrix Love has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Sunny Hendrix Love Proposed Name: Sunny Hendrix Torres-Love 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 18, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE. 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 2024 ___ _ David W. Slayton, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 6, 2024

TST7431 Case No. 24LBCP00294 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAG-NOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Cela Raquel Love and Layla Nichole Love for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Cela Raquel Love has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Lavla Nichole Love Proposed Name: Layla Nicolasa Torres-Love 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 18, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE. 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 2024 ____// ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 6, 2024

TST7433 Case No. 24LBCP00245 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR **CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAG-NOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: JACKSON JEFFREY BRASHIER for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: JAXSON JEFFREY BRASHIER has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: JAXSON JEFFREY BRASHIER Proposed Name: JAXSON JEFFREY KADEL 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 22, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.8:30am, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 2024 __ ss//___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 9, 2024

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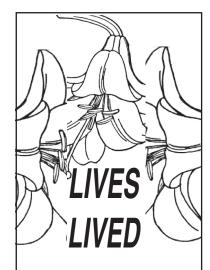
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> TST7428/Order No: 1094 **Auto Lien Sale**

On 09/25/2024 at 10312 ATLANTIC AVE UNIT B SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 JEEP VIN: 1C4HIXDN2MW523165 STATE: LIC: 523165X at 9AM

Long Beach Unified School District

TST7432 NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Request for Proposal (RFP) # 2425-010

District Cloud ERP Implementation Services

The deadline for submitting a bid is 9/25/2024 at 11:00 a.m. The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidder), to provide District ERP Cloud Implementation Services. The intent of this RFP process is to select a (1) Bidder and establish contract with an option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Proposals are due by 4:00 pm (PT) on 10/16/2024.

Request for Proposal (RFP) # 2425-011 **District Mental Health and Nutritional Consulting Services**

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidder), to provide District Mental Health and Nutritional Consulting Services. The intent of this RFP process is to select several Bidder(s) and establish contracts with an option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Proposals are due by 4:00 pm (PT) on 09/27/2024.

More information available at: https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home

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CULTURE

Vida Latina series returns with new free events



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Yvonne Márquez holds a Loteria-themed bottle opener in the light of a skylight inside her shop, Adelitas Revenge, on Aug. 10, 2022.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Residents can check out a variety of free cultural events at all Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) locations during the 6th Annual Vida Latina.

This year's series will begin Sept. 17 and conclude Oct. 12 with nearly four weeks of programs and artistic events and informative activities that focus on Latin American heritage and history. Vida Latina is made possible by the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library and the Long Beach Public Library Foundation.

"Vida Latina is a testament to the vibrant and diverse cultural fabric of our community," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "This celebration not only honors the rich heritage of Latin American cultures, but also brings our community together through shared experiences and learning."

The Vida Latina festivities include activities for all ages, with events from previous years, such as loteria, Cuentos y Cantos storytime and the closing Vida Latina Celebration, making their returns.

New events for the 6th Annual Vida Latina include:

Hilos de Sueños y Recuerdos: Sew It Goes

Residents of all skill levels ages 12 and up can contribute to a community quilt and work on sewing projects in a supportive environment. There will be five sessions, all taking place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

• Saturday, Sept. 14 & Saturday, Oct. 12 at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)

• Saturday, Sept. 21 at Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.)

• Saturday Sept. 28 & Thursday, Oct. 10 at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway)

Financial Literacy with Corissa Hernandez

Latina entrepreneur and financial advisor Corissa Hernandez is hosting a series of financial literacy workshops, each with a distinct theme, for adults ages 18 and up.

Your Relationship with Money
• Thursday, Sept. 19 at Michelle
Obama Neighborhood Library
from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Building Generational Wealth
• Saturday, Sept. 21 at Burnett
Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill
St.) from noon to 1:30 p.m.

•Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.) from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mujeres, Mocktails & Money

• Saturday, Oct. 5 from at Billie Jean King Main Neighborhood Library from noon to 2 p.m.

Power of Poetry -Featured Author Talk

Author Aida Salazar will discuss her new book "Ultraviolet" in this community poetry event in partnership with the Long Beach Youth Poet Ambassadors.

Attendees will write and discuss within a mini poetry workshop and community slam at Billie Jean King Main Library on Oct. 1 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event is for people ages 10 and up.

The final hurrah of the 6th Annual Vida Latina will be the annual Vida Latina Celebration, held at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library on Oct. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Community members are invited to create art, poetry, work together on a community quilt and learn cumbia, bachata and merengue dance steps. The event will also include music, poetry and dance performances as well as free food.

For more information about the upcoming Vida Latina schedule, visit the LBPL's events calendar.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, September 4

7:33 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave. 6:45 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./Cherry Ave.

Thursday, September 5

3:12 a.m., Burglary, 1400 block E. Burnett St. 6:19 p.m., Identity theft, 2100 block Ohio Ave. 7:34 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)

Friday, September 6

12:39 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Lewis Ave.
3:05 p.m., Intoxicated person, 3300 block Cerritos Ave.
8:17 p.m., Possessing paraphernalia; controlled substance; felony warrant, E. 32nd St./Orange Ave. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, September 7

12:44 p.m., Inflict corporate injury on spouse, 2600 block Wall St. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, September 8

8:12 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Temple Ave. 8:42 a.m., Indecent exposure, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave. 10:29 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3000 block California Ave. 10:53 a.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.

Monday, September 9

8:12 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Temple Ave. 8:42 a.m., Indecent exposure, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave. 10:29 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3000 block California Ave. 10:53 a.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.

Tuesday, September 10

2:27 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave. 6:42 a.m., Felony warrant, 1000 block E. 32nd St. (suspect arrested)

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.

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