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**COMMUNITY**

## Putting together your ofrenda? These Long Beach shops have everything you need to decorate.



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Yvonne Márquez opens a pink shadow box art piece with a depiction of a "Mexican calendar girl" inside that she makes and sells at her store, Adelitas Revenge.

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

**W**ith Día de los Muertos right around the corner, you may have found yourself searching for a few finishing pieces for your altar, or ofrenda. Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a holiday derived from Mexico and even has some ancient Aztec roots. Different regions celebrate on different days, with some celebrations beginning in late October. In America, Mexicans typically begin celebrating on Nov. 1, though ofrendas can be seen in homes, businesses and gathering places during the weeks prior.

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**ELECTION**



Image created in Canva using photos from Facebook  
Daryl Supernaw and Herlinda Chico are vying for the District 4 Long Beach City Council seat.

## Political powers back Chico in District 4 race against longtime council member Supernaw

**Kristen Farrah Naeem**  
Staff Writer

**E**lection Day on Nov. 5 is quickly approaching, and residents of Long Beach's District 4 will select their city councilmember for the next four years, between their choices of incumbent Daryl Supernaw and challenger Herlinda Chico.

The race is in the hands of the voters — but local politicians have made it clear who they want to win.

Supernaw has served two terms as a city councilmember, while Chico has served one term as a trustee for Long Beach City College. The two opponents faced off against each other for the same council seat back in 2015, with Supernaw winning.

"I had everybody against me but the voters. And I really trust the voters of the Fourth District," Supernaw told the *Signal Tribune*.

The *Signal Tribune* emailed Chico asking to speak to her about her campaign, but she did not reply as of print time on Thursday afternoon.

Over a dozen local politicians have contributed financial dona-

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## BALLOTS

# How and where to drop off your election ballot in Long Beach

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Election day is a little over a week away, and residents registered to vote in Long Beach and Signal Hill should have received their mail-in ballots by now.



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Long Beach residents can drop off their 2024 election ballot at a number of drop boxes, including one at Cal State Long Beach, until Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.

Several Long Beach measures on the ballot this year, such as Measure JB, Measure LB, Measure HC and Measure AC, will be decided by voters. Online election guides make it easy to learn politician's backgrounds and the details of important measures.

Signal Hill has four candidates running for three city council seats, and Long Beach's district 4 council seat has two candidates running against each other.

The *Signal Tribune* has covered several measures and election races:

- Signal Hill City Council
- LA County Superior Court Judges



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Election information in various languages is set up on a table in the voting center at the Signal Hill Community Center on Nov. 7, 2022, ahead of the election.

- Measure JB
- Measure LB
- Measure HC

The *Press-Telegram* has a breakdown of Measure AC on its website.

Ballotpedia can provide limited information about everything on the ballot, including contributions made to each item and candidate, supporting and opposing arguments and the word-for-word

language you'll see on your ballot. There are several Los Angeles County measures and California propositions on the ballot as well.

Ballots can be returned a few different ways:

- Dropped off at a voting center, some of which are already open in Long Beach, until Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.
- Dropped off at any of Long Beach's 19 drop boxes or any of Los

Angeles County's 400 drop boxes, any time.

• Returned by mail with no postage required from now until Nov. 5.

**Drop boxes in Long Beach are open 24 hours from now until 8 p.m. on Nov. 5:**

- Bixby Park Community Center (130 Cherry Ave.)
- Bret Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.)

- Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.)
  - California State University, Long Beach (1250 Bellflower Blvd.)
  - Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.)
  - DeForest Park (6255 De Forest Ave.)
  - El Dorado Park West Community Center (2800 N. Studebaker Rd.)
  - Freeman Community Center (1205 Freeman Ave.)
  - Heartwell Park Community Center (5801 Parkcrest St.)
  - Houghton Park Community Center (6301 Myrtle Ave.)
  - Long Beach City Hall (411 W. Ocean Blvd.)
  - Long Beach Senior Center (1150 E. Fourth St.)
  - Marina Vista Park (5355 E. Elliot St.)
  - Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.)
  - Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)
  - Ramona Park (3301 E. 65th St.)
  - Scherer Park (4600 Long Beach Blvd.)
  - Stearns Champions Park (4520 E. 23rd St.)
  - Veterans Park (101 E. 28th St.)
  - Wardlow Park (3457 Stanbridge Ave.)
- For more information, including a current list of all LA County 24-hour Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Boxes, instructions to check registration information or to request a ballot in a different language, visit [lavote.gov](http://lavote.gov).

## VOTE CENTERS

## Over twenty Long Beach Vote Centers are open for in-person voting

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Vote centers across Los Angeles County opened on Oct. 26, and residents in Long Beach can pop into six locations now to cast their votes early and receive their shiny "I Voted" sticker. Twenty two more vote centers will open on Nov. 2, and every location listed will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day (Nov. 5).

Anyone registered to vote should have received their mail-in ballot by now, and can flip through the pamphlet at home. While mailing in and dropping off ballots is an option, residents can also vote early and in person at these select locations.



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At Long Beach City College, as well as its Pacific Coast Campus, local residents can cast their votes in-person early now through Nov. 4 or on Election Day.

**These locations are open daily now through Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.:**

- International City Masonic Center: 5155 E Pacific Coast Highway

- Long Beach City College (LBCC): Multi-Purpose Room T1200, 4901 E Carson St.

- Long Beach City College – Pacific Coast Campus: Room GG238, 1305 E Pacific Coast Highway

- Long Beach Senior Center: Auditorium, 1150 E Fourth St.

- United With Hope: Social Hall, 5600 Linden Ave.

- Veterans Park: Social Hall, 101 E 28th St.

**These locations will be open for in-person voting from Nov. 2-4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.:**

- Bay Shore Community Congregational Church: 5100 E The Toledo

- Billie Jean King Main Library: Meeting Room A, 200 W Broadway

- Bixby Park: Social Hall 1, 130 Cherry Ave.

- Cambodian-American United Methodist Church: Fellowship Hall and Sunday Classroom, 1700 Temple Ave.

- Carmelitos Community Center: Multi-Purpose Room, 851 E Via Carmelitos

- Century Villages at Cabrillo: Social Hall, 2001 River Ave.

- Cal State Long Beach Walter Pyramid: The Pointe Sunset Rooms A and B, 1250 N Bellflower Blvd.

- Dana Neighborhood Library: Community Room, 3680 Atlantic Ave.

- Drake Park: Social Hall, 951 Main Ave.

- Filipino-American Christian Fellowship Long Beach: Dining Hall, 3190 Magnolia Ave.



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Raindrops collect onto a sign leading voters towards the Walter Pyramid at Cal State, Long Beach, which is used as a voting center ahead of the Nov. 8, 2022 election. The Walter Pyramid will be open for in-person voting for the Nov. 5 general election from Nov. 2-4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Goodwill SoLAC: 800 W Pacific Coast Highway

- Grace Samoan Church of the Nazarene: 24 E 53rd St.

- Houghton Park: Hall, 6301 Myrtle Ave.

- Jordan Plus: Building D Multi-Purpose Room, 171 W Bort St.

- Long Beach Sportsman's Club: Hall, 3623 Santa Fe Ave.

- MacArthur Park: Social Hall, 1321 Anaheim St.

- New Philadelphia AME Church: Butler Hall, 6380 Orange Ave.

- Pan American Park: Gymnasium, 5157 E Centralia St.

- Sato Academy: Building 100 – Meeting Room, 1100 Iroquois Ave.

- St. Gregory's Episcopal Church: 6201 E Willow St.

- Saint Matthew Catholic Church: 672 Temple Ave.

- Wardlow Park Community Center: 3457 Stanbridge Ave.



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Billie Jean King Main Library and 21 other local locations will be open for in-person voting from Nov. 2-4 and on Election Day.

OP-ED



Courtesy of Nick Wyville

Advocates for the Yes on Measure G campaign speak to the public about the benefits of Measure G.

# Opinion: Measure G reforms Los Angeles' County government for the 21st century

**This opinion editorial was written by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath and Dr. Sara Sadhwani.**

Los Angeles County's form of government hasn't changed since 1912, when our population was just 500,000 and women didn't have the right to vote. Today, we are home to over 10 million people — one of the most diverse populations in the world.

Despite this growth, our governance remains stuck in the past, with just five elected Supervisors representing two million people each. It's clear this outdated system no longer works. Measure G offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a County government that is more transparent, representative, and accountable to Angelenos. Transparency is central to Measure G. It requires an open and public budget process, ensuring the County's budget is developed in full view of the public. No more closed-door decisions — our communities will have clearer oversight of how their tax dollars are spent.

Measure G also establishes an independent Ethics Commission to hold elected officials accountable, especially those who have violated public trust. The commission will oversee campaign finance, lobbying, and County contracts to ensure leadership operates with integrity and transparency.

The Ethics Commission would be codified by a vote of the people, so it isn't subject to the whims of future Supervisors. This ensures lasting ethics oversight, creating a permanent structure to safeguard public trust for generations to come.

At its core, Measure G is about ensuring our County government can meet our greatest challenges.

One of the key reforms it introduces is the creation of an elected County Executive, who is not merely an elected CEO, but instead creates a separation of executive and legislative powers. This reform ensures that decision-making authority is divided between those who set

policy and those who implement it, promoting greater accountability. For the first time, the people of Los Angeles will choose who manages the County's \$46 billion budget.

Just as cities have mayors and states have governors, LA County will adopt a system of checks and balances, making leadership more accountable to the public. An elected executive will also have direct authority to lead departments on critical issues like homelessness, public safety, and economic recovery, ensuring more focused and efficient leadership."

Another essential reform is the expansion of the Board of Supervisors from five to nine members. Instead of one Supervisor representing 2 million people, each Supervisor would represent about 1 million. For communities that have long been underserved, this means a real voice at the table, bringing representation closer to the people.

Measure G ensures a more inclusive government, where the public has greater access to their elected officials.

Importantly, Measure G achieves these reforms without adding any cost to taxpayers. The existing County budget will be restructured to support this new system, ensuring no programs or services are sacrificed. For decades, experts have called for these changes — expanding the Board, introducing an elected County Executive, and strengthening ethics oversight. Measure G makes these long-overdue reforms a reality.

This marks the first significant change to Los Angeles County's government in over a century. A survey conducted by a Los Angeles-based market researcher revealed that out of 854 people surveyed, 88% said that our government needs reform, and Measure G is the solution we've been waiting for. It's time to build a government that is responsive, transparent, and representative of the people who live here.

Now is our chance to create real transformative change and bring Los Angeles County into the 21st century. Let's seize this moment and ensure LA County has a government that truly works for everyone. We urge you to support Measure G and help shape a better future for us all.

CITY SERVICES

## Election Day will impact certain City services and facilities in Long Beach



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While several city services will remain open on Election Day, some services, such as all branches of the Long Beach Public Library, will be closed on Nov. 5.

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In observance of Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 5, the City of Long Beach facilities and services listed below will adhere to the following schedules. The City annually observes the first Tuesday in November as a Citywide holiday, regardless of election activity taking place in Long Beach.

**Open on Tuesday, Nov. 5, during regular business hours:**

- All City parks and trails (excluding El Dorado Nature Center)
- El Dorado Regional Park
- Parks, Recreation and Marine programs and community park facilities
- City-operated pools
- City Prosecutor's Office
- Fire Stations and Lifeguard Stations
- Long Beach Airport
- Main Police Station Front Desk
- Marina offices (Alamitos Bay Marina, Shoreline Marina)
- Gas Services Dispatch (562.570.2140) open 24/7 for emergency calls
- Water/Sewer Dispatch (562.570.2390) open 24/7 for

emergency calls

- WorkPlace (limited services available)
- Closed on Tuesday, Nov. 5:**
- Billie Jean King Main Library, all branch libraries, including library offices (digital resources available 24/7)
- BizCare Hotline (562.570.4BIZ)
- Building and Safety services, including the Permit Center, inspections and plan reviews
- City Hall



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**Pet of the week: Potluck**

Watch out for Potluck! He'll chase you down, catch you, and absolutely cover you with kisses! Potluck is a handsome boy, about a year old. He strutted into a barbershop in Long Beach one day, and no one in the nearby residential neighborhood claimed him as theirs. So, he went trick-or-treating on Halloween, looking cuter than heck, in the hope that he'd get a loving, forever home in his treat basket. Potluck is friendly with humans and likes other dogs as well. He seems to have a slight hearing impairment, which shelter staff thinks could be the result of a bungled ear cropping. Nonetheless, like any good spirit, Potluck can sense the approach of a friend. Could it be you? Speed the process to adopt or foster Potluck or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors. Ask for ID#A727370.



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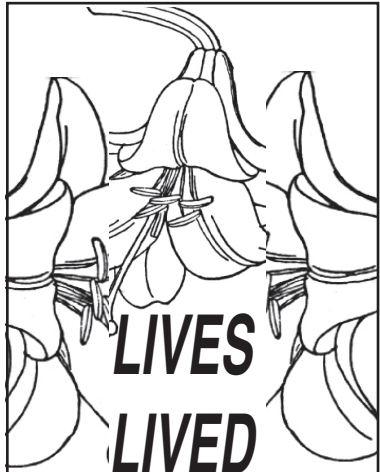
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- Felix Moslein 94
- Patrick Robertson 71
- Sean Stidham 45
- Raymond Rourke 70

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

# EYE ON CRIME

## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, October 23

- 8:30 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Raymond Ave./E. 21st St.
- 3:28 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block Cherry Ave.
- 3:57 p.m., Robbery, 700 block E. Spring St.
- 4:01 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1900 block E. 21st St.
- 5:08 p.m., Felony warrant, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

### Thursday, October 24

- 11:02 a.m., Indecent exposure, 2800 block Cherry Ave.
- 7:41 p.m., Hit and run resulting in death/injury, Walnut Ave./E. 27th St. (suspect arrested)

### Friday, October 25

- 5:33 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2300 block Lewis Ave.
- 12:14 p.m., Person with a knife, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
- 1:20 p.m., Forgery, 3200 block E. Willow St.
- 4:52 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave./E. Spring St.
- 8:25 p.m., Violated court order domestic violence, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

### Saturday, October 26

- 5:45 p.m., Indecent exposure, Cerritos Ave. south of E. Willow St.

### Sunday, October 27

- 1:04 a.m., Inflict corporal injury on spouse; misdemeanor warrant, 1400 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
- 2:21 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Orange Ave./E. 25th St.

### Monday, October 28

- 10:17 a.m., Auto burglary, 1600 block E. Hill St.
- 3:11 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 3200 block Lewis Ave.

### Tuesday, October 29

- 1:32 p.m., Identity theft, 2200 block Stanley Ave.
- 2:35 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.
- 5:35 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2000 block Orizaba Ave.
- 6:03 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 20th St./Discovery Way

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

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

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tions to help Chico try to oust Supernaw this time around. Among the donors to Chico's campaign are current city councilmembers, state representatives and other elected officials.

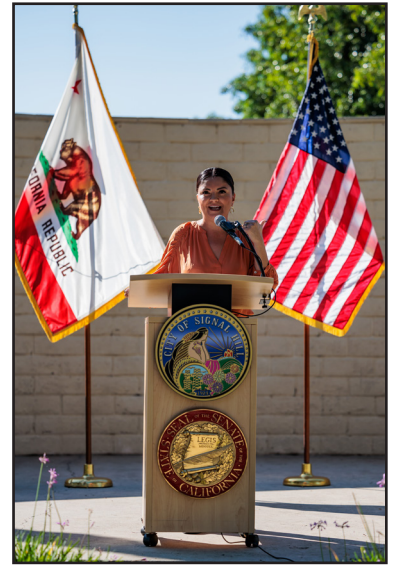
In comparison, Supernaw's campaign has not received a single donation from any politicians.

This list comprises politicians who made personal donations to Chico's campaign, as well as those who used their own campaign funds to donate to her campaigns. Personal donations are listed under the politician's name, while donations made through their campaign usually are listed under "[Politician's name] for [seat they're running for and the year of the election]."

This list also includes donations made by the spouses of politicians.

The maximum amount that can be contributed per donor in an election is \$500, but personal donation and donations made through campaigns are counted separately. Some donors on this list also contributed to Chico's campaign to win the primary election in March.

- City Councilmember - \$500
- Roberto Uranga, Long Beach City Councilmember - \$300 (Spouse: Tonia Uranga - \$100)
- Megan Kerr, Long Beach City Councilmember - \$200 (Spouse: Andrew Kerr - \$125)
- Thrash-Ntuk for City Council 2024 - \$500
- Juan Benitez for School Board 2024 - \$400
- Re-elect Vivian Malauulu for LBCCD Trustee 2024 - \$500
- Nigel Lily, former Long Beach City Council Candidate - \$51 in general election, \$150 in primary election.



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State Senator Lena Gonzalez donated \$500 to Herlinda Chico's campaign.

- Signal Hill Representatives:**
- Charlie Honeycutt, Signal Hill City Council Candidate - \$151
  - Daritza Gonzalez, Signal Hill City Clerk - \$100

- State Representatives:**
- Josh Lowenthal for Assembly 2024 - Campaign account for State Assemblymember - \$500
  - Lena Gonzalez, State Senator - \$500

- Anthony Rendon, former State Assemblymember - \$500
- \* Rendon for Assembly 2022 - \$500
- Mike Fong for Assembly - \$500 in primary election, \$250 in general election

- Federal Representative:**
- Robert Garcia for Congress - \$500



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The Robert Garcia for Congress campaign donated \$500 to Herlinda Chico's campaign.

### Donors to Chico's campaign are as follows:

- Long Beach Representatives:**
- Suely Saro for Long Beach City Council 2020 - \$500
  - Mary Zendejas, Long Beach

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OP-ED

# Opinion: Measure A means real progress for the homelessness crisis

**This opinion editorial was written by *Grecia Lopez-Reyes and Andre Donado.***

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legislation to create more housing we can afford, more access to mental health care, and more accountability in implementation. It also contains regular audits and citizen oversight to ensure funding goes where it is most effective. We all know relief like this can't come soon enough. As the leaders of community organizations in Long Beach, we have heard countless stories of hardworking families just barely scraping by. In concert, their accounts form an all-too-familiar theme—that there is an entire workforce living on a knife-edge, praying for a financial foothold while their labor forms the backbone of our local economy.

a permanent home to list on the address line of job applications, which many employers require, the process is even more challenging. "I think I am now an expert in homelessness," Jose told LiBRE staff. "I've seen things I never imagined existed." For people like Jose who are experiencing homelessness, the barriers to employment are significant. Homelessness leads to gaps in employment history and exacerbates health issues—both physical and mental—making it harder to focus on finding a job. This cycle of instability severely limits the ability of unhoused people to secure and maintain employment.

Many residents similar to Jose become homeless after a first-time eviction. This is why it's crucial to break these cycles by providing affordable housing and the protections necessary to keep people housed. By doing so, we can prevent homelessness before it starts.

What's more, funding for this measure is incredibly straightforward. It will come from a sales tax of 0.5% on discretionary spending throughout the county. The tax will exclude essential items like groceries, rent, medications, diapers, EBT purchases, and more. For example, the tax on a \$100 jacket would be only 25 cents. Estimates show that the average household in Long Beach will pay only \$5 a month more in order to fund these lifesaving programs.

In the face of the continuing homelessness crisis, and the expiration of existing funding for housing and services, voters have an opportunity to be part of the solution. On Nov. 5th, join us and vote "YES" on Measure A to help families stay in their homes and ensure Long Beach remains a place where everyone has a chance to thrive.



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A man who goes by the name JQ packs his possessions into his tent after being informed he needs to leave the area under the Ocean Avenue bridge that crosses the LA River in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

Jose Martinez was evicted from his Long Beach home this past July. Struggling with a chronic illness, he eventually lost his job and fell behind on rent payments.

When he was evicted, Jose sought emergency shelter locally, only to find that options were either at capacity or slow to return his calls. He ended up spending a month in a shelter on Skid Row, where he contracted COVID-19. Jose is now staying at a post-hospital care facility in Van Nuys. His job search continues, but without

It is no secret that we are living through an ongoing homelessness crisis. Despite progress in recent years, over 3,300 of our neighbors here in Long Beach are still experiencing homelessness, according to the latest point-in-time count data, and over 50,000 people across Los Angeles County are at risk of losing housing and other crucial services due to the looming expiration of Measure H funding. And that's not to mention the thousands of working families across our region who are exactly one missed paycheck away from losing housing.

But there is hope, and progress, on our November ballots. A "YES" vote on Measure A will keep us moving in the right direction by extending and expanding critical funding (including for the above-mentioned 50,000-plus people at risk of losing support) for homeless services and affordable housing. This measure, borne of a citizens' initiative and supported by over 150 progressive organizations and labor groups, builds upon prior

REP ROUNDUP



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

## What did Long Beach's federal and state reps do in October?

**Kristen Farrah Naem**  
Staff Writer

This installment of the *Signal Tribune's* monthly series covers actions taken and statements made by Long Beach and Signal Hill's federal and state representatives throughout October.

Elected officials were involved in discussion and legislation surrounding transportation, pollution, the anniversary of the Israel-Palestine War and more. The purpose of this ongoing series is to help the public stay abreast of their elected officials and hold them accountable before and beyond election day.

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

**ICE Reform:** Garcia introduced the ICE Security Reform Act on Oct. 2, which would make Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) an independent agency under the control of the Department of Homeland Security. HSI is currently a part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). According to a statement by Garcia's office, the change would allow HSI to focus solely on law enforcement, public safety and national security. The bill would also shrink the size of ICE if passed.

"The Department of Homeland Security must always uphold our values and protect our country. Separating HSI from ICE would allow HSI to focus on fighting crimes like illegal trafficking and arms smuggling without being tied to ICE, increasing oversight and accountability all around," Garcia said in a public statement. "I will always fight for the critical reforms that make our agencies more efficient and that make our country safer."

**Nanette Díaz Barragán**  
U.S. Representative for California's 44th Congressional District

**Zero-Emission Tech Grant:** Barragán announced a \$411 million grant from the EPA for the Port of Los Angeles to replace diesel equipment with zero-emission technology. This grant is funded through the Climate Smart Ports Act introduced by Barragán. The investment includes over 400 zero-emission car-

go-handling machines, 250 electric trucks, solar power and more, reducing emissions by 41,500 tons of carbon dioxide and 55 tons of nitrogen oxides annually. The project aims to achieve 100% zero-emission operations at the port by 2030.

**Lena Gonzalez**  
California State Senator for the 33rd District

**Mexican Repatriation Memorial Project:** Gonzalez joined Senator Josh Becker, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and Latino community leaders to announce the launch of the Mexican Repatriation Memorial Project in Los Angeles on Oct. 24. The initiative aims to create a statue at La Plaza de Cultura y Artes honoring the 2 million Mexican and Mexican-American citizens deported during the 1930s.

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

**Attack Anniversary:** Lowenthal made the following statement on the anniversary of the Oct. 7, 2023 attack on Israel by Hamas:

"Today is a somber day. I am heartbroken for the many beautiful souls lost in the terror attack a year ago, and certainly for any innocent lives lost or injured in the ensuing war. It's unfair and unspeakably tragic," Lowenthal posted on Instagram. "So is the ongoing plight of the remaining hostages, and as is the nightmare subjected to countless others suffering immeasurably by a war they didn't choose."

I reflect on how much a war across the world has upended my life locally in California. I find myself having to explain, over and over again, what it means to be Jewish and what antisemitism is and what it isn't. I've had to defend myself for saying too much or saying too little. I've lost friends and allies, at times simply because of my culture but also at times because I've been unwilling or uninterested in being empathetic to antisemitic views. I've lost faith in institutions that project our California culture as tolerant, while witnessing some of the wildest intolerance in my lifetime. At times I've felt unsafe..."

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EDUCATION

# LBUSD urged to audit accessibility practices



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Members of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education listen to Dr. Juan Benitez during a meeting on Nov. 17, 2021.

**Briana Mendez-Padilla**  
Education Reporter

The Special Education Advisory Committee (CAC) presented a list of recommendations to the Long Beach Unified School District at the Oct. 16 board meeting to address recurrent accessibility issues across the district.

The CAC works with the district to support students with disabilities by sharing their concerns, experiences and needs and recommending specific program improvements as well as educating parents on student's rights.

CAC Secretary Jackie Chavez said that to come up with this year's recommendations, they looked back to past board recommendations as well as listened to parent feedback and comments from their

CAC meetings.

Chavez said the CAC team looked back as early as 2017 for an overview of successful recommendations and areas for improvements.

**What's working**  
According to the progress report based on this data, the CAC board believes "there is a genuine effort by many at the district to see all students succeed."

One of the greatest wins according to Chavez is the implementation of collaborative co-teaching, one of last year's recommendations that involves a general education and special education teacher working together to lead a class.

Robin Chen, an LBUSD parent, said co-teaching has allowed more students to be educated together instead of alienating students with

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**OFRENDA ESSENTIALS**

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Ofrendas are one of the most sacred parts of Día de los Muertos, as it allows families and friends to gather sentimental items that hold significance and connect them with loved ones who have passed away. Ofrenda translates to “offerings,” as the altars are made to honor and remember loved ones by placing food, candles, decorations, photos and other items they enjoyed.

Everyone celebrates their loved ones differently, and there’s no one right way to put together an ofrenda. As long as you are using the space to honor deceased loved ones, an ofrenda can look like whatever you’re able to put together.

There are a few staples in traditional ofrendas that hold a deeper meaning, such as candles, papel picado and pan de muerto, many of which can be found in Latin-owned businesses in Long Beach. This time of cultural celebration is a great opportunity to support Mexican small businesses rather than buying items from a large retailer.

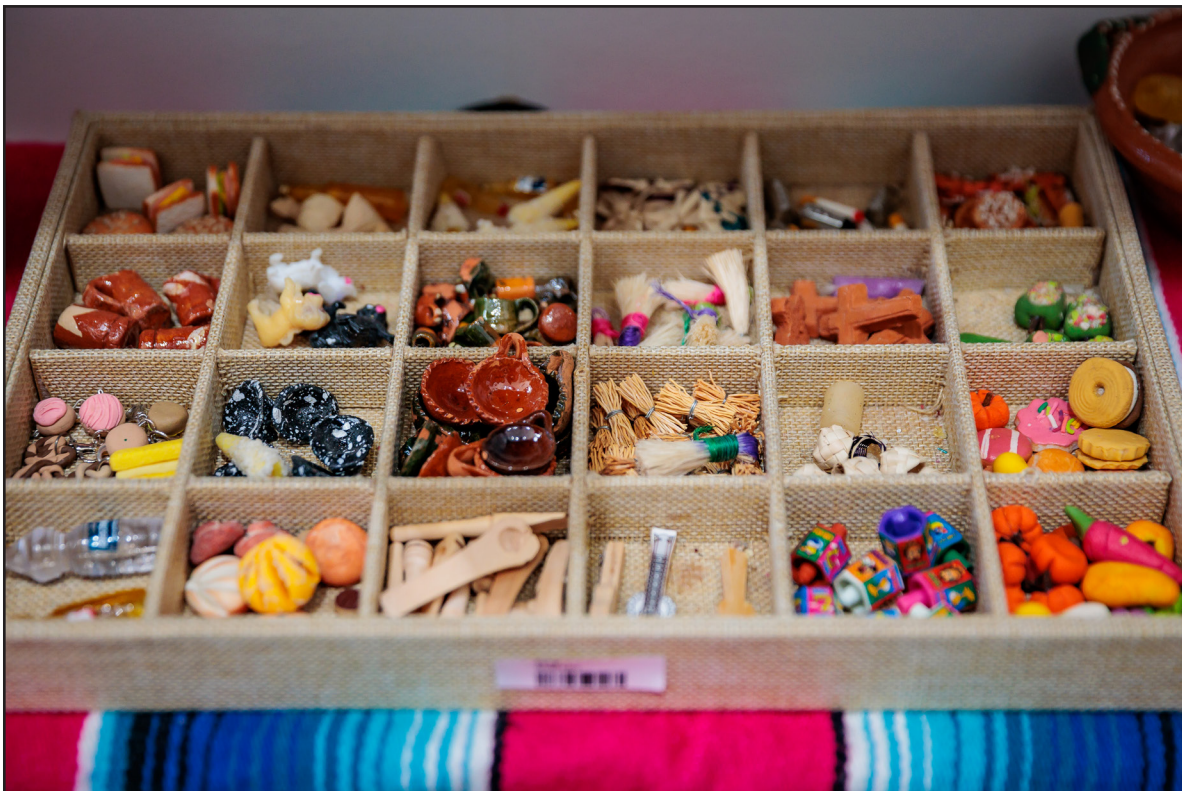
**Cempazúchitl, or Marigolds**

Mexican marigolds hold a cultural significance year-round in Mexico, but especially during Día de los Muertos. According to the Desert Botanical Garden, cempazúchitl was held in high regard by the Aztecs, who believed the flower had great healing properties. On an ofrenda, cempazúchitl is meant to represent the vibrant lives being celebrated, and the bright color and strong scent guide spirits to their ofrendas, where they can visit their living loved ones.



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A bundle of marigold flowers are kept in a refrigerator at Deja Vu Flower and Botanica on Oct. 28, 2021. They are very popular during the month of October for use in ofrendas for Dia de Los Muertos.

People sometimes spread the petals out on the altar or create a path to their ofrenda, while others keep the flowers in vases or laid out in bouquets.



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Earrings and other miniature objects related to Mexican culture are displayed in a tray at Adelitas Revenge in Long Beach on Aug. 10, 2022. Adelitas Revenge sells a range of candles, including a new limited edition Fernando Valenzuela candle, ranging from the simple and traditional to the creatively contemporary.

**Ricardo’s Plant and Tree Nursery:** This Latino-owned nursery is beloved in the community, and has plenty of fresh marigolds for your ofrenda. The marigolds at Ricardo’s are sitting in plastic pots of soil, with many of them just opening up so they will stay alive throughout Día de los Muertos. Ricardo is almost always on the premises and will give you specific tips to help your cempazúchitl thrive.

Ricardo’s Nursery is located at 6850 Atlantic Ave. and open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Vida Plant Shop:** This tiny plant shop is located inside local coffee shop Good Time, so you can pick up one of their fall-themed drinks while shopping for marigolds. Their cempazúchitl comes in fresh bouquets and mixed with eucalyptus to create a cleansing scent, though the two can be separated if needed. The plant corner also includes several pots, vases and small plants if you’re honoring any plant lovers on your ofrenda.

Vida Plant Shop is located at 1322 Coronado Ave. and open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Fridays.

**Deja Vu Flower &**

**Botanica:** This is the perfect destination for all your Day of the Dead needs. If locals need a one-stop shop for the holiday, this is it. The business doubles as a flower shop and botanica, with a wide offering of flowers as well as spiritual tools. Different candles imbued with spiritual meaning can be found in spades, as well as a wide variety of figures and decorations to place on an altar. Deja Vu Flower and Botanica is set to receive a fresh batch of marigolds on Nov. 1. While they shop, customers can admire the impressive ofrenda set up within the botanica, adorned with photos of the owner’s loved ones, flowers, sculptures and more.

Deja Vu Flower & Botanica is located at 2628 E Anaheim St., and is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

**Candles**

Candles on an ofrenda are meant to symbolize the light that guides spirits back to the land of the living. Traditionally, one candle is lit for each soul on the ofrenda, and extra candles are placed for forgotten souls. Some people place their candles in a row leading up to the ofrenda, and others organize them in the shape of a cross to represent

the cardinal directions and further help to guide souls.

**Adelitas Revenge:** This LGBTQ, Latina-owned small business centers its work on culture, healing and connection, making them the perfect shop to stock up on your ofrenda candles. Adelitas Revenge boasts a wide variety of candles and other items ranging from a traditional feel to those with a cultural modern twist. They just released a limited edition Fernando Valenzuela candle, and they have a wide range of other candles featuring calaveras, loteria cards and other pop culture images.

Adelitas Revenge is located at 4007 E Fourth St. and open Wednesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cinply Essentials:** This artisanal candle and self-care shop has Mexican and Salvadorian roots, and their candles come in sugar skull mugs, as taper candles adorned with wax marigolds and sugar skulls and in traditional-style vases and pots. All of the containers can be recycled and reused after to decorate your ofrenda for years to come. Cinply Essentials’ wide variety of candles are sure to bright-

en up your ofrenda, and can offer a touch of personality to everyone honored on the ofrenda.

Cinply Essentials is located at several retailers in Long Beach and beyond, such as the Museum of Latin American Art, Fair Trade Long Beach, Mi Cultura Riverside, Artelexia in San Diego, Casa y Cosina, and Casa Palma y Dulce. They also take online orders.

**Pan de Muerto, and Other Treats**

Food and drinks is one of the best ways to personalize an ofrenda, and people tend to leave their loved one’s favorite treats out for them. Ofrendas are often seen with cigarettes, alcohol, candies or more traditional items like tamales, mole, pan dulce and pan de muerto.

Since it’s believed that deceased loved ones are returning to visit during these days, leaving their favorite foods out for them, or cooking a meal for them is tradition. Pan de Muerto represents the Earth in the ofrenda, and translates to “bread of the dead.”

**Panderia Marilu (Mariluz Bakery):** Alongside pan de muerto, this traditional Central American bakery offers plenty of other pan dulce, along with Guatemalan-style tamales wrapped in banana leaves, as well as the iconic Chapin breakfast, which make perfect offerings for those who loved these foods in life.

Mariluz Bakery is located at 1400 Cherry Ave., and is open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



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# AROUND TOWN

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



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Cotija cheese is sprinkled on top of a poblano pepper and cheese tamal from Lola's Mexican Cuisine during the inaugural Taste of Bixby Knolls event on Oct. 16, 2022. Chefs Arcelia and Jerry Reynoso will host an immersive traditional tamal cooking class at Partake Collective from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. this Sunday. Tickets for this event are \$105.

This holiday-filled week leaves no room for boredom, as Día de los Muertos and various festivals offer free, fun things to do in Long Beach.

Residents can celebrate the Day of the Dead in plenty of ways, such as a community ofrenda at Place LB on Friday night, as well as Long Beach's annual Día de los Muertos Grand Parade and Festival or a sugar cookie decorating workshop Saturday. Families and children can ring in the new month by connecting with the community at an LBUSD resources event Friday morning, youth mentoring Friday evening, a tamale-making workshop Sunday, as well as sensory play for toddlers at the library, a parent support circle and a networking event for moms all Thursday.

Those seeking a job can receive free professional headshots Monday, and can attend a Long Beach hiring event on Tuesday. Local plant lovers can attend a plant festival Saturday or a native plant sale Tuesday.

## 01 FRIDAY

### LOADS OF KINDNESS

9 a.m. to noon. Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) families are invited to this event offering laundry services and connection to resources such as CalFresh, Medi-Cal and more at the Bubbly Mat (1176 E 10th St.). Free.

### NOCHE DE OFRENDA

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Place LB (2172 Pacific Ave.) welcomes the community to create an altar together for Day of the Dead. Attendees are asked to bring photos of loved ones that they want to include on the altar. The event will include workshops where participants will learn how to create a mini altar photo out of used instax cartridges, and how to create a mini-garland out of fresh marigolds. Free, but donations are welcome.

### GRAVEYARD TOUR

11:59 p.m. Experience the Queen Mary's (1126 Queens Hwy.) Graveyard Tour, a two-hour long after-hours guided exploration of the ship's most haunted locations. This tour takes guests through

rarely accessed areas, uncovering the legends surrounding the Queen Mary's rumored spirits. This tour is recommended for ages 16 and up. Tickets can be purchased for \$90.10 on the Queen Mary's website.

## 02 SATURDAY

### LONG BEACH PLANT FEST

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hella Plants Market will be hosting this plant-centric festival at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.). Explore rare and popular plants, engaging workshops and a variety of delicious food. VIP attendees receive early access at 11:00 a.m., plus a special goodie bag with plant-themed treats. Attendees are asked to bring their own bags for purchases. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$12.51 on Eventbrite. Kids enter for free.

### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP

Noon to 2 p.m. Celebrate Día de los Muertos by decorating themed sugar cookies in this hands-on workshop hosted by Batter Up Sweetery at Trademark Brewing (233 E. Anaheim St.). Participants will learn decorating techniques through live demonstrations and step-by-step guidance, creating their own cookies to take home. Open to all skill levels. Children between the ages of 7 and 14 can participate, but only if they have a parent/guardian with them. Tickets can be purchased for \$33.85 on Eventbrite.

### CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate the start of fall at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden (1250 N. Bellflower Blvd.) with giveaways, crafts and music. Tickets are \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members. Free parking is available in lot G4.

### GENDER AFFIRMING CLOSET

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach (2017 E. Fourth Street) invites people to take advantage of its gender-affirming clothing supply closet. Individuals can grab free gently-used clothing

that aligns with their gender identity. Clothing will be available for ages 13 and up. A limited number of binders in sizes XS to M will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Center is also accepting donations of gently used clothing. Free.

### ART RECEPTION

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to the opening reception of the exhibit "Digging Beneath Ghost Lake," featuring the work of artists Dave Clark, Jennifer Gunlock and Katie Stubblefield at the Artist Co-Op (1300 Gladys Ave.). The event will also feature a discussion by the artists. Free.

## 03 SUNDAY

### 5TH ANNUAL GREYHOUND PICNIC

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Celebrate greyhounds and other sighthounds with local nonprofit Greys of El Dorado during its annual Greyhound Picnic at the LBPOA Park (7390 East Carson St.). This gathering offers a fenced, one-acre, off-leash area where dogs can run freely, divided into sessions based on energy level, size, and breed. Greyhounds must wear muzzles in the off-leash area, but leashed dogs with their humans can roam without them in the rest of the park. The event features a picnic lunch with turkey, cheese, live music by the Chimera Band, a hot dog eating contest and a small auction. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chair, blanket, and beverages. Tickets can be purchased for \$39.19 on Eventbrite, and all proceeds go towards park rental and event costs.

### AUTHENTIC TAMAL MAKING DINNER EXPERIENCE

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join award-winning chefs Arcelia and Jerry Reynoso, champions of the 2022 and 2023 Long Beach International Tamales Festival, for an immersive cooking class at Partake Collective (456 Elm Ave.). Participants will learn to prepare their chicken and cheese tamales paired with fresh salsa de molcajete and a traditional Aztec champurrado recipe. A vegetarian option will be available. Following the class, attendees will gather around a com-

munal dining table to enjoy the meal and connect with others. Tickets can be purchased on the website Locali Seasoned for \$105.

## 04 MONDAY

### IRRIGATION SHOW

7 a.m. to 6 p.m. This four-day convention at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 East Ocean Blvd.) offers professionals in the irrigation industry attendees a variety of networking events, exhibitors, learning opportunities and discussions. Tickets can be purchased for \$189 on irrigation.org.

### HEADSHOT DAY

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Local business KW Pacific Estates' (2883 E Spring St.) is offering complimentary professional headshots to the public. The headshots will be taken by photographer Geoff Kagy, and are ideal for business cards, social media or personal branding. Spaces are limited, so registration on Eventbrite is required to reserve a spot. Free.

## 05 TUESDAY

### LONG BEACH HIRING EVENT

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Job seekers are invited to this job fair at the Marriott in Downtown Long Beach (111 East Ocean Blvd.). This event connects attendees with hiring managers from various companies, offering opportunities for positions in areas such as sales, customer service, engineering and more. Come dressed in professional attire, and be prepared to network, apply and potentially interview on-site. Registration on Eventbrite is required to attend. Attendees who register will receive a full list of participating companies and job openings. Free.

### EL DORADO NATURE CENTER NATIVE PLANT SALE

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Peruse a wide selection of California native plants for sale at the El Dorado Nature Center's (7550 E Spring St.) annual Native Plant Sale. This sale lasts three weeks, and hundreds of plants will be available for purchase. Prices vary.

## 06 WEDNESDAY

### SIDEWALK VENDING OPEN OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. to Noon. Sidewalk vendors and mobile food operators are invited to open office hours hosted by the Long Beach Health Department (2525 Grand Ave.). Staff will be available to provide one-on-one assistance on topics like local and state regulations, permitting and food safety practices. Free.

### DRAWING CLUBS UNITE

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Three local drawing clubs Ink and Drink, Art Clout's Drink & Draw and the Taco Bell Drawing Club will join forces for this inaugural drawing event at Compound (1395 Coronado Ave.). Attendees can enjoy happy hour, meet fellow artists of all skill levels and learn about local drawing clubs. Some art supplies will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own. Free.

## 07 THURSDAY

### TODDLER SENSORY PLAY

11 a.m. to Noon. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring little ones for an hour of sensory play at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). Designed for babies and kids up to 4 years old, this event encourages toddlers to explore, get messy and engage in hands-on activities. Free.

### NETWORKING FOR MOMS

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Long Beach Moms invites local mothers to network during this business mixer at Modern Orthodontics (6543 E Spring St., Unit A6). Bring business cards and marketing materials. This event is \$30 for general admission, and \$15 for members of Long Beach Moms. To purchase tickets, visit linktr.ee/longbeachmoms.

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**ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT**

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disabilities; this practice makes them feel like they belong.

“I don’t know where folks think that students with disabilities go after school,” Chen said. “They think they drive on special ed roads and live in special ed homes and shop at the special ed Target, but there’s only one world, and co-teaching is righting a wrong that we have been committing against our students for decades.”

**Advocating for a systemwide audit**

The CAC also looked at less successful recommendations, the two most prominent and recurring being requests to improve Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings and professional development.

“When you have the same complaints and you have the same areas of need being highlighted year after year, I’m telling you, there’s something broken, and we got to fix it,” Chavez said.

Based on these problem areas, the CAC’s first recommendation was for the district to perform an IEP system audit of LBUSD-specific practices, procedures, implementation, accountability and success rates. This audit would identify logistical issues such as scheduling and interpretation in order to know what needs to be addressed.

Chavez said scheduling issues have consistently been brought up by parents at CAC meetings as one of the main challenges when it comes to the IEP process as well as a lack of implementation of these practices. Another barrier that is repeatedly brought up is the lack of or greatly delayed interpretation and translation services.

“If you don’t understand what’s going on, if you can’t read the documents [then] you can’t actively participate, and being able to actively participate in an IEP is fundamental,” Chavez said.

Board member Juan Benitez said that while he recognizes the



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A young student makes her way back to class after grabbing a bag of school supplies that the Rotary Club of Signal Hill provided on Sept. 3, 2021.

purpose of the audit, his concern is about the effectiveness of spending resources on a report that will simply further confirm these already-identified problem areas.

Chavez said that the goal of the audit is to bring these issues to the attention of the board.

**Addressing campus culture and facilities**

The CAC’s second recommendation is for the district to further coach and train staff on the following topics:

- \* Purpose and implementation of special education learning plans
- \* Setting high-achieving measurable goals and outcomes
- \* Evidence-based best practices of instruction for diverse learners
- \* Anti-ableism culture and sensitivity training

The third recommendation is for the district to perform an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance audit and create an accessibility optimization plan. The ADA compliance audit would look at every LBUSD facility and grounds — including playgrounds — to report their accessibility for students with disabilities. CAC also

recommended the district immediately address and change unsafe, inaccessible or segregated classrooms or meeting spaces for students.

“If you can’t enter the facility, or there are a great deal of barriers to get into the facility, you can’t learn [and] you’re just adding that many more layers for a family, for a student, to get to where they have to be,” Chavez said.



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• Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)

• Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.)

The labs are open to participants ages 12 and up and no prior sewing experience is necessary. While limited supplies will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, attendees are invited to bring their own sewing machines and family photos to scan, transfer to fabric and sew into the quilt. No registration is necessary and Spanish language support is available.

The final quilt will be revealed in a public celebration on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). The event will feature live music and refreshments, and participants who helped put the quilt together will speak of the significance of their designs.

“At Long Beach Public Library, we strive to offer programs that foster creativity, connection and learning,” said Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Cathy De Leon in a public statement. “Hilos de Sueños y Recuerdos is a perfect example of how libraries can serve as spaces for personal expression and community engagement. We are excited to see how the collective stories, memories and artistic contributions come together in a quilt that will be cherished for years to come.”

to the public before being on a rotating display schedule at all 12 LBPL branches.

“The Hilos de Sueños y Recuerdos project beautifully embodies the spirit of Long Beach—a city rich in culture, community and collaboration,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. “By stitching together our stories, we not only preserve our history, but also celebrate the diversity and unity that make Long Beach a remarkable place to live. These events will bring residents together to create something meaningful and lasting.”

Though the series began Oct. 10 and three sessions have already passed, there will be two more open labs before Sew it Goes concludes:

**ARTS & CRAFTS**



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Bookshelves of nonfiction books inside the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

**Staff Report**

Signal Tribune

Long-time sewing enthusiasts, residents hoping to familiarize themselves with the craft, or anyone looking to be part of a creative group project are all welcome at the Long Beach Public Library (LBPL)’s ongoing program Hilos de Sueños y Recuerdos: Sew it Goes.

This community sewing series consists of several gatherings where attendees can create personal sewing projects and collaborate on an ongoing community quilt. The quilt will feature photos, prints and shared memories sewed into the fabric.

A week after the final lab session, the completed quilt will be revealed

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND CEQA DETERMINATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

**INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH 2024100062)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH 2024100062), RELATIVE TO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 24-01, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 74232, AND SITE PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW 24-01, FOR THE COURTYARD SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-21)

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 24-01**

A REQUEST TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF THE SITE FROM RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (RH) WHICH WOULD ALLOW UP TO 12 MULTI-FAMILY UNITS, TO A NEW SPECIFIC PLAN DESIGNATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW EIGHT DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS, AND TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 20.28, THE COURTYARD SPECIFIC PLAN “SP-21” TO ESTABLISH DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR A SMALL LOT DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Agent: Guy Alexander  
Property Owners: Signal Ventures, LLC

Recommendation: The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

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 Public Hearing in one of the following ways:

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

- You may participate 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](mailto:cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org), or by mail to the attention of Colleen T. Doan, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before Wednesday November 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.), the City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, will be posted on the City web site and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record;
- You are encouraged to provide written comments in advance of the publication of the agenda as well as participating during the meeting, to ensure that the City Council has ample time to consider your comments, and that the applicant has the opportunity to respond to comments prior to Council making a decision.

A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 2024100062 was prepared in 2024 in conjunction with the subject project, based on an initial study finding of potentially significant environmental impacts unless mitigated. Mitigation measures have been included to address Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Geology and Soils. The City Council is the approving authority of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, as well as relevant material, may be inspected by the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Development Department located on the lower floor of City Hall, or, during City Hall renovation activities (beginning November 1, 2024) in the council chambers of the City Hall.

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

THE FILE and associated documents for the proposed project may be reviewed publicly on the City’s website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org). If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Colleen Doan, Community Development Director, at (562) 989-7340 or via email at [cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org).

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The following person is doing business as: 1. RMS LIFE SAFETY, 2. RMS CONSTRUCTION, 3. RMLS, 1899 FREEMAN AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: RELIABLE MONITORING SERVICES, 1899 FREEMAN AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. 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: SYDNEY MENDOZA, CFO. 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 10/7/2024. 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: October 11, 18, 25, & November 1, 2024

**TST7473 / 2024 207262  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: LA PATRONA WESTERN WEAR, 24200 PRESIDENT AVE, HARBOR CITY, CA. 90710. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GABRIELA PERES, 24200 PRESIDENT AVE, HARBOR CITY, CA. 90710. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GABRIELA PERES, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 09/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/4/2024. 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: October 18, 25, & November 1, 8, 2024

**TST7474 Case No. 24LBCP00334  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Fabiola Del Rocio Martinez Esparza for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Fabiola Del Rocio Martinez Esparza has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: 1. Fabiola Del Rocio Martinez Esparza Proposed Name: 1. Paloma Jane Ocampo Present Name: 2. Izzy Martinez Proposed Name: 2. Izzy Ocampo Present Name 3. Anthony Ary Alexander Jones Martinez Proposed Name: 3. Ary Zander Ocampo 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: November 21, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 25. 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. October 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 2024 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 10, 2024

**TST7476 / 2024 211149  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: CHAMBERS ID FINGERPRINT INC., 1219 WEST 122 STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90044. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CHAMBERS ID FINGERPRINT, 1219 WEST 122 STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90044. 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: ARTHUR CHAMBERS, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2024. This statement was

filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 10, 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: October 18, 25, & November 1, 8, 2024

**TST7475 Case No. 24LBCP00338  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Leticia Isabel Ashelford for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Pedro Leticia Isabel Ashelford has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Leticia Isabel Ashelford Proposed Name Rayne Isabella Collins 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: November 25 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. October 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 2024 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 14, 2024

**TST7484 / 2024 198549  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: BIGGER HAMMER PRODUCTION SERVICES, 2910 SEABOARD LN, LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: BIGGER HAMMER PRODUCTIONS, LLC, 2910 SEABOARD LN, LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JAHN HARDISON, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 06/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/23/2024. 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: October 25, & November 1, 8, 15, 2024

**TST7482 / 2024 217424  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: URBANE CAFÉ, 19013 GOLDEN VALLEY RD SUITE 115, SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91387. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: URBANE CAFÉ OPERATIONS, LLC, 78 N. ASH STREET, VERNTURA, CA. 93001. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: TOM HOLT, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/21/2024. 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: October 25, & November 1, 8, 15, 2024

**TST7487 / 2024 219353  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: BAKE SHOPPE BOUTIQUE, 2325 REDONDO AVE., SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755-4019. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: RONALD KLEIJN, 2325 REDONDO AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755-4019. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a Limited Partnership. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: RONALD KLEIJN, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/23/2024. 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: October 25, & November 1, 8, 15, 2024

**TST7481 / 2024 215905  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ARTESIA FERTILIZER, 16401 PIUMA AVENUE, CERRITOS, CA. 90703. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GEORGE F. ROYSE III, 16401 PIUMA AVENUE, CERRITOS, CA. 90703. 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: IVANA K ROYSE, 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 10/17/2024. 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: October 25, & November 1, 8, 15, 2024

**TST7488 / 2024 224258  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. RICAS PUPUSAS Y MAS, 2. TIPI-COS SALVADORENOS TIA LOLY, 401 PARK FRONT WALK, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DOLORES DEL CARMEN LAINEZ, 419 1/2 PARK FRONT WALK, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. 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: DOLORES DEL CARMEN LAINEZ, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct. 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: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**TST7485  
NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE PUBLIC  
INFORMATION MEETING**

FACILITY TYPE/NUMBER: Application for an increase in tonnage for Solid Waste Facility Permit # 19-AA-1112  
PROJECT NAME: EDCO RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION  
PROJECT LOCATION: 2755 California Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755  
FACILITY CONTACT: Ricardo Osunabaez, Director of Safety and Environmental Compliance (760) 744-5615  
APPLICANT: EDCO Transport Services, LLC dba EDCO Recycling and Transfer Station  
LEA CONTACT: Dorcas Hanson-Lugo, Chief Environmental Health Specialist (626) 430-5540

Introduction

The Solid Waste Management Program, acting as the LEA received and is considering an application for an increase in tonnage for Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for EDCO Transfer Services LLC., dba EDCO Recycling and Transfer Services. The LEA is certified by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to enforce state laws and regulations at solid waste facilities within the City of Signal Hill.

Description of Project

The applicant has proposed to increase the tonnage from 1, 500 tons per day to 2, 500 tons per day in the City of Signal Hill. A Conditional Use Permit 09-01 Modification Addendum to Final Environmental Impact Report SCH # 2008081009 was certified by the City of Signal Hill on June 11, 2024. The proposed new revision would allow for:

- Up to 2, 500 tons per day (TPD) of municipal solid waste (MSW), green waste, wood waste, food waste and construction demolition (C&D).
- 24 hours/day 7 days per week hours and days of operation

On August 13, 2024 the LEA received an application package for a revision of the SWFP permit or a Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station.

Public Meeting

Pursuant to CCR Section 21660.2, the LEA is required to hold a public informational meeting to provide information to the public and receive comments on a proposed new SWFP for EDCO Transfer Services LLC., dba EDCO Recycling and Transfer Station. Pursuant to CCR Section 21660.4, the LEA may substitute the meeting with a previously held public meeting on the same project to satisfy the requirement of CCR §21660.2. A public hearing was held by the City of Signal Hill on June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm to receive comments on the proposed project and CEQA documents. Pursuant to §21660.4, this public hearing meets the criteria for a substitute informational meeting. The decision to issue or not to issue the SWFP must be made by the LEA within 120 days of the date of the application was deemed complete and correct as required by Statute and after the concurrence from CalRecycle.

Where to Get Additional Information

A copy of the proposed New Permit Application Package is available for public review by appointment at the LEA office located at 5050 Commerce Drive, Baldwin Park, California 91706.

Options for Submitting Comments and LEA Contact Information

If you would like to comment on this project, you may send your written comments to Dorcas Hanson-Lugo via email (dlugo@ph.lacounty.gov), US mail or fax within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Appeals Process Information

For information on the appeals process pursuant to Public Resource Code (PRC) §44307 after the decision to issue or deny the proposed permit is made, you may contact Dorcas Hanson-Lugo via email.

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**TST7489 / 2024 224260  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: EMANUEL B.C., 734 SAN JULIAN B, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90014. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: VILMA D BARAHONA COELLO, 5541 LINDEN AVE APT C, LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. 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: VILMA D BARAHONA COELLO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 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: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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**TST7479 / 2024 204442  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: BILOXI KANVIS, 3813 CANEHILL AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90808. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 1. SARO SOK, 3813 CANEHILL AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90808. 2. JEROME A DAVIS, 3813 CANEHILL AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90808. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a General Partnership. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SARO SOK, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant

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# Día de los Muertos



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Marigold flowers were placed on a gravesite at All Souls Cemetery on Nov. 3, 2021 in celebration of Día de los Muertos. Local residents will have several ways to celebrate the Day of the Dead throughout the weekend.

**D**ía de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, begins on Friday, Nov. 1 as the day when family and friends gather to remember and honor the lives of loved ones who have passed away.

The cultural event originates from Mexico, with some accounts tracing the tradition back to Indigenous Mexican or ancient Aztec origins. Long Beach has several ways to celebrate the holiday throughout the weekend, from intimate and artistic to lively and sprawling. Most of these events are free, and they all offer insights into the various traditions tied to the holiday, including altars, food, music and connection.

## 01 FRIDAY

### MINI OFRENDAS

Residents have until Nov. 8 to view the finalists in the Museum of Latin American Art's mini ofrenda contest. The ofrendas are on display in the lobby of the museum, and residents can view them for free. *The Museum of Latin American Art is located at 628 Alamitos Ave. and open from Wednesdays to Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free.*

### MARIE'S TEK TEC CELEBRATION

Marie's Tek Tec will be transformed into a vibrant "cemetario," with ofrendas, colorful decorations and traditional touches for this free, all ages welcome event. Attendees can also add to a community altar, which will be decorated with marigolds, candles and personal tributes. Those who bring a photo of a deceased loved one will

receive a complimentary shot as a gesture of community spirit and shared remembrance. The event will also feature face painting and color stations, ghost tequila Mexican candy shots, specialty cocktails, slushies and cumbia music. Attendees can enjoy a powerful Aztec dance ceremony, honoring ancient Mesoamerican traditions and one's connection to the afterlife. After 10 p.m., this event will be for those 21 and older. *Marie's Tek Tec is located in Roxanne's at 1115 E Wardlow Road. Entry is free.*

### BIXBY KNOLLS FIRST FRIDAYS

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Businesses along Atlantic Avenue will activate the street to celebrate Día de los Muertos during its monthly First Fridays event. Lola's Mexican Cuisine will have live music, dancing and street food. The Historical Society of Long Beach will host a Day of the Dead sound bath, while Pixie Toys and Steelcraft will offer free face painting. Beachwood Brewing will have a specialty Belgian-style sour on tap, inspired by Mexican candies and made with a blend of tamarind, five different chilis and fruits. The Merchant will be serving homemade tamales, champurrado, churros, pan de muerto, pumpkin pan dulces, beer and wine. The Merchant will also have a Mexican trio band playing traditional music and a makers market featuring small businesses. The Art Spot will allow attendees to paint sugar skulls and pottery. The Expo Arts Center will have a community ofrenda on display and an "After Life" art installation. There will be an electric shuttle offering free rides to residents along Atlantic Avenue. Free.

## 02 SATURDAY

### MIKAILUTL

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Semillitas Learning Community will be hosting a gathering to honor Mexican ancestry with ofrendas, an opening ceremony, a path of offerings, music, a calaverita parade, ballet folklórico, arts and crafts, DJ sets, workshops, an artist marketplace, traditional food and drinks and much more. This gathering is free to attend. This event will take place at the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum at 18127 S. Alameda St. Free.

### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS AT THE BEMBRIDGE HOUSE

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Long Beach Heritage is hosting this Día de los Muertos celebration at the historic Bembridge House featuring a simple holiday craft, music, agua frescas, polvorones (Mexican cookies), Mexican candies, conchas and horchata. This event is free to the public, but parking near the Bembridge house can be challenging so attendees are encouraged to

walk, bike or use a rideshare app. The Bembridge house is located at 953 N Park Circle. Free.

### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents are invited to this gathering at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library to make crafts, decorate traditional sugar skulls, get their face painted, enjoy refreshments and take part in a community altar. To take part in the community ofrenda, send a high quality photo of a loved one who has passed away to Branch Manager Nancy Garcia Ramirez Nancy.GarciaRamirez@longbeach.gov. The Mark Twain Neighborhood Library is located at 1401 E Anaheim St. Free.

## 03 SUNDAY

### CAFECITO Y CUENTOS; POESIA Y CONEXIÓN

11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Local Latin-owned bookshop Casita Bookstore will be hosting two events this Sunday, in its inaugural Día de los Muertos celebration. Beginning at 11 a.m., families can enjoy a heart-

warming story time and book release of the children's book "Calaveras and Torito" by Naibe Reynoso, which tells the story of a lonely skeleton boy and his skeleton dog, who look forward to the Day of the Dead as the only day when they get to blend in with everyone else. Following the story time, families can enjoy an arts and crafts time, coffee from Tazitas and pan de muerto from Gusto Bread.

In the evening, poet Solany Lara will be giving a reading and having a conversation on her book "Hija de mi Padre." The community is invited at this time to bring a special item or picture to add to Casita's ofrenda.

### TACO DEATH MATCH

2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The inaugural Taco Death Match will feature 10 local chefs crafting unique "ofrenda tacos" that pay tribute to their loved ones at Mosaic in Downtown Long Beach. Tacos will be paired with a festival-exclusive beer from a local brewery. This event will also feature tequila tastings, shopping, live entertainment and of course, taco tastings. Tickets start at \$15 and can be purchased online. The Mosaic is located at 290 E Fourth St.

## EVENT

# Grand marshals announced for Día de los Muertos Grand Parade

## Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach recently announced the grand marshals for the Día de los Muertos Grand Parade, with First District Councilmember Mary Zendejas, a trio of community organizations and a local mariachi musician tasked with leading the holiday festivities.

Taking place Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the parade will go down Pine Avenue beginning at East Third Street towards East Shoreline Drive. The celebration will feature a variety of cultural performances and decorative floats, with appearances from several City departments and community partners.

In addition to Zendejas, the following people and organizations will also serve as grand marshals during the Día de los Muertos Grand Parade:

\* Long Beach Latino Employees



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A young performer with Neiya Arts twirls her dress during a performance of traditional folklorico dance at the Museum of Latin American Art during the Día de los Muertos celebration on Oct. 29, 2023.

Organization – Open to all City of Long Beach employees, this nonprofit began meeting monthly in 2015 and discusses topics such as

professional development, health and arts and culture. The organization also plans various community events and annually offers scholar-

ships to Long Beach students seeking post-secondary and non-traditional education.

\* Latinos in Action California – This Long Beach-based organization strives to empower Latinos through its objectives of solidarity, respect and action, while working to create a more equitable society for marginalized people.

\* Julian Torres – Born in Hawthorne, Torres is an acclaimed mariachi artist, becoming the first mariachi performer signed to the prolific Death Row Records. Torres has been a purveyor of cultural music traditions through concerts around the world, performing at venues like The Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall and Sabado Gigante.

\* Centro CHA – Originally founded in 1992, this nonprofit serves Long Beach's Latino community through various community programs, ranging from immigration legal services to student safety initiatives.

For those who want to enjoy the festivities but are unable to attend, the parade will stream live in English on the ABC7 Los Angeles digital channel, followed by an on-air broadcast in Spanish on Estrella TV on Sunday, Nov. 3, from noon to 1 p.m.

Accompanying the Day of the Dead parade will be the two-day Arte y Ofrendas Festival, taking place Nov. 2 and 3 at Marina Green Park (386 E. Shoreline Dr.). The family-friendly festival will include cultural arts and crafts, live music and local food and drink vendors. Tickets are \$20 per day for adults, \$12 per day for kids and can be purchased online.

To learn more about the Día de los Muertos Grand Parade, residents are encouraged to contact the First District Council Office by emailing [district1@longbeach.gov](mailto:district1@longbeach.gov) or calling 562-570-6919.

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