

ART

Inked icons: Exhibit in downtown LB honors the legacy of Chicano tattoo legend

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

If you've ever seen the iconic 'smile now, cry later' symbol, with grinning and crying masks side-by-side, you have Freddy Negrete to thank. And if you don't know who that is, that's exactly what the Tattoo Heritage Project is trying to change — specifically one of its newest board members, Carlos Torres.

His downtown Long Beach tattoo shop The Raven and The Wolves has been highlighting tattooing and Chicano culture since opening its doors seven years ago. With tons of sunlight pouring in through the shop's windows and wide open rooms, the space lends itself to its rotating exhibits and artists within.

The shop's latest exhibit "Caste Shadows" is an homage to one of Torres' tattooing heroes, of which he has many. Torres invited nearly 30 tattoo artists of varying generations and cultures to interpret Negrete's 'smile now, cry later' and what it means to them.

The result is a dozen walls honoring the old tattoo legends and showcasing the newer voices making up the scene, a blend that Torres aims to perfect.

"I really strongly believe that you pay respect to this [tattooing]. I'm huge into what tattooing has gotten me, the life it has provided for me. I get to draw on people for a living, I've been able to travel and things like that," Torres

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The Raven and The Wolves owner Carlos Torres stands by several historical flash tattoo drawings and paintings, part of the "Caste Shadows" exhibit in the downtown Long Beach shop on Nov. 12, 2024. The drawings are from the 1940s to the 1970s, done by artists like Bert Grimm, Chris Nelson, Bob Shaw and E.D. Horton, many of whom tattooed in Long Beach.



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(Left) A graphite drawing by Jose Lopez, accompanied by a sculpted mask, hangs with other "smile now, cry later" inspired art in the "Caste Shadows" exhibit at The Raven and The Wolves on Nov. 12, 2024. (Right) Vintage tattoo machines are on display in the Tattoo Heritage Museum section of the "Caste Shadows" exhibit at The Raven and The Wolves on Nov. 12, 2024.

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HEALTH



Long Beach looking into free fentanyl testing kits for residents

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The City of Long Beach is considering providing free fentanyl testing kits to residents, with the possibility of all-in-one fentanyl testing device that would require no training to use.

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To curb the rapid rise of fentanyl-related death rates in Long Beach, the City is studying the possibility of providing free fentanyl testing kits to residents.

On Tuesday night, the Long Beach City Council appointed the city manager and Health Department to look into best practices from other cities for a pilot program, procurement schedule and possible funding sources.

The Long Beach Health Department's harm reduction program has been providing residents with Narcan and fentanyl testing strips. However, Narcan is administered to someone after an overdose has occurred, and testing trips can be less effective if not handled properly.

Long Beach will look into newer technologies for testing, such as an all-in-one fentanyl testing device

that requires no training to use.

"These devices will provide a simple and effective way to prevent overdoses," said Vice Mayor Cindy Allen, who introduced the item. "I believe that implementing these devices, alongside our harm reduction strategies, has the potential to save countless lives and reduce the tragic impact fentanyl has in our city."

According to the Long Beach Health Department, the city has a higher rate of fentanyl deaths than both the county and state averages.

City staff will return within 60 days with a report on best practices, a rollout method and possible funding.

Residents can receive fentanyl testing strips or narcan for free by filling out an online request form on the Health Department's website or by visiting the department at 2525 Grand Ave. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fentanyl-related deaths, per 100,000 people in 2021:

Long Beach	20.6
Los Angeles County	15.3
California	17.96

EDUCATION

LBUSD moves forward with Hudson Elementary closure

The school board discussed transportation and transition resources available to Hudson Elementary families.

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Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District is officially moving forward with the closure of Hudson Elementary at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

The board passed the closure plan at their Nov. 6 meeting with four votes in favor and one against. Student board member Alana Arroyo's preferential vote was in favor.

The district's facilities team presented research on the school's dwindling enrollment numbers and capacity usage at the Oct. 16 meeting. Hudson Elementary enrolled 231 students this academic year and projected data predicts the enrollment number will continue to decline to under 200 next year and remain that way for the next couple of years. Since state funding is directly tied to enrollment, low enrollment limits the amount of resources available for students.

Students will be transferred about half a mile down the street to Garfield Elementary School. Board member Maria Isabel Lopez, who voted against the plan, expressed her concern about transportation options to Garfield. She said public transit may not be suitable for younger students.

"My 'no' vote really has to do with the fact that I strongly believe our families, especially in the West Side, may need transportation from Hudson to Garfield," Lopez said.

Superintendent Jill Baker said while the district is in conversation with families, school bus transportation is not currently being considered. She added that approximately



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An interior wall of Hudson Elementary School is adorned with a mural of children. The school will be permanently closed at the end of the 2024 academic year. Long Beach Unified decided on Nov. 6, 2024.

30% of the students currently attending Hudson already live near Garfield Elementary.

"Once we have all of the data, there will be a consideration for if there's a need for a crossing guard to get across Santa Fe and we'll look at the data of where those families live," Baker said.

Students in Hudson Elementary's special education program will be transferring to Bixby Elementary and will continue receiving transportation. Data gathered shows most students in the special education program reside in different areas across the district and not necessarily strictly the Hudson residential area.

The board also approved the consolidation of the attendance boundary of the two schools beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. This means that any family living in or moving into the new consolidated boundary will enroll in Garfield

moving forward.

However, families with students currently enrolled at Hudson have the option to fill out an individualized school of choice application that would allow them to rank the top schools they would prefer over Garfield. Based on their Individualized Education Plan, students with disabilities can request a different special education program than Bixby's and will continue to receive transportation.

The district said it will continue to be in conversation with Hudson Elementary families and staff to ensure a smooth transition.

"We're not talking about closing this school for another seven or eight months, and a lot can be learned during that period of time," Board Member Doug Otto said. "I feel confident in what we do and how we do it, that we will find good solutions to this."

CITY COUNCIL

Long Beach allocates next year of funding for business improvement districts

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Business improvement groups across Long Beach received their one-time funding allocations for the next year at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) are geographically defined areas where property and business owners manage improvements for the area through a variety of methods. The groups act as nonprofits and are made up of residents and business owners in the area, and must include a board that advises the city council.

Boards are responsible for recommending decisions on programs, services, budgets, goals, policies and staffing. BIDs must also submit an annual report to the city council with annual assessment rates and the budget for the upcoming year.

Enhancements that BIDs conduct can include neighborhood clean-ups, tree planting, events and street activations, business expansion,

public safety and more.

A total of \$250,000 was allocated for the city's nine BIDs for 2025. Each group received a base funding of \$17,000, then \$31.62 for each member in the group, with a maximum of 500 members.

Next year's funding comes with more flexibility to BIDs to plan tree planting events and other events that enhance green space and streetscapes, Business Development Bureau Manager Julian Cernuda said.

Grants to the BIDs will be disbursed as follows:

- Belmont Shore Business Association: \$25,284
- Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association: \$32,398
- Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area (Downtown Long Beach Alliance): \$32,810
- Downtown Property Based Improvement District (Downtown Long Beach Alliance): \$32,810
- Fourth Street Business Improvement Association: \$19,592
- Long Beach Tourism Business



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The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association will receive a one-time funding grant of \$32,398.

Improvement Association, Downtown (Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau): \$29,837

- Midtown Property and Business Owner's Association: \$21,774
- Uptown Property and Community Association: \$22,659
- Zaferia Business Association: \$32,810

Following the council's approval, each BID will turn in a proposed use of funds report, which will be reviewed throughout November and December. City staff aim to enter into the funding agreements in January, and to have the funds disbursed by February at the latest.



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AROUND TOWN

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

There's a chill in the air, and it's time to get into the holiday spirit with some of the first celebrations of the season. There will be two Christmas tree lightings on Wednesday and Thursday. Those interested in taking holiday photos can learn how to edit their own using a green screen during a workshop at Billie Jean King Main Library.

Residents looking to pick up a new hobby can attend a chess club on Friday, a classical music workshop or a salsa dance class on Tuesday. Nature lovers can help plant trees in the Willmore neighborhood or help clean Colorado Lagoon on Saturday. Families with young children can attend two different storytimes at local libraries on Friday and Monday, as well as a group bike ride through Bixby Knolls on Sunday.

To keep up to date with the local community, attend either an open house for an upcoming public project or a meeting with the Long Beach Police Department on Thursday evening.

15 FRIDAY

FRIENDSGIVING NIGHT MARKET

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy a festive evening of karaoke, vendors, food, a photo booth, raffles and an open mic night at the Partake Collective (456 Elm Ave.). Those who donate canned foods will be entered into a raffle. Free.

MOONLIGHT MASH BIKE RIDE

7:15 p.m. Ride your bike with a few hundred fellow neighbors in the light of the full moon at this monthly gathering through downtown Long Beach hosted by Pedal Movement. The dress up theme

for the month is Orange is the New Black, and the ride will begin at Pedal Movement (223 E First St.). Free.

16 SATURDAY

STEM FESTIVAL

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families can enjoy this educational and holiday-themed event at Cabrillo High School (2001 Santa Fe Ave.) featuring a turkey craft, 3D designing, laser cutting and a math activity. Kids who are registered will receive a free STEM toy and food care package to take home. Register on Eventbrite with the password CED-fallSTEM24. Free.

HISTORICAL FILM SERIES

1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. In honor of Native American Heritage Month and Veterans Day, the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) will host a double-feature screening of "Choctaw Code Talkers" and "War Horse." The double feature starts with "Choctaw Code Talkers" at 1 p.m., a documentary on Choctaw soldiers' role in World War I using their native language as a coded communication tool. Next, Steven Spielberg's "War Horse" will begin at 2:15 p.m. and tells the story of a boy and his horse during WWI. Both screenings will feature a brief introduction and discussion. Free.

17 SUNDAY

SNOWFEST

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Sports Basement (2100 N Bellflower Blvd.) will host this holiday gathering at their new location. Attendees can enjoy sports gear giveaways, beer to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach, ski and snowboard vendors,

discounted deals and more. RSVP on Eventbrite. Free.

KIDICAL MASS

11 a.m. Families with kids of all ages are invited to this group bike ride through Bixby Knolls. Participants are encouraged to wear ugly Christmas holiday sweaters during the ride, and the ugliest sweater will win a prize. Families can meet in the back parking lot of Pixie Toys (3914 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

SOUND BATH

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Listen to this sound bath session led by Reiki Master Alana Weinberg at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden (Earl Warren Dr.) on the Cal State Long Beach campus, featuring singing bowls, a guided meditation and Reiki. Mats are provided, but participants are welcome to bring a blanket, pillow or eye mask for added comfort. Tickets cost \$25 per person on the garden's website.

18 MONDAY

PORT OF LB COMMUNITY MEETING

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Residents can learn about the Harbor Scenic Drive Roadway and Infrastructure project extending from the 710 freeway to key terminals at the Port of Long Beach. The project includes rebuilding pavement, aligning roadways, upgrading highway lighting, installing signs, and is expected to begin in 2026. The meeting will take place at the Port of Long Beach Maintenance Facility (725 Harbor Plaza). Free.

DOG TRAINING

Noon to 1 p.m. Friendly dogs are invited to learn new skills during this outdoor training class at Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.). Free.



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This Friday at 7:15 p.m., Pedal Movement is hosting their monthly Moonlight Mash Bike Ride, encouraging cyclists to ride together under the full moon. Riders are encouraged to dress in line with the theme of Orange is the New Black.

19 TUESDAY

LEARN ABOUT CLASSICAL MUSIC

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to an interactive introduction to chamber music at Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Led by the ensemble Up Close and Classical, this workshop will guide attendees through the traditions and nuances of chamber music. Attendees will listen to pieces from Mozart's Quartet No. 17, "The Hunt" and Grieg's Quartet No. 1 in G minor, complemented by live demonstrations by the group's cellist. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Free.

LIVE THEATER

7:30 p.m. The musical "Come From Away" will be performed at the Terrace Theater (300 E Ocean Blvd.). The play tells the true story of a small Newfoundland town that welcomed 7,000 stranded travelers in the wake of 9/11. Tickets can be purchased on Ticketmaster starting at \$52.90.

20 WEDNESDAY

CENTENNIAL TREE LIGHTING & LIGHTS EXTRAVAGANZA

6 p.m. Celebrate the holiday season at Signal Hill's special Centennial Tree Lighting & Lights Extravaganza at City Hall (2175 Cherry Ave.), featuring a tree lighting ceremony, crafts, pictures with Santa, holiday performances, cookies and hot chocolate. Free to attend.

ORANGE AVENUE BACKBONE BIKEWAY OPEN HOUSE

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The City of

Long Beach Public Works Department invites residents to an open house at the EXPO Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.) to learn about the Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway project. This project aims to improve the safety of Orange and Alamitos Avenues by installing protected bike lanes and high-visibility crosswalks. Attendees will receive an overview of the project, and will be able to ask questions and provide feedback on the final design. Language interpretation in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog will be available. Light refreshments will be provided. Free.

21 THURSDAY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Residents can enjoy a Thankful Heart Thanksgiving dinner and receive access to senior resources at this holiday gathering at McBride Park Gymnasium (1550 Martin Luther Jr. King Ave.) hosted by Councilmember Suely Saro's office. Free.

TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA ARRIVAL

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kick off the holiday season with this annual celebration at 2ND & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Hwy.). Enjoy a grand entrance from Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and more. Free.

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said. "I think that sometimes with social media it's easy to get caught up more on being famous and not paying respect to our craft ... if we can get people to be like, 'You know what, we should pay respect to these artists,' then that would be nice. It can't just be forgotten."

Tying the exhibit together is a separate room made in collaboration with the Tattoo Heritage Project, adorned with flashes and paintings as far back as the 1940s and vintage tattooing machines used throughout the decades, including the first-ever tattoo machine, originally used as a perforator and invented by Thomas Edison Pens in 1875.



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Original drawings from several tattoo legends hang in the Tattoo Heritage Museum section of *The Raven and The Wolves*' "Caste Shadows" exhibit, on Nov. 12, 2024.

Tattoo Heritage Project is a non-profit formed in 2021 by black and gray tattooing legend "Good Time" Charlie Cartwright and other legends in the industry. Its goal is to create "The Smithsonian" of tattoo museums in downtown Long Beach, one that's not connected to a shop, and spans decades of global tattoo history to inspire the next generation.

"Caste Shadows" is just a small glimpse of what could be possible with a national tattoo museum established in Long Beach, bringing together pieces that are spread out in various people's personal collections. The historical room contains original drawings from Negrete, including one of his first 'smile now,

cry later' editions from the '70s from Ed Hardy's collection, as well as machines, photos and flashes from Chuey Quintanar's collection.

The exhibit serves as *The Raven and The Wolves*' first activation partnered with the Tattoo Heritage Project, though Torres often uses the shop in similar ways. From previous historically-themed exhibits and film screenings that highlight tattoo culture, to a separate classroom for budding artists to learn from one another, the shop is no stranger to honoring the past while ushering in the future.

Torres said he was talking to artists on the Tattoo Heritage Project board, spitballing marketing ideas and asking questions about the future with no plans to join. His enthusiasm was remembered well, and in the spring of this year Torres got invited to join the board, or more accurately, he received multiple phone calls of congratulations that he was now appointed.

"Of course what a huge honor that is, it's like all my heroes that I'm on the board with, and all the legends I've looked up to my whole tattoo career," Torres said.

Freddy Negrete's Impact

Back when the Pike in Long Beach was the hotspot for American traditional tattooing, artists were flourishing in a strikingly different setting. Chicanos in prisons in the 1970s used the downtime they had to work on their art, drawing on napkins, paper and eventually skin.

Using small motors from toothbrushes and cassette tapes, an E string for a guitar, and making ink by burning any paper they could find, Chicanos were able to create a higher quality of shading and dimensions that was never seen in the tattoo world. Negrete, experimenting with paper cups of homemade ink in a prison cell, had no idea he was part of a movement that would become black and gray tattooing.

Torres was only 2 years old when Negrete started spreading his designs, but he, like many Chicanos in Southern California, would grow up seeing the 'smile now, cry later' symbols everywhere and be inspired by it.

"What he did in Chicano culture, bringing us to the professional world, it was a big deal, like [for] me being a kid and I got a lot of doors shut on me trying to get into

the professional world," Torres said. "It's an important contribution because now you see black and gray tattoos around the world, but no one was really doing what Jack Rudy and Charlie [Cartwright] and Freddy [Negrete] did."

Torres asked each artist in the show to illustrate what 'smile now, cry later' means to them; to dig deep and show their highs and lows, their beauties and struggles. While there are some homages to the masks themselves, many of the pieces are more abstract. An oil painting by Jose Morales depicts his struggle with diabetes, and the duality of indulging in sweet things versus treating it with insulin and pills.

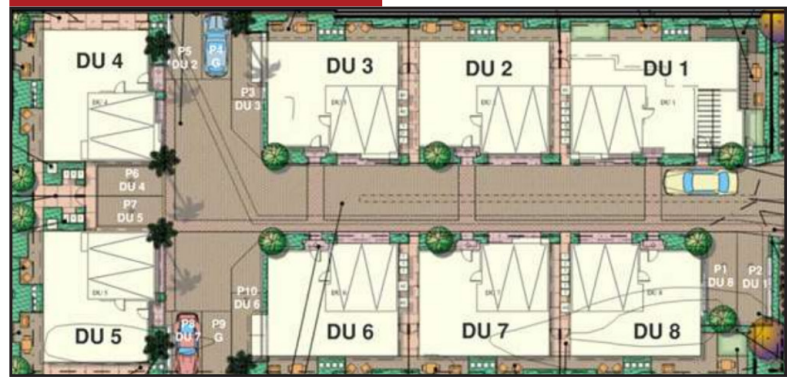
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Artists who are not necessarily part of Chicano culture can still relate to the message behind 'smile now, cry later', and viewers can see this in the European-style sculpture or Japanese-inspired paintings depicting geishas and samurai masks. It was important to show how far-reaching Negrete's impact is while bringing up the new artists who will push the craft forward, Torres said.

"My whole thing with this was always to push art. I got into oil painting maybe 16 years ago and it helped my tattooing and vice versa, tattooing helped my art, so I just always try to push people to think outside the box, do more than what we're doing [at a shop] and try to achieve a little bit more," Torres said.

"Caste Shadows" will be on display at *The Raven and The Wolves* at 212 The Promenade North in downtown Long Beach through Monday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., excluding Sunday. Viewers should call ahead to schedule a visit.

HOUSING



Courtesy of the City of Signal Hill

A new housing development of eight single-family homes is planned along Temple Avenue in Signal Hill.

Signal Hill City Council approves changes to new housing project on Temple Avenue

Kristen Farrah Naem
Staff Writer

The Signal Hill City Council approved a plan for a new housing project along Temple Avenue on Tuesday, allowing for the development of eight single-family homes.

Signal Ventures LLC proposed this project to redevelop the site along Temple Avenue between East 19th and East 20th Streets, which is currently occupied by garage and storage buildings.

The approved plan would require existing structures at the site to be demolished and replaced with eight single-family homes on eight compact lots within a 0.59-acre area.

A housing project at the site was first proposed in 2017 by a different company, but was rejected because the buildings were too tall. Local residents also voiced concerns that it would obstruct the view from their homes, according to City staff.

The first plan called for taller, three-story buildings. The newly approved project reduces the height

of each structure to a maximum of two stories (25 feet) to comply with the City's municipal code.

According to staff, the development will contribute an estimated \$427,028.48 in revenue to the City through impact fees. Impact fees are one-time fees that city governments can impose on housing developers to help support public services impacted by the construction of new projects.

The impact fees for this project will help pay for the maintenance and improvement of infrastructure, parks and the water system. Funds gathered from these impact fees will be distributed to different City departments as follows:

- \$204,336 for Parks and Recreation
- \$5,476.48 for traffic improvements
- \$217,216 for water services

These fees have been accounted for in the City's 2025-2026 budget.

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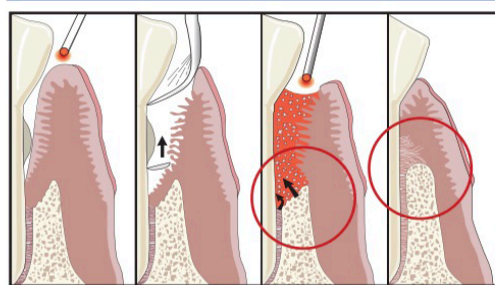
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INNOVATION

These Long Beach neighborhoods are experimenting with tech-forward safety pilot projects

Technology used in these pilot programs revolve around privacy-compliant sensors, free wi-fi and air quality analyzers.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Over the course of eight months, Long Beach residents in four historically underserved neighborhoods attended collaborative workshops with the goal of launching technology-focused pilot projects to increase safety and community.

Nearly 30 residents from the Willmore, Westside, Ramona Park and Hamilton neighborhoods have chosen or already launched their pilot programs as part of Long Beach's Smart Cities Initiative. The projects are part of the LB Co-Lab, a civic technology program established in 2021 that engages residents through workshops to design technology solutions to address challenges in their neighborhood.

LB Co-Lab was created with \$70,000 in Long Beach Recovery Act funds and a \$150,000 grant from the Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Long Beach Community Foundation. The City's workforce development partner, Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network, provided participants with technology training, professional certificates and career development.

"As technology is a greater part of our day-to-day lives, it is our job to ensure technology and innovation projects are co-designed alongside our most traditionally underserved residents," Mayor Rex Richardson said about the program in a public statement.



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach
A program leader speaks to residents from the Willmore, Ramona Park, Westside and Hamilton neighborhoods at one of the Long Beach Collaboratory workshops.

Participants attended monthly workshops from March to October 2023, where they learned about new technologies, identified needs in their neighborhoods and completed a technology certificate training program. Participants also received a \$1,000 stipend for their participation and time commitment.

The Hamilton, Ramona Park, Willmore and Westside neighborhoods were chosen based on five criteria, according to a press release from the City:

- How COVID-19 impacted the neighborhood
- The size of the neighborhood's young adult population
- The neighborhood's unemployment rate
- The average level of educational attainment
- The existing digital divide in the neighborhood, meaning what technologies are available and what the community has access to.

Each neighborhood was allocated an initial budget of \$35,000 to design and implement their technology pilot project. Each solution was vetted by residents, and they also decided details on their projects such as its location and performance metrics by which to evaluate their project's success.

Three technology pilot projects have launched at various locations across the city, with the fourth project currently in the implementation phase. These projects include:

The Willmore neighborhood
Project launched in May 2024
Participants sought to promote



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach
Residents from the Hamilton neighborhood in Long Beach discuss ways to improve their community at one of nine monthly Co-Lab meetings.

pedestrian and cyclist safety to create a sense of well-being in their community. They chose to deploy three privacy-compliant (does not record information about individuals) sensors to measure bicycle, pedestrian and vehicle movement at key neighborhood intersections

All data collected is privacy-compliant, such as vehicle counts, paths, heatmaps, speed and other trends are anonymous and secure, according to the City. The sensors are located at Ocean Boulevard and Pine Avenue, Third Street and Maine Avenue, Seventh Street and Chestnut Avenue. Data collected will be made publicly available and used by City officials to guide future street safety improvements and grant applications.

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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, VERNURA, 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

**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

**TST7490 / 2024 224591
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: TONY'S SMOG TEST ONLY, 3061 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: TONY PHOU, 3061 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. 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: TONY PHOU, 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 30, 2024. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see

section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

**TST7494
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF ALLEN J. GERBINO**

Case No. 24STPB12400
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALLEN J. GERBINO
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Barbara Ann Valadez in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Barbara Ann Valadez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 6, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner:
RICHARD A LUFTMAN ESQ
SBN222363
ALPERSTEIN SIMON FARKAS
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15760 VENTURA BLVD STE 1520
ENCINO CA 91436
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**TST7496 / 2024 229722
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 4JS LEGAL SERVICES, 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MOLINADA LLC, 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GINA GAMINO, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 09/2013. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Nov 06, 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.,

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

**TST7499
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

Ordinance No. 2024-11-1551 was introduced by the Signal Hill City Council at their meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 2024. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 24-01, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CHANGE AN APPROXIMATE 0.59-ACRE SITE AT 1 933 THROUGH 1939 TEMPLE AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (RH) TO THE COURTYARD SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-21) AND ADDING CHAPTER 20.28, THE COURTYARD SPECIFIC PLAN (SP-21) TO THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE AND ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE SITE

The ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

AYES: MAYOR LORI Y. WOODS, VICE MAYOR EDWARD H.J. WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBERT D. COPELAND, TINA L. HANSEN KEIR JONES
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website: www.cityofsignalhill.org.

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Daritza Gonzalez
City Clerk

Published in the Signal Tribune newspaper on November 15, 2024.
Posted at City Hall, Discovery Well Park, Reservoir Park, and Signal Hill Public Library on or before November 15, 2024.

Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: November 15, 22, 29, & December 6, 2024

**TST7497 / 2024 229725
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
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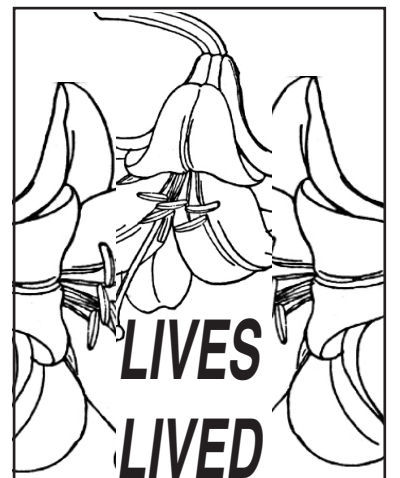
The following person is doing business as: VELAZQUEZ FURNITURE, 14924 PARAMOUNT BLVD., PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CAMPION LLC, 14924 PARAMOUNT BLVD., PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SIXTO J VELAZQUEZ, VICE PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 11/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Nov 06, 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 15, 22, 29, & December 6, 2024

**TST7504 Case No. 24LBCP00375
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: Clementina Salazar Cervantes for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Clementina Salazar Cervantes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Clementina Salazar Cervantes Proposed Name: Clementina Banuelos 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: December 20, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27, 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 coun-

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**TST7500/Order No: 1260
Auto Lien Sale**

On 12/02/2024 at 8140 S VERMONT AVE UNIT D LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 GENESIS VIN: KMTGE4S12PU004715 STATE: LIC: 004715X at 9AM

**TST7501/Order No: 1376
Auto Lien Sale**

On 11/26/2024 at 6832 CRENSHAW BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 CHEVROLET VIN: 1G1BCSSM1J7198988 STATE: CA LIC: 8CYM200 at 9AM

**TST7502/Order No: 2395
Auto Lien Sale**

On 12/02/2024 at 821 SOUTH MAPLE AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 HYUND VIN: 5NPD84LF7KH411970 STATE: CA LIC: 8JHR307 at 9AM

**TST7503/Order No: 2396
Auto Lien Sale**

On 12/02/2024 at 821 SOUTH MAPLE AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 HONDA VIN: 2HGFC4B52HH303419 STATE: CA LIC: 7ZGX408 at 9AM

ART CONTEST

Long Beach taking submissions for annual Youth Art Contest

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach, in partnership with the Arts Council for Long Beach, is holding its annual Youth Art Contest, a competition designed to inspire young residents from the first through eighth grades to capture their view of the city through artwork and photography.

The application period for this contest will close on Feb. 28, 2025. After submissions are reviewed by a panel in March, selected awardees will be notified and recognized at a Long Beach City Council meeting in April.

Young artists may submit their work in a variety of mediums, but only two-dimensional work will be accepted. Accepted art forms include paintings (such as oil, acrylics and watercolor), as well as drawings done in pastels, colored pencils, charcoal, ink and markers. Charcoal and pastel pieces should have a sealant applied to them. Collages are welcome as long as they are 2D, along with prints like lithographs, silkscreen and block prints. Mixed media creations, which combine two or more mediums, are also accepted, as well as photographs and digital art.

AI-generated artwork will not be accepted.

Submissions should be between 8.5x11 inches and 36x36 inches, formatted as PNG or JPG files. Entries must also adhere to contest

guidelines, avoiding any content that includes obscenity, explicit material, violence or copyrighted material.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
Different zines and information pamphlets make up parts of the Vine Library in the Place Long Beach print shop as seen on Jan. 29, 2024.

Art submitted to the contest will be judged on the following four criteria, totaling 40 points:

- Interpretation of Theme (10 points): Artwork should reflect the beauty and unique aspects of Long Beach and its neighborhoods.
- Creativity (10 points): Original perspectives and thoughtful integration of the theme.
- Connection to Long Beach (10 points): Description should demonstrate a personal connection to Long Beach.
- Technical Skills (10 points): Effective use of line, form, value and perspective.

Eligibility is limited to kids living in Long Beach, with finalists required to provide proof of residence.

To apply, visit the Arts Council for Long Beach's website.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, November 6

10:17 a.m., Identity theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
4:40 p.m., Fire, 2600 block Cherry Ave.
11:44 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3500 block E. PCH

Thursday, November 7

6:13 p.m., Auto burglary, 2300 block Promotory Dr.
6:19 p.m., Burglary, 2200 block E. Willow St.
8:44 p.m., Battery, 2200 block Walnut Ave.

Friday, November 8

10:45 a.m., Auto burglary, Vernon St. west of California Ave.
2:22 p.m., Grant theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

Saturday, November 9

1:10 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, E. Hill St./Obispo Ave.
3:32 a.m., DUI, Temple Ave./E. Hill St.
6:27 p.m., Arson, 1600 block E. Willow St.

Sunday, November 10

1:20 a.m., Burglary, E. Willow St./California Ave. (citation issued)
9:32 a.m., Burglary, 2200 block E. 21st St.
12:51 p.m., Intoxicated person, 2200 block Temple Ave.
6:01 p.m., Criminal threats, 1800 block E. Willow St.

Monday, November 11

2:31 a.m., Loitering; possessing controlled substance, 2700 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
9:49 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2300 block E. Spring St.
1:18 p.m., Burglary, 2500 block Hillcrest St.
4:21 p.m., Auto burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.
4:45 p.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block E. 21st St.
9:43 p.m., Petty theft, 1800 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
10:28 p.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block Orange Ave.

Tuesday, November 12

1:52 p.m., Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
8:55 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 800 block E. Spring St.

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

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



Pet of the week: Sage

Last week, we featured Sage the cat. Now, meet Sage the dog! Sage is a 4-year-old pit bull girl who was found and brought into the shelter in May. Sage is a real character — volunteer Mary described their former routine in the shelter as walkies around the shelter, down the driveway and one loop around the parking lot. Then, her special talent — lizard hunting! Sage would stomp on the ground to try to scare them out of the plants, which never failed to crack Mary up. Sage has since earned a spot in a foster home, but you can still meet her and maybe make the Sage decision to flavor your days with this personality-packed pittie! Speed the process to adopt or foster Sage 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#A720473.

WEST LONG BEACH

Westside Promise enters phase two of community revitalization

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

As the City of Long Beach looks towards Phase 2 of the Westside Promise (WSP) Initiative, it has outlined the conquered milestones and future goals of its 10-year community plan for West Long Beach.



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach
One of the City's long-term community projects is the 10-year Westside Promise Initiative to invest vital resources in West Long Beach.

On Oct. 23, the City released a progress report for the WSP Initiative, which outlined Phase 1 achievements, community activities for the fall and tangible efforts for Phase 2. This initiative was adopted in 2023 to confront the current and systemic challenges facing West Long Beach.

"We are committed to investing in and growing our city's assets on the Westside, a concerted effort that takes time and dedication," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "The Westside Promise, in so many ways, will help improve the livability of the area and promote the overall wellbeing

of the community. We encourage our community members to get involved and join us at one of our upcoming events."

The WSP Initiative involves multiple City departments, led by the Long Beach Community Development Department, including Public Works, Health and Human Services and oversight from the City Manager's Office. Areas of focus and improvement include housing supply, climate resiliency, youth and young adults, tourism and capital improvements to city facilities.

Another goal is to boost economic development in the area through small business assistance and workforce training, as the City looks to invest in West Long Beach through entrepreneurship, grant funding and external partnerships.



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