

GOVERNMENT

End of an era: Signal Hill's Ed Wilson retires after 27 years, passes torch to Charlie Honeycutt



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Vice Mayor Ed Wilson (right) is retiring from the city council. His seat will be taken by former city manager Charlie Honeycutt (left).

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

After nearly three decades of service, Signal Hill Vice Mayor Ed Wilson decided not to run for city council in this last election. The voters have now passed the torch to long-time public servant and first-time councilman Charlie Honeycutt.

Wilson was first elected to the city council in 1997, and has served as mayor six times. He is the longest-serving Black city council member in the state, and Signal Hill's first and only Black council member.

During his tenure, Wilson aimed to increase property values in Long Beach, help create a more balanced budget, boost

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FEATURE



LBUSD's new student board member can handle rocket science and advocacy

Briana Mendez-Padilla | Signal Tribune

Alana Arroyo, a senior at Sato Academy of Math & Science, is the newest student board member for the Long Beach Unified School District.

Alana Arroyo brings her detail-oriented background in engineering to her advocacy work for LBUSD students.

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

"Get him, Alana!" a peer shouts out of frame as team captain and goalie Alana Arroyo faces the opposing team's striker during a penalty kick at the 2023 United States Drone Soccer National Championship.

A 50-second YouTube clip captures the pivotal moment Arroyo, a sophomore at the time, swiftly blocks the opposite team's drone from making a goal, winning the championship for Sato Academy of Math & Science. Arroyo jumps in the air, a celebratory scream escapes her and her teammates rush to envelop her, also screaming and beaming with joy.

SATO's drone soccer team coach Albert Gallo said this moment encapsulates Arroyo's dedication, skill and leadership. These qualities are why he was not surprised when Arroyo, now a senior, was appointed as Long Beach Unified's newest student board member in September.

"I've seen a couple of the school board meetings already and she just looks very comfortable there, she looks like it's something natural for her," Gallo said.

For Arroyo, however, the experience still feels surreal. The plaque displaying her name — a gesture she wasn't

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COMMUNITY ENTRY

Op-Ed: How housing policy can shape the future of our schools

This opinion editorial was written by **Simi Sardana**, a school district administrator, parent of two LBUSD students, and member of Everybody's Long Beach, a housing advocacy group.



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An aerial view of some of the houses within the newly formed Nehyam Historic District along the 6000 block of Walnut Avenue in North Long Beach on March 16, 2022.

The recent decision by the Long Beach Unified School Board (LBUSD) to close Hudson Elementary has stirred significant frustration and disappointment among community members.

It isn't surprising, since school closures often spark strong reactions as families often choose neighborhoods based off of the schools within them. Many on social media attributed the decision to poor management by the District and City. While these frustrations are understandable, much of the concern stems from common misconceptions about the complexities of declining enrollment, the primary reason behind the district's decision. LBUSD, like many districts across California, faces a steep decline in enrollment, and when enrollment declines, schools lose funding, which translates into fewer resources for students

To address declining enrollment, we have to look beyond district management (though poor management doesn't get a pass) and focus on systemic issues like housing policy. As a school administrator who recently faced a closure and a parent of two LBUSD elementary students, I stress the urgent need for educators and parents to understand the critical connection between housing policy and the future of our schools.

This understanding also counters common misconceptions, such as the recurring comments on social media indicating that keeping smaller schools like Hudson open will inherently lead to smaller

class sizes. Class sizes are generally set by teacher contracts, not by school size, so a smaller school doesn't guarantee smaller classes. In reality, smaller schools often offer limited options—such as only one first-grade class; additionally, smaller schools may need to create combination classes when student numbers are too low to fill multiple single-grade classes. And for students on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), smaller schools means less choice and opportunities for mainstreaming into the general education setting.

To prevent further school closures and tackle declining enrollment, we must address the significant impact of housing challenges on our education system. Families are increasingly being priced out, often relocating inland or out of state in search of affordable options. Long Beach has been hit particularly hard, with *KTLA* reporting that both Anaheim and Long Beach lost nearly 1% of their population between 2022 and 2023.

This population decrease thins the pool of school-aged children in our community, leaving school boards with the painful task of closing and consolidating schools,

which leaves staff, students and the broader community strained.



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A "For Rent" sign sits in a window of a two-bedroom home in the Peninsula neighborhood of Long Beach.

The housing crisis doesn't just affect families; it also impacts the educators who serve our schools. Many of them cannot afford to live in the city, with the cost of rent averaging \$1,749 to \$2,801 per month, 13% higher than the national average according to apartments.com, and Zillow reports an average home value of \$832,331, a 5.2% rise over the past year. When educators can't afford to live in the city they serve, it hinders community connections, increases commute times, and undermines their ability to fully engage with and support the local students and families they work with.

Read the full op-ed at sigtrib.com:



Courtesy of California Highway Patrol
Alejandro Alejandre has been missing since Nov. 26, 2024. The Signal Hill is asking anyone who sees him to call 911.



Courtesy of Google Maps

Long Beach Unified decided on Oct. 16, 2024 to close down Hudson Elementary School due to low enrollment numbers.

MISSING PERSON

Signal Hill PD searches for missing man

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The Signal Hill Police Department is searching for a 25-year-old man last seen in the city on Tuesday morning.

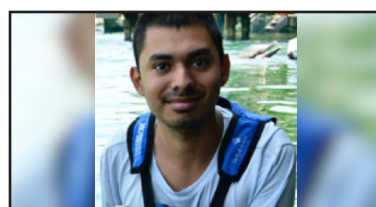
Alejandro Alejandre is described as having black hair, brown eyes, weighing 180 pounds and standing 5 feet 4 inches tall. He was last seen wearing a black shirt, black jacket

and blue jeans.

He was last seen around 9:20 a.m. on Tuesday in Signal Hill, and is believed to be on foot.

An alert was sent out to nearby residents by the California Highway Patrol on Tuesday to alert them that Alejandre was missing. The alert stated that he was considered to be at-risk and endangered.

Anyone who sees Alejandre is urged to immediately call 911.



Courtesy of California Highway Patrol

EVENT



Among New Year Festival highlights community and tradition on Dec. 14 and 15

Courtesy of the Hmong Association of Long Beach

Children dress in cultural garb for the annual Hmong New Year celebration in Long Beach.

Staff Report

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The annual two-day Hmong New Year Festival will usher in new beginnings, with all the sights, sounds and tastes of Hmong culture on Dec. 14 and 15.

This festival is hosted by the Hmong Association of Long Beach, which works to instill a sense of culture and tradition in second generation residents whose families immigrated from Vietnam, Thailand and Laos in '70s. Thousands of residents join this parade and festival each year to celebrate "all good things in the past year and all good things in the year to come," according to a press release from the association.

An honored elder will kick off the festival at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 by cutting the ribbon that represents the gate into the new year. A parade will commence from the gate into the central area, joining drummers, local student groups, members of the Qeej Not Gangs program and all attendees.

This year's honored elder is Colonel Jiang Khay Cha, who has been a mentor and musician for Qeej Not Gangs for over 20 years. Qeej Not Gangs is a cultural preservation program at MacArthur Park that teaches Hmong art and tradition. He currently teaches drumming to residents ages 6 to 22.

"The Hmong migrated from China into Southeast Asia to be free from oppression. Hmong drumming was forbidden by Chinese rulers as too dangerous because drumming gives the musicians

strength, endurance, and solidarity," Khay Cha said.

Following the parade, Hmong leaders will give welcome speeches and introduce several cultural performances of music, song and dance. Both students and masters of their craft will get the chance to perform during this time. There will also be a fashion show featuring traditional clothing and modern interpretations.

Attendees can enjoy booths selling food such as barbecued meats, purple rice, green papaya salad, coconut drinks and more. Vendor booths will be selling jewelry, embroidered clothing, pillows, story cloths and more traditional items. Residents can also take part in volleyball and traditional top spinning games.

The traditional Ball Toss will take place, inviting couples of all ages to participate in the ball tossing group activity which includes sung poetry.

The festival is partially funded by the Port of Long Beach, City of Long Beach, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine, Los Angeles County Arts and Culture, the Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Xiong Electric and the wider community.

The Hmong New Year Festival is free to the public and will take place at the Golden Grove Section of El Dorado Park (7550 East Spring St.) on Dec. 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking is free as well. Attendees should park on either side of Spring Street and follow the road north.

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This week, Long Beach and Signal Hill are buzzing with holiday events to suit every interest and age group. Those seeking seasonal cheer can attend tree lightings in Colorado Lagoon and Cal Heights, a celebration at SteelCraft, a festive photoshoot at a neighborhood library or a holiday market at LBX.

For music lovers, the Apocalypse Zombieland Bass Festival promises a two-day spectacle of live performances with a post-apocalyptic twist, while an indie rock night showcases local talent in an intimate setting.

Art lovers can enjoy an outdoor projection art installation in downtown Long Beach, or reflect on the lives of two late local artists at the Rod Briggs Memorial Gallery.

29 FRIDAY

APOCALYPSE - ZOMBIELAND BASS FESTIVAL

2 p.m. During this two-day music festival at the Queen Mary Waterfront (1126 Queens Hwy.), guests will enjoy four stages of bass music with post-apocalyptic vibes. This inaugural festival combines live performances with an immersive zombie-themed narrative. All ages are welcome. Ticket prices start at \$152.31 on apocalypsefest.frontgattickets.com.

COLORADO LAGOON 36TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Join the Alamitos Heights Improvement Association and Belmont Heights Community Association for their 36th annual Holiday Tree Lighting at the newly renovated Colorado Lagoon Playground (5119 E. Colorado St.). Enjoy caroling led by the Wil-

son High School Carolers, an open house at the Wetlands and Marine Science Education Center, and a visit from Santa. The tree lighting ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. Free.

30 SATURDAY

HOT GIRL WALK

10 a.m. Adult women are invited on a walk through the Bixby Knolls business district to explore local shops and connect with the community. The walk will start at the Expo Arts Center, (4321 Atlantic Ave.) and end at Lola's Mexican Cuisine for a Friendsgiving mixer. Registration is required through Eventbrite. Free.

UBE MAKERS MARKET

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to this ube-centric food market in Downtown Long Beach's East Village Arts District (First St. & Elm Ave.). Attendees can try ube treats, shop from local vendors and listen to vinyl music. First Street will be closed from Linden to Elm Avenues for this family-friendly event. Free.

ARTS FILM SERIES

12:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) will host a double feature exploring the art of ballet. The selected films are "Ballerina," a documentary profiling five Russian ballerinas from the Mariinsky Theatre, and "White Nights," a drama about a ballet dancer stranded in the USSR. Brief introductions and discussions will take place before and after each film. Free.

01 SUNDAY

CROCHET CIRCLE

Noon to 3:30 p.m. Join fellow crocheters at Valparaiso Plaza

(2100 E. Ocean Blvd.) for an afternoon of creativity and connection. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crocheter, this event welcomes everyone to learn, share projects and make new friends in the community. as you stitch, chat and unwind with fellow enthusiasts. To find the exact location of the group on the day of the event, direct message @knotieshortie on Instagram. Free.

IN MEMORIAM EXHIBIT

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to the opening of this art exhibit memorializing the work of two late local artists at the Rod Briggs Gallery (2221 E. Broadway). The exhibit will honor Marka Burns, an influential artist and educator at CSULB, and Mic Burns, a renowned pipe designer and digital painter. Free.

02 MONDAY

K-9 EMERGENCY FIRST AID & CPR

10:30 a.m. to noon. Dog owners are invited to learn how to care for their furry friends in emergency situations during this workshop at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Hazards discussed will include choking, poisons, wound care and more. This workshop is for those 18 and older. Registration is required. Register by calling 562 989 7330. Free.

HARTE-FELT HOLIDAY GIFTS

6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Get inspired this holiday season with thoughtful and budget-friendly gift ideas curated by the staff at the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St., Long Beach). Librarians will share a list of creative and inexpensive gift examples perfect for everyone on your list. Compli-



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Fireworks erupt from the top of the Long Beach Terrace Theater after the lights are turned on for the Christmas tree during the 8th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 5, 2022.

mentary coffee, tea and cocoa will be available while supplies last. Free.

03 TUESDAY

HERITAGE HOLIDAYS

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate the season with Long Beach Heritage at the Bembridge House (953 N. Park Circle). Enjoy live music, caroling, seasonal treats, and guided tours of this 118-year-old Victorian home. Tickets can be purchased for \$17.85 on Eventbrite.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Teens in the 7th through 12th grades are invited to join a Dungeons & Dragons campaign at the El Dorado Neighborhood Library (2900 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach). This interactive event welcomes players of all skill levels for a campaign to Stormwreck Isle. Registration is required as space is limited. Register by calling (562) 570-3136 or through the City's online calendar. Free.

04 WEDNESDAY

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Celebrate the season during this annual holiday celebration at the Terrace Plaza (300 E. Ocean Blvd.). Enjoy the lighting of a 67-foot tree adorned with over 500,000 lights, live music, performances, food trucks, pictures with Santa and a fireworks display. Free.

POLAR BEARS IN A CHANGING ARCTIC

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Join Dr. Karyn Rode, wildlife biologist, at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100

Aquarium Way) for a discussion about polar bears and their changing habitat. Afterward, attendees can enjoy cocktails from the cash bar, music, crafts and live animal exhibits. This event is appropriate for those over the age of 14. Tickets are \$5 on the aquarium's website or \$10 at the door.

05 THURSDAY

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Rancho Los Alamitos (6400 E. Bixby Hill Rd.) will be holding a holiday celebration featuring music and light refreshments in its historic buildings and gardens. Registration through Eventbrite is required. Parking on-site will cost \$5. Admission is free.

CAL HEIGHTS TREE LIGHTING

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Kick off the holiday season at the second annual Cal Heights Neighborhood Tree Lighting at the corner of Orange Avenue and Bixby Road, featuring a 15-foot tree, remarks by Councilwoman Megan Kerr, and live music by local choirs and jazz artist Billy Mohler. Enjoy tacos, hot cocoa, cookie decorating, photos with Santa and more. Attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to children in need. Parking is limited in the neighborhood and walking is encouraged. Free.

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The Signal Hill City Council applauds for Vice Mayor Edward H.J. Wilson after he receives the key to the city, on Oct. 2, 2024.

diversity among City staff and counter systemic racism. He also worked to get Signal Hill its own zip code, whereas in the past it had to share zip codes with Long Beach.

He feels these goals were accomplished, as illustrated by the multi-million dollar homes on the hill, a balanced city budget with plenty of reserve funds, the creation of the Diversity Coalition Committee and the greatly increased diversity of City staff.

"I believe that change is the one constant in life," Wilson told the *Signal Tribune*. "You're either going to lead change or you're going to follow it. It's going to have to come, right? I believe that transparency is important, and the more people that are involved with different perspectives, the better the outcomes will be."



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Signal Hill Vice Mayor Ed Wilson and his fiancé ride along MLK Avenue during the annual MLK Day Parade on Jan. 13, 2024.

Wilson's career and retirement were celebrated with an event hosted by the City at City Hall on Nov. 8, during which numerous other public officials thanked Wilson for his service to the community.

Wilson's departure marks the end of an era, but it also ushers in a new chapter for the city council with the election of Charlie Honeycutt to fill his seat. Honeycutt, a longtime resident of Signal Hill, worked for the City starting in the '80s and served as the city manager from 2017 to 2019.

"Charlie was a fantastic city manager, and he's always had the best interest of the city at heart. He came up through the ranks. I respect him tremendously," Wilson told the *Signal Tribune*.

Honeycutt told the *Signal Tribune* that he only decided to run for the open city council seat because Wilson decided to retire. He said numerous residents had expressed concerns to him about the potential loss of experience on the council due to Wilson's retirement.

Honeycutt, along with candidate Sonia Savoulian, and incumbents Lori Woods and Robert Copeland, ran for three city council seats in the election held earlier this month. Honeycutt won the third most votes, garnering 2,249 votes as of Nov. 18, compared to Savoulian's 1,431 votes.

"I'm just very thankful for everybody who voted for me, the support I received both from the residents and the business community as well," Honeycutt told the *Signal Tribune*. "I want to be a council member that's accessible. So if anybody needs to talk to a council member, I want to be that person."

In an interview with the *Signal Tribune*, Honeycutt said one of his main goals while in office will be to support public safety and the police department.

"I want to make sure that our community remains safe," said Honeycutt, who also serves as the president of the Signal Hill Police Foundation. "I want to make sure our police department has all the resources that they need. And largely, the council has made sure that happened [...]. But I want to make sure that our public safety is well supported."

Honeycutt also said he wants to help development projects move forward, such as the new Civic Center and Heritage Square.

Honeycutt will take his seat on the Signal Hill City Council during the regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 10. City Council terms last four years, and council members can be reelected an indefinite number of times.

"I'm going to do my best to listen to the ideas and concerns of the residents here and have that guide my decision making," Honeycutt told the *Signal Tribune*.

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expecting – made her feel official.

"It is a pretty big responsibility because I'm the voice of all the students in the district, which is really weird to think about," Arroyo said.

As student board member, Arroyo can cast a preferential vote that, while not counting toward the official vote on an item, provides the board with a student perspective. She will also be attending community and school events alongside board members throughout her year-long term.

"There's some student voices in different groups that are more prominent than others, whether they're doing advocacy work or are part of other groups, and I know there's a lot of voices of the students who aren't heard because they are not as involved or don't know how to get their opinions out there," Arroyo said, adding that her focus will be to ensure these less-represented students are also heard.

As student board member, Arroyo can cast a preferential vote that, while not counting toward the official vote on an item, provides the board with a student perspective.

Arroyo was chosen among a pool of 34 applicants, according to Board President Diana Craighead, who was most impressed by Arroyo's maturity in the way she balances her academic life and her social-emotional wellbeing.

"I think that's kind of tough for a lot of our students, especially at our smaller thematic high schools [where] there's so much pressure on these kids to perform," Craighead said. "So for her to be aware that she needs to take a step back every now and then and make sure that she's taking care of herself, I think that's a very good quality to have."

That balance is crucial to Arroyo, who is entrenched in her school and community through various



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Alana Arroyo serves as a student voice on the Long Beach Unified School District board, helping ensure that demographic feels heard by the whole board.

programs. Apart from Drone Soccer, she is a part of the automotive club and is serving as Associated Student Body secretary. She is also involved in other service clubs like the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation.

Outside of school, Arroyo has been involved with humanitarian organizations like Habitat for Humanity. She was unable to attend the board meeting announcing the five finalists for student board member because she was volunteering in Ecuador.

Because of her skills and work ethic, Gallo hired Arroyo to teach engineering to younger students through after-school and summer programs as part of his and his wife's business, California Drone Sports.

"That's how much we trust and respect her," said Gallo. "She's our go-to person to do those things because she's comfortable doing it and she's done it a lot."

Arroyo's passion for engineering stems from being surrounded by science all her life. She attended a magnet elementary school outside of LBUSD where she regularly participated in science fairs and grew up doing hands-on work with her parents, who are on-site-apartment managers. Arroyo fondly recalls being her dad's handyman assistant and helping him build and fix things.

"With engineering I can choose what I want to build and design and create, that just really drew my attention, and I grew in love with that," Arroyo said.

She's planning to major in mechanical engineering in college before going into aerospace engineering. Arroyo said she has been fascinated by space since she was a child and intrigued by rockets.

"Rocketry is not that popular, it's something that we really only think of NASA doing on the big scale," said Arroyo, who built a small rocket her freshman year. "But for me, being able to do that, just even on this small scale, I just loved it, and it's kept me going."

Whether it's building a rocket or flying a drone, these experiences have taught Arroyo to be extremely detail-oriented. So while being a student board member may not be rocket science, Arroyo brings the same mindset to her new role.

"Being in these STEM and these engineering settings got me to pay attention to detail and the processes of going through and creating something or evaluating something," Arroyo said. "As a student board member, it will help me to really pay attention to the details of the work that I'm doing with the students in the community, and to set up systems to properly gather this student perspective and present it."

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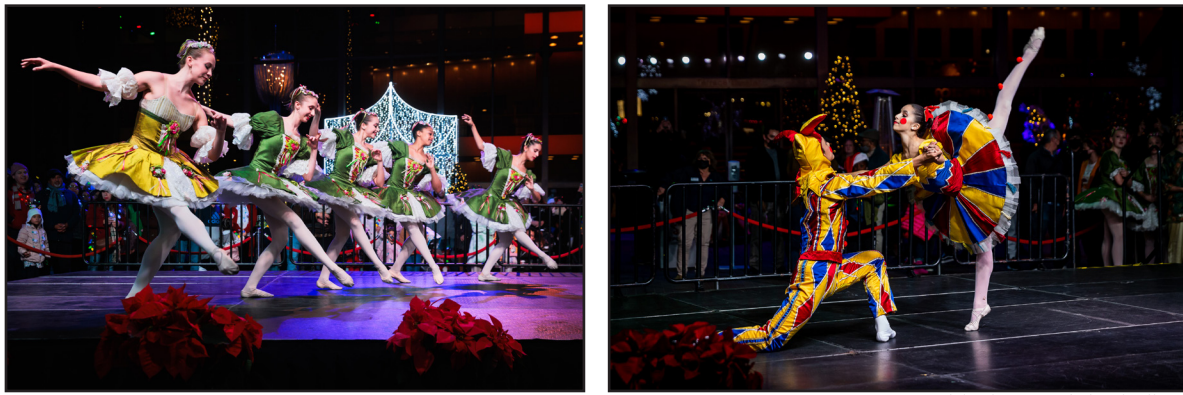
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Enjoy a world of wintery wonder at Long Beach Ballet's 'The Nutcracker'



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Performers with the Long Beach Ballet perform parts of "The Nutcracker" during the Long Beach Tree Lighting celebration on Nov. 30, 2021.

Staff Report
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See stunning ensemble sequences, a festive winter wonderland and the famous "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" during the 42nd production of The Long Beach Nutcracker at the Terrace Theater.

As has become a local holiday tradition, over 250 performers from Long Beach Ballet, led by artistic director David Wilcox, will dazzle audiences with their take on Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's world-famous ballet.

All performances of the "The Nutcracker" will be anchored by the sounds of a full symphony orchestra. According to the Long Beach Ballet, they are one of only two ballet companies in the country to use two harps in their show orchestra, which is done to "ensure the performance sounds exactly as

Tchaikovsky intended it to sound." The Long Beach Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" has received high acclaim over the years, including being voted the "best-loved" production in the country in 2018 and 2019 through the annual Goldstar Audience Survey.

Along with Tchaikovsky's score being performed live during the show, audiences can expect a flying sleigh, a real live horse, pyrotechnics, special guest performances and some surprises as well. "The Nutcracker" is certainly classical fun for all ages, but the Long Beach Ballet's production aims to channel enough excitement to entertain longtime fans of ballet and convert the skeptics in the crowd.

"I like using the beauty of the classical art form of ballet, which has taken 500 years to develop to the level that it is today, to form a production that's enticing and

exciting," Wilcox said in a public statement. "It has pyrotechnics, it has magic; it's got everything I can think of to make it thrilling. This production is not just for people who like ballet. You can hate ballet and you'll still like this production."

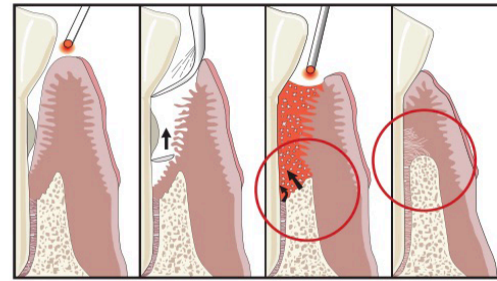
Tickets for this production are ranging from \$34 to \$145, and can be purchased online or in person at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center Main Box Office. There are also special VIP packages available for purchase, along with discounts for groups of over 10 people.

There will be seven performances (on Dec. 14 & 15, and 20-22) of "The Nutcracker" by the Long Beach Ballet at the Terrace Theater, located at 300 E. Ocean Blvd. To learn more about this production, visit longbeachnutcracker.com or the [@longbeachballet](https://www.instagram.com/longbeachballet) on Instagram.

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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/N. 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

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

**TST7497 / 2024 229725
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: VELAZQUEZ FURNITURE, 14924 PARAMOUNT BLVD., PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Reg-

istrant: 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 county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 15, 22, 29 & December 6, 2024 ___/ss/___ David W. Slayton, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 8, 2024

**TST7506 Case No. 24LBCP00378
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: Alieta Vuki & Siada Vuki, Kyree Kinikini, Jerayah Kirikiri, Malakal

Kinikini, Penisimani Kinikini, Jay Kinikini and Alieta Kinikini Vuki for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Alieta Vuki & Siada Vuki have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: 1. Kyree Elenor Kinikini Proposed Name: 1. Kyree Telesia Vuki 2. Jerayah Nyelah Kinikini 2. Jerayah Ana Vuki 3. Malakal Penisimani Kinikini 3. Malakal Joe Vuki 4. Panisimani To'a Melre Kinikini 4. Penisimani Vuki 5. Jay Heumata Kinikini 5. Jay Ma'ata Vuki 6. Alieta Vuki 6. Alieta Kinikini 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 31, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 22, 29 & December 6, 13, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 12, 2024

**TST7498 Case No. 24LBCP00376
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: Jeffrey Dean Pfohlman Jr. for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Jeffrey Dean Pfohlman Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Jeffrey Dean Pfohlman Jr. Proposed Name: Jeffrey Dean Alcalde 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: January 8, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 22, 29 & December 6, 13, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 8, 2024

**TST7507 Case No. 24LBCP00348
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: Irene Hernandez & Elvin Santos on behalf of a minor Eric Santos for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Irene Hernandez & Elvin Santos on behalf of minor Eric Santos have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Eric Victoriano Santos Proposed Name: Xavi Victoriano Santos 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: January 2, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 22, 29 & December 6, 13, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 18, 2024

**TST7510 / 2024 237363
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: SLAY E ROOFING, 818 ELM AVE 201, LONG BEACH, CA. 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: EDWIN EDGARDO MEJIA, 818 ELM AVE 201, LONG BEACH, CA. 90813. 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: EDWIN EDGARDO MEJIA, OWNER. 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 18, 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 29, & December 6, 13, 20, 2024

**TST7511 Case No. 24STCP03825
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012 PETITION OF: Rosalind Yvette Bowden for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Rosalind Yvette Bowden has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Rosalind Yvette Jones 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: February 24, 2025; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. 9, Room: 9. 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. November 29 & December 6, 13, 20, 2024 ___/ss/___ Elaine Lu, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 25, 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: 1. GEORGE F. ROYSE III, 16401 PIUMA AVENUE, CERRITOS, CA. 90703. 2. IVANA K. ROYCE, 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

**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, VERNURA, CA. 93001. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. 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

**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: CA. 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

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**TST7508
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

RFB 13-2425 – Musical Instruments

The Long Beach Unified School District is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide Musical Instruments. The intent of this RFB is to select the most responsive and responsible Bidder and establish a one (1) year contract with an option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods based on satisfactory service and performance. More information at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>. The deadline for submitting a bid is **12/27/2024 at 11:00 AM**

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by
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 29
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
of
PUBLIC HEARING ON DIRECTOR COMPENSATION ORDINANCE**

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Districts' Board Room, 1955 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, CA 90601. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss a proposed Ordinance Providing Compensation for Members of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County and to provide the public with an opportunity to make comments on the provisions of the Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance provides for the compensation of members of the Board of Directors and increases compensation to \$175 per meeting or service event, a 1.7 percent annual increase since the last compensation increase. For Directors attending multiple meetings on the same day, they would be compensated at \$125 per meeting, which is unchanged from the existing stipend. Additionally, the proposed ordinance institutes an annual increase in the stipend based on inflation as measured utilizing the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Los Angeles-Long Beach, not to exceed 5 percent.

Written comments on the proposed Ordinance may also be mailed to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, P.O. Box 4998, Whittier, CA 90607-4998, and must be received by 1:30 p.m. on December 11, 2024, to be considered at the hearing. Further information on the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from Districts' staff at (800) 426-7414 (toll free), extension 2727, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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ARTS



Applications for the Youth Poet Laureate program open Dec. 15

Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Helena Donato-Sapp was chosen as the 2024 Youth Poet Laureate, with her Poet Ambassadors surrounding her.

Youth ages 13 to 18 who are passionate about creating change in their community are encouraged to apply.

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Young poets can start brushing off their notebooks and get their favorite pieces ready for Long Beach's 2025 Youth Poet Laureate Program.

Beginning on Sunday, Dec. 15, youth ages 13 to 18 can apply to "inspire positive change in their communities through the power of activism and poetry," according to a press release from the City. Applications will close on Feb. 15, 2025.

"The Youth Poet Laureate program represents the spirit of creativity and activism that defines Long Beach," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "Through the power of their words, our young poets are shaping the future of our city one verse at a time. I'm incredibly proud to see our community continue to support programs like this, which empower our youth to lead and inspire others."

The National Youth Poet Laureate program began in New York City in 2008, and now exists in over

70 communities across the nation. Long Beach's program began in 2023, making this the third iteration.

This year's Youth Poet Laureate program is in collaboration with the Arts Council for Long Beach and supported by Urban Word NYC.



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EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, November 20

5:36 p.m., Grand theft, 2000 block Cherry Ave.
6:09 p.m., Customer dispute, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
8:08 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block E. 33rd St.

Thursday, November 21

7:08 a.m., Burglary, 1100 block E. Willow St.
12:10 p.m., Elder abuse, 2400 block California Ave.
2:53 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.
6:40 p.m., DUI, 2800 block Walnut Ave.

Friday, November 22

7:40 a.m., Elder abuse, 1010 block San Antonio Ave.
6:53 p.m., Auto burglary, E. 19th St. west of Stanley Ave.
8:56 p.m., Battery on spouse, 1700 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, November 23

10:21 a.m., Intoxicated person, 2700 block Panorama Dr. (citation issued)

Sunday, November 24

5:43 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1500 block E. Hill St.
2:25 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.
6:32 p.m., Battery, 1800 block E. Willow St.
8:37 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./Skyline Dr.

Monday, November 25

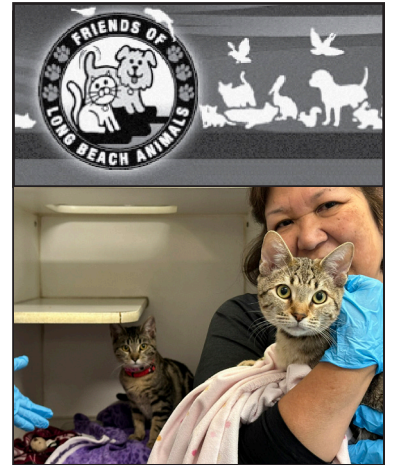
10:55 p.m., Battery on spouse, 1900 block Stanley Ave. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, November 26

5:25 a.m. Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
7:38 a.m., Fire, 2200 block Legion Dr.
10:56 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Town Ctr E.
4:28 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
9:29 p.m., Petty theft; possessing paraphernalia, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
10:11 p.m., Grand theft, 1600 block E. Willow St.

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

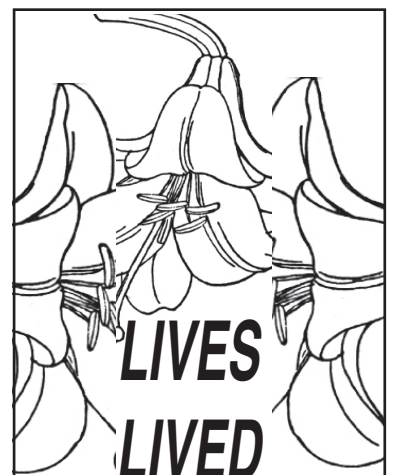
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Pets of the week: Binky & Minky

Meet Binky, enjoying a cuddle from volunteer Grace, and his sister, Minky, who's thinking about it. They're two beautiful brown tabbies who need to make it to a forever home for the holidays. They're only halfway out of kittenhood and have already been abandoned, twice—once in a cemetery in a laundry basket! All that your Thanksgiving weekend needs is two grateful cats in your home! Please come meet them. To adopt or foster Binky and Minky, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process, or call (562) 570-7387. Ask for ID#A707857.

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- ERVIN HUNT 77

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HEALTH

Long Beach will create new Reentry Service and Diversion Program with \$8 million in state funding

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Long Beach Health and Human Services has received an \$8 million grant to assist individuals arrested, charged or convicted with nonviolent offenses through the creation of the Long Beach Reentry Service and Diversion Program.

This grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections will fund the new program through 2028. Various community organizations will be involved in the program, with a focus on helping those with mental health or substance use challenges.

"This new program will support and address gaps for reentry services such as vital mental health and substance use treatment for nonviolent offenders," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "By providing key support services, we can reduce recidivism, reducing crime while providing a second chance for those who are justice-involved."

According to the City of Long Beach, the goals of the Long Beach Reentry Service and Diversion Program are to:

- Enhance and increase coordination of mental health, substance use treatment, diversion and supportive services for formerly incarcerated people in Long Beach. The City's goal is to enroll 200 clients a year in these core/supportive services.

- Increase programming specifically designed for justice-involved youth ages 15-24. The City aims to enroll at least 50 youth a year in diversion programming.

- Improve services specific to justice-involved women. The City aims to enroll at least 25 women a year in gender-specific programming.

Services that will be offered within the program include individual and group therapy, psychiatric medication management, substance use treatment and pre-arrest diversion. There will also be uplifting initiatives such as case management, education and employment assistance and connections to housing, legal support and tattoo removal.

In order to distribute the grant, the Long Beach Health Department will hire two staff members to help with the intake and referral process, conduct outreach and screen-

ing. The already-existing Re-Entry Advisory Committee will create the subcommittee: the Long Beach Proposition Advisory Committee. It will advise on the program's design, implementation, and continuous quality improvement.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

The \$8 million grant awarded to Long Beach Health and Human Services will fund a variety of mental health and substance use services as part of the City's new Reentry Service and Diversion Program.

"The program will strengthen partnerships to boost the capacity of local service providers and provide services through a trauma-informed and culturally responsive lens," said Health Department Director Alison King in a public statement.

The Health Department is cur-

rently assessing program details and will announce further information in early 2025.

The California Board of State and Community Corrections, which awarded the grant, is an independent statutory agency that oversees adult and juvenile criminal justice systems.

Funding for the program originated from state savings tracing back to the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014, which classified certain low-level drug and property crimes as misdemeanors rather than felonies.

Thirty five percent of the money California saved from court, jail and prison services were funneled into the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund, with goals similar to reentry programs. The board awarded those savings (\$167 million) to 27 government and community-based organizations in October.

The passage of Proposition 36 on this year's California ballot will roll back Prop 47 by reclassifying some misdemeanor theft and drug crimes as felonies and create a treatment-mandated felony category for certain offenders.

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