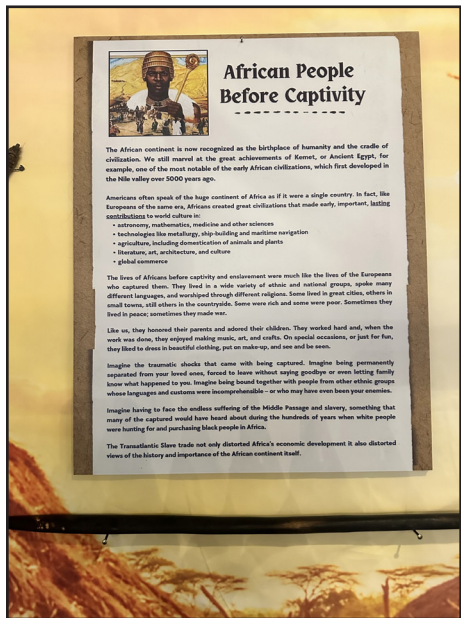




**HISTORICAL EXHIBIT**

# 'The Middle Passage Experience' doesn't shy away from America's history



Courtesy of Sharon Diggs-Jackson

The African American Cultural Center of Long Beach's current "Middle Passage Experience" exhibit teaches attendees about life in Africa pre-slavery.

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

The African American Cultural Center of Long Beach's newest exhibit chronicles a difficult, but essential piece of American history. Though its contents consist of trauma, bondage and despicable cruelty, "The Middle Passage Experience" is both a testament to the undeniable strength it took to persevere, and the importance of remembering the past.

The Middle Passage is the route that over 12.5 million Africans had to take aboard ships from Africa to America. These tight-packed floating prisons were run by a cruel regime and subjected Africans to inhumane conditions. As a result, over one million people died along the Middle Passage.

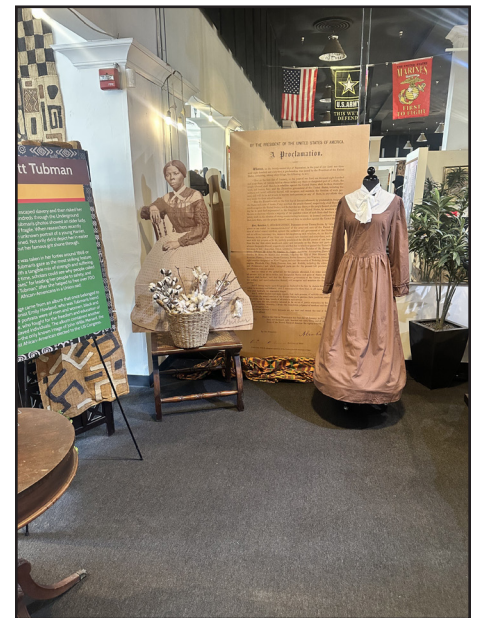
The exhibit was curated by Sharon Diggs-Jackson, a Long Beach-born-and-raised historian, genealogist and board member for the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach. The contents have been put on display two times before, once at the Cultural Center in 2003 and again in Downtown Long Beach in 2004.

Diggs-Jackson felt it was necessary to bring back "The Middle Passage Experience" exhibit this year so people get the chance "to really talk about our history as Americans," she said.

"To be able to understand the full breadth; the good and the bad, because all of that has gone into making us the nation that we are, and it's an important topic especially today ... This current climate we're living in, there are some that would like to erase our history completely, but I'm a historian and I believe in telling things the way that they were. It's not my job to rewrite or to remarket history, my job is to tell it as it happened," Diggs-Jackson said.

Attendees will be taken through the perilous journey that over 12 million Africans took

see 'THE MIDDLE PASSAGE EXPERIENCE' page 4



Courtesy of Sharon Diggs-Jackson

The "Middle Passage Experience" at the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach ends its story on the perseverance and ingenuity that American slaves possessed.

**EDUCATION**



Briana Mendez-Padilla | Signal Tribune

Attendees at the Teachers Association of Long Beach rally listen to educators, parents and students speak about the importance of protecting public education on Feb. 8, 2025.

## Community rallies against Trump administration's threats to education

The Teachers Association of Long Beach hosted a rally on Saturday with speakers condemning plans to dismantle the Department of Education and uplifting the importance of public education.

Briana Mendez-Padilla  
Education Reporter

Between calls to action and a constant reaffirmation of support for marginalized student populations, a group of around 100 Long Beach community members gathered the morning of Feb. 8 in support of public education.

The Teacher's Association of Long Beach hosted a rally with teachers, community organizers and elected officials who spoke against the current presidential administration's policy efforts that would negatively impact education.

"Education is the cornerstone of our society, who goes after the Department of Education?" California State Superintendent Tony Thurmond said.

President Donald Trump has been threatening to abolish the Department of Education since his campaign, but the decision would require congressional approval.

Thurmond reassured parents and the community that while the dissolution of the Department of Education is unlikely, the state is ready to fight back. He pointed to California congress members like Rep. Robert Garcia — who also spoke at the rally — who have pledged to vote against legislation trying to dismantle the department.

"This is not a partisan issue, this is an issue that affects people of all backgrounds and parties," Thurmond said.

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson said these actions are an attack on democracy.

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## HEALTH



## Long Beach to implement new online Racial and Health Equity Data Hub

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Two young girls use bubble guns while riding on top of a Jeep during the annual MLK Day Parade on Jan 13, 2024.

### Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has introduced a new online Racial and Health Equity Data Hub, designed to provide an overview of the health status of Long Beach residents across different racial and ethnic groups. This interactive platform will utilize health data to address community challenges and promote health equity citywide.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

A flag twirler throws up and catches a Cambodian flag during the Cambodia Town Parade on April 2, 2023.

The Data Hub offers tools for residents to explore how various social determinants of health—such as education, housing, public safety, and access to nutritious food—impact health outcomes in the community. These factors influence health, daily functioning, and qual-

ity of life for individuals. The goal is to use this data to improve these conditions across Long Beach's diverse neighborhoods.

The platform includes data on chronic diseases, communicable diseases, maternal and child health, and mental health, as well as factors such as economic equity, housing and homelessness. It allows users to view this information by race/ethnicity, gender, geography, and year.

The hub consolidates several other health-related City dashboards, including those for the Long Beach Recovery Act, Community Health Assessment, HIV Data, Homelessness, and Community Crisis Response.

The Data Hub will eventually integrate data from ongoing community needs assessments for the Cambodian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, Black, and LGBTQ+ populations, providing a more comprehensive look at the needs of Long Beach's diverse communities.

"When we talk about improving the health of Long Beach residents, we need to look at the whole picture," Health and Human Services Director Alison King said in a public statement. "This new data hub allows us to analyze trends over time, which, in turn, helps inform policy so we can improve outcomes."

The data provided in the hub is drawn from sources such as the Big Cities Health Data Inventory, the American Community Survey, National Equity Atlas, and the CDC's PLACES datasets, with information available up to 2021.

## RESOURCE

## Level Up LB offers small business owners funds and assistance

### Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach has opened applications for the second round of its Level Up LB: Extreme Small Business Makeover and Grant Program.

Level Up LB was created to financially assist aspiring entrepreneurs with their small businesses and help them craft sustainable business plans. Through this program, 20 small business owners will receive support services, participate in workshops and earn \$10,000 in grant funding to advance their business goals.

The chosen applicants for Level Up LB's second cohort will be connected with resources and informative workshops throughout a ten-week course that will center around creating new business and marketing plans. Following the course's completion, businesses will be awarded \$10,000 in grant funding to grow their business and implement their plans.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Customers browse some of the skates on display at Pigeon's Roller Skate Shop on July 21, 2021. The mural by artist Jacquelin de Leon was painted when the shop opened in 2019.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and make up 52% of jobs in Long Beach," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public



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(From left to right) Terrance, Howard "Weezy" Harris Jr. and Briana Archie hold their clippers towards the camera inside of Bladez Barber Shop in North Long Beach on Jan. 27, 2022.

statement. "The continuation of the Level Up LB Program reflects our commitment to supporting small businesses, bolstering local job creation, innovation and connection, and the economic future of our city."

Applications are open now through Thursday, March 20 at 5 p.m.. Businesses that apply will be evaluated based on their need, readiness to participate and potential program impact on their business growth. For further eligibility details, visit [longbeach.gov/levelup](http://longbeach.gov/levelup).

Level Up LB is led by staff from the Economic Development Department alongside support from local partners. Businesses chosen for the program will assess their business plan, financials, sales metrics and ways to reach the next level of growth.

"With Level Up LB, we are in-

vesting directly in the dreams and hard work of our entrepreneurs and small businesses," said Economic Development Department Director Bo Martinez in a public statement. "We are proud to provide the support and resources needed to help our local businesses grow and contribute to the fabric of our community. When small businesses succeed, our entire city succeeds."

In 2024, 29 small businesses received \$266,000 through the first round of Level Up LB. As part of the City's adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, the Long Beach City Council approved a one-time funding of \$500,000 towards business improvement districts and small businesses, with half (\$250,000) allocated to Level Up LB.

To learn more about Level Up LB and additional small business assistance, visit [longbeach.gov/bizcare](http://longbeach.gov/bizcare).

## IMPROVEMENTS

## Long Beach to host meeting on District 6 public works projects ahead of upcoming Olympics

### Staff Report

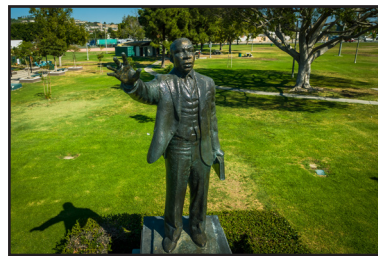
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Long Beach will hold a community meeting Feb. 20 about projects planned for District 6 leading up to the 2028 Olympics, including the creation of the African American Cultural District.

The Elevate '28 initiative aims to improve the city before the influx of tourism that will occur during the 2028 Olympics, with nearly 200 projects aimed at enhancing parks, community facilities, accessibility and transportation throughout Long Beach.

Several major projects under Elevate '28 will take place in District 6, including the restoration of the VIP Records sign, the creation of the African American Cultural District and the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Vision Plan.

Public Works Department staff will give an overview of the projects, and afterwards community members can ask questions and offer feedback. Staff members from various City departments, along with the Office of Sixth District



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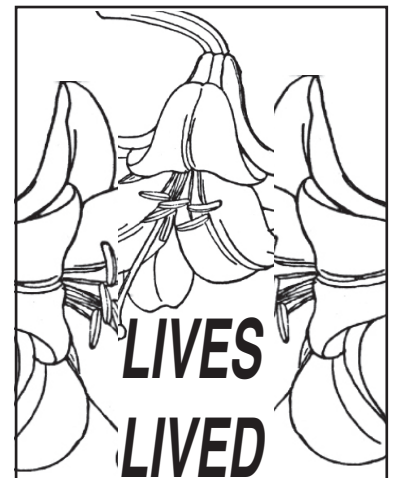
A statue of Martin Luther King Jr. is prominently displayed at the Long Beach park, bearing his name on Oct. 3, 2022.

Councilmember Dr. Suely Saro and local stakeholders will be present to discuss the planned improvements in the district.

Interpretation services will be available in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog. Free parking will be provided on campus in Lot 2.

Scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the meeting will take place at Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast Campus, in Dyer Hall (1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.).

To learn more about Elevate '28, visit [lbelevate28.com](http://lbelevate28.com).



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# AROUND TOWN

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

**T**his love-filled week offers chances to connect with neighbors and friends, romantic date nights and ways to give back to the community in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Non-traditional ways to celebrate the season of love include a space for grieving among the community Friday night, or an anti-oil Valentine's Day card writing event Saturday.

Those who feel the most love for nature and animals can give back by counting birds at the El Dorado Nature Center Sunday morning or playing pickleball to benefit pups on Sunday. Festivals and celebrations this week include a Lunar New Year Celebration at 2ND & PCH Saturday afternoon, an Afro-Latinx Festival Sunday and a Origami Festival Sunday.

### 14 FRIDAY

#### VALENTINE'S DAY JAZZ CONCERT

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden (Earl Warren Drive) at Cal State Long Beach will host a romantic jazz concert. Guests can bring a blanket and picnic to enjoy in the scenic garden. Admission is \$50 per pairing, with an option to upgrade to a table with two chairs for an additional \$25. Tickets can be purchased on the university's website. Complimentary parking is available in Lot G4.

#### HAUNTED HEARTS - PARANORMAL DATE NIGHT

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Take a two-hour guided paranormal tour of the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Highway) with Officer Paul Jacek ("Officer Spooky"). Explore the ship's most haunted areas, hear ghost

stories and finish the night with a Valentine's Day dinner. To make reservations, call 562-499-1616. This event costs \$164.30.

### 15 SATURDAY

#### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

1 p.m. Celebrate Lunar New Year at 2ND & PCH (6400 E. Pacific Coast Hwy) during this event, featuring a market with local vendors, live performances and family-friendly activities. Free.

#### BREAKING UP WITH BIG OIL

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Climate Brunch and the Sierra Club Los Angeles will host a family-friendly event at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.) to inform the public about their campaign to end Signal Hill's reliance on oil. Attendees will write Valentine's cards to Signal Hill City officials asking them to "break up with big oil" and then deliver these cards to Signal Hill City Hall. Free.

#### 16MM FILM CLUB

7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Join 3TON Cinema for an evening of 16mm films at Place LB (2172 Pacific Ave.), featuring a mix of analog cinema selections from the 20th century. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and movies begin at 8:00 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 at the door, but no one will be turned away because they can't pay.

### 16 SUNDAY

#### PICKLEBALL FOR PUPS

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sports Basement Long Beach (2100 N Bellflower Blvd.) will host a two-day pickle-

ball tournament to raise money for Long Beach Animal Care Services and K9 Kismet Rescue. Participants can play pickleball and meet adoptable dogs. Medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each category. Registration is \$50 on pickle4pups.org.

#### AFRO-LATINX FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) invites the community to celebrate the cultural impact of the African diaspora in the Americas through music, dance and food. Attendees will hear from artists, scholars and community organizers about Afro-Latinx experiences. Free admission.

#### ORIGAMI DAY FESTIVAL

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at Cal State Long Beach will host a day of origami and other fun activities (Earl Warren Drive). Free parking is available in Lot G4. Registration costs \$10 on the university's website and covers up to six people.

### 17 MONDAY

#### BENEFIT CONCERT

7 p.m. The Long Beach Big Band, co-led by saxophonists Pat Sheng and Mike Zilber, will perform a special benefit concert to support victims of the LA fires at Alvas Showroom (1417 W Eighth St.) in San Pedro. All proceeds will go to charitable organizations including the American Red Cross, World Central Kitchen, MusiCares and the LA Humane Society. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 on the Alvas Showroom website.

#### WRESTLING WATCH PARTY

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wrestling fans are invited to Roxanne's (1115 E.



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This Sunday, Feb. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sports Basement Long Beach will host a two-day pickleball tournament with the goal of raising money for Long Beach Animal Care Services and K9 Kismet Rescue. Registration is \$50.

Wardlow Road) to watch wrestling on TV, connect with fellow enthusiasts and discuss all things wrestling-related. Free admission.

### 18 TUESDAY

#### VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK

11 a.m. Join journalist and author Lee Hawkins online for a conversation about his memoir, "I Am Nobody's Slave: How Uncovering My Family's History Set Me Free," which explores his family's legacy of post-enslavement trauma and resilience. Registration through the City's online event calendar is required. Free.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Families are invited to the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) to enjoy stories and foster a love of reading. Children will enjoy stories, songs and phonics activities, followed by a craft or playtime. Free.

### 19 WEDNESDAY

#### LGBTQIA2S+ COMMUNITY GATHERING & RESOURCE FAIR

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The LGBTQIA2S+ Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Advisory Committee will host a community gathering and resource fair at Bixby Park Community Center (130 Cherry Ave.). This event aims to foster community engagement and celebrate LGBTQIA2S+ voices. Free.

#### COLORADO LAGOON COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The City of Long Beach plans to update residents on the ongoing changes it's

making to Colorado Lagoon during a community meeting at the Recreation Park Community Center (4900 E. Seventh St.). Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation. Interpretation services will be available in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog.

### 20 THURSDAY

#### WRIGLEY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FEASIBILITY MEETING

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The City of Long Beach Economic Development Department will host a stakeholder meeting at The Cove Hotel (200 E. Willow St.) to discuss the feasibility of creating a business improvement district for the Wrigley business corridor in Council Districts 6 and 7. Register for this event on the City's online calendar. Free.

#### ELEVATE '28 IN DISTRICT 6 MEETING

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach's Department of Public Works will host a community meeting at Dyer Hall on the Long Beach City College Pacific Coast Campus (1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy) to discuss key Elevate '28 projects in Council District 6. Interpretation services will be available in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog. Free parking is available in Lot 2. Free.

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**'THE MIDDLE PASSAGE EXPERIENCE'**

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Courtesy of Sharon Diggs-Jackson

"The Middle Passage Experience" at the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach spends time showing attendees that Africa was a thriving, diverse continent before the Atlantic slave trade.

in bondage that led them to North, South and Central America. Through physical artifacts, videos, images, informational boards and docents, the Cultural Center will aim to tell the entire story of Africans — not just slavery.

Although the Middle Passage is the central component of the exhibit, the story doesn't begin or end there. Attendees will learn about daily life and civilization in Africa in the 1800s, a successful and thriving continent.

"The history that we've been led to believe is that Africa was this uncivilized nation and there was this need to go get these people and to bring them into civilization," Diggs-Jackson said. "But the truth of the matter is the continent of Africa is the cradle of life, it's the cradle of technology. There were scientists, there were farmers, astronomers. It was an established society."

Historians have acknowledged that Africa is the birthplace of civilization as we know it, and many staples of life, such as the formation of states, engineering and architecture, originated there.

According to the Jim Crow Mu-

seum, West Africa had complex political structures that spanned large kingdoms such as Benin and Kongo, as well as villages that came to agreements which decided the governing powers. In the centuries before slavery became the dominant trade, Africans were known for their skill in medicine, mathematics and astronomy, as well as crafting gold, ivory and bronze goods.

**"You can't just rewrite history because it serves your purpose. We all benefit from the truth and we need to learn from the good lessons as well as the bad, and slavery is truly a black spot in our history."**

- Sharon Diggs-Jackson, curator of "The Middle Passage Experience"

The exhibit shows how certain peoples in Africa used to live and items they made such as weapons,

musical instruments and mudcloth (cloth made with fermented mud). There's also a large map of Africa and over 100 different villages and societies that used to exist.

Docents will also teach participants about how slavery impacted Africa; how Africa lost its youngest, strongest and brightest citizens for generations, and how its local economy was destroyed.

The Cultural Center will then take attendees through a corridor showing them what the Middle Passage journey was like, through images of how Africans had to travel on the ships to artifacts such as chains that were used. Images show how cramped the ships were, artifacts show how those aboard ships were intimidated and abused, and accompanying boards ask attendees to imagine being separated from their home, thrown amongst strangers, never to return.

"You can't just rewrite history because it serves your purpose. We all benefit from the truth and we need to learn from the good lessons as well as the bad, and slavery is truly a black spot in our history," Diggs-Jackson said. "We cannot rewrite history and we need to, as Americans, be able to own up to the good as well as the bad, because we learn from history ... History right now is such a controversial subject and we see what's happening in our country, of teachers and educators being prohibited from even talking about certain subjects, so it seemed like it's the right time to tell this story."

The exhibit ends on what life was like for Africans once they became enslaved in North America. Displays show how American Christians used parts of the bible to justify slavery, and panels tell how auctions were conducted. This part of the story takes time to debunk common misconceptions about slavery, like that it only existed in Southern states or that all Africans were or became Christian.

Attendees will also learn about the ingenuitive ways that slaves found ways to live by creating se-

cret meeting places to teach each other how to read and write, and by passing down their various traditions and culture even as America tried to erase it.



Courtesy of Sharon Diggs-Jackson

The "Middle Passage Experience" takes viewers through a journey of what it was like for slaves aboard the ships in the Middle Passage.

"While the story is traumatic, we try to leave people with the thought that — to have an understanding of the strength that had to have resided in those individuals who were put on that journey and then were able to survive, and once they got here into the United States, went on to make a life for themselves and to make a life for people like me who are fourth generation, just four generations removed from slavery," Diggs-Jackson said. "Ending on the hope that in spite of all of that, these people were survivors."

Diggs-Jackson said she felt it was important to end with the story of strength especially for the African American audience, "so when we start to feel like life is hard and there are struggles, that we call on that same DNA and energy and recognize that we are survivors, we are

conquerors."

Local educators who are interested in taking their students to the exhibit can schedule a private educational tour, so students can learn about this part of American history "in a way that adds value."

If attendees feel inspired to learn more about their history, Diggs-Jackson has another exhibit across the street at the Historical Society of Long Beach. This smaller exhibit is about early Long Beach and the stories of the first African Americans who settled here. Residents can learn about the first Black church, the first Black families in the city and more.

Diggs-Jackson said her main focus for the next few years, as the City prepares to create a Historically Black Cultural District, is to compile the stories of all the people who made Black Long Beach.

"Long Beach has an amazing story," she said. "There've been amazing people, many of them are my elders I was blessed to grow up with so that's part of what we're committed to over the next couple years."

The Middle Passage Exhibit will be on display at the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach (4321 Atlantic Ave.) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays and Fridays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. through March 1.

A special Sunday viewing will take place Feb. 16 from noon to 4 p.m., with light refreshments and discussions.

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“What they want is an uninformed electorate,” Richardson said. “We’ve seen it before, if you can’t read you can’t vote, you can’t think critically, you can’t speak up for the life that you want and for your family.”



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Samantha Martinez, a senior at Poly High School, speaks to the crowd at the Teachers Association of Long Beach rally on Feb. 8, 2025.

Samantha Martinez, a senior at Long Beach Poly High School shared her experience as a daughter of an immigrant mother, who instilled in her the value and importance of education. She added that dismantling the Department

of Education would strip away the structure and resources students need to thrive.

“Education isn’t just policy, it’s power,” Martinez said. “When we protect it, we give students not just the chance to survive, but the chance to succeed.”

Nubia Flores, a Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) parent and organizer emphasized that if there was a time for parents and teachers to be united, it is now. She urged teachers to invite parents in because they also want safe and welcoming schools, adding that collaboration is needed at all levels.

“We need elected [officials] that are going to lay upon the line just like parents, teachers and staff do every single day that kids go to school,” Flores said.

Several members of the Long Beach Unified school board were in attendance and gave speeches, including Superintendent Jill Baker, and board members Doug Otto and Juan Benitez.

During his speech, Benitez said

he commits to helping pass policies that help students. He also emphasized the importance of solidarity. He added that it is important to speak out and affirm equity for all marginalized groups whether that be immigrants, emerging bilinguals, LGBTQ+ students or students with disabilities.



Briana Mendez-Padilla | Signal Tribune  
Long Beach Unified Superintendent Jill Baker speaks to the crowd at the Teachers Association of Long Beach on Feb. 8, 2025.

“All of us, whether you went to [a public school] or not, are only here because of the powerful impact that a free equitable, well-funded, high-quality public education provides to everyone,” Benitez said.

In the past weeks, LBUSD has posted messages to its website and social media recognizing the uncertainty of the current political climate, but reassuring parents that the district intends to ensure schools remain safe for all students. The district created a webpage with immigration resources that will be updated periodically.

Simi Sardana, the mother of two LBUSD students, told the *Signal Tribune* she left the rally feeling reassured.

“Any time that we can see the community come together and support each other, you just feel empowered and you feel energized,” Sardana added. “We’re in good hands here in Long Beach.”

**EVENT**

**Running it back: Norfside LB Outreach hosting love-themed fundraiser and party for community**

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Neighbors, lovers and friends can spend an afternoon creating connections and helping their North Long Beach community at Norfside LB Outreach’s upcoming third space event on Feb. 23.



Courtesy of Hillary Nguyen  
DJs stand at the turntable and play sets for attendees of the 2023 The Norf Pole event, hosted by Norfside LB Outreach.

Following a successful Norf Pole event in December 2024, where the mutual aid group was able to raise over \$500 and accept plenty

of much needed supplies for Long Beach’s unhoused neighbors, the group decided to run it back for a love-themed gathering.

“Last time was so successful we finally had to get a storage unit to hold everything,” said Carlos Omar, one of the founding members of Norfside LB Outreach. He acknowledged that it’s “a bit of a gamble” to be hosting another event so soon, but they’re hoping it allows them to get to a place of stability with funds and resources, especially for when homeless residents have specific requests the team has to purchase.



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**TST7578 / 2025 005193  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: GARCIA'S FOOD SERVICE, 7520 SCOUT AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA. 90201. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GARCIA'S PRODUCE INC, 7520 SCOUT AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA. 90201. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: RIGOBERTO GARCIA, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 12/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/10/2025. 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: January 24, 31 & February 7, 14, 2025.

**TST7576 Case No. 25LBCP00030  
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: Julissa Alejandra De La Cruz for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Julissa Alejandra De La Cruz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Julissa Alejandra De La Cruz Proposed Name: Julissa Alejandra Lopez 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: March 4, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. January 24, 31, & February 7, 14, 2025 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Michael P. Vincencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 17, 2025

**TST7584 / 2025 014024  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: HOPE REALTY SERVICES, 4220 CHESTNUT AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: G&H REALTY COMPANY, INC., 4220 CHESTNUT AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GEORGE BUSTAMANTE, CEO. 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 1/22/2025. 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: January 24, 31 & February 7, 14, 2025.

**TST7585 Case No. 25PSCP00020  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WEST COVINA COURTHOUSE, 1427 WEST COVINA PARKWAY, WEST COVINA, CA. 91790 PETITION OF: Hannah Marie Castillo for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Hannah Marie Castillo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Hannah Marie Agno Castillo Proposed Name: Hannah Marie Hipolito Agno 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: March 14, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.6, Room. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be pub-

lished 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. January 24, 31, & February 7, 14, 2025 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Lynette Gridiron Winston, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 13, 2025

**TST7588 / 2025 012677  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: NEW GENERATION ELECTRIC CORP., 5540 QUINN STREET 25, BELL GARDENS, CA. 90201. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: NEW GENERATION ELECTRIC CORP, COLTON, CA. 92334. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ALEXIS HERNANDEZ ELECTRIC CORP. 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 Jan 21, 2025. 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: January 31 & February 7, 14, 21, 2025.

**TST7589 / 2025 012680  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ROXY BARBER SHOP, 7362 E STEWART AND GREY RD, DOWNEY, CA. 90241. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ROSA MARIA RIZO ZEPEDA, 7362 E STEWART AND GRAY RD, DOWNEY, CA. 90241. 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: ROSA MARIA RIZO ZEPEDA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 21, 2025. 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: January 31 & February 7, 14, 21, 2025.

**TST7591 / 2025 015037  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: BUILDER BOY INVESTMENTS, 135 E. ROOSEVELT RD, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JEROME LEE JAMES, 135 E. ROOSEVELT RD, 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: JEROME LEE JAMES, 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 1/23/2025. 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: January 31 & February 7, 14, 21, 2025.

**TST7616 Case No. 25CMCP00027  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Terri Cheresse Bryant for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Terri Cheresse Bryant has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Terri Cheresse Bryant Proposed Name: Terri LaCharles Bryant 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall ap-

pear 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: April 15, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. E, Room: 1004. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Michael B. Wilson, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 3, 2025

**TST7602  
NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**

Please take notice SecureSpace Self Storage Signal Hill 3177 California Avenue Signal Hill CA 90755 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 2/26/2025 at 4:30 PM. Mitchell Duran. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**TST7590 Case No. 25LBCP00016  
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: Nichalas Omar Stafford for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Nichalas Omar Stafford has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: 1. Nichalas Omar Stafford Proposed Name: 1. MANSA 2. Nichalas Omar Stafford 2. NICKALAS 3. Nichalas Omar Stafford 3. OMAR 4. Nichalas Omar Stafford 4. STAFFORD 5. Nichalas Omar Stafford 5. BODDIE 6. Nichalas Omar Stafford 6. REPARATIONS 7. Nichalas Omar Stafford 7. FROM 8. Nichalas Omar Stafford 8. ABOVE 9. Nichalas Omar Stafford 9. WHERE 10. Nichalas Omar Stafford 10. HAS 11. Nichalas Omar Stafford 11. COME 12. Nichalas Omar Stafford 12. FROM 13. Nichalas Omar Stafford 13. ABOVE 14. Nichalas Omar Stafford 14. HEAVEN 15. Nichalas Omar Stafford 15. DOWN 16. Nichalas Omar Stafford 16. EARTH 17. Nichalas Omar Stafford 17. MUSA 18. Nichalas Omar Stafford 18. ALPHA 19. Nichalas Omar Stafford 19. OMEGA 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: March 24, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-25, Room: The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. February 7, 14, 21, 18, 2025 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 3, 2025

**TST7622 Case No. 25LBCP00062  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COURTHOUSE, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, California 90802 PETITION OF: Naomi Janelle Rose for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Naomi Janelle Rose has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Naomi Janelle Rose Proposed Name: Naomi Jemima Baht Israel 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: March 24th, 2025; Time: 8:30am., Dept. S25, Room: 5600. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. February 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 2025 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Nicole M Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 10th, 2025

**TST7623 Case No. 25LBCP00063  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COURTHOUSE, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, California 90802 PETITION OF: Damion LeRon Bogus for Change of Name. TO ALL

**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

**TST7625  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AND CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill, California, will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 23-02**

**A REQUEST TO ALLOW A CHURCH USE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3300 EAST WILLOW STREET WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL (CI) ZONING DISTRICT AND DETERMINATION OF A CEQA EXEMPTION**

**Agent:** Robert Chavez  
**Property Owners:** Willow Palm Business Park, LP  
**Recommendation:** Planning Commission recommended approval.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are hereby invited to participate in this public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE** and provide comments in one of the following ways:

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

- In-person: Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California;
- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to [cluis@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cluis@cityofsignalhill.org) or by mail to the attention of Carlos Luis, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda on or before Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received after February 19, 2025, but before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, will be provided electronically to the City Council and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record. You are encouraged to provide written comments in advance of the publication of the agenda as well as participating during the meeting, to ensure that the City Council has ample time to consider your comments and that the applicant has the opportunity to respond to comments prior to finalizing the item for City Council review

**THIS PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT** from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 Class 1 (a) for Existing Facilities of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. The proposed project consists of a new church use within an existing tenant space of an existing industrial building and does not involve expansion of the existing building or require offsite utility improvements. The subject site is located in an urbanized area where all necessary public services and facilities are available, and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

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

**THE FILE** and associated documents for the proposed project may be reviewed publicly on the City's website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org). If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Carlos Luis, Planning Manager, via email at [cluis@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:cluis@cityofsignalhill.org) or at (562) 989-7360.

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Posted in accordance with SHMC Section 1.08.010 on or before: February 14, 2025  
Mailed in accordance with SHMC Section 20.64.050,  
and Gov. Code Sections 65091(a) and 65092, on or before: February 14, 2025

**LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TST7626  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS (RFQ/P)  
RFQ/P# 2425-65  
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

The Long Beach Unified School District (" **District** ") is requesting submission of statements of qualifications and proposals (" **Response(s)** ") from qualified firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, persons, or professional organizations (" **Firm(s)** ") for construction management services for various District capital facility construction projects, (" **Project(s)** ").

**Questions.** Questions regarding this RFQ/P must be submitted electronically via PlanetBids.com only by **12:00 PM on March 5, 2025**.

**Submissions.** Firms shall submit a Response to the District electronically via PlanetBids.com only in accordance with the RFQ/P no later than **2:00 PM on March 25, 2025**.

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INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Damion LeRon Bogus has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Damion LeRon Bogus Proposed Name: Abishalom Ben Israel 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: March 28th, 2025; Time: 8:30am., Dept. S27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. February 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 2025 \_\_\_/ss//\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 10th, 2025

**TST7624 / 2025 026660  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ENCORE GAS & SUPPLY, 2900 E

29TH STREET LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ENCORE WELDING AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY LLC, 2900 E 29TH STREET LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: DE. This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: BENJAMIN ANDERSON, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 07/2019. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 10TH, 2025. 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: February 14, 21, 28 & March 7 2025.



TST7617/Order No: 1398  
Auto Lien Sale  
On 02/27/2025 at 2215 W VERNON AVE  
LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be  
held on a 2021 JEEP  
VIN: ZACNJD10MPM68529  
STATE: CA LIC: 9EWT482 at 9AM

TST7618/Order No: 2221  
Auto Lien Sale  
On 02/27/2025 at 13516 LAKEWOOD  
BLVD UNIT G3 BELLEFLOWER, CA a  
Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 NISSAN  
VIN: JN1DF0BB7PM707553  
STATE: CA LIC: 9KJ858 at 9AM

TST7619/Order No: 2268  
Auto Lien Sale  
On 02/27/2025 at 8436 GARVEY AVE  
ROSEMEAD, CA a Lien Sale will be held  
on a 2017 BMW  
VIN: WBA7H6C56HG614343  
STATE: CA LIC: 8TYJ029 at 9AM

TST7621/Order No: 2387  
Auto Lien Sale  
On 02/27/2025 at 331 W ANAHEIM ST  
LONG BEACH, CA a Lien Sale will be  
held on a 2019 JEEP  
VIN: 3C4NJD CB9KT817299  
STATE: CA LIC: 9LIW585 at 9AM

TST7620/Order No: 2378  
Auto Lien Sale  
On 02/27/2025 at 821 SOUTH MAPLE  
AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will  
be held on a 2024 KIA  
VIN: 5XXG44J87RG234596  
STATE: CA LIC: 9HVK267 at 9AM

**TST7627  
Case No. 24STPB00449  
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF: JACK LEIGHTON**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JACK LEIGHTON 2, A Petition for Probate has been filed by JOANN LEIGHTON in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that JOANN LEIGHTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. February 27, 2025 @ 8:30am, Dept: 9 b. Stan-

ley Mosk Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90802. 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the later of either (1) four months from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: MATTHEW P. TODD, ESQ. 28649 S. WESTERN AVENUE #6849 SAN PEDRO, CA. 90734 310-683-8632 Phone: 310-683-8632 Pub. Signal Tribune, February 14, 21, 28, 2025

**LGBTQ+**

**Nominations open through March 6 for Harvey Milk Park Equality Plaza Recognition**



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune  
Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga receives applause from the crowd gathered at Harvey Milk Promenade Park on July 26, 2023.

**Staff Report**  
Signal Tribune

Long Beach is inviting the public to nominate local leaders in the LGBTQ+ community for the annual Harvey Milk Park Equality Plaza Recognition. Submissions are open now through March 6 at 11:59 p.m.

Since opening in 2012, Harvey Milk Park's Equality Plaza has celebrated local members of the LGBTQ+ community who have made lasting contributions in advocating for equality and social justice. Every year, four to six honorees are inducted onto the plaza's recognition wall, establishing it as a monument of individuals who have had an active role in influencing Long Beach's LGBTQ+ history.

Nominations are open to self-identified LGBTQ+ individuals or couples who have gone above and beyond to demonstrate leadership, advocacy and significant impact in Long Beach. Nominees must either live in Long Beach or have strong ties to the city. Posthumous nominations will be accepted as well.

Following the submission cutoff, a selection committee will go over the nominations based on the standards of leadership, advocacy, historical significance and impact on Long Beach's LGBTQ+ community. The chosen honorees will be announced in April, followed by a public recognition ceremony in May as the city ramps up for Long Beach Pride.

"This recognition is about honoring those who have paved the way for LGBTQ+ rights in Long Beach," said Cory Allen, chair of the selection committee, in a public statement. "Harvey Milk Park was the first in the nation named after an openly gay elected official, and it stands as a lasting tribute to those who fight for equality. We invite the community to submit nominations and help us celebrate the individuals who have shaped our city's LGBTQ+ history and ongoing fight for equality."

To learn more about the Harvey Milk Park Equality Plaza Recognition, visit Harvey Milk Park - Equality Plaza Selection Committee on Facebook.

**EYE ON CRIME**  
**CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE**

**Wednesday, February 5**

- 2:12 a.m., DUI, 2200 block Walnut Ave. (suspect arrested)
- 3:03 a.m., Rape report, 1900 block Stanley Ave.
- 12:13 p.m., False ID to Police Officer; Unregistered sex offender, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
- 3:15 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Lime Ave.
- 4:59 p.m., Elder abuse, 2300 block Lewis Ave.
- 5:50 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
- 11:08 p.m., Battery on spouse; misdemeanor warrants, 2300 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)

**Thursday, February 6**

- 8:13 a.m., Auto burglary, 2600 block E. PCH
- 1:47 p.m., Identity theft, 2100 block Ohio Ave.
- 5:11 p.m., Battery, 700 block E. Spring St.

**Friday, February 7**

- 8:47 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block e. 33rd St. (2 citations issued)

**Saturday, February 8**

- 8:18 a.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block Dawson Ave.
- 10:24 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Temple Ave./E. Hill St.
- 1:52 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave./E. 25th St.
- 6:39 p.m., Robbery, 2500 block Cherry Ave.
- 10:34 p.m., Burglary, 3300 block Grant St.

**Sunday, February 9**

- 9:16 a.m., Grand theft, 1600 block E. Willow St.
- 1:49 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Obispo Ave./E. 20th St.
- 6:54 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1200 block E. Burnett St.
- 8:49 p.m., Vandalism, 2000 block E. 21st St.
- 9:32 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. 32nd St.

**Monday, February 10**

- 3:56 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Orizaba Ave.

**Tuesday, February 11**

- 9:44 a.m., Forgery, 2800 block Cherry Ave.
- 1:55 p.m., Auto burglary, 3100 block California Ave.
- 5:28 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Obispo Ave.
- 7:39 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)

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

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

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