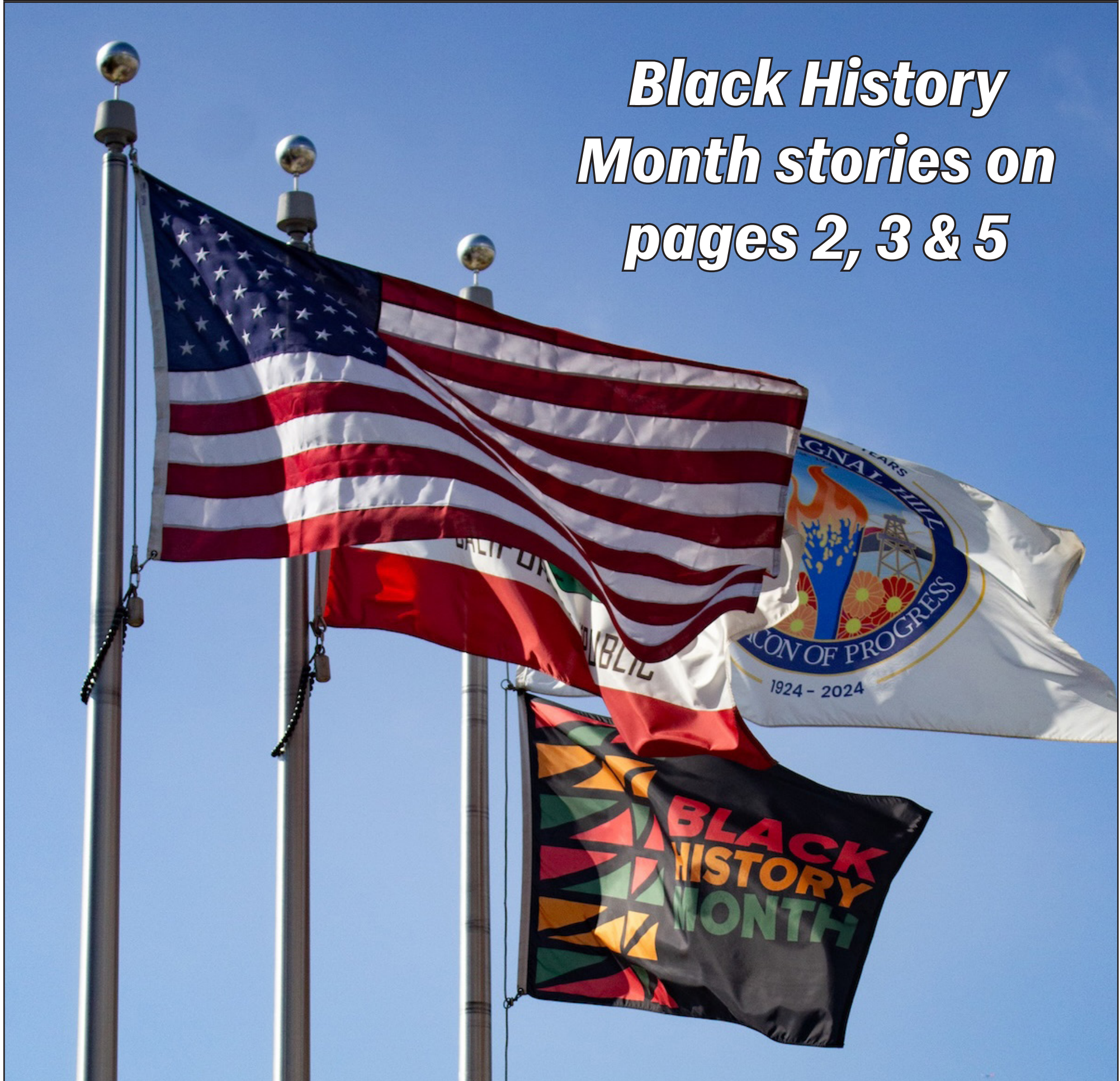




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Celebrate Black History Month in Long Beach & Signal Hill



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Throughout Black History Month, several events will be held at Long Beach Public Library locations, including the Billie Jean King Main Library (pictured above). This includes a music and crafts workshop on Saturday, Feb. 22 and an author storytime with author Kobina Commeh on Friday, Feb. 28.

This Black History Month, Long Beach and Signal Hill boast a variety of opportunities to celebrate, learn about and recognize the contributions of the Black community, both locally and nationally.

From storytimes, movies and arts and crafts to live music, drum circles and festive celebrations, there are events for friends, families and everyone in the community.

07 FRIDAY

TODDLER STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. Families are invited to the Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.) for a special storytime featuring stories, songs, and arts and crafts activities in honor of Black History Month. This event is suitable for children ages 9 months to 3 years. Free.

BLACK HISTORY PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. The El Dorado Neighborhood Library (2900 Studebaker Road) will host a special storytime for preschoolers featuring guest reader Carl Phillips in celebration of Black History Month. Free.

MOVIE SCREENING

5:30 p.m. The Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) will host a screening of the PG-13 film "Remember the Titans," which tells the story of a highschool football team during the integration of students of different races. This event is appropriate for all ages. Free.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The African American Cultural Center of Long Beach and Forgotten Images will be hosting this celebration in honor of Black History Month at the Expo Art Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.). The public can experience an African drum procession, a live band, raffles and a local vendor marketplace. Two exhibits on the Middle

Passage and the Black Panthers, as well as a display on the buffalo soldiers that biked across the American West will be on display. Free admission.

08 SATURDAY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Noon to 3 p.m. During the second day of this celebration at the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach, the public can experience a fashion show, a spades tournament, raffles, soul food, an awards ceremony and a storytime for kids. Free admission.

MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY

2 p.m. The Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.) will screen the animated film "Soul" in celebration of Black History Month. Light refreshments will be provided. Free.

12 WEDNESDAY

NOW IS THE TIME VR EXPERIENCE

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An immersive virtual reality experience at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) that explores the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. This event is appropriate for all ages. Registration is required and space is limited. To register for this event, call the library at (562) 989-7323. Free.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

3:30 p.m. Children ages 7-12 are invited to create their own colorful paintings inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.) in honor of Black History Month. No registration required, but space is limited. Free.

13 THURSDAY

BINGO

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents of all ages are invited to flex their knowledge of Black History during these bingo sessions at the Bach Neighborhood Library (4055 N. Bellflower Blvd.). Have fun while learning about the history and contributions of Black Americans. Free.

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.

FAMILY STORYTIME

4:30 p.m. Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to celebrate Black History Month with stories about love, crafts and playtime at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). Free.

19 WEDNESDAY

CRAFTERNOON

3:30 p.m. Children ages 6 and up are invited to celebrate Black History Month with a special story and craft at the El Dorado Neighborhood Library (2900 Studebaker Rd.). Free.

20 THURSDAY

TEENS CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

2 p.m. Teens are invited to the Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.) for an afternoon of special activities, crafts, and games in celebration of Black History Month.

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knowledge of Black History during these bingo sessions at the Bach Neighborhood Library (4055 N. Bellflower Blvd.). Have fun while learning about the history and contributions of Black Americans. Free.

TEEN JEOPARDY

4 p.m. Teens are invited to test their knowledge of Black History, win prizes and learn about the rich history and achievements of Black leaders and innovators at the El Dorado Neighborhood Library (2900 Studebaker Rd.). Free.

THE JAZZ SESSIONS

5 p.m. Celebrate Black History Month with a viewing of saxophonist Greg Osby's solo performance at the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.). Light refreshments will be served. Free.

22 SATURDAY

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

The public is invited to a screening of the film "Hidden Figures" at the Brewitt Neighborhood Library (4036 E. Anaheim St.), which tells the story of three Black women whose mathematical and engineering contributions helped send American astronauts to space. Free.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE SERIES AND CRAFTS

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrate Black History Month with an afternoon of music and creativity at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Attendees will be able to make their own shakers and rattles before joining in on a drum circle. Limited seating and supplies available on a first come, first served basis. Free.

23 SUNDAY

ROOTS & RHYTHM

11 a.m. The Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy.) will host a Black History Month celebration featuring art, music, and performances inspired by Leimert Park, a historic center of African American culture in Los Angeles. The event will highlight local artists, spoken word, and live performances. Tickets are available on the Queen Mary's

website for \$15.

24 MONDAY

AFRICAN DRUMS AND DANCE

6 p.m. The Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.) will host a celebration of African culture featuring rhythmic drumming and dance. Djembe drums will be provided. This event is free and open to all ages. Free.

28 FRIDAY

AUTHOR STORYTIME

11 a.m. to noon. Join author Kobina Commeh at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) for a reading of his newly published picture book, "Kwesi and Nana Ruby Learn to Swim." Participants will also craft their own Djembe Drum after the reading. Free.

BLACK MOSAIC MUSIC AND DANCE SHOWCASE

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine invites the public to attend this music and dance showcase at the Long Beach Senior Center (1150 E. 4th St.). The event will feature performances by the Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate, Helena Donato-Sapp, the DramanaKone drum and dance group, and other local performers showcasing Black history and culture. Free.



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FESTIVAL

Legacy & Unity event to celebrate Black-owned businesses and local history in downtown LB

Event Highlights

- Educational Resource Booths: Learn about local pioneers like Ernest & Lillian McBride and discover Black history resources.
- Main Stage Programming: Enjoy live music, keynote speakers, and an open mic for storytelling and poetry.
- Family-Friendly Activities: Participate in scavenger hunts, Drum Circle, and storytelling sessions featuring books by Black authors.

Flier for Legacy & Unity: Black History Celebration on The Promenade, taking place Saturday, Feb. 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mosaic, located in downtown Long Beach. Courtesy of Eventbrite

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Community members of all ages are invited to Legacy & Unity: Black History Celebration on The Promenade, a free bash of Black history, culture and community in Downtown Long Beach.

Taking place Saturday, Feb. 8, this event is put on by Long Beach-based nonprofit Dreamz Into Goals (DIG LIFE) and the Office of Councilmember Mary Zendejas.

The festival will include live entertainment, family-friendly activities, wellness resources and

cultural exhibits. There will also be a vendor marketplace with local Black-owned businesses selling food, art, fashion and handmade items. A Culinary Corner will highlight African American cuisine.

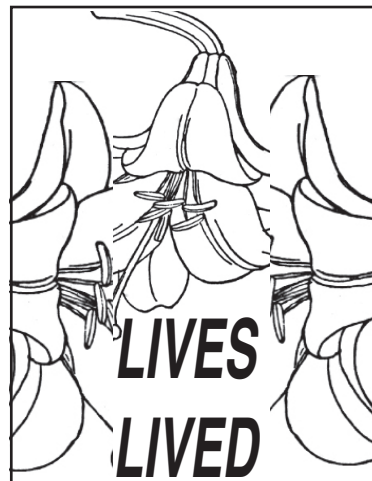
Attendees can dive into the history of Long Beach's Black pioneers, like civil rights activists Ernest and Lillian McBride. On the heritage wall, African American societal contributions will be displayed proudly, alongside cultural exhibits and live mural painting.

On the main stage there will be live music, spoken word poetry, cultural dance performances and

an open mic hour that will focus on storytelling.

Children and their families can enjoy scavenger hunts, art workshops and a storytelling corner featuring Black authors. In addition, the festival will have a significant focus on community wellness, with free health screenings, fitness sessions and a range of mental health support resources.

Legacy & Unity: Black Celebration on The Promenade will take place Saturday, Feb. 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mosaic (290 E Fourth St.). Those interested in attending can RSVP on Eventbrite.



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- Rico Pallares 47
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- Donna Titley 77
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The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301



Pet of the week: Meadow

Meadow is a 6-year-old gentle girl waiting to find her forever Valentine. She started her days at Long Beach Animal Care Services after she was reported abandoned in a city park. She was skinny as a rail and had trouble walking. There were signs that she'd just birthed a litter of puppies. As you can see, Meadow has filled out quite nicely, and it's not from eating candy hearts and chocolates (the volunteers would never let her have any!). She walks beautifully on a leash and loves people. Meet Meadow, and she'll steal your heart! Speed the process to adopt Meadow or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors. Ask for ID#A719513.

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CELEBRATION

Long Beach Public Library kicks off Black History Month with 'For the Culture' series

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Throughout Black History Month, the Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) will spotlight Black history, culture and contributions through a series of community events during its "For the Culture" series.

"Black History Month is a vital opportunity to honor the achievements and contributions of Black Americans," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "This celebration is not just about recognizing history but also fostering unity and embracing the vibrancy of our diverse community."

The 2025 "For the Culture" series will begin with a two-day collaboration with Forgotten Images and the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach (AACCLB). The celebration will take place Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the

AACCLB in Bixby Knolls, located at 4321 Atlantic Ave.

During the first day of the event, there will be various interactive activities, local vendors, live music performances and a fashion show preview. Saturday's portion will feature a fashion show at 1:10 p.m., a Children's Corner with storytimes and giveaways, and family portraits at the LBPL Studio photo booth, plus more live music, vendor shopping and a Spades tournament.



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The Long Beach Public Library's "For the Culture" series will begin with a two-day event at the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach.

"For the Culture" is open to attendees of all ages, and will center around topics of Black love, self-identity, self-care, art and joy. In addition to the planned events, several LBPL locations will also host related programs, such as storytimes, workshops and trivia games, throughout the series. The full list of events and activities can be found on the Library's events calendar. No registration is needed to attend.

"At the Long Beach Public Library, we believe in the power of stories to connect and inspire," said Library Director Cathy De Leon in a public statement. "Through these celebrations, we hope to provide a space where the community can come together to learn, celebrate, and uplift one another."

Black History Month at the LBPL is created with the support of the Port of Long Beach and the Long Beach Public Library Foundation.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, January 29

7:40 a.m., Criminal threats, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
 8:26 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2400 block Lewis Ave.
 9:49 a.m., Grand theft, 2000 block E. 21st St.
 3:00 p.m., DUI, Las Brisas Way west of California Ave. (citation issued)

Thursday, January 30

6:12 a.m., Auto burglary, 2800 block Junipero Ave.
 11:55 a.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
 3:25 p.m., Fire, 2700 block E. Willow St.
 3:58 p.m., Grand theft, 2800 block e. 19th St.

Friday, January 31

2:36 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2900 block Cherry Ave.

Saturday, February 1

2:07 a.m., Misdemeanor warrant, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
 8:49 a.m., Petty theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
 12:26 p.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
 12:32 p.m., Indecent exposure, 1800 block Temple Ave.
 7:46 p.m., DUI, 800 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
 10:30 p.m., Suspicious person, Molino Ave./Panorama Dr. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, February 2

3:10 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2400 block California Ave.
 10:13 a.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
 2:05 p.m., Criminal threats, 1900 block Stanley Ave.
 6:57 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block E. Spring St.

Monday, February 3

2:33 a.m., DUI, Orange Ave./E. 23rd St. (suspect arrested)
 12:20 p.m., Battery, 2300 block E. 21st St.
 12:23 p.m., Grand theft, 2600 block E. 28th St.
 12:24 p.m., Elder abuse, 2100 block Gundry Ave.
 2:56 p.m., Identity theft, 1800 block E. Spring St.

Tuesday, February 4

5:51 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. 28th St.
 11:09 a.m., Identity theft, 1900 block Obispo Ave.
 7:56 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)

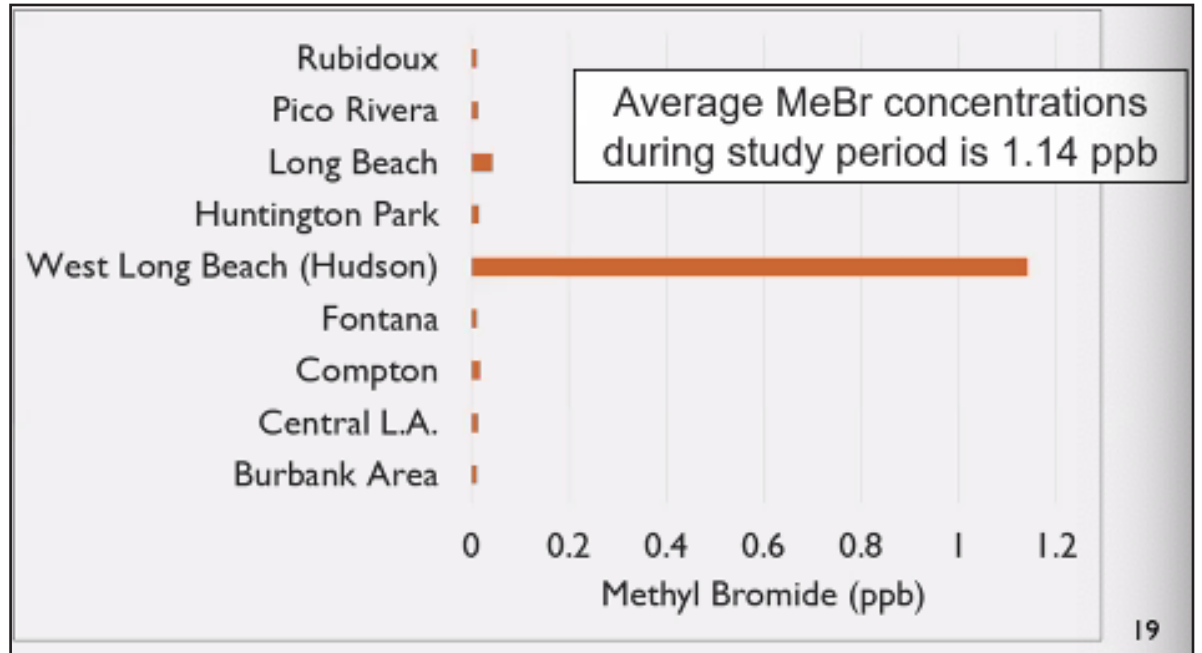
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HEALTH

West Long Beach community told to ‘close windows and doors’ after toxic chemical found in air

Residents were left unsatisfied after a community meeting on the use of a chemical poisoning their air.



A graph presented by the California Air Resources Board shows that the average amount of methyl bromide concentrations identified in West Long Beach are significantly higher than any of the surrounding areas.

Samantha Diaz
 Managing Editor

After a three hour meeting about the existence of a toxic chemical seeping into the air, West Long Beach residents were left with more questions than answers.

Methyl bromide, a pesticide that harms respiratory and nervous systems when breathed in, was found in the air in West Long Beach in 2023. Two years later, almost 200 Long Beach residents attended an in-person and virtual meeting on Jan. 30 to learn about how this chemical was allowed to poison their air, and what steps will be taken to mitigate it.

The chemical is banned internationally, and is listed under Proposition 65 as a product known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Methyl bromide is used daily by two local companies, with a permit granted by LA County.

Multiple county and state agencies presented at the meetings, including the California Air Resources Board (CARB), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Los Angeles County

Agricultural Commissioner’s Office and the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

Representatives from each organization answered residents’ questions and shared their proposed next steps: having the companies lower their use of methyl bromide, and telling residents to close their windows and doors.

Residents called this plan weak and disappointing, but were not given any other possible solutions by the end of the meeting.

What Is Methyl Bromide, And How Much Of It Is In The Air?

For over a decade, West Long Beach residents have been asking local air monitoring agencies to check the air for traces of methyl bromide, a colorless, odorless pesticide. Local activist Jesse Marquez led the efforts to get CARB to install an air monitoring station north of Hudson Elementary School in January 2023.

Previous to this, SCAQMD had already found methyl bromide in the West Long Beach air in 2018, but only released its report in 2021.

A representative at the meeting said they “didn’t advertise” their findings enough to alert the community.

Two companies, Three Rivers Trucking and San Pedro Forklift have been using methyl bromide daily for the past 28 years. The chemical was banned internationally in 1989, but exceptions are made on certain agricultural products that the United States imports or exports. Permits to use methyl bromide are granted by the LA County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

Both companies are located less than a mile from Hudson Elementary School and Hudson Park. Hudson Elementary School is shutting down at the end of the 2024-2025 school year due to low enrollment.

The data presented at the meeting was from CARB’s monitoring from January 2023 to spring 2024, during which time they received hourly readings. OEHHA set the Reference Exposure Level (REL) for methyl bromide for the amount that the chemical can be breathed in without causing any “harmful noncancer health effects.”

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HOUSING

The Black Neighborhood Tenant Council provides resources and empowerment in a “critical point” for Black community

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

On the last Tuesday of each month, Black Long Beach residents gather at a local art gallery to discuss housing policies, build community and empower one another.

As the quickest declining population in Long Beach, Black Lives Matter (BLM) Grassroots LB saw a need to create a space where Black renters feel welcome to share their experiences, help one another and learn about much needed housing resources. Rather than reinvent the wheel, they teamed up with the city’s nonprofit housing advocacy organization, Long Beach Residents Empowered (LiBRE).

The Black Neighborhood Tenant Council has been holding monthly meetings since November, where a specific housing topic is discussed each meeting, such as renter’s rights, harassment ordinances and the history of housing and race in Long Beach. Inevitably, attendees get into their own discussions about their experiences in the city, current city council items and related local policies.

“The Black community in terms of housing and space in Long Beach is at a critical point right now,” said Brandie Davison, BLM and LiBRE community organizer who runs the Black Neighborhood Tenant Council. “It’s very important to have spaces that center Black community within housing ... and LiBRE created this space knowing that

this is going on in our community and making space for those people who are literally the most impacted right now.”

Meetings are designed to be tenant-led, Davison said, so while there is a predetermined topic, attendees often ask LiBRE to go over certain issues they need help with. She said the most requested topic from attendees is how to handle evictions. People are also interested in how to organize within their building, especially once they see that there is power in numbers.

“...A lot of times when Black residents get into new spaces they don’t feel welcome. Black renters needed a safe space and a starting point of education to empower each other.”

- Brandie Davison,
BLM and LiBRE community organizer

A 2013 Black State of Long Beach report created by Black residents showed that from 2000 to 2010, the Black population in Long Beach had decreased by 4,000 people, although the city’s overall population increased by about 700. In 2010, Black residents made up about 13% of the city’s population, and that number has decreased to 11.9%, according to the most recent U.S. Census data.

When Long Beach saw a migra-

tion of Black residents in the early 1900s, the city implemented racist redlining practices that concentrated the Black community to the central part of the city, which then received little investment. Redistricting of the city in 2021 led to Long Beach’s historically Black core being broken up into multiple districts, making it even harder to have a sense of community and organized political power for Black residents.

In 2020, Long Beach found that only 25% of Black residents are homeowners, half of the city’s white homeownership rate. According to Long Beach blog Longbeachize, the Black population dropped by 13% between 2018 and 2019.

Although LiBRE has been hosting Neighborhood Tenant Councils for years, Audrena Redmond with BLM noted the importance of creating a specific space for Black residents in need of these resources. LiBRE also noticed that they received lower participation from the Black community in these meetings.

“It’s important to say, ‘This is something directed at the Black community,’” Redmond said. “Yes, LiBRE has been around for a long time. A lot of people know about LiBRE, but they think that’s not something for them, but it is.”

Redmond approached LiBRE over a year ago about partnering, and since then Davison has spent her time learning about local housing policies, renters’ rights and effective housing justice.



Courtesy of J. McCall

Members of the Black Neighborhood Tenant Council meet monthly to discuss housing topics and share their experiences.

“A big part of my role is to make sure the community knows about resources,” Davison said. “A lot of times when Black residents get into new spaces they don’t feel welcome. Black renters needed a safe space and a starting point of education to empower each other.”

According to the 2013 State of Black Long Beach, 73% of the Black community lives in rental housing, by far the most out of all ethnicities in the city. A 2023 survey found that two out of five Black women in California are rent burdened and face the highest levels of evictions, both legal and nonlegal.

“We have a saying in Black Lives Matter, which is that, ‘We are what we need,’ so we’re helping each

other, sharing information we have and being a resource and building community,” Redmond said.

Along with building a community at the Black Neighborhood Tenant Council meetings, Davison said she hopes more Black leaders will come from these groups. Along with the meetings, LiBRE is currently advocating for updated terms of the just cause evictions, a right to counsel program, the creation of a community land trust and trying to get more community members to attend city budget meetings.

The Black Neighborhood Tenant Council will meet on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at Playnice (1029 E. Fourth St.). Residents are requested to RSVP at bit.ly/blmlbmeeting.



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Babies and bigger kids alike enjoy the interactive displays and games at the newly renovated Hillbrook Park on Feb. 4, 2025.



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Children try out the new playground equipment while parents watch, following the ribbon cutting at Hillbrook Park on Feb. 4, 2025.



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A resident puts a sticker on the type of tree she wants to see in the city, as part of Signal Hill's Street Tree Master Plan, on Feb. 4, 2025.



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A woman records the opening remarks at the Hillbrook Park ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 4, 2025.



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A commemorative plaque sits on a boulder at the entrance of Hillbrook Park on Feb. 4, 2025.

IN PHOTOS: SIGNAL HILL CELEBRATES NEWLY RENOVATED, SUSTAINABLE HILLBROOK PARK

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Children, families and Signal Hill city officials gathered Tuesday morning to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Hillbrook Park.

The previous small climbing structure and lone swingset have been replaced by a large playground with multiple slides, educational interactive displays, new floor padding, multiple benches, tables and plenty of shade. Following remarks from City Manager Tom Modica and Mayor Keir Jones, dozens of children and their guardians scaled the new playground equipment and ran up and down the sloped surroundings.

“We had almost a year of neighborhood outreach to find out what the community wanted to use this park for ... and we were able to take the original creek water feature out of the middle and create almost double the usable space in the park. So we’ve created a tremendous community asset here that can be used for recreation and relaxation for the neighborhood for years to come.”

- Keir Jones,
Mayor of Signal Hill

Renovations for Hillbrook Park began nearly a year ago as part of the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan approved in 2021. Signal Hill City Council allocated \$1.85 million to the planning, designing and implementation of the park renovations. The playground equipment was manufactured and installed by Green Giant Landscaping.

The park's dry creek bed was removed and replaced with stormwater retention features, which made the project eligible for a \$173,000 reimbursement from the Metropolitan Water District.

Residents were also able to give feedback on Signal Hill's street tree planting plan, which is near completion. Attendees placed stickers on their favorite trees out of 36 options, signaling what kind of trees they want to see in the city. Landscape designers with SWA Group, which was chosen to implement the Street Tree Master Plan, were present to provide information.

The Signal Hill Sustainability Committee will review the feedback given at the ribbon cutting ceremony at its meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. Signal Hill City Council will then review the committee's recommendations and finalize the tree planting plan at its meeting on March 11 at 7 p.m.

The City recently received a \$1 million grant from Green Latinos to plant 594 new trees “to combat urban heat caused by lack of tree coverage.”



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Signal Hill Mayor Keir Jones cuts the ribbon to officially open the newly renovated Hillbrook Park on Feb. 4, 2025.



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The new playground equipment at Hillbrook Park proved satisfactory for babies, toddlers and bigger kids, following the ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 4, 2025.



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Councilmember Charlie Honeycutt stands watching residents enjoy the newly renovated Hillbrook Park on Feb. 4, 2025.



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A baby shrieks with joy after trying out the interactive displays, part of the new playground equipment at Hillbrook Park, on Feb. 4, 2025.

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Children run and play on the new playground equipment at Hillbrook Park on Feb. 4, 2025.

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AROUND TOWN

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



Jonathan Bigall | Signal Tribune

In a rematch of last year's NCAA championship game for men's volleyball, the UCLA Bruins will come to town for a matchup against Long Beach State (LBSU) this Friday, Feb. 7 at the Walter Pyramid. The match will begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are available on the LBSU website starting at \$38.

This week's slate of events offers a wide range of activities, spanning from sports and cinema to storytimes and beyond.

On Friday night, a SoCal men's volleyball rivalry will be renewed when the UCLA Bruins go up against Long Beach State at the Walter Pyramid. Plus, The Art Theatre will have a treat for movie lovers, with a screening of the cult classic film "Harold & Maude."

With the rainy forecast expected to subside by Friday night, residents can enjoy ample outside time this weekend with an architectural walking tour of the East Village Saturday afternoon and a yoga class Sunday morning on the grass by Marine Stadium.

During the week, there will be a plethora of storytimes at local libraries, along with one Tuesday morning at Rancho Los Cerritos. Community members can make their voices heard during a town hall for the Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway project Thursday night at the Expo Arts Center.

07 FRIDAY

VOLLEYBALL GAME

7 p.m. The UCLA Bruins will take on the Long Beach State men's volleyball team inside the Walter Pyramid (1250 N. Bellflower Blvd.). Tickets can be purchased on the university's website starting at \$38.

MOVIE SCREENING

10 p.m. The Art Theatre (2025 E. Fourth St.) will be screening the cult classic film "Harold & Maude," which explores a taboo romance between a young man and an elderly woman who meet at a funeral. Tickets are available on the theater's website for \$15.

08 SATURDAY

WORLD CINEMA FILM SERIES

1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The public is invited to back-to-back screenings of the 1999 Chinese comedic drama, "Shower (Xi zao)" and the 2006 Belgian romantic comedy-drama "Odette Toulemonde" at

the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Free.

VALENTINE COBWEB CARDS

2:30 p.m. Learn about and create a 19th-century-inspired cobweb card at the Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.). This hands-on Valentine's Day craft is open to ages 7 and up. Free.

ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

3 p.m. Join local nonprofit Long Beach Heritage for this exploration of architecture in the East Village Arts District. The tour features Victorian cottages, luxury apartments and buildings from the post-WWII era, with stops including the Royal Hotel, Lafayette Complex, Broadlind Hotel, Cooper Arms and the Artaban. The walking tour begins at the Linden Avenue entrance to the Cooper Arms Condominiums (19 Linden Ave.) and covers approximately 1.5 miles. This event is held on the second Saturday of each month. Tickets can be purchased for \$17.85 on Eventbrite.

09 SUNDAY

OUTDOOR YOGA

11 a.m. Join Latino Outdoors Los Angeles for a morning of movement and community at Marine Stadium (5255 E. Paoli Way). Enjoy an outdoor yoga session on the grass led by instructor Angelica Tonatzin, followed by complimentary post-yoga snacks. Attendees should bring their own yoga mats. All are welcome. Register for this event on Eventbrite. Free admission.

"THE BIG GAME" WATCH PARTY

3 p.m. Watch the Super Bowl on giant screens at the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy.). Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 on the Queen Mary's website. Parking is \$10 with validation.

10 MONDAY

LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Long Beach

Animal Care Services (7700 E. Spring St.) and Community Animal Medicine Project will be providing vaccines and services to pets at discounted prices. Services include microchipping, tapeworm treatment, nail trimming, flea/tick treatment and more. All dogs must be on a leash, and all cats should be in a carrier. Please bring the pet's previous vaccine records. For more information, call 562-570-7387. Prices will vary.

GETSETUP NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Older adults (55+) can learn how to access online classes through the Long Beach Public Library's partnership with GetSetUp. This virtual session will guide senior library card holders through booking classes, finding interests, and connecting with others. To register, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

11 TUESDAY

RANCHO STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring young children to listen to a story read out loud at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Rd.) Attendees are welcome to bring blankets, strollers and snacks. Free.

FILIPINO FAMILY STORYTIME

11 a.m. Filipina-American author Rachell Abalos will read her debut picture book Our Nipa Hut at the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.). Free.

SOFTBALL GAME

4 p.m. Winthrop University and Long Beach State University's softball teams will face off at the LBSU Softball Complex (1250 N. Bellflower Blvd.). Tickets can be purchased for \$13 on the university's website.

FAMILY STORYTIME

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.) to enjoy stories, songs, crafts and playtime. Free.

12 WEDNESDAY

BLOOM WITH LOVE

4 p.m. Visitors of all ages are invited to make flower bouquets for their valentines at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). Free.

LIVE MUSIC

7 p.m. Local musicians Natalie Mendoz, Jason Fabus and the Tom Dante Quartet will be performing at the Gaslamp (6251 E. Pacific Coast Hwy). Tickets can be purchased for \$10 on the Gaslamp's website or for \$15 at the door.

13 THURSDAY

BIRD WALK

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Residents and birders can explore local bird species in this guided walk at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Road). Staff will be available to answer bird and nature-related questions and residents are encouraged to bring their binoculars. Free, but registration through the rancho's website is required.

CITY EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Job seekers are invited to learn about the City of Long Beach's hiring process as well as the current and upcoming employment opportunities at Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.). Register for this event on the City's online event calendar. Free.

ORANGE AVENUE BACKBONE BIKEWAY TOWN HALL

6 p.m. Long Beach Public Works will host a community town hall at the Expo Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.) to garner public opinion on the Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway, which is intended to make Orange and Alamitos Avenues more accessible and safer for multiple modes of transportation. Free.

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METHYL BROMIDE
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The recommended REL for methyl bromide for an hour at a time is 1,000 parts per billion (PPB), while the recommended REL for long term exposure (at least one year) is 1 part per billion. From January 2023 to April 2024, the average concentration of methyl bromide was 2.1 ppb, over double the long term recommended level. Multiple times during the study, the short term concentration level reached above 900 ppb.

During the months between February and May, West Long Beach sees higher levels of methyl bromide concentration. This is due to certain produce that the companies have to use more of the pesticide on, according to a representative from the LA County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Peak times of methyl bromide use are between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m., with the greatest concentration between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

When methyl bromide is in high concentrations, it emits a fruity smell. During these peak times, the agencies said residents should shut their windows and doors.

What Are The Health Impacts?

Short term exposure to methyl bromide causes headaches, dizziness, nausea and difficulty breathing. Long term effects include lesions in the nasal cavity and developmental and nervous system issues. All of these effects are greater in infants, children and pregnant women.

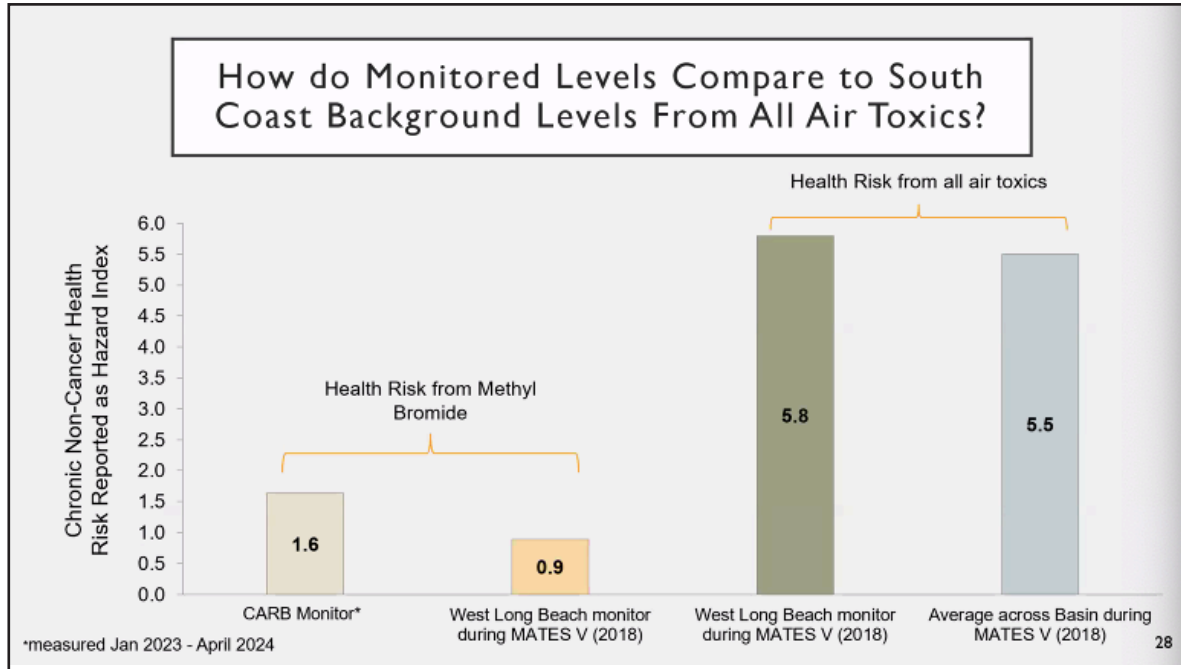
A study conducted on animals showed that harmful health effects from methyl bromide can pass from a pregnant mother to the fetus.

Representatives from OEHHA said that they have not conducted any studies including children, and their studies on methyl bromide don't take into account cumulative aspects, or how methyl bromide interacts with other already existing chemicals in the air that might make it more harmful to breath in.

What is Being Done to Clean the Air?

The organizations at the meeting did not propose a plan to remove methyl bromide from the community. Instead, they said both companies have already agreed to lower the daily use of methyl bromide, and they will continue to monitor hourly.

CARB showed a graph that depicted the health risks from methyl bromide compared to health risks from "all other air toxins" in West Long Beach, implying that the risks



A graph presented by the California Air Resources Board shows the health risks in West Long Beach caused by methyl bromide compared to all the other already existing air toxins in the area.

from methyl bromide is merely a drop in the bucket of toxic air for residents.

"When we compare health hazards from one chemical and a community that's burdened by other chemicals, sometimes that's used as a justification to not mitigate these other factors," said University of Southern California public health science professor Jill Johnston. "I think it's important that we see cumulative burden as a reason to mitigate risks."

Mitigation efforts that the companies will have to comply with include:

- * Closing their doors when using methyl bromide, which was not being enforced previously.
- * Reducing the daily limit from 1,000 pounds a day to 200 pounds a day.
- * Installing taller 55-foot stacks that pump out the fumigation, and larger fans that disperse the chemical higher into the air to "reduce ground level concentration."
- * Staggering the stack's chamber releases to prevent higher concentrations.
- * Not pumping the fumigant out during school hours.
- * Recording how much methyl bromide they use on a daily basis. In the past, they have been keeping monthly reports.

CARB said these changes should be implemented by the end of this week. SCAQMD is expecting an emissions report of toxic air contaminants by March 2025, which they said will help them determine next steps.

A live dashboard has been posted on CARB's website with methyl bromide levels of concentration detected at their air monitoring site. The dashboard is supposed to post hourly data, but as of Feb. 6, each day only has one to five readings posted.

Community Response

Residents at the meeting were highly dissatisfied with CARB's and SCAQMD's plans, and asked that the companies using methyl bromide take their operations elsewhere.

"We have an opportunity to do something about the pollution in West Long Beach, as a disproportionately affected community by pollution. Why should we accept anything less than that?" said a resident who identified himself as Ricardo.

Max Regis with the LA County Agricultural Commissioner's Office responded that these companies "have not done anything illegal or inappropriate" so his office is bound by legal authority.

When residents asked if the companies had tried other methods of disposing of methyl bromide, rather than pumping it into the air, Regis said they have not looked at alternative methods. He added other methods such as carbon capture are "expensive" and "creates other pollutants."

Workers with the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma said that the recommendations to keep windows and doors closed can harm those with respiratory condi-

tions already, who are often told to keep fresh air flowing through their homes.

"All this is very alarming. It's hard to even think how I'm going to relate these messages and findings with our families," said Irene with the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma. "Something that really bothered me is that you're going to ask facilities to bring levels down. I think that's a really weak plan of action. I think we can come up with a more concrete solution."

Residents also pointed out that pumping methyl bromide higher into the air would further harm the ozone layer, another reason why the chemical is banned.

Community members also asked for more specific parameters of which residential areas are affected. CARB's website describes the affected area as close to Webster Avenue, between West Willow Street and West Burnett Street, but residents said this is not accurate.

Residents were told to contact these agencies for further questions. The LA County Agricultural Commissioner's Office is in charge of enforcement, and originally granted these permits to the companies.

Their contact for the public is mdelosreyes@acwm.lacounty.gov or (626) 226-6085.

Questions about monitoring can be sent to cam@arb.ca.gov.

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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 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: 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

**TST7566 / 2024 007006
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. USA WINDSHIELD, 2. USA LA WINDSHIELDS, 7321 S ALAMEDA ST. UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90001. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GABRIELA MENDOZA, 7321 S ALAMEDA ST UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90001. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GABRIELA MENDOZA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2018. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 13, 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 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 2025.

**TST7573 / 2025 008495
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ALICIA CLEANING SERVICES, 7026 MYRRH ST, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ALICIA PADILLA MEJIA, 7026 MYRRH ST, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. 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: ALICIA PADILLA MEJIA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 14, 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 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 2025.

**TST7574 Case No. 25LBCP00020
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: Kristina Grechman for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Kristina Grechman Proposed Name: Kristina Chheng 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 27, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-26. 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 17, 24, 31, & February 7, 2025 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 14, 2025

**TST7575 / 2025 006426
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ONE HIGH FIVE, 1862 DAISY AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DAVID SAUER, 1862 DAISY AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. 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: DAVID SAUER, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/13/2025: 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 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 2025.

**TST7572 / 2025 008493
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. KARTUNES, 2. KARTUNES WINDOW TINT, 7321 ALAMEDA ST UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90001. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ANDREW JOHN CHAVEZ, 13558 DITTMAR DR, WHITTIER, CA. 90605. 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: ANDREW JOHN CHAVEZ, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Jan 14, 2025. 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 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 2025.

**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. Vicencia, 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 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/___ 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: JEREME 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: JEREME 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.

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**TST7590 Case No. 25LBCP00016
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAG-

TST7609/Order No: 2895
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/18/2025 at 1861 E 66TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 FORD
VIN: 3FA6P0LU7LR266081
STATE: CA LIC: 9KMJ330 at 9AM

TST7608/Order No: 2270
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/18/2025 at 2400 CARSON ST LAKEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2016 BMW
VIN: WBA5B1C51GG131983
STATE: CA LIC: PVRDNME at 9AM

TST7607/Order No: 2223
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/18/2025 at 1861 E 66TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 ALFA ROMEO
VIN: ZARFAMBN2K7608092
STATE: LIC: at 9AM

TST7606/Order No: 2107
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/18/2025 at 2130 S VERMONT AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 MAZDA
VIN: JM1BPAML8M1319788
STATE: CA LIC: 8XCR415 at 9AM

TST7605/Order No: 1920
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/18/2025 at 5645 FIRESTONE BLVD SOUTHGATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 FORD
VIN: 2FMGK5D81KBA35665
STATE: CA LIC: 9E0U814 at 9AM

TST7604/Order No: 1288
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/18/2025 at 9635 LAUREL ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 TOYOTA
VIN: 4T1B11HK2JU530574
STATE: CA LIC: 9DJ717 at 9AM

TST7603/Order No: 1815
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/20/2025 at 998 NG ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 CHEVROLET
VIN: KL79MPSLXMB139717
STATE: CA LIC: 8VXA767 at 9AM

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TST7610/Order No: 2351
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/20/2025 at 3229 W IMPERIAL HWY INGLEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 HYUNDAI
VIN: 5NPD84LF9JH389808
STATE: CA LIC: 8GHG626 at

TST7611/Order No: 1350
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/24/2025 at 15321 ATLANTIC AVE COMPTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 JEEP
VIN: 1C4RJGBG0N8608746
STATE: CA LIC: 9EBY287 at 9AM

TST7612/Order No: 1453
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/24/2025 at 4275 AVALON BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 LEXUS
VIN: JTB7M7E7H5163492
STATE: CA LIC: 7XPB195 at 9AM

TST7613/Order No: 1497
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/24/2025 at 1610 W ARTESIA BLVD UNIT B17 GARDENIA , CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 CHEVR
VIN: 1G1FF1R78H0154538
STATE: CA LIC: 8RSN784 at 9AM

TST7614/Order No: 1722
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/24/2025 at 1201 E COMPTON BLVD COMPTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 NISSAN
VIN: 3N1CP5CU5KL553918
STATE: CA LIC: 9HRH265 at 9AM

TST7615/Order No: 1943
Auto Lien Sale

On 02/24/2025 at 4743 E OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 NISSAN
VIN: JN8BT3DC2PW103065
STATE: CA LIC: 9GLJ087 at 9AM

EDUCATION

What to know about collective bargaining in LBUSD

Contract negotiations between the district and teachers association are underway. Here's how the process works.

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) and the Teachers Association of Long Beach (TALB) have begun labor contract negotiations for the 2024-25 school year.

According to the National Education Association, collective bargaining is a process where employee unions and employer representatives share ideas, mutually solve problems and come to a written agreement. The resulting approved contract binds both groups.

The district is currently facing its first year of deficit spending since 2013, due in part to the end of COVID-19 relief funding and significant budget cuts at the state level.

Every three years, the entire contract is open for discussion. For LBUSD, this means the district and TALB can discuss and amend every article of the agreement.

In the intervening years, however, each party can only open a maximum

of three articles in addition to compensation — the compensation article is open and up for discussion each year.

The guidelines for how this process works are based on the Rodda Act — known as the Educational Employment Relations Act — which gives California public school teachers collective bargaining rights.

While the process below is specific to TALB, the district is also currently going through a similar process with the California School Employees Association.

The Steps of the Bargaining Process:

1. The Rodda Act requires that each party's initial bargaining proposal be presented for public comment at a publicized school board meeting — also known as "sun shining." This happened at the LBUSD board meeting on Dec. 18.

To decide on these proposals, TALB surveyed its members on what their priorities are. The bargaining team then meets and looks at the survey data to choose what to prioritize.

According to Steve Rockenbach, LBUSD's Director of Employee Relations and Ethics, the district gets its priorities from people who are working at school sites like principals, district senior staff and assistant superintendents of different departments, on items that they think will help better serve the overall school community.



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An exterior view of the Teachers Association of Long Beach building on Atlantic Avenue on June 28, 2022.

What's next is a series of negotiation sessions where both sides discuss their requests.

Both sides have to agree on a change for it to be added to the contract. TALB president Gerry Morrison mentioned how typically, negotiations work if there's something in it for both sides or it can be

a bit of a "give and take."

The number of sessions varies on the length of time it takes to reach an amicable agreement for both parties.

Once both sides reach an agreement, a tentative agreement is released that outlines specific changes that both groups agreed to. This contract needs to be approved by the union and the Board of Education.

Once the tentative agreement is approved by the board of edu-

cation and TALB membership, the process to carry out that agreement begins.

It Is All About The Money, Money

Negotiations are framed by how much money the district has. Whether it's reducing the size of classes or improving health benefits, it all costs money.

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FOOD



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Give feedback on micro home kitchens in Long Beach through new online survey

Cynthia Parada started Cinply Essentials, her vegan, non-toxic skin and body care line in January 2020 and runs it out of her Long Beach home.

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Long Beach Health and Human Services is seeking public input on allowing Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO) city-wide with its new feasibility study.

MEHKOs are small-scale food businesses that permit individuals to prepare and sell home-cooked meals from their residential kitchens while adhering to food safety standards.

A primary element of MEHKOs is they create an affordable way for home-based chefs and entrepreneurs to operate food businesses and create meals that showcase culinary diversity.



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Sandy Wall runs Pueblita out of her Long Beach apartment. She aims to bring the authenticity of fresh tortillas while helping her community.

The Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation Public Survey can be taken online now through Feb. 28 in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog. Community members

without regular access to a computer or smartphone may access the survey through a public computer lab at any Long Beach Public Library location during business hours.

The Long Beach City Council approved \$88,596 in appropriations from the State of California on June 11, 2024 to implement the MEHKO feasibility study. In the spring, the survey results — including community and inter-departmental input, along with proposed policy recommendations — will be introduced to the City Council.

To learn more about Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations, visit longbeach.gov/mehko.

SPORTS

Longtime Long Beach State Director of Track & Field is retiring this July

Staff Report
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Andy Sythe, after 35 successful years leading Long Beach State's cross country and indoor/outdoor track and field programs, has announced his retirement.

Sythe will be stepping down as the Long Beach State (LBSU) Director of Track and Field on July 31, following the conclusion of the outdoor track season. Sythe has served in this role since 2019.



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A view of the running track and football field at Chittick Field in Long Beach on August 10, 2021.

"I feel truly blessed to have started and completed my career at this remarkable place I proudly call home. Long Beach State has been an incredible support system for me and my family, dating back to the beginning of my journey," Sythe said in a public statement. "Over the years, I've been privileged to serve under five university presidents and nine athletic directors,

each bringing their unique perspectives and playing a vital role in advancing our sport. This university, along with the sports of track and field and cross country, holds tremendous potential for growth, and I've been honored to dedicate my life to their success."

Sythe was instrumental in the program's excellence on and off the track, even playing a vital part in the design and creation of the World Athletics-certified track and field facility at LBSU. He has been credited with bringing massive success to LBSU's running programs throughout this tenure and ensuring his student-athletes had the best resources possible.



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