

WEST LONG BEACH

Washington residents push for urgency, funding for long-awaited community center

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Residents of all ages from the Washington neighborhood organized a show of solidarity at Tuesday night's Long Beach City Council meeting to ask for a community center in the area.

The Washington community has been advocating for a center to serve its youth and seniors for over a decade, and residents say progress has been slow. Over 40 neighbors, ranging from elementary school-aged students to seniors, asked the City to invest more funding to get the center to its next steps.

Neighbors spoke about the impact a community center would have in preventing violence among youth, creating a positive outlet and providing a place to connect with one another. Residents envision a space that offers violence prevention programs, child development programs, professional development programs and extracurricular activities.

Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, said the City is close to choosing a consultant group to lead the planning efforts for the community center. The City is planning a community



Courtesy of Books and Buckets

Directors and managers for Books & Buckets, including founder David McGill-Soriano (second to left) pose for a photo.

meeting in the Washington neighborhood in late April so residents can meet the consultant group and begin planning the next steps.

Latinos in Action California, a nonprofit that specializes in leadership development, education, community health and safety, has been a leader in pushing for the Washington Community Center. The

nonprofit conducted an outreach campaign that garnered over 400 signatures in a push to highlight the need for the center in 2014. They presented the petition to former Mayor, current Congressman Robert Garcia, and former Councilmember, current Senator Lena Gonzalez.

"I believe it's urgently necessary

for the City to build a community center in the Washington neighborhood since there's so much need and the capacity to serve so many families is not enough with a single organization," said Latinos in Action California instructor Gualupe.

In 2021, Books & Buckets joined the effort, as a nonprofit that fo-

cuses on the intersection of youth academics, athletics and advocacy, specifically in the Washington neighborhood.

The two organizations began having planning meetings with Councilmember Mary Zendejas and the Washington Neighborhood Association. Together they created a vision plan and presented it to Mayor Rex Richardson in 2022.

"As the mayor and councilmembers probably already know, the Washington neighborhood is a neighborhood that has a lot of challenges, but there's a lot of beauty within it too. I mean just look at how many residents showed up here today to really advocate for this community center that they've long deserved," said Andrew Mandujano, systems change director with Books & Buckets. "This community center has been a long campaign, this group is so powerful and so committed we just want to ask y'all to continue that commitment."

The Washington neighborhood is located in West Long Beach, an area with high rates of poverty, poor air quality and few community spaces. Despite having over 8,000 residents, most of whom are Latino or Black, the neighborhood has only one park.

Many residents Tuesday night spoke about their experiences liv-

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EDUCATION



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

Local advocacy groups urge LBUSD to strengthen immigration policy

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

Local youth social justice organization Californians for Justice (CFJ) has combined efforts with ÓRALE, a Long Beach immigrant rights coalition, to demand stronger protections for immigrants and undocumented students in the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD).

Over the past few months, LBUSD has posted messages to its website and social media, created a webpage with immigration resources and recently passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to historically marginalized students.

However, advocates are demanding the district strengthen the language in its immigration policy regarding the procedure for sharing student information and the presence of officers on campus.

Fernando Acevedo, a community lawyer with ÓRALE, has been assisting in facilitating these

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YOUTH

Long Beach's annual Celebration of the Young Child returns with vital resources and fun activities

Staff Report

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To quote Whitney Houston, the children are our future, and Long Beach is investing in that future through the annual Celebration of the Young Child, returning Saturday, April 26.

During this free event, the City connects local parents with on-site resources, vendors and activities aimed at assisting kids ranging from 0 to 8 years old in their development.

This year's celebration will take place at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) and Lincoln Park (2760 N. Studebaker Road).

"Every year, Celebration of the Young Child brings us together to celebrate the joy, creativity and great potential of our young residents," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "Investing in children today builds a brighter, more vibrant future for our entire community."

In late 2024, the City's Early Childhood Education team launched a community survey to ascertain how this year's event could best support babies and young children.

The results from the survey influenced the features of this year's event, with respondents looking for experiences with healthy food options, hands-on activities and on-site enrollment assistance for programs. Families also expressed interest in resting areas, safe spaces for children to play and more resources addressing developmental and sensory needs at the event.

Next month's celebration will feature an array of live entertainment, such as dance performances by Kids Imagine Nation and stu-

dents from Cesar Chavez Elementary School. Plus, pediatric speech therapist and author Mika Storey will read her book "Nixon's Engine Words" and lead a presentation about early childhood speech and development.



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A young child struggles to place a puck back into the holder for the Connect-Four style game at the National Night Out block party on Aug. 1, 2023.

Other activities include music and movement for toddlers and preschool-aged children, read-aloud story times, a sensory exploration area and hands-on education-focused activities.

Free early intervention resources and screenings will be available at the event for families with children who may benefit from them. There will also be information booths from local and regional education centers, agencies and vendors on the library terrace.

Services being offered at the event include:

- 10-20 minute walk-in appoint-

ments for the Ages & Stages Questionnaire, which helps parents identify areas of development in which their child may need more support.

- 10-20 minute walk-in appointments for the articulation component of the Preschool Language Scale, which assesses kids' emerging language and developmental skills.

- Pediatric eye health screenings, courtesy of the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic, to help identify vision concerns and prevent future impairments. Eye screenings will also include vision education, resources and reading glasses, if needed. Space is limited, so attendees are encouraged to arrive early to sign up for a walk-in appointment.

- Vaccination clinics to provide children with their routine immunizations.

"We are thrilled to host Celebration of the Young Child, a wonderful event that honors our young children and supports their growth and well-being," said First District Councilmember Mary Zendejas in a public statement. "We invite you to join us at Billie Jean King Main Library and Lincoln Park as we help to foster a solid foundation and better future for all."

The Celebration of the Young Child is a collaborative effort between the health department's Early Childhood Strategic Initiatives program, the Long Beach Public Library and the Mayor's Fund for Education.

The 6th annual Celebration of the Young Child will take place Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Long Beach. There will be free parking for attendees in the Civic Center parking garage at the corner of Broadway and Chestnut Avenue.

RECREATION



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Spring Fun Days will run from April 14-18 at 21 Long Beach parks, including Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

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Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine is offering free Spring Break recreation for local kids ages 5 to 12 through Spring Fun Days.

This drop-in program will take place at over 20 parks during the Long Beach Unified School District's upcoming week-long break, and registered participants will be free to come and go as they please. Activities will include sports, games, arts and crafts and special events.

Spring Fun Days will run from Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18 from noon to 5 p.m. each day at the following parks:

- **Admiral Kidd Park** – 2125 Santa Fe Ave. | (562-570-1600)

- **Bixby Park** – 130 Cherry Ave. | (562-570-1601)

- **Chavez Park** – 401 Golden Ave. | (562-570-8890)

- **College Estates Park** – 808 Stevely Ave. | (562-570-1617)

- **Coolidge Park** – 352 E. Neece St. | (562-570-1618)

- **Drake Park** – 951 Maine Ave. | (562-570-1625)

- **El Dorado Park West** – 2800 N. Studebaker Road | (562-570-3225)

- **Houghton Park** – 6301 Myrtle Ave. | (562-570-1640)

- **MacArthur Park** – 1321 E. Anaheim St. | (562-570-1655)

- **McBride Park** – 1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. | (562-570-1605)

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Park** – 1950 Lemon Ave. | (562-570-4405)

- **Orizaba Park** – 1435 Orizaba Ave. | (562-570-142)

- **Pan American Park** – 5157 E. Centralia St. | (562-570-3297)

- **Ramona Park** – 3301 E. 65th St. | (562-570-1665)

- **Scherer Park** – 4600 Long Beach Blvd. | (562-570-1675)

- **Seaside Park** – 1401 Chestnut Ave. | (562-570-1625)

- **Silverado Park** – 1545 W 31st St. | (562-570-1625)

- **Somerset Park** – 1500 E Carson St. | (562-570-1690)

- **Veterans Park** – 101 E. 28th St. | (562-570-1695)

- **Wardlow Park** – 3457 Stanbridge Ave. | (562-570-1705)

- **Whaley Park** – 5620 E Atherton St. | (562-570-1710)

Pre-registration for the program is required. Registration forms will be available for pickup at participating parks beginning Monday, March 31. Anyone interested in registering their children can call or visit the parks for registration times.

To learn more about Spring Fun Days, scan the QR code below with your phone:



COMMUNITY

Long Beach's Spring Kickoff Event hopes to strengthen community

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The community is invited to an inaugural celebration of spring and connection at Long Beach's Neighborhood Spring Kickoff event this Saturday.



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A group of women dance to the song "Mambo No. 5" by Lou Bega during a National Night Out block party in Long Beach on Aug. 1, 2023.

Residents can enjoy hours of games, crafts and giveaways at Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long

Beach's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program is hosting this free event, aimed at bringing residents together to create change in their community and engage with one another.

"Our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program brings our community together to build strong connections, strengthen social ties and address local needs," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "With this event, we are kicking spring off by empowering our residents to engage locally — providing opportunities for them to foster that connection and make a difference in their neighborhoods."

The Neighborhood Spring Kickoff event will feature arts and crafts such as flower pot painting and kite decorating, as well as flower planting activities, a kite flying competition, candy guessing challenges and inflatable baseball, basketball, soccer and football games. Attendees can also enjoy obstacle courses, raffle prizes with themed prize bas-

kets such as movie night, self-care, as well as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and more.

The City's Neighbor-to-Neighbor program is a California Volunteers network led by the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability. These events are designed to empower Californians to take meaningful action in their community by bringing neighbors together to engage locally.

The City launched its Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in September 2024 and is funded by a \$500,000 grant from the State of California through California Volunteers, Office of the Governor. Long Beach is one of nine cities selected through a statewide competitive process.

To learn more about how to participate in the Neighbor-To-Neighbor program, including a calendar of upcoming events, visit the program website.



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A wide range of workshops this week promise new skills, like a beginner-friendly nature photo walk at Willow Springs Park, a community garden workshop at the Signal Hill Community Garden, a women's wellness session at the Signal Hill Public Library or a clothes mending gathering, all on Saturday. More opportunities include a crochet club Wednesday, a laser engraving workshop and an English speaking practice club Thursday.

Films and media are in the spotlight as well, with a critically acclaimed documentary screening about Black cowboys in LA and their fight to preserve their culture on Saturday, a music video premiere and film screenings at Place LB Sunday, and a movie trivia night at Long Beach's independent theater Thursday night.

Entertainment options this week include an R&B brunch party at Sevilla Nightclub Sunday, poetry club Monday night at Recreational Coffee, stand-up comedy at Que Sera Wednesday night and live jazz from the Jazz Angels on Thursday.

21 FRIDAY

YOUTH ART WORKSHOP

3 p.m. The Long Beach Museum of Art is hosting a hands-on art workshop for kids at Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.) in honor of Women's History Month. Free.

GRIEF SOUND BATH

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cosmic Return and Adelitas Revenge is hosting this sound bath and collective

space for people to share and release grief of any kind at 4007 E. Fourth St. There is a suggested donation of \$11, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

22 SATURDAY

SHIP OPEN HOUSE & TOURS

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Step aboard the historic Western Flyer, the vessel that carried John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts on their 1940 expedition to the Sea of Cortez. Celebrate the ship's return with public tours from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Rainbow Harbor (Dock 4 near the Aquarium of the Pacific) and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Alamitos Bay (public long dock at the end of Appian Way). Free.

CLOTHING SWAP AND MENDING CAFE

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can give their clothing new life at this mending cafe, or receive free clothes by participating in a swap at the McBride Park Community Center (1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.). This event is hosted by Radical Clothes Swap and Radical Sewist, and registered attendees can bring up to 10 clean clothing items in good condition to swap, or one item that needs repairing. Resellers will not be permitted. Registration info can be found online. Free.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents can enjoy an outdoor screening of "Fire on the Hill: The Cowboys of South Central LA," a critically acclaimed documentary about the history of Black cowboys in South and Central LA, the mysterious fire that burned their inner-city horse stable and their fight to preserve their cul-

ture. The film will be followed by a Q&A with director Brett Fallentine and the film's lead Ghuan Featherstone at Ranchos Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Road.). Bring blankets and chairs to sit in. Tickets can be purchased online.

23 SUNDAY

R&B WITH LOVE BRUNCH PARTY

11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a day of R&B classics at Sevilla Nightclub (140 Pine Ave.), featuring '90s and 2000s throwbacks and live DJ sets. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite starting at \$23.18.

WORLD POETRY DAY

1 p.m. Celebrate World Poetry Day with a special poetry reading at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) with El Martillo Press. Featured creatives include Matt Sedillo, Alysha Wise Hernandez, Matthew 'Cuban' Hernandez, Sonia Gutierrez, and Felicia 'Fe' Montes. Free.

LBCMA FILM CLUB

1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Long Beach premiere of the "Yudith" music video by Velvet Penny will kick off this installation of the Long Beach Community Media Arts Film Club. The video shows the nonlinear path of healing and the pathways of self destruction that present themselves on the path to realization. More films will be shown following the video at Place LB (2172 Pacific Ave.). Free, but donations are welcome.

24 MONDAY

PRINTMAKING MONDAYS

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Every Monday,



Courtesy of Downtown Long Beach Alliance
Residents can check out food, local vendors and live music at the free weekly Thursday Night Market in Downtown Long Beach, with the next edition taking place Thursday, March 27 starting at 5 p.m.

Place LB (2172 Pacific Ave.) invites the public to learn how to make their own lino prints. Materials will be provided. A donation of \$1 to \$8 is suggested, but no one will be turned away because they can't pay.

NO PULP POETRY CLUB

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Local poets are invited to share their work during this open mic night at Recreational Coffee (237 Long Beach Blvd., Suite A). Free admission.

25 TUESDAY

TEEN CAFE

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Teens are invited to talk, craft and snack together at Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). Free.

BEMBRIDGE HOUSE COCKTAIL MIXER & ANNIVERSARY

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Celebrate 25 years of the Historic Bembridge House (953 North Park Circle Drive) being under the care of Long Beach Heritage with a night of cocktails and art. Tickets are \$23.18 and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

26 WEDNESDAY

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENT

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to this free event aimed at helping people access health and care services such as medical, Medicare, Covered California enrollment, IRS penalty assistance and more. This event is open to everyone, regardless of immigration status and will take place at 6853 Atlantic Ave. #110. Free.

BEAR CITY COMEDY

8 p.m. A roster of stand-up comedians perform weekly at Que Sera (1923 E Seventh St.). This event is for those 21 and older. Doors open at 7 p.m. Free.

27 THURSDAY

DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local nonprofit Centro CHA will be distributing diapers to families that need them at Cesar Chavez Park (401 Golden Ave.). The diapers are intended for babies under 2 years old that live in Long Beach. Families will need to verify that they are low-income, either by providing proof of benefits such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh, etc. No registration is required. For more information, call (562) 505-5552. Free.

THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET

5 p.m. Discover local vendors, live music and delicious food at the weekly Thursday Night Market at the Promenade in Downtown Long Beach (210 E. Third St.). This pop-up market is a great way to explore unique artisan goods while enjoying the lively atmosphere of Downtown Long Beach. It's the perfect spot for an evening of browsing, eating and supporting small businesses in the area. Free.

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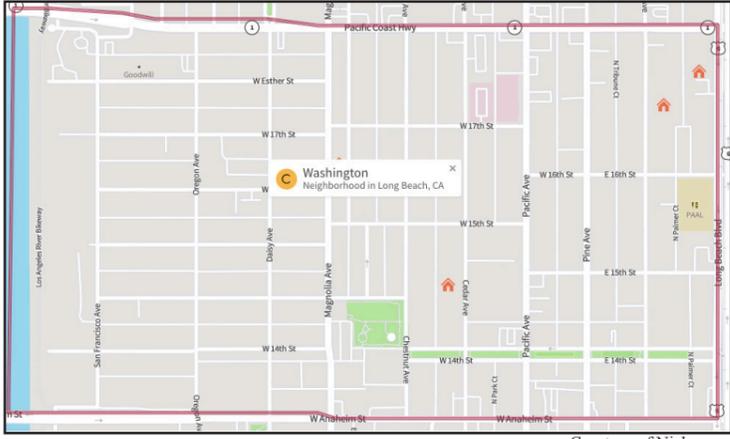
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At the Long Beach City Council meeting on March 19, residents who live in the Washington neighborhood brought up the need for a community gathering space.

ing with violence in the Washington neighborhood, insisting that a community center would decrease violence among youth by giving them a place to be away from the streets.

Long Beach announced a city-wide initiative of youth violence prevention last summer called S.T.R.O.N.G. Beach, using community activations, youth engagement and safe spaces to “decrease violent incidents in city neighborhoods most impacted by violence.” However, this initiative only utilized already existing spaces and programs, so neighborhoods with no existing public spaces had to travel to other parts of the city.

Richardson announced the first round of funding towards the Washington Community Center at his State of the City address in 2023. The center was given \$500,000 in Measure A funds and included in Richardson’s Elevate ‘28 plan, a major overhaul and upgrading of Long Beach’s parks and public spaces in preparation for the 2028 Olympics.

The \$500,000 was used for outreach, planning and designing efforts, according to Dennis. The City is hoping to complete the Request for Proposals process in the next couple weeks to present the consulting group to the community in late April.

Multiple organizers asked the City to show urgency in supporting the community center and to search for more funding. Residents also asked that Senator Gonzalez make a contribution to the center.

“I’ve lived in the Washington neighborhood my whole life and

my family and I can’t envision ourselves not living in this neighborhood. One of the most challenging things for us is the security of the neighborhood at all times,” said 14-year-old Camila. “I can’t walk around without worrying about what’s happening in our neighborhood whether it’s drugs, gang violence, homelessness etc. The community center would help fix the problems in our neighborhood. Kids like me would have more help to get them through challenges.”

As of March 19, the Elevate ‘28 page for the “Washington Youth Center” shows no estimated construction date, completion date or plans for additional funding. The building was deemed a youth center by the city, but the residents have renamed it a community center, since they hope to see services that serve all ages.

Dennis told the Signal Tribune that at this time there is no additional funding identified, adding that projects like the community center are “always on the wishlist.”

“For many years the significance of the Washington community center has been acknowledged by the mayor and Councilwoman Mary Zendejas. Despite this recognition, progress has been slow and the center remains an unfulfilled promise,” said Cynthia Evangelista with the Washington Historic Association. “The mayor has often spoken about his commitment to the westside, emphasizing the need for a unifying message within our community. Today I stand before you united with the other organizations determined to turn this dream into a reality.”

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efforts by reviewing policy and identifying key recommendations.

The District’s current policy prohibits disclosing a student’s immigration or citizenship status unless it’s authorized by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. However, Acevedo said the recommendation is to update the policy so this information cannot be disclosed unless compelled by a court order.

“The reality is heartbreaking. Students are too afraid to attend school, a place that should be a sanctuary of both learning and community.”

- Mariana Rosa, Cabrillo High School senior

The second recommendation regards the presence of immigration officers on school campuses.

Acevedo said the policy currently allows immigration officers to bypass protections on campus under “extenuating circumstances,” but he added there’s no legal basis for having that terminology in the policy to allow them to enter.

Instead, the proposal is to remove that terminology so only the superintendent, in consultation with general counsel from LBUSD, could grant access to school grounds. An exception would be if officers provide a federal court explicitly allowing them to enter.

Board Policy 5145.13 addresses the District’s response to immigration enforcement activities on LBUSD campuses. The policy was adopted in 2018 and was most recently revised in February 2024.

Students and community members have expressed concerns for their peers since the February 19 board meeting.

Mariana Rosa, a senior at Cabrillo High School, described the im-

pact she has noticed at her school amid increasing tension around immigration. She said classrooms once filled with laughter and camaraderie now have empty seats.



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

“The reality is heartbreaking. Students are too afraid to attend school, a place that should be a sanctuary of both learning and community,” Rosa said.

NEWS

Long Beach’s Fire Station 14 reopens following renovations

Staff Report Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach held a grand reopening ceremony for Fire Station 14 on March 15, following a \$5.5 million renovation project funded primarily through Measure A.

City officials, including Mayor Rex Richardson, Third District Councilmember Kristina Duggan, and Fire Department Chief Dennis Buchanan, attended the event and provided remarks. Attendees were given tours of the upgraded fire station, which now includes expanded firefighter living spaces, upgraded safety systems and improved storage for firefighting equipment.

“With advanced equipment, updated infrastructure and improved operational capabilities, the reopening of our new Fire Station 14 will equip Fire Department personnel with the tools and resources they need to respond to emergen-

cies efficiently and effectively, further enhancing our ability to protect our community,” Richardson said in a public statement. “Together, we are building a safer, more resilient Long Beach.”



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach.

City of Long Beach officials celebrate the grand reopening of Fire Station 14 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 15, 2025.

The project was part of the city’s Elevate ‘28 Infrastructure Investment Plan, which looks to update the City’s facilities and public spaces leading up to the 2028 Olympics. The station, located at 5200

E. Eliot St., previously had limited restroom facilities and storage space. The renovations added male, female and gender-neutral restrooms, as well as modernized administrative areas and fire suppression systems.

Measure A, a voter-approved funding initiative, contributed approximately \$4.7 million toward the project. The renovations were designed to increase operational efficiency and improve emergency response capabilities.

“This reopening marks a proud moment for the Long Beach Fire Department, our firefighters, and the entire community,” Buchanan said in a public statement. “Thanks to Measure A, Fire Station 14 is now equipped with upgraded facilities and tools that will allow us to serve Long Beach even better. This investment in public safety helps ensure that we can respond faster and more efficiently to the needs of our residents.”

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COMMUNITY ENTRY

Housing is Healthcare: Why Long Beach must integrate health services into affordable housing

This opinion editorial was written by Sharnyle Gonzales

Gonzales is a dedicated social work professional with a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University, Long Beach. Currently pursuing a master's degree in social work with a concentration in social change and innovation at the University of Southern California, she has extensive experience in education, housing and community development.

Long Beach is facing a crisis that cannot be ignored: homelessness and housing insecurity. Despite Long Beach's first reported decline in homelessness since 2017, the city's housing crisis is far from over. Thousands remain unhoused, and even more low-income residents, particularly Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), continue to struggle with housing insecurity and limited access to essential health services. While the city has made strides in developing affordable housing, one crucial element is still missing — integrated healthcare and supportive services. Without addressing the intersection of housing and health, we are setting up vulnerable residents for failure.

As someone who was born and raised in Long Beach and has worked in the housing and community development field, I have seen firsthand how the lack of on-site services — such as medical and mental health services, financial capability support, workforce development and digital access — keeps people trapped in cycles of homelessness.

Pursuing my master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California with a concentration in social change and innovation, I understand that housing alone is not enough. If we want to create lasting change, we must invest in permanent supportive housing models that integrate critical health services.

Long Beach's 2024 Homeless Count reported 3,376 individuals experiencing homelessness — a 2.1% decrease from the previous year and the first reported decline since 2017. While this reduction is a positive sign, it does not signal the end of the crisis. Of the people counted, 2,455 were unsheltered and 921 were in temporary or emergency housing. Even those who secure shelter often struggle with severe health conditions that make long-term housing retention difficult.

Many individuals experiencing homelessness have underly-

ing long-term trauma and chronic health issues, including untreated severe mental illness, substance use disorders, and physical or developmental disabilities. These conditions are not only prevalent among unhoused individuals, but they also create significant barriers to stability.

According to the Long Beach 2024 Homeless Count, 53.3% of individuals cited severe mental illness, eviction, substance use, and disabilities as key factors of their homelessness. Without access to supportive services, many struggle to regain stability. Additional barriers such as lack of transportation, financial constraints and systemic racial inequities further hinder access to healthcare.



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Long Beach's 2024 Point In Time Count reported the city's first decline in homelessness since 2017.

The problem is even worse for low-income BIPOC residents. Systemic inequities have led to high-



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Workers tear down the remains of the previous Long Beach City Hall on Feb. 2, 2022.

er rates of eviction, housing discrimination, and limited access to healthcare. Black residents, who make up approximately 12% of the city's population, account for nearly 33% of its unhoused community.

Additionally, Latinx and multiracial individuals also comprise a substantial and growing portion of the unhoused population. Without a coordinated approach that integrates healthcare, mental health services, and permanent housing solutions, these disparities will persist, pushing more people into homelessness and leaving the most vulnerable to fall through the cracks.

Research consistently shows that permanent supportive housing with onsite healthcare significantly improves health outcomes, increases housing stability, and reduces long-term cost.

Cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles have implemented successful models that combine affordable housing with medical care, mental health services, and substance use treatment. Long Beach must adopt

a similar strategy for its affordable housing developments.

There are already promising initiatives in place. Mayor Rex Richardson has been a strong advocate for addressing Long Beach's homelessness crisis, promoting initiatives that improve access to both housing and health services for vulnerable populations.



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County of Los Angeles Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2025A)

Whereas, on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, April 19, 2025, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at the online public auction at www.govease.com/los-angeles.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online public auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, June 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, June 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at the online public auction at www.govease.com/los-angeles beginning Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Information regarding this sale is available at ttc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.govease.com/los-angeles and submit a deposit of 10 percent of the spend limit that is set by each registered bidder. Bid deposits must be in the form of a wire transfer, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, March 14, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to State law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. Phone calls can be directed to (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. TTC's website is located at ttc.lacounty.gov and emails can be directed to auction@ttc.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at assessor.lacounty.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on February 27, 2025

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
Treasurer and Tax Collector
County of Los Angeles
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE (SALE NO. 2025A)

3920 AIN 7207-020-056 LANGE, DONALD C LOCATION CITY-LONG BEACH \$10,861.00

3924 AIN 7268-025-052 SAINT MARK BAPTIST CHURCH OF LONG BEACH LOCATION CITY-LONG BEACH \$16,654.00

3925 AIN 7269-013-012 CRAWFORD, STANLEY E AND YOSHIKO LOCATION CITY-LONG BEACH \$31,458.00

3926 AIN 7271-008-001 RB LOAN PORTFOLIO II LLC LOCATION CITY-LONG BEACH \$662,850.00

4159 AIN 7206-005-014 CANTU, GRACIELA V AND CANTU, MARTIN LOCATION CITY-LONG BEACH \$60,698.00

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TST7641 Case No. 25VECP00074 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 6230 SYLMAR AVENUE. VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91401 PETITION OF: Sir Lawrence Steinfeldt for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Sir Lawrence Steinfeldt has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Sir Lawrence Steinfeldt Proposed Name: Lawrence X 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: 8:30a.m., Dept. U, Room: 620. 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 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 2025 ___/ss//___ Shirley Watkins, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 11th, 2025

TST7636 / 2025 035856 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: LA ESPERANZA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC, 11306 E 183RD ST STE 305, CERRITOS, CA. 90703. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LA ESPERANZA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC, 11306 E 183RD ST STE 305, CERRITOS, CA. 90703. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA FERNANDA CAHUENAS CUZCO, PRESIDENT. 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 Feb 20, 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 28, & March 7, 14, 21, 2025.

TST7637 / 2025 035854 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: LAS COLOMBIANADAS FAST FOOD, 10974 S MAIN ST APT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90061. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: INGRID ORTIGOZA ROJAS, 10974 S MAIN ST APT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90061. 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: INGRID ORTIGOZA ROJAS, 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 Feb 20, 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 fic-

titious 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 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 2025.

TST7640 / 2025 034832 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: AWASH INDUSTRIES, 1075 E NEVADA STREET, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MENZAY LLC, 1075 E NEVADA STREET, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: AEDEN S. KEFFLEW, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 02/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 2/20/2025. 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 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 2025.

TST7644/ 2025 039343 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: LA EVENT RENTALS, 3715 MONOGRAM AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MERCURY EVENTS, LLC, 3715 MONOGRAM AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90808 State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: LLC. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GAVIN MCKEIRNAN, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 02/25. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 25, 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 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 2025.

TST7643 Case No. 25LBPC00088 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: Hue Thi Pacheco Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Hue Thi Pacheco has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Hue Thi Pacheco Proposed Name: Lani Hue Pacheco 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 8, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S25, Room: 5600. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. February 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 2025 ___/ss//___ Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 25, 2025

TST7659 / 2025 046338 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: VIRTUD 3120 EL SEBO AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: PLENITUD LLC 3120 EL SEBO AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SYLVIA P. ACEVEDO, PRESIDENT. The registrant not begun to use this fictitious business name. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 6th, 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: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2025.

TST7660 / 2025 046341 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: SELBOR, SELBOR AKAU CONSULTING, 14515 PIONEER BLVD 4JS LEGAL SERVICES, NORWALK, CA 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SELBOR AKU, LLC 14515 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JOSHUA ROBLES, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 03/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 6th, 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: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2025.

TST7661 / 2025 046344 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: LOS REYES PRODUCE, 28637 SAN CANYON RD SPC 23, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: HUICHOS, LLC, 28367 SAN CANYON RD SPC 23, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387 State of Incorporation/

Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GERMAN REYES MARTINEZ, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 02/25. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 6th, 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: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2025

TST7665 Case No. 25CMCP00050 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: Aaron Daniel Garcia for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Aaron Daniel Garcia has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Aaron Daniel Garcia Proposed Name: Aaron Daniel Corona 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: May 20, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room: 904. 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. March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2025. ___/ss//___ Elizabeth L. Bradley, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 11, 2025

TST7651 Case No. 25LBPC00099 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: Unknown Tomasino for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Unknown Tomasino has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Unknown Tomasino Proposed Name: Madeline Leanne Rodriguez 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: May 2, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755 March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2025 ___/ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 3, 2025

TST7667 Case No. 25NWCP00132 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CALIFORNIA 90650 PETITION OF: Nicki Ann Warner for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Nicki Ann Warner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Nicki Ann Warner Proposed Name: Nicki Ann Summers-Lands 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: June 2, 2025; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept.C, Room: 312. 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. March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2025 ___/ss//___ Lee W. Tsao, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 12, 2025

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST7664

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Request for Bid (RFB)# 2425-018-RFB
Packaged Suppers

Long Beach Unified School District is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide Packaged Suppers. The intent of this RFB is to select the most responsive and responsible Bidder(s) and establish a one (1) year contract with an option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods based on satisfactory service and performance. More information available at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>. Bids are due by 12:00PM (PT) on 03/31/2025.

Published in the *Signal Tribune* newspaper: March 14 & 21, 2025

TST7663/Order No: 2431
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On 03/31/2025 at 19031 S MAIN ST GARDENA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 JEEP

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STATE: CA LIC: 7XLC385 at 9AM

TST7662/Order No: 2442
Auto Lien Sale

On 03/31/2025 at 3029 W 48TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 CHEVR

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STATE: CA LIC: 8PXM869 at 9AM

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CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, March 12

12:54 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Molino Ave./E. 19th St.
2:24 p.m., Indecent exposure, E. Spring St./Orange Ave.
4:18 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave.

Thursday, March 13

1:20 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.
2:46 p.m., DUI, E. PCH/Obispo Ave. (citation issued)
4:50 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Friday, March 14

5:19 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 3500 block E. PCH
11:07 a.m., Rape report, 3200 block California Ave.
3:04 p.m., Intoxicated person, E. Hill St./Temple Ave.
6:26 p.m., Burglary, 3100 block California Ave.
7:12 p.m., Battery, 1400 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
8:50 p.m., Battery, 2700 block E. PCH (citation issued)

Saturday, March 15

5:25 p.m., Battery, 3200 block E. Willow St.
8:35 p.m., Petty theft, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
10:51 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave.

Sunday, March 16

4:28 a.m., DUI, 800 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
4:31 p.m., Robbery, 700 block E. Spring St.

Monday, March 17

2:49 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Spring St.

Tuesday, March 18

6:50 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./Cherry Ave.
3:53 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
4:07 p.m., Family disturbance, 3300 block Walnut Ave. (suspect arrested)
7:05 p.m., Battery, 3500 block E. PCH
8:53 p.m., Battery, E. PCH/Obispo Ave.

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

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VETERANS



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A mural honoring veterans on display at Houghton Park in Long Beach.

Long Beach accepting nominations for 2025 Veterans Banner Program

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach is now accepting nominations for its second annual Veterans Banner Program, which honors local veterans with commemorative banners displayed throughout the city.

After recognizing 25 veterans last year, the program is expanding to honor up to 60 veterans this year. The banners will be displayed for one year starting in the summer.

“Last year’s banners beautifully recognized their accomplishments and celebrated what makes them integral members of our vibrant community, and this year we are excited to honor more than double the amount of our hometown heroes,” said Mayor Rex Richardson said in a public statement.

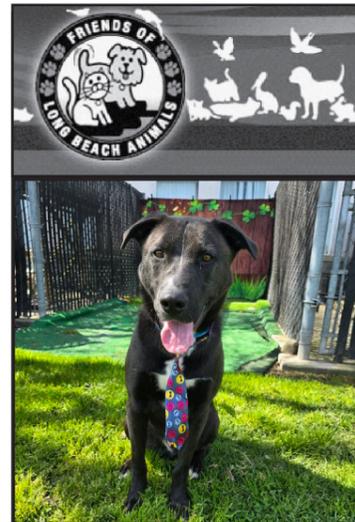
The program is open to any veteran, living or deceased, who served honorably and meets at least one of

the following criteria:

- Born or raised in Long Beach
 - Currently or formerly lived, worked or studied in Long Beach
 - Served at the Long Beach Naval Station, Shipyard, Naval Hospital or Armory
- Nominations are open until March 31.
- Applicants must provide:
- The veteran’s eligibility details
 - Information about their military service
 - A biography highlighting their connection to Long Beach
 - A high-resolution photo (if selected)

The Long Beach Veterans Commission will review applications, ensuring selections are fair and unbiased. Honorees will be notified by May 2025.

To submit a nomination or learn more, visit longbeach.gov/veteransbanners.



Pet of the week: Wallace

Wallace is all dressed up for Take Your Dog to Work Day! He’d be a great one to show off to your colleagues. He loves to play ball and loves stuffies even more, and everyone at work will need to be ready to be smothered in wet doggy kisses! What—you work from home? Even better—Wallace will be a wonderful snuggle buddy as you crouch over your keyboard, and he’s great on a leash, so when you’re ready to walk and stretch, he’ll keep you company. Wallace is a year-old Staffie mix and is showing signs of kennel stress, so he needs to go home with a loving human who’ll work and play with him forever. Long Beach Animal Care Services is over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt or foster Wallace 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#A732532.

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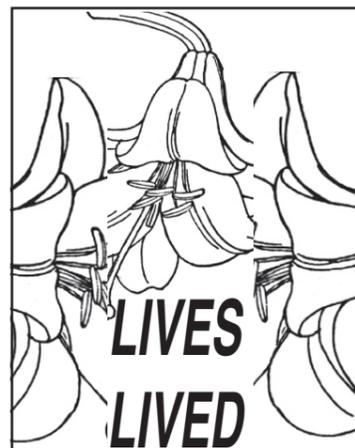
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W/ SILVER FOX KARAOKI



MARCH 28TH | THE JOKERS | 7 - 10 P.M.

APRIL 4TH | RAYFORD BROS | 7 - 11 P.M.



APRIL 11TH | THE JOKERS | 7 - 10 P.M.

APRIL 18TH | AMERIGUMBO | 7 - 10 P.M.



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