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**CITY COUNCIL** 

# Long Beach hopes to streamline certain community events

Business Improvement Districts cite expensive permit fees and extensive back-and-forth when trying to host events for the community.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

art of what gives Long Beach a small town feeling are the community-led events that residents have come to love and expect.

Events like the Zaferia Happy Sundays festival, Bixby Knolls County Fair, Taste of Downtown, the Wrigley River Run and dozens more help create a sense of community throughout the city, but for the organizations that run these events, the City's red tape can be expensive and exhausting.

Long Beach City Council appointed the City Manager's Office and the Special Events Department to find ways to minimize the bureaucracy of throwing these events at Tuesday's meeting. Their focus will be on events hosted by Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Business Improvement Associations and local restaurants.

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Sidewalk chalk is used to write out 'Bixby Knolls County Fair' and make various colorful drawings on the sidewalk outside of the Expo Art Center during Bixby Knolls' First Fridays event on April 1, 2022.

# CRIME

Long Beach man accused of sexually abusing 14-year-old girl still at-large over two years later

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

**Disclaimer:** This story contains descriptions of sexual violence against children. Reader discretion is advised.

A Long Beach man has avoided arrest for over two years after sexually abusing a young girl overseas.

Ivan Lozano, 38, is accused of asking an underage girl in Tanzania to send sexually explicit images of herself to him, and later traveling to Tanzania, where the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said he raped the girl and recorded it.

Lozano is also accused of possessing over 4,000 images and videos of children being sexually abused, according to court documents

In December 2019, when Lozano was 33 years old, he used social media to initiate communication with a 14-year-old girl living in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Lozano allegedly spent the first year of their communication speaking with the victim about her interests and her



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Ivan Lozano has been on the run from

daily life. After a year of speaking with her online, he escalated his behavior and began asking the girl for nude photos and videos.

law enforcement for over two years.

Court documentation includes messages that federal investigators said were sent between Lozano and the victim. In the messages the FBI said are between Lozano and the victim, it appeared he had groomed the girl for sexual abuse, and she was under the impression Lozano cared for her and would start a family with her one day.

The week before the victim turned 16 years old, the FBI said Lozano traveled to Dar es Salaam,

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**OP-ED** 

# OPINION: Long Beach voted to give tourism workers a raise. City Council shouldn't leave some workers behind.

This op-ed was co-written by **Naida C. Tushnet**, **PhD**, a former educator who also served as the Chair on the Long Beach Commission on Aging and Vice Chair on the Long Beach Police Oversight Commission; and **Luis Ortiz**, a student organizer with Students for Quality Education at California State University, Long Beach.

Every worker in Long Beach deserves a living wage, and it should not matter whether they work directly with an operator or through a

staffing agency. Yet, the City Council's latest proposal to expand its living wage ordinance would allow an economic incentive for concessionaires at the Long Beach Airport and convention center to bypass direct hires in favor of temporary workers who would perform the same work at lower wages.

If the proposed policy passes as it's currently written, it would be a step backward for a city that has been a leader in securing wage stability for workers.

Last March, voters approved Measure RW, making Long Beach the first city in the region to update its living wage policy for hospitality workers in preparation for the 2028 Olympics. Community members have been calling for the expansion of Measure RW to include workers at the Long Beach Airport and Convention Center. But in an alarming move, the Long Beach City Council's proposal to expand Measure RW would exclude staffing agency workers — a move that deliberately denies temporary workers fair compensation and equal worker protections, leaving them exposed to labor violations like wage theft.

We are calling on the City Council to do the right thing and revise its current proposal to ensure all workers receive a living wage — regardless of the technicality of how a worker is hired. The City Council has a responsibility to keep moving our city forward, not roll back critical worker protections.

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A Long Beach Convention Center worker and United Here! Local 11 union member pickets outside of the 2025 Long Beach State of the City on Jan. 14, 2025.



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**TRAFFIC** 

# Traffic closures begin for 2025 **Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach**



A driver crosses over the finish line during a practice race at the Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sept. 24, 2021.

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The City of Long Beach has announced a series of street closures and traffic modifications in Downtown Long Beach to accommodate the 2025 Acura Grand Prix, which will take place Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13.

Closures began Wednesday, April 9, and normal traffic patterns are expected to resume by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 14.

Street closures will occur on the following dates and times:

Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13:

6 a.m.

1. Closure of southbound Pine Avenue and access from Ocean Boulevard to Hyatt, Shoreline Village and Shoreline Marina.

2. Interior streets of The Pike (north of Shoreline Drive) will

3. Entry to the south side of the racecourse will be available only to Grand Prix passholders and boat owners via Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue.

7 p.m.

- 1. Reopening of Pine Avenue for access to Hyatt, Shoreline Village and marina tenants.
- 2. Closure of the Alamitos Avenue access route.
- 3. Vehicles entering from Pine Avenue must exit through Marina Green parking lot.

Monday, April 14

5 p.m. - Full restoration of traffic flow to:

1. Shoreline Drive (eastbound and westbound)

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# **EVENTS**



Members from the People of the Earth Krew pick trash out of the rocks along Alamitos Bay on April 10, 2022, during a community beach clean-up event in

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Long Beach will pay tribute to Mother Nature by hosting a series of free community events, workshops and volunteer opportunities throughout Earth Month.

The Earth Month festivities will all have a sustainable and educational focus, with topics including local wildlife, waste reduction and community spaces.

"Earth Month provides opportunities for our community to come together to both celebrate and protect our environment," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "I encourage residents to join us in these fun-filled and educational festivities and learn about our many City programs, policies and dedicated staff working to create a more sustainable Long Beach."

So far, the City's Earth Month activities have included the Save the Planet, Be the Hero kickoff event, a tree planting get-together in the McKinley neighborhood and a cigarette butt and beach clean-up at Junipero Beach.

The City will host the following free events throughout Earth Month:

Earth Day Coastal Clean-up: Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to noon – The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will host a clean-up event to help protect the coastline and local marine environment. Community members are encouraged to reduce their footprint by bringing their

own bucket or bag. Attendees will meet on the sand east of the Belmont Pier. Please note that rain will cancel the event. Call 562-570-1745 for more information.

• Earth Day Celebration at City Hall: Thursday, April 24 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - The City of Long Beach will celebrate the 2025 international Earth Day theme of Our Power, Our Planet by providing tips and resources for residents to support renewable energy programs during this event at City Hall (411 W. Ocean Blvd.). Learn more at lbcity.info/lbem.



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A volleyball court net with signage displaying love for the City of Long Beach is seen on the beach with light illuminating the crest of ocean waves on Oct. 25, 2022.

Annual City Nature Challenge: Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to noon - Residents can take part in activities and traverse the trails of Willow Springs Park (2745 Orange Ave.) to identify local flora and fauna and share those observations with other cities across the world via the iNaturalist app. Learn more and register for this event at lbcity.info/cnc.

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# **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

# **Voting is open for LB's Youth Power** Participatory Budget through April 23

**Staff Report** 

Signal Tribune

Local youth have the voting power to decide which summer programs they want funded through the Youth Power Participatory Budgeting (PB) Long Beach.

Through this process, young people ages 12-26 who live, work or play in Long Beach will have the chance to vote on how \$550,000 will be spent on a wide range of youth-centered projects, with awarded sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

"Young people are at the heart of our city's future, and their voices deserve to be heard in shaping the programs that impact them," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "I encourage all youth to take advantage of this opportunity, cast their vote and make their voices count.'

The voting period will run through April 23. Voters can submit their ballots online, or at the following sites during regular business hours:

## Parks, Recreation and Marine Teen Centers:

- •Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.)
- Cesar Chavez Park (401 Golden Ave.) • Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle
- McBride Park (1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.)
- Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.) Long Beach Public
- Libraries: • Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway)
- Burnett Neighborhood brary (560 E. Hill St.)
- Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.) · El Dorado Neighborhood Li-
- brary (2900 Studebaker Road) Harte Neighborhood brary (1595 W. Willow St.)
- · Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.)
- · Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)

# Additional locations:

• Economic Development De-



Supporters of the 2021 People's Budget hold a poster resembling a check, encouraging the Long Beach City Council to invest in youth during its 2022 fiscal year budget deliberations.

partment's Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network Youth Career Services Center (508 W. Willow St.)

- · Ron Arias Health Equity Center (6335 Myrtle Ave.)
- · Youth Movement and Education Center (2217 E. Sixth St.)
- · Long Beach Unified School District Wellness Centers in all high schools and middle schools

The voting period will run through April 23. Vote here:



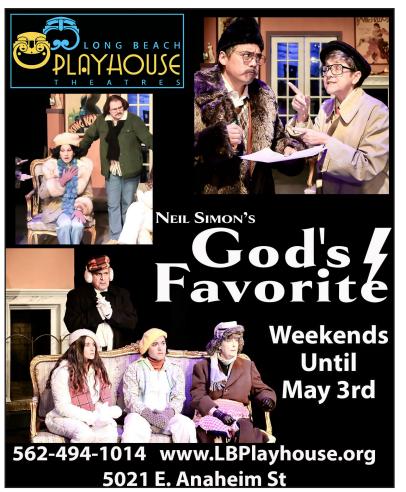
The City will host a voter fair at the Long Beach Civic Center, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd., on Tuesday, April 22 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Youth are invited to learn about summer programs, explore local resources, enjoy food and

live entertainment, and converse with community organizations who have projects on the ballot before casting their votes.

The Youth Power PB Long Beach program is the first citywide participatory budget process and it entrusts the city's young people to decide how Measure US and Racial Reconciliation Funding dollars are distributed. This program is organized by the Health Department's Office of Youth Development in collaboration with The Nonprofit Partnership, Invest in Youth Coalition, Khmer Girls in Action and California State University, Long

This marks the third year of Youth Power PB Long Beach. In 2024, 43 project ideas were submitted with 13 selected by youth budget delegates and placed on the ballot. The nine programs prioritized by youth voters in 2024 dealt with community care, housing, health and wellness, future planning and transportation, which aligns with five of the six objectives in the Long Beach Youth & Emerging Adults Strategic Plan.

To learn more about the Youth Power PB process as well as additional voting sites, visit investinyouthlb.org.



# *AROUND* TOWN

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

here's a long list of eclectic activities happening throughout Signal Hill and Long Beach this week, and everyone can find a reason to get out of the house and into their communities.

Cinephiles can enjoy two separate events at Long Beach Art Theatre, which pay homage to two of cinema's most well-known filmmakers. Fans of the TV show "Survivor" can also meet up and enjoy a weekly watch party at Beachwood

Local environmentalists can catch a screening of an original documentary at the Art Theatre on efforts to protect California's coast, or enjoy Earth Day events at Rose Park on Sunday or at Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden on Thursday.

Music lovers can enjoy a musical game of bingo at Beachwood Brewing or live jazz at Jug Band Coffee and Tea, both Tuesday evening. Artistically inclined residents can practice painting from reference at Rancho Los Cerritos, learn about linocut prints at Munzon Gallery and Place LB, or work on their personal projects alongside other creatives at Able ARTS Work.

# DIY CRAFT CLUB

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Those 8 years and older can learn how to make upcycled bangle bracelets at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). Free, but advanced registration is required by calling 562-989-7323.

# DAVID LYNCH'S 'DUNE'

11 p.m. As part of the Art Theatre of Long Beach's tribute to recently deceased beloved filmmaker David Lynch, their late night showing this week is Lynch's 1984 sci-fi film "Dune." General admission tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online or at the door of the theater (2025 E. Fourth St.).

# 12SATURDAY

# PAINTING FROM *REFERENCE INTRO*

10 a.m. to noon. Beginner artists can learn how to paint from reference from Hely Omar Gonzalez, one of the five artists featured at Ranchos Los Cerritos' current exhibit "Untold Legacies: Rethinking the American Cowboy." Attendees will learn from archival images in the serene setting of Ranchos Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Road). Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online. Only 20 spaces are available.

# *MAKERS' JAM*

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. These creative hours will be filled with a variety of activities like button-making, album cover reimagining or whatever craft you're currently working on, as crafters, tinkerers and creatives connect with one another at Able Arts Works (3841 Atlantic Ave.). An RSVP through Eventbrite is required to take part in all craft stations. Free.

# EASTER BASKET *GIVEAWAY*

Noon. This Easter event organized by The Six will include Easter basket giveaways for kids 0-13, Easter bunny photos and age-grouped egg hunts at Martin Luther King Jr. Park (1950 Lemon Ave.). Free.

# SOUNDTRACK LISTENING SESSION + FILM

8 p.m. to midnight. This collaboration between Good Luck Vinyl and the Art Theatre of Long Beach will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Sofia Coppola's directorial debut "The Virgin Suicides." The night will begin with an 8 p.m. "Homecoming Dance" listening session of the film's soundtrack and score at The Social List (2105 E. Fourth St.), complete with a disco ball and themed cocktails, then a viewing of the film at 10 p.m. at the theater (2025 E. Fourth St.). The listening session is free, and the film is \$15 online or at the door.

# 13SUNDAY

# SPRING SPECTACULAR

Noon to 2 p.m. Children and families are invited to this event that will feature the Easter bunny, free photos, crafts, balloon twisters, face painters and more at the Long Beach Towne Center (7575 Carson Blvd.). Free.

# EARTH DAY EVENT

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day at Rose Park (2760 N. Studebaker Road), with music, entertainment, a butterfly enclosure and release, eco-friendly arts and crafts, native milkweed plants and more.

# 'TO SAVE OUR COAST'

2 p.m. This screening at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) hosted by Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust will tell the story of how citizens came together to protect the California Coast from over-development and exploitation, leading to the Coastal Act. Tickets are \$10 when purchased online, and free for students.

# **4** MONDAY

PRINTMAKING HOURS

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This begin-

the environmental documentary "To Save Our Coast" (Sunday). ner-friendly space invites all people to create what their heart desires, with all supplies provided by PLACE LB (2172 Pacific Ave.). This is a pay-what-you-can event, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

# **BOOK CLUB**

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Care Culture Collab hosts this book club at Vine LB (2142 E. Fourth St.) every Monday evening. The current book is Octavia E. Butler's "Parable of the Talents." Free to attend.

# 15TUESDAY

# LB HIRING EVENT

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The city of Long Beach is hosting this event to help residents gain insights on the city's hiring process and learn about career opportunities at 4811 Airport Plaza Drive, Suite 120. Free, but registration is required by calling 562-570-6202.

# *MUSIC BINGO*

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each Tuesday at Beachwood Brewing (3630 Atlantic Ave.) is music bingo, where attendees can listen to a curated playlist, match the songs played onto their digital bingo card and win prizes. Free to play.

# LIVE JAZZ

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Local coffee, tea and food shop Jug Band Coffee and Tea (2771 E. Broadway) hosts live jazz every Tuesday in their intimate, musically-themed cafe. Free.

# 16WEDNESDAY

SIDEWALK VENDOR OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. to noon. Sidewalk vendors

This weekend, the Art Theatre of Long Beach will host screenings of David Lynch's "Dune" (Friday), Sofia Coppola's "The Virgin Suicides" (Saturday) and

can get one-on-one help from the Long Beach Health Department to ask questions about permit requirements and any other questions at this weekly open office hours at 2525 Grand Ave. Free.

# *'SURVIVOR' WATCH PARTY*

8 p.m. Fans of the show "Survivor" can attend this weekly watch party with themed cocktails, prizes and a live watch of the new episode at Beachwood Brewing (3630 Atlantic Ave.). Free to attend.

# **7**THURSDAY

# **GREEN GENERATION** *SHOWCASE*

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This Earth Month celebration at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden (1250 Bellflower Blvd.) offers environmental awareness by connecting the community with local organizations, mingling, music, snacks and a showcase of the Sustainability Project. Free, but RSVPs are recommended on Eventbrite.

# TEEN CAREER INFO EVENT

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Teens interested in highly technical careers can learn about how to get into their desired industry at this Trades and Industrial Technology career opportunities event at Bret Harte Library (1595 Willow St.).

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"Our Business Improvement Districts are partners to us and they are boots on the ground in our business communities gathering information, encouraging people to be a part of our community and it really brings life to our business corridors," said Councilmember Kristina Duggan. "They drive foot traffic, support local businesses and really enhance that sense of community. We want our local BIDs focused on building up our local communities [and] our economy, not spending their time working on permits."



Courtesy of John Michael Ferr

Joyce Manor performs in the Bamboo Club parking lot for Happy Sundays in Long Beach on Aug. 29, 2021.

A BID is an organization made up of local businesses and residents with the goal to beautify an area of the city and host events that increase foot traffic. Long Beach has multiple BIDs such as the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association, Uptown Property and Business Owner's Association, Fourth Street Business Improvement Association and more.

To host a community event, Councilmember Megan Kerr said these organizations have to apply for special permits with details like attendance and location, and often have to fulfill more requirements with the Health Department and Special Events Department.

For smaller and newly established BIDs like the Zaferia Busi-

ness Association, which is run by an eight-person team, these processes can prove taxing.

"Navigating the current permitting process has become increasingly difficult for our small team," said Marissa Pfeifer, executive director of the Zaferia Business Association. "The complexity, the time and the cost has made it harder for us to fulfill our mission and discouraged us from hosting more things like open markets and closed streets events and things that really drive foot traffic into our district."

According to Long Beach's State of BIDs report, these organizations generated \$16 million in tax revenue in 2019, roughly 23% of the city's total sales tax revenue.

Multiple members of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance (DTLBA) also spoke at the meeting about the challenges they face trying to host events for the downtown community. DTLBA member Alexandra Escobar said they are considering downsizing certain events due to the cost of permits, which would result in less foot traffic for businesses and less economic benefits for their community.

"It's not about permits, it's about momentum, and without quick improvements or immediate col-

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laboration we risk missing out on the upcoming summer season of events," Escobar said.

The city already has a streamlined process for BIDs hosting regularly recurring events that do not include major street closures or alcohol services. For these events, such as First Fridays, Fourth Fridays, Second Saturdays and similarly scheduled events, BIDs can apply for a \$451 permit that covers six events.



Courtesy of Gavin McKierna

Wrigley River Run participants cheer as they pass the Los Angeles River during the last race held by the Long Beach Neighborhood Foundation in 2019.

However, to have alcohol or street closures, organizations are required to complete other health processes and pay additional fees.

Councilmember Megan Kerr, who introduced the item, pitched ideas such as pre-approved templates for permits, direct coordination between BIDs and City departments to speed up the process, permit tracking and blanket permits for BIDs and businesses in good standing. The City will also explore an easier process for events made in partnership with BIDs and restaurants with valid health permits.

The City Manager's Office will return to the city council with ideas to simplify BIDs and restaurants hosting events within 90 days.

# IVAN LOZANO — continued from page 1



Courtesy of the U.S. Justice Department

Ivan Lozano has been at-large for over two years after the FBI seized thousands of images and videos of children being abused from his home.

where he recorded a video of himself raping the victim.

The FBI said the victim's mother became aware of her daughter's relationship with Lozano in January 2022.

The victim's father then sent a series of emails to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), telling police Lozano was sexually abusing their daughter. The LAPD referred the case to the FBI, who then asked the victim and her parents to come into the United States embassy in Dar es Salaam to speak with investigators.

After gathering evidence by speaking with the victim and searching her phone, the FBI executed a search warrant on the home Lozano shares with his mother in North Long Beach. During the search, the FBI said agents seized numerous devices that were later found to contain thousands of images and videos of children being abused.

The FBI said the images and videos they found on Lozano's devices were sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which keeps a database of children known to be victims of

child pornographers.

The database lists the online nickname the children are known by, as well as their estimated ages, ethnicities, nationalities and more, in the hopes that the information can one day be used by authorities to locate and rescue them.

The FBI said NCMEC found that over 300 of the videos and over 300 of the images found on Lozano's devices depicted victims that were already in its database. Court documents contain graphic descriptions of some of the videos, which includes a 15-second video of an infant being raped.

According to an article by the Long Beach Post, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Lozano was not arrested at the time the search warrant was served because the evidence gathered still had to be looked at by investigators.

Before he could be arrested, Lozano went on the run. He still hasn't been caught.

The *Signal Tribune* attempted to call Lozano, but his phone numbers have been disconnected. The *Signal Tribune* also visited his mother's home, but she declined to speak about the case.



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Community members have been calling for the expansion of Measure RW to include workers at the Long Beach Airport and Convention Center, including workers hired by a temporary staffing agency.

Long Beach residents overwhelmingly support policies that prioritize the well-being of workers who make our city vibrant. We know this because we knocked on hundreds of doors and spoke to voters about ballot measures that protect working-class families. Over the past two years, we joined hundreds of community members, workers and allies in writing letters, signing petitions, rallying at City Hall and engaging thousands of voters to support Measure RW.

In fact, 160 Long Beach small businesses and 70 community organizations joined the Tourism Workers Rising coalition in Long Beach to raise the wage for hotel, airport and convention center workers. This campaign is also personal for us — we've seen the struggle of close friends, family and neighbors facing skyrocketing rents, low wages and inflation. It is this shared experience that has deepened our commitment to the labor movement.

For Long Beach to continue its legacy of being a pro-worker city, we must include subcontracted workers in the living wage ordinance. Over the next four years, the World Cup, NBA All-Star Game and the 2028 Olympics will be coming to Los Angeles. (In the case of the Olympics, Long Beach itself will play host to several events.) These global spectacles will generate unprecedented profits across the region. Long Beach has a responsibility to ensure all workersespecially those keeping the industry running—are paid fairly.



Unite Here Local 11 members gather to speak at a City Hall forum. The union is currently fighting for Long Beach Airport and Convention Center concession workers to receive a living

Denying fair wages to one subset of workers performing the same job would undermine the purpose of Measure RW and create an unjust two-tier wage system. Excluding workers from living wage laws is directly tied to their ability to provide for themselves and their families.



Long Beach aims to open its outdoor amphitheater this year, Mayor Rex Richardson said at the 2025 State of the City. The Long Beach Bowl will reside next to the Queen Mary.

The operator of the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, ASM Global, is set to take on even more responsibility through its deal with the Long Beach Bowl, a new amphitheater soon to be constructed next to the Queen Mary. If companies like ASM Global want to grow and thrive in our city, they must also ensure that workers-who are the backbone of our tourism industry-share in that prosperity. Instead, workers are being left behind, forced to choose between paying their rent and buying food, living paycheck to paycheck and being priced out of Long

In March, unsettling reports surfaced of alleged wage theft and labor violations at the city-owned Convention Center, reportedly committed by one of ASM Global's subcontractors, 1Fifty1. As reported by the Los Angeles Times, 1Fifty1 allegedly paid workers in a backroom with cash-stuffed envelopes without proper wage statements and allegedly failed to pay employees overtime wages, as required by federal and state law.

Such exploitation has no place in Long Beach, especially at a city-owned facility. These alleged violations underscore the urgent need for stronger protections for all workers - especially subcontracted ones. Long Beach must take every step necessary to protect subcontracted workers, including by preserving their protections under the Living Wage  $\rm \bar{O}rdinance.$ 

If Long Beach moves forward with its proposal to exclude this subset of workers, it would be the first of its kind. Other major cities such as Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco have living wage laws in place that include subcontracted workers; this provision has always been a part of their legal framework. That's why we've sounded the alarm about the dangers posed by deliberately excluding temporary workers.

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The success of Measure RW made Long Beach a trailblazer for passing the highest minimum wage in the nation; cities like Los Angeles and San Diego are now following suit. Something is clear: Long Beach's influence drives the rest of the country to follow.

Passing the wage ordinance update as it stands would be a dangerous misstep that could jeopardize our progress and the rights of workers nationwide. We should not allow Long Beach to set the substandard.

We urge the City Council to stand on principle and honor its commitment to stand with working families by ensuring every tourism worker receives the wages they deserve. Anything less would betray the very progress we've fought for.

# **CITY COUNCIL**

# Long Beach small businesses invited to apply for a new round of Visual Improvement grants



A current and former employee of Bar Black repainted its Valentine's Day mural after it was vandalized on the night of Feb. 13, 2022. An hour after the vandalism was found, it had been covered with new hearts, pictured on Feb. 14, 2022.

#### Staff Report

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During its March 4 meeting, Long Beach City Council unanimously voted to approve an additional \$250,000 in grant funding for the Visual Improvement Program (VIP).

Through the Long Beach Economic Development Department, the VIP offers direct financial assistance to local businesses affected by property crime and vandalism. The \$250,000 adds to the City's previous cumulative investment of \$450,000 in the program.

"Long Beach's small business community is at the heart of our ongoing economic growth and vitality, and the City remains dedicated to supporting and uplifting local entrepreneurs and businesses," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "With this expanded grant opportunity, the City continues to provide critical support to help businesses recover, improve their properties and keep our commercial corridors vibrant."

Eligible businesses can receive \$1,500 to pay for storefront repairs, boarding costs, insurance deductibles and business operating expenses.

The VIP was first launched in January 2023, with \$350,000 in funding from the Long Beach Recovery Act. As part of the City's Fiscal Year 2025 budget, the program received an additional one-time funding of \$100,000 after receiving approval by the City Council in August 2024. So far, 295 VIP grants have been provided to Long Beach businesses.

"Small businesses are the cornerstone of our community and serve as the foundation for a thriving economy," said Economic Development Department Director Bo Martinez in a public statement. "This grant opportunity is one of many that we have offered to support and uplift entrepreneurs and help guide small businesses toward success."

Businesses and nonprofits that meet the following criteria are invited to apply:

Must be able to prove that damages were sustained on or after Oct.

Must have a business storefront. Must be located and operating within the boundaries of Long Beach, California (address cannot

be a P.O. Box or an address that

leads to a shipping center as their physical location). May be a private for-profit business, including sole proprietor-

ships, or nonprofit organization. Must have a City of Long Beach business license.

Must be an independently owned and operated business (not publicly traded).

Must have fewer than 200 employees.

Must gross no more than \$2 million annually.

Corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships must have an active status with the California Secretary of State.

For more information about eligibility requirements and to complete an application, visit longbeach.gov/smallbizgrants; applications will remain open until funding runs out. To learn more about VIP or to receive application assistance, call the City's BizCare Hotline at 562-570-4BIZ (4249) or email 4Biz@longbeach.gov.



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#### TST7668

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER **ESTATE OF: HERBERT LELAND**

MITCHELL CASE NO. 25STPB01647 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HERBERT LELAND MITCHELL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRANNON SHANE MITCHELL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRANNON SHANE MITCHELL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/24/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of The decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner GUSTAVO HUERTA - SBN 337109 VARELA LAW, PC (DBA: THE WAGON LEGACY) 1277 E. IM-PERIAL HIGHWAY PLACENTIA CA 92870 Telephone (714) 451-5766 BSC 226592 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/25 CNS-3907388# THE

#### TST7670 / 2025 051030 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** STATEMENT

SIGNAL TRIBUNE

The following person is doing business as: DIANE WELLNESS, 1777 N. BELL-FLOWER BLVD 107, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DD WELLNESS SERVICES LLC, 1777 N. BELLFLOWER BLVD 107, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. 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: DANE M. DAHI, MANAGING MEMBER. 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 3/12/2025. 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 28, & April 4, 11, 18, 2025.

#### TST7671 / 2025 053082 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: WELLNESS MARKETING PARTNERS. 1777 N. BELLFLOWER BLVD 107, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGE-LES. Registrant: DD WELLNESS SER-VICES LLC, 1777 N. BELLFLOWER BLVD 107, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. 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: DIANE M. DAHI, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious busi-

# LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# TST7682

## **NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

#### Request for Bid (RFB)# 2425-020-RFB **Battery Inverters Maintenance Services**

Long Beach Unified School District is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide Battery Inverters. The intent of this RFB is to select the most responsive and responsible Bidder(s) and establish a three (3) 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 4:00PM (PT) on 5/9/2025.

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ness name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 3/14/2025. 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: March 28, & April 4, 11, 18, 2025.

#### TST7672 Case No. 25NWCP00144 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR **CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650 PETITION OF: Melrose Roman Vazquez by and throught her mother Aimee Mercedes-Vazquez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Melrose Roman Vazquez by and throught her mother Aimee Mercedes-Vazquez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: MELROSE RO-MAN VAZQUEZ Proposed Name: MEL-ROSE ROMAN MUNIZ 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 HEAR-ING: Date: May 23, 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 28 & April 4, 11, 18, 2025 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_ Lee W. Tsao, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 19, 2025

#### TST7673 / 2025 055189 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: LB OUTLET PLT BOUTIQUE, 431 MARKET ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 1. MARIA ESTELA RODRIGUES, 2. ANABEL PICHARDO, 431 E MARKET ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: Copartners. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA ESTELA RODRI-GUEZ, GENERAL PARTNER. 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 Mar 18, 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 28, & April 4, 11. 18. 2025.

#### TST7674 Case No. 25LBCP00125 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAG-NOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Chrystina Jane Gaddy for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Chrystina Jane Gaddy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Chrystina Jane Gaddy Proposed Name: Janie Gaddy Casev 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. 27, 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 TRI-BUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 28 & April 4, 11, 18, 2025 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 20, 2025

#### TST7675 Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice SecureSpace Self Storage Signal Hill located at 3177 California Avenue Signal Hill CA 90755 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www. storagetreasures.com on 4/23/25 at 4:30 PM. Judy Starwood; Rianna Cole; Marshall Taylor; Marvin Cook; Ryan Kuczek. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Pub. The Signal Tribune: April 4 & 11, 2025.

#### TST7679 / 2025 060725 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: YJPRN, 13939 MCCLURE AVE, PAR-AMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS AN-GELES. Registrant: YJPRN, 13939 MC-CLURE AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. 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: ROSALIA GONZALEZ, 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 Mar 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: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025.

#### TST7680 / 2025 060722 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. MAJA CO., 2. JACOB'S CO., 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MAL-DOJA LLC, 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NOR-WALK, 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: JACOB MALDONADO, PRESIDENT, The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 03/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Mar 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: April 4, 11. 18. 25. 2025.

#### TST7681 / 2025 060720 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: JED INSTALLATIONS, 9903 TAMARACK AVE., PACOIMA, CA. 91331. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: OMAR GA-LEANA, 9903 TAMARACK AVE., PACO-IMA, CA. 91331. State of Incorporation/

# EYE ON CRIME

# CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

# Wednesday, April 2

11:03 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Obispo Ave./E. PCH 5:08 p.m., Battery, 900 block E. 33rd St.

7:19 p.m., Trespass-refuse to leave, 1800 block E. Spring St. (citation

## Thursday, April 3

7:15 a.m., Petty theft; Felony warrants; misdemeanor warrant, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

10:20 a.m., Grand theft, 2600 block E. 28th St.

2:25 p.m., Stolen vehicle - recovered, 1900 block Stanley Ave. (suspect arrested)

3:31 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. 28th St.

4:51 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

8:07 p.m., Robbery, 3300 block Atlantic Ave.

### Friday, April 4

2:40 p.m., Stalking, Palm Dr. south of E. Willow St.

3:22 p.m., Elder abuse, 2300 block Amelia Ct.

3:27 p.m., Battery on a spouse, 2100 block E. 21st St. (suspect arrest-

## Saturday, April 5

1:15 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2200 block E. Willow St.

9:30 a.m., Grand theft, 2100 block E. Hill St.

7:19 p.m., Shoplifting; obstruct/resist Peace Officer; felony warrant,

900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

## Sunday, April 6

3:34 a.m., Misc. disturbance; felony warrants, Stanley Ave./E. Hills St. (suspect arrested)

8:35 a.m., Burglary, 2800 block Junipero Ave.

12:16pm, Auto burglary, Wall St./Temple Ave.

1:56 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 3100 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)

8:01 p.m., Battery, 3000 block California Ave.

# Monday, April 7

11:38 a.m., Burglary, 3100 block California Ave.

11:54 a.m., Grand theft, 2600 block E. 20th St.

2:39 p.m., Elder abuse, 2400 block California Ave.

5:48 p.m., Grand theft, 1600 block E. Willow St.

9:02 p.m., DUI, E. Wardlow Rd./Brayton Ave. (suspect arrested)

11:19 p.m., DUI, Junipero Ave./E. 19th St. (suspect arrested)

# Tuesday, April 8

6:08 a.m., Burglary, 2800 block Junipero Ave.

7:45 a.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block Gaviota Ave.

3:50 p.m., Fire, 2600 block Dawson Ave.

5:31 p.m., Elder abuse, 2200 block Starlight Ln.

8:59 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: OMAR GALEANA, OWN-ER. 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 Mar 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: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025.

#### TST7684Case No. 25LBCP00159 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR **CHANGE OF NAME**

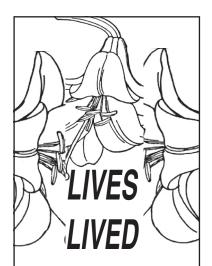
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAG-NOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Paul Ellis, Jr. for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Paul Ellis, Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Paul Ellis, Jr. Proposed Name: Paul Ellis Young 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. 25, Room. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. April 11, 18, 25 & May 2, 2025 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_ Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 7, 2025

#### TST7685 / 2025 051451 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: HANDY STORAGE, 3470 EAST SPRING STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806 County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 1. RICHARD W DARLING, 1161 BRYANT ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. 2. FE-LIX R MAZZOCCO, 1858 MARCI WAY, FALLBROOK, CA. 92028. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a General Partnership. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: RICH-ARD W DARLING, GENERAL PARTNER. 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 3/13/2025. 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: April 11, 18, 25, & May

TST7683/Order No: 2394 Auto Lien Sale

On 4/28/2025 at 16971 SIERRA HWY CANYON COUNTRY, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 NISSAN VIN: 3N1CN8EV3ML884190 STATE: CA LIC: 9MIF683 at 9AM



Don Brown 81 Harry Braff 87 Anne Marie Smith 79 Bernard Mills 83 R'Reana Hayes 25 Teddy Frost 72 James Murvin 76

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

**GRAND PRIX TRAFFIC** 

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2. Queensway Bridge ramps

5. Shoreline Village Drive

westbound)

southbound)

streets of The Pike

parking advisories:

3. Seaside Way (eastbound and

4. Pine Avenue (northbound and

6. All service roads and internal

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April 12-14 - Parking avail-

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required), with free shuttle service to the Aquarium during operat-

ing hours. The Aquarium parking

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# **EARTH MONTH EVENTS** continued from page 2



Katie Kasprzyk unloads a wheelbarrow of food scraps at the Long Beach Community Compost site near Farm Lot 59 in Signal Hill on Oct. 29, 2021.

· Long Beach Fixit Clinic: Sunday, April 27 from noon to 3 p.m. -The Department of Public Works Environmental Services Bureau, in partnership with Algalita Marine Research and Education, Pedal Movement, the LB Reuses coalition and Long Beach Time Exchange, is hosting a complimentary Fixit Clinic for Long Beach residents to bring in their broken household items. To learn more, RSVP as an attendee or volunteer for this event, visit LBcity.info/LBfixitclinic.

Several City departments will also launch eco-conscious initiatives through April to educate residents on how to live more sustainably.

This includes the Office of Climate Action & Sustainability's Climate Action Toolkit, which it launched at the City's March 29 Earth Month Kickoff event. The Toolkit, created alongside City Fabrick through the support of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor grant, includes guidance for community members to take sustainable actions.

The Environmental Services Bureau will recognize Food Waste Prevention Week (April 7-13) by posting tips for storing and extending the life of produce on its social media accounts @lbrecycles. Plus, the Tobacco Education and Prevention Program will share a free toolkit for residents to throw their own community clean-ups via the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services on Facebook, X and Instagram @lbhealthdept.

To learn more about the Long Beach's upcoming Earth Month events, explore the Earth Month 2025 calendar at lbcity.info/lbem. Questions on how to participate should be submitted to the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability  $at\ sustainability@longbeach.gov.$ 



# Pet of the week: Westman

Westman is making a repeat appearance because during the Easter bunny photo shoot, he did what he always does: plays the cuddly goofball and mugs for the audience! This isn't to say that the other doggies and cats, too, weren't adorable with Mr. Long Ears, but Westman's photo was the best, and we had to show it! He's a real honey bunny and would love to go home with you, especially if a ride in a vehicle is involved. Westman's only a year old and has been at the shelter far too long-most of his lifeand the volunteers can't understand why he hasn't gone home yet. Come meet him—he's such a good egg! Long Beach Animal Care Services is over capacity

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Westman or any of our other

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day through Friday from

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APRIL 25TH | JERRY ROMANO | 7 - 10 P.M. & FRIENDS





MAY 2ND | RAYFORD BROS | 7 - 11 P.M.

MAY 9TH | JERRY ROMANO | 7 - 10 P.M. & FRIENDS



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