

2026 BUDGET

Health Dept. faces 'painful' funding cuts atop an already shrinking budget

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As the Long Beach City Council continued its budget hearings for the 2026 fiscal year, it became apparent Tuesday evening that one of the most important departments was also one of the most in trouble.

Long Beach is one of four California cities with its own health department, along with Pasadena, Berkeley and Vernon. While this has its advantages, like being able to implement specific responses to local health issues, Long Beach's Health Department is still mostly at the mercy of state and federal grants.

These grants have begun shrinking or disappearing altogether under President Donald Trump's second term, which has seen an unprecedented attack on health and science across the country.

"It's difficult to see the position that you're in financially ... We didn't anticipate that you would be under an all-out attack from the federal government and I will say we're doing our best to prepare financially," said Mayor Rex Richardson, after what he called a "painful presentation" from the Health Department.

"Long term, if we value public health, we have to have a bigger conversation as a city about what it takes to make our public Health Department less dependent on the federal government," he continued.

It seems those conversations will have to wait though, since the Health Department's budget is operating at a **25.8% decrease** compared to last year. Federal funding cuts are the "principal driver" of this financial pressure, Health Department Director Alison King said.

The Long Beach Health Department's budget can be broken down as follows:

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A senior resident sits atop a motorized scooter holding a sign that says "We Deserve Better!" at the unveiling of the 2021 People's Budget on Tuesday, June 22.

HOUSING

Breaking down LiBRE's \$400,000 ask for a Community Land Trust

The CLT funds are one of three 2026 budget requests from local orgs, focusing on housing and immigration.



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Two Long Beach residents hold up signs demanding changes to housing inequality during a Long Beach City Council meeting on Nov. 16, 2021.

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If you've been following this year's budget process, by now you've probably heard of the three biggest requests being echoed by local nonprofits at weekly meetings.

Thousands of people have signed letters pushing for these demands, with less than \$5 million being requested for three programs that advocates say will help protect the most vulnerable residents.

Two main issues are at the forefront of discussions — and undeniably interconnected — immigration and housing. For immigration, residents are pushing for \$2.2 million for the Long Beach Justice Fund, which the *Signal Tribune* has covered extensively.

The other two requests focus on long term, affordable housing and the fight to keep vulnerable communities from being evicted from their homes. LiBRE (Long Beach Residents Empowered), a nonprofit that fights for housing justice and tenant protection, are requesting these funds from the City.

The *Signal Tribune* spoke to LiBRE about their budget requests: \$2 million in eviction defense and \$400,000 for a Community Land Trust. This article will dive into details on the latter.

What is a Community Land Trust?

A community land trust is a nonprofit that essentially functions as a developer and landlord; one that prioritizes affordable housing and community needs over profit. This guarantees that the housing will remain affordable

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FESTIVAL

Happy Sundays returns to Zaferia this weekend



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

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Happy Sundays, a free community festival, will once again bring a mix of music and comedy to Long Beach's Zaferia District on Saturday, Aug. 23, and Sunday, Aug. 24.

The annual event was founded by musicians Julia Kugel and Scott Montoya as a way to highlight local talent and provide accessible entertainment for the community.

Billed as the "anti-festival festival," Happy Sundays takes over multiple venues across the Zaferia neighborhood.

The first round of this year's lineup includes acts spanning punk, indie, rock and beyond. Performers will include the reunion of Le Shok, as well as Generación Suicida, Trap Girl, Carrion Kids, SWMS, Soft Palms and others.

In addition to live music and

comedy, the two-day event features panel discussions, family-friendly programming and educational opportunities open to all ages.

Adding to the eclectic mix of happenings during the two-day festival, a series of talks on aerospace will be held at the Long Beach Art Theater. A pop-up by the Tattoo Heritage Project at Fear City Tattoo will also inform the community about the ongoing efforts to open a tattoo museum in Long Beach.

Happy Sundays will also partner with the Long Beach Symphony for its interactive "instrument petting zoo," where attendees can try out musical instruments.

Confirmed venues for the event include Alex's Bar, the Bamboo Club and Port City Tavern.

The full list of performers, times and locations can be found at happysundaysfest.com.

CONCERT



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Parents sit on benches while children play in the renovated play area at Colorado Lagoon Park adjacent to Marine Stadium on March 29, 2022.

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The City of Long Beach is wrapping up its summer programs for youth with a free concert at Marine Stadium, headlined by the popular Southern California band Tijuana Dogs.

"There's no better way to wrap up summer break than by coming together with family, friends and neighbors for a beautiful evening of energetic fun and live music," Mayor Rex Richardson said in a public statement. "Long Beach has long been a hub of arts and music and we are thrilled to welcome Tijuana Dogs to celebrate that cultural spirit that makes Long Beach so special."

spanning the 1970s through the early 2000s.

The event is part of the City's broader "Summer of Opportunity" initiative, which offers free and low-cost activities aimed at supporting Long Beach youth and reducing youth violence.

Families and community members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic dinners to enjoy the show outdoors.

"I am incredibly excited to welcome the return of PRM's end of summer concert to Marine Stadium," said Third District Councilmember Kristina Duggan in a public statement. "We encourage the community to join us as we say farewell to summer break with a fun, family-friendly celebration right in the heart of District 3."

The annual concert was temporarily relocated to El Dorado Park West in 2023 and 2024 while Marine Stadium underwent restoration work as part of the City's Colorado Lagoon Open Channel Project. This year marks its return to the waterfront venue.

The show will take place on Friday, Aug. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 5255 E. Paoli Way.

For more details on Parks, Recreation and Marine programs, residents can visit lb-parks.org or call 562-570-3150.



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Long Beach youth and their families are invited to a free concert from Tijuana Dogs Friday, Aug. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Marine Stadium.

Known for their high-energy performances, the Tijuana Dogs will perform a wide range of music — from pop and classic rock to hip-hop and radio hits



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A portrait of Julia Kugel and Scott Montoya, founders of Happy Sundays, Long Beach's 'anti-festival' music festival.

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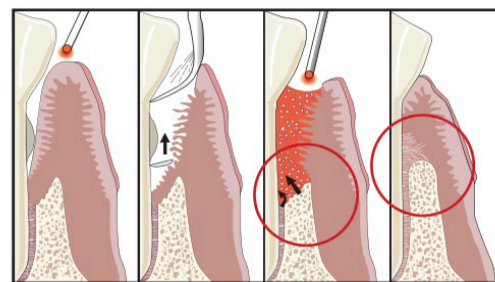
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CULTURE

¡Vamos! Latino Restaurant Week returns to Long Beach Sept. 22-28

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Ceviche, arepas and pastelitos too: Long Beach's Latino Restaurant Week is back for year two.

Aligning with Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 – Oct. 15) Latino-owned restaurants and chefs from around the city will take part in this cultural culinary celebration from Sept. 22-28. Local and visitors alike are invited to stop by participating eateries to dive into various Latin American delicacies, such as a Honduran breakfast, Venezuelan pastries or Peruvian sandwiches, as well as the cuisines of Italy, Spain and Japan.

Latino Restaurant Week Long Beach City 2025 is presented by Affluent Hispanic Philanthropies' Chefs in Philanthropy Program, alongside Branding is Social Inc. and Exquisitamente, with sponsorship in part by Port of Long Beach.

This second annual event aims to proudly highlight the city's Latino entrepreneurs and the many Latino-owned restaurants that serve and uplift the community.

"We're honored to bring this celebration back to Long Beach," said Roberto Carlos Lemus, co-founder and board member of Affluent Hispanic Philanthropies, in a public statement. "Latino Restaurant Week Long Beach City is more than just a food event. It is a movement to uplift our community, recognize cultural heritage, and support local businesses."

Last year's inaugural event featured 18 participating restaurants, with 15 having already been announced for this year's tasting trek. As of Wednesday, Aug. 20, the following restaurants are confirmed for Latino Restaurant Week LBC 2025:

- Aji Peruvian Cuisine (2308 E. Fourth St.)
- Alli Kaphiy by Mikhuna (3399 Atlantic Ave.)
- Casa Chaskis Huarique Peruano (2380 Santa Fe Ave.)
- Confidential Coffee (137 W. Sixth St.)
- Desperado Cafe Mexican Food (2000 E. Seventh St.)
- El Viejón Mariscos & Sushi (201 E. Broadway)
- Fuego at The Maya (700 Queen-sway Drive)
- Honduras Kitchen (1909 E.



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23-year-old chef-for-the-day Erick Garcia adds a drizzle of chipotle crema to a plate of Baja-style fish tacos that he made for hungry customers at Coco Beach Presents on Nov. 1, 2022.

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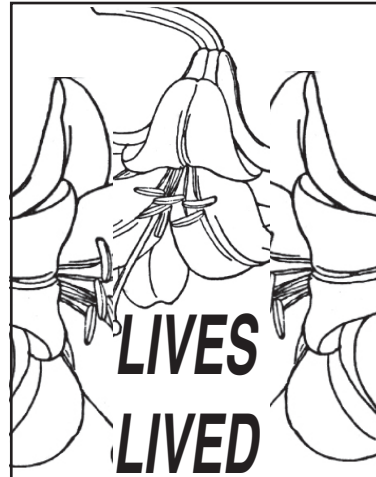
- La Chancla Mexican Grill (990 Cherry Ave., Ste. 102)
- Nova Bakery (865 E. Seventh St., Unit C)
- Taco Shore (5316 E. Second St.)
- Tarantella on 4th (2120 E. Fourth St.)
- Telefèric Barcelona (6420 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. Ste 160)
- Tony's Kitchen (4280 Atlantic Ave.)
- Zooks Kitchen (1 Junipero Ave.)

Latino Restaurant Week LBC 2025 will begin with a bang at the Kick-off Celebration Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Onni East Village Terrace & Club-house in downtown. This 21+ party

will feature festive food, drinks and live music from DJ Joy, Jake Ryan and Cello Azul. Attendees are also asked to dress in end of summer attire.

Presale tickets for the Kick-Off Celebration are \$50 and can be purchased through latinorestaurantweeklbc.com or the event's Instagram @latinorestaurantweeklbc, while day-of tickets will be \$75 at the door. Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards Affluent Hispanic Philanthropies' community programming.

Long Beach's Latino-owned restaurants can sign up for Latino Restaurant Week LBC 2025 at latinorestaurantweeklbc.com through Friday, Sept. 19.



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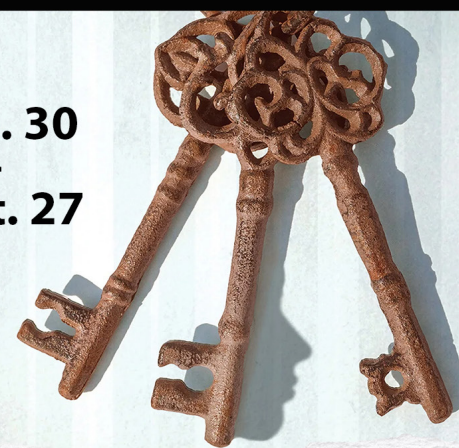
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HOUSING

Op-Ed: SB 79 is how we lower housing costs in Long Beach

This op-ed was written by **Alex Arellano**, the founder of Everybody's Long Beach, and two members: **Randi Wright** and **Simi Sardana**. Everybody's Long Beach is a grassroots organization that advocates for policies to increase housing supply and affordability in the Los Angeles region.



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The A Line train moves into the Slauson Station with the Los Angeles skyline seen in the background on Nov. 2, 2019.

Long Beach has always been known as “the International City” – both because of our world-famous port and because, historically, people from all backgrounds could afford to live, work, and thrive here.

But too many hardworking people from all walks of life are being priced out of the neighborhoods they helped to build. Our community has a housing shortage, and for years, exclusionary rules have made it almost impossible to build apartments and lower-cost starter homes near public transit.

California lawmakers are considering a new law, Senate Bill 79 (SB 79), that would allow more homes and apartments near train and rapid bus stations in cities such as Long Beach. This housing offers a necessary fix that addresses our affordability crisis while relieving the traffic, congestion, and air pollution that all too often choke our city.

The state has made major investments in public transit – such as

the \$350M A Line upgrades – but without access to affordable housing nearby, fewer people are able to ride those train lines. For decades, we’ve underinvested in housing and kept local laws that prohibit building new homes along frequent bus lines or Metro stops, resulting in far too little affordable housing near reliable transit services.

Our disconnected policies create a self-defeating cycle. Residents get priced out of neighborhoods near key A Line stations, despite working nearby. Take the Wardlow Station, which received an “F” rating in performance from a statewide study. Despite an infusion of public funding, the station still ranks poorly due to its distance from jobs, lack of nearby housing, and poor pedestrian accessibility.

The housing shortage causes rents to be 10-20% higher near public transit stops. A UCLA

study found that for every \$230 monthly rent increase near transit, nearby ridership drops by 22%.



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A Metro A Line rider exits the train at Firestone Station along the route from Long Beach to Los Angeles.

Most Long Beach residents cannot afford to live near the transit services they paid for with their tax dollars, meaning investments in good public transportation go to waste.

SB 79 would legalize mid-rise apartments within a half-mile of

major rail stations and frequent bus stops, while leaving it up to local governments to fine-tune details, such as design and affordability requirements. Research shows that building more homes near transit cuts climate-warming pollution, boosts public transportation, and lowers families’ transportation costs.

Long Beach and Signal Hill are uniquely positioned to benefit. The Metro A Line carries more than 15 million riders annually, and anchors mixed-use commercial and residential neighborhoods downtown. SB 79 would build upon existing state law AB 2097, which eliminates costly parking requirements in areas with frequent transit. Combined, these reforms make it cheaper and easier to build family housing across our most active transportation hubs.

We already know that policies like SB 79 work. In Long Beach, for example, the Midtown Specific Plan has allowed for the construction of The 101, an upcoming 52-unit permanent supportive housing project located less than a quarter mile from the Pacific Coast Highway Metro station. These units will help families gain stability, seniors avoid displacement, and workers stay close to jobs. Plus, families living near reliable transit who can avoid using a car save an average of \$9,000 to \$12,000 a year in transportation costs.

These approaches also serve as a climate solution. Lower-income families living near public transit typically drive nearly 50% fewer miles than those in other areas. Long Beach has invested in solu-

tions like all-electric buses, but these work best when paired with reforms that make it easier for people to live without a car.

California needs to step up to protect its residents by changing these local rules that restrict affordable housing and by helping create communities where people can afford to live near jobs and transit.

“The housing shortage causes rents to be 10-20% higher near public transit stops.”

Thanks to the support of Long Beach State Senator Lena Gonzalez, SB 79 passed the State Senate and is now making its way through the State Assembly with final votes in early September. Local voices matter more than ever.

Long Beach residents should contact their local representatives to urge them to support the bill:

- Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal (916-319-2069)
- Senator Gonzalez (916-651-4033)
- Mayor Rex Richardson’s office (562) 570-6801.

By passing SB 79, California’s leaders can align our transportation investments with our housing goals – giving families in Long Beach and across the state the vibrant, affordable, transit-connected communities they deserve.

POLITICS

Op-Ed: Division Isn’t an Option

This piece was written by **Anthony Bryson**, a Long Beach resident and human rights activist, and winner of the 2025 LBCC Black Empowerment Award for Juneteenth. He is the co-founder and leader of grassroots coalition known as SoCal Uprising.

Anthony’s clear goal is to swing the pendulum further left, secure human rights for all who are living, to promote quality of living on a local and global basis.

Since the global outcry following George Floyd’s murder in 2020, I have been actively protesting as part of the Black Lives Matter movement. The sight of thousands of people rallying for justice was both inspiring and empowering, even as white supremacists pushed back against the call for awareness.

The removal of Confederate monuments felt revolutionary, and amidst a pandemic and the ongoing crisis of police brutality, communities began to unite.

For a fleeting moment, it seemed like change was possible, with discussions around movements like #Me-Too and Black liberation gaining traction in mainstream media.

However, that momentum quickly faded, and the world returned to its previous state.

Despite this, I remained committed to advocating for Black liberation, especially as we faced a series of devastating setbacks, from the erosion of reproductive rights to the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people, all visible through social media platforms.

I stood in solidarity with my Palestinian siblings and those who identify as female or feminine, even as the political landscape grew more tumultuous with another Donald Trump victory and the painful echoes of mass deportation reminiscent of historical atrocities. I have personally had friends deported or returned to their countries of origin during this time.

In these challenging times, when activists and organizers are often “disappeared,” I urge everyone to be brave and stand on the right side of history. It takes tenacity and endurance to bring real change, but most importantly it takes people power.

We have to stop the infighting on the left side of the spectrum. We can’t afford to cancel, or dismiss any organizer or protest message. We can’t afford to wait for more dire times – the times are dire now. Progressive and leftist, we cannot fear being co-opted by the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

I have overheard Leftists call groups like Indivisible and 50-50-1 the controlled opposition. Yes, 50501 have made mistakes by in-

dividual chapters within the movement. Yes, these are predominantly democrat establishment based organizations.

Yet, please understand our only opposition is the rise of fascism and the perpetrators of death and genocides, taking place all over the world.

We must co-opt the DNC! Let them know that they will not get any votes unless they stand for Black liberation, a free Palestine, an end to the mass deportations, healthcare for all and housing as a human right.

We need to bring equal awareness to the crisis in Sudan and Congo and how they are ignored as Anti-Blackness proliferates on a global scale. We have to set the bar and we can’t be intimidated and we can’t begin to put our own side to the litmus test with purity challenges.

It is our obligation to ensure that these elected officials who do nothing but fundraise actually uphold our invested interest in society. We are America! If they won’t fight for your rights and quality of life, I will – and I encourage you to do the same. Our fight is against the system and not each other.

We have to first come together and then we can work on solutions. Understand that everything is connected. These are not separate movements; Palestine, Black liberation, reproductive rights, immigration.

They are all related, all oppressed people. One movement.



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A student waves a Palestinian flag at the Brotman Hall Plaza at Cal State Long Beach while students declare the plaza a “student-led autonomous zone,” modeled after encampments at other universities like Columbia and UCLA on May 2, 2024.

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HEALTH DEPT. CUTS

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With its proposed 2026 fiscal year budget, Long Beach Health and Human Services would operate at a **25.8% decrease** compared to 2025.

- \$38,663,102 for employee salaries and wages
- \$28,526,180 for employee benefits
- \$395,085 for overtime
- \$124,494,254 for materials, supplies and services
- \$9,299,620 in interfund transfers
- \$150,150 for insurance premiums and losses
- \$441,464 for operating transfers

It's the department with the sixth highest budget at \$201 million, and most of its revenue coming from federal grants. In the face of a shrinking budget, King requested one-time funds to continue violence prevention and youth-focused programs.

Budget requests from the Health Department:

- \$374,772 for the Community Crisis Response team, which responds to mental health crises
- \$324,441 for the Youth Participatory Budget
- \$272,234 for the Complaint Response Team, which addresses street vendor compliance
- \$175,000 for a Youth Development Coordinator position
- \$134,224 for a worker in the Violence Healing Response team, which helps survivors of gun violence
- \$128,286 for three vehicles to conduct field inspections
- \$30,000 for the Annual Youth Summit
- \$26,000 for indirect costs of Housing Authority programs
- \$14,760 for a new maintenance vehicle
- \$1,893 to upgrade a medical

assistant position to a vocational nurse position

Main Takeaway: Federal funding cuts hurt an already underfunded dept.

The Health Department is operating with a **28% vacancy rate**, and expecting to lose more workers. Since the beginning of the year, the department has had to cut 10 positions, and King said another five will be lost in September.



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Long Beach expecting to lose over \$1370,000 in federal funding for childhood vaccine programs in 2026

King said in order to prepare employees for "potential displacement," they're providing focused transition assistance like resume and interview coaching, internal redeployment searches and access

to benefits such as retirement and counseling.

"For years we've known that this moment would come. The Department of Health has long been underfunded, receiving only 6-7% of the general fund allocations," said Karla Jordan, who identified herself as a city employee. "This level of investment does not reflect the essential role public health plays in the wellbeing of our community."

The Health Department was forced to turn a full-time position in the Healthy Aging Center/Older Adult Services into a part-time position due to the city's decreasing oil revenue.

In July, Long Beach announced that **\$1.3 million in federal funding** for its STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) and HIV prevention and education programs was cut. As a result, the department had to end several programs including its mobile testing unit for HIV/STI, testing and treatment at the Ron Arias Health Equity Center and PrEP navigation services. Richardson said addressing these cuts will be a priority.

The department was in danger of losing the Community Crisis Response (CCR) team, which responds to non-emergency mental health and resource-based calls of crisis instead of police officers, due to nearly **\$1 million in expected funding cuts**.

By using Measure A and one-time funds, the City was able to keep the CCR team going, and City Manager Tom Modica said they're working on getting funding for the future. Councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie emphasized the importance of this



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Deputy City Manager Teresa Chandler (left) and Department of Health and Human Services Alison King (right) give opening remarks at the unveiling of the city's first youth-focused homeless shelter and navigation center on Aug. 6, 2025.

program in light of the City's Racial Reconciliation goals, since it largely benefits Black residents according to the City's online dashboard.

The City has also **lost \$900,000 in funding for SNAP education**, which will begin to affect residents starting in late September. Changes to public benefits will most heavily impact low-income immigrants, King said, since federal guidelines on who can receive these benefits are now "unclear." She said case managers and health educators now need new training on Medi-Cal and SNAP benefits due to these uncertainties, but they will likely see a decrease in program usage.

They've also seen a **\$137,725 reduction in federal funding for childhood vaccine programs**.

Councilmember Suely Saro asked how helpful the State has been in light of federal cuts, but Community Development Director Christopher Koontz pointed out that the State is also in a "fiscal crisis." King said the State does help fund certain programs, but they haven't updated their funding to align with rising costs.

"I think it's kind of like there's nobody here to save us, but we

gotta save ourselves, is kind of the point of my questions," Saro said. "I think we are going to keep looking for partnerships, but it's really going to come back right down to the departments not only figuring out areas where we're going to have to decrease programs, but also thinking of other ways that we could find alternatives."

Additional Notes

To address the tuberculosis (TB) outbreak in 2024, the Health Department is adding four part-time administrative positions to add two health educators and a community program specialist.

Last month, the City announced the five-person Community Crisis Response team, which handles mental health and resource-focused situations in the place of police officers, would begin taking calls citywide. Since then, King said their calls have tripled, for an average of 5-10 calls a day.

The Complaint Response Team handles situations dealing with street vendors suspected of operating without a permit. The team responded to 170 calls last year and confiscated equipment from 26 vendors, according to a report from the department.

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

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and under community ownership in perpetuity, not at the whim of a landlord or developer.

The nonprofit acquires a piece of land and leases it for a renewable term of 99 years back to the residents. Community Land Trusts have been popping up all over the country, dating back to the first one in 1969 made to house and support Black farmers. These trusts consist of whatever a community needs, whether it's apartment buildings rented at a low rate or multi-family housing slated for ownership.

Community Land Trusts also often have community-serving components for the residents and surrounding neighborhood, such as gallery space, a low-cost clinic or a grocery store. This is also decided by community members of the land trust.

It's a drastic difference from the way affordable housing is typically made available in Long Beach, where developers are required to follow inclusionary housing mandates. This results in small chunks of affordable units — the mandate is currently 6% of units in a new development.

A Community Land Trust however, prioritizes people over profit, and is preserved for future generations. In Irvine, it's resulted in almost 500 affordable housing units;

in Oakland, a combination of traditional homes and mixed-use developments have been acquired for vulnerable populations.

In Long Beach, it has the power to correct decades of racist exclusionary housing policies, make a considerable dent in the homelessness crisis and protect immigrant families from displacement.

A Community Land Trust is a form of housing where the land itself is owned by a nonprofit made up of community members.

In 2023, Long Beach awarded LiBRE with a two-year, \$800,000 grant to create the city's first Community Land Trust. When the *Signal Tribune* spoke to LiBRE then, they were forming the framework for the Housing For All Long Beach Community Land Trust.

What is the \$400,000 for?

With seed funding over the last year and a half, the Housing For All Long Beach Community Land Trust now has a permanent board

and over 100 members who meet once a month. They've been focused on teaching residents what a Community Land Trust is, and hearing feedback on what people want it to look like in Long Beach.

They've also developed a business plan and feasibility analysis that will operate as a guide for the Community Land Trust for the next 10 years.

But there's still some resources needed before they acquire land, said Community Land Trust Director Nazir Abuyounes, and funding from the City is crucial for the next steps toward community ownership.

So far, Long Beach has allocated \$200,000 for the 2026 budget to continue the Community Land Trust. LiBRE is asking for double that, saying that the allocated amount is only enough to carry on with the work already being done.

"We're ready and set to acquire our first property, to take next steps to enter into some acquisition processes, and these extra funds will allow us to build up the resources and programming that really make that possible," Abuyounes said.

The nonprofit is currently waiting on Measure A funds that they hope will become available later this year so they can begin land acquisition. These funds need to be

released by the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency, and are "the most important funding source for acquiring and developing housing in Long Beach," Abuyounes said.

But once that funding becomes available, the Community Land Trust needs the capacity and programs in place to access those funds with the goal to purchase land.

As residents voice their desires on what type of land best suits the city's needs, they also need the knowledge of how ownership in this model will work. LiBRE aims to prepare residents through a Community Land Trust home ownership education program.

One thing the roughly 100 mem-

bers have been clear about, Abuyounes said, is that they want the safety and stability that comes with collectively owning the land.

"Decision-making over the spaces that we live in is really important to our well being," Abuyounes said. "Being able to have a meaningful role in that process, being able to feel the safety and security that comes with that decision making and also with being connected closely to our neighbors and our community."

The extra \$200,000 from the City would help provide education so residents are ready to step into homeownership with a Community Land Trust once the land is available.

What You Can Do:

- **Attend a Meeting:** Anyone living in Long Beach is encouraged to join the monthly Community Land Trust meetings, which take place both in-person or via Zoom from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Check @wearelibre on Instagram for details on upcoming meetings.
- **Push for the \$400,000:** To advocate for LiBRE's request of \$400,000, participate in Long Beach's budget process, either at Budget Oversight Committee meetings at 1 p.m. or City Council meetings at 5 p.m., both on Tuesdays.

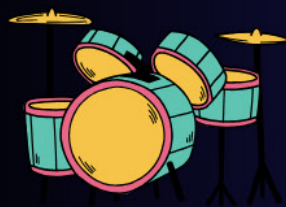


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AROUND TOWN

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



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Long Beach residents can learn how to look up the history of their house or multi-family property at a free workshop led by architectural history expert Maureen Neeley this Saturday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Harte Neighborhood Library. Those interested in attending are asked to register through the City's online events calendar.

We're wishing residents a safe and cool weekend amidst this heat wave, and we have gathered plenty of events in the evening hours or indoors in Long Beach.

Since the school year kicks off Tuesday, end summer vacation by making memories at a summer vibes market in downtown Friday night, a family-friendly festival in the Zaferia District Saturday and Sunday, or a free summer concert Sunday evening.

Spend the next week picking up a new skill at a small business owner's workshop Friday morning, a historic architecture workshop Saturday morning, printmaking and creative open hours Monday evening, a dance session Tuesday evening or a history lecture Thursday night.

22 FRIDAY

DONUTS & DATABASES

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Small business owners are invited to Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.) for a workshop that will teach them to use Reference Solutions to grow their business. City staff will also share City resources and services. Registration through the City's online event calendar is required. Complimentary donuts will be provided. Free.

SUMMER VIBES MARKET

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Check out local vendors, photo ops, raffles and more at this night market from Partake Collective (456 Elm Ave.). Those who RSVP will receive a complimentary s'more while supplies last. Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to Signal Hill Park (1780 E. Hill St.) for an outdoor screening of "Captain America: Brave New World." Recreation activities begin at 6 p.m., followed by the movie at dusk. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic dinners to enjoy a summer evening with family and friends. Complimentary popcorn will be provided. Free.

23 SATURDAY

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

8 a.m. to noon. Join fellow residents at Franklin Middle School (540 Cerritos Ave.) to help keep the neighborhood clean. Volunteers will work together to beautify and clean the neighborhood. Free.

OLIVE & ROSE POOL PARTY

Noon to 5 p.m. Spend Saturday afternoon poolside at Olive Rose (255 Atlantic Ave.), where there will be a live DJ from Footwork Records, drink specials and a poolside menu. The first 25 attendees will receive a complimentary drink; This event is geared towards those who are 21+ and guests should bring their own towels. Admission is \$25 at the door.

ARCHITECTURE & HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn how to research the history of your home or multi-family property at this workshop with Maureen Neeley, librarian and research consultant specializing in Long Beach historic architecture. This event at Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.) will guide participants on using online and library resources to discover details such as the builder, architect, original owners, prior occupants, property relocations and address changes. Attendees are encouraged to bring a property address and their library card. Library laptops will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, though participants may also bring their own device. Long Beach Heritage will also present information on historic preservation. Register through the City's online event calendar. Free.

HAPPY SUNDAYS

1 p.m. See live music and comedy performances across the Zaferia District at The Bamboo Club (3522 E. Anaheim St.), Alex's Bar (2913 E. Anaheim St.) and Port City Tavern (4306 E. Anaheim St.) during this free two-day festival. There will also be an instrument petting zoo led by the Long Beach Symphony, a pop-up from the Tattoo Heritage

Project at Fear City Tattoo and an aerospace-focused panel at the Long Beach Art Theater. RSVP on Eventbrite. Free.

MOVIES AND MOONLIGHT

6 p.m. 2ND & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Hwy.) will host its final outdoor film screening of the summer with a free showing of "Moana 2." Filmgoers are encouraged to bring low-profile lawn chairs and blankets, and self-seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will begin at 6 p.m., with the screening starting at dusk. Free.

24 SUNDAY

LONG BEACH REVIVAL FESTIVAL

1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Experience a full day of live jazz and soul music during this music festival at Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier (35 39th Place). Tickets are available for \$45.06 on Eventbrite.

SUMMER CONCERT

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring a picnic, blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy a family-friendly evening of live jazz fusion with Krooked Fingerz on the historic grounds of Rancho Los Alamitos (6400 E. Bixby Hill Road). Parking will be available at CSULB Lot G13 along with a complimentary shuttle service. Admission is free with registration through Eventbrite.

25 MONDAY

PRINTMAKING MONDAYS

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

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.

26 TUESDAY

CONCERT IN THE PARK

6 p.m. The Naples Improvement Association invites the community to Colonnade Park (10 The Colonnade Canal) for an outdoor concert. This evening will feature a performance by local artist Aaron Charles. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and picnic baskets. Free.

DANCE DOWNTOWN REVOLUTION

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Learn some new dance moves during this community movement session at Promenade Square Park (124 The Promenade N.). This event is open to dancers of all ages, abilities and skill levels. Free.

27 WEDNESDAY

SOUTH DIVISION COMMANDER'S FORUM

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Community members and business leaders are invited to attend this public forum in the LBPD South Division Community Room (400 W Broadway). Hosted by Commander Fernandez, the forum offers residents an opportunity to engage with the Long Beach Police Department, discuss local issues and share concerns. Free.

THEATER PERFORMANCE

7:30 p.m. Experience the world premiere of "Masala Dabba" at the International City Theater in the Beverly O'Neill Theater (330 E. Seaside Way). This family drama explores love and loss through the story of two long lost sisters who discover each other's existence. Dinner packages available. General admission tickets start at \$44.

28 THURSDAY

MSC END OF SUMMER RESOURCE BASH

Noon to 4 p.m. The City is wrapping up its summer programming at this celebration at the City's Multi-Service Center (1301 W. 12th

St.). Enjoy a live DJ, comedians and giveaways for a day of resources and community connection. This free community event offers support for unhoused and low-income neighbors, featuring 15+ service agencies, medical screenings, free haircuts, clothing, backpacks and food.

CALIFORNIA EDEN - HISTORY LECTURE

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Explore California's history through cultural landscapes at Rancho Los Alamitos (6400 E. Bixby Hill Road). Dr. Christine Edstrom O'Hara will discuss how humans — from Indigenous peoples to settlers — have shaped the state's environment. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. General admission is \$10. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

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CRIME

Reward increased for suspect alleged to have fatally struck father and daughter while driving drunk

The LA County Board of Supervisors increased the reward to \$20,000.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has doubled the reward for information leading to the arrest of a man suspected of drunkenly crashing his vehicle into a North Long Beach home, killing a father and his 3-year-old daughter.

Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to raise the amount from \$10,000 to \$20,000 at the request of Supervisor Janice Hahn.

The crash happened around 10 p.m. on March 1, 2022, when a 2014 Dodge Ram slammed into an apartment building near Artesia Boulevard and Rose Avenue. Authorities say 42-year-old Jose Palacios-Gonzalez was killed instantly. His daughter, Samantha, was taken to the hospital but died from her injuries.



Courtesy of Long Beach Police Department
Octavio Montano Islas is wanted by the police for allegedly driving his vehicle into the apartment of a family, killing a father and daughter.

Investigators with the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) later identified the suspected driver as Octavio Montano Islas, who was 24 at the time. Police believe he had

been drinking before the crash. He allegedly ran away from the scene, leaving behind his truck.

“Today Samantha would have been seven years old, possibly starting 2nd grade in a few weeks, had Octavio Montano Islas not brutally cut her life short,” Hahn said in a public statement. “Nothing will fill the gap left by the deaths of Samantha and her dad Jose, but we need to find this driver and hold him accountable. Their families deserve justice. If you know where Octavio is or where he might have gone, please share that information with detectives.”

Islas is wanted on charges of two counts of felony manslaughter, one count of felony DUI, and one count of felony hit-and-run.

Anyone with information is urged to call LBPD detective Scott Jensen at 562-570-7218.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, August 13

4:32 a.m., Auto burglary, Obispo Ave/E. 20th St.
4:07 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2700 block E. PCH (citation issued)

Thursday, August 14

12:39 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block Lime Ave.
3:14 p.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

Friday, August 15

10:53 a.m., Burglary, 2500 block E. Willow St.
5:51 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)

Saturday, August 16

N/A

Sunday, August 17

9:58 a.m., Auto burglary, 2300 block California Ave.
1:04 p.m., Auto burglary, 3300 block Lewis Ave.

Monday, August 18

2:13 a.m., DUI, Redondo Ave./E. PCH, (suspect arrested)
1:24 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.
3:38 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./Crescent Heights

Tuesday, August 19

10:28 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Combella Dr./Junipero Ave.

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On 09/08/2025 at 815 CROCKER ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 FORD VIN: NM0LS7F20L1441759 STATE: CA LIC: 8RAF320 at 9AM

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Auto Lien Sale
On 09/08/2025 at 7401 1/2 S MAIN ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 NISSA VIN: 1N4BL4DV3PN328576 STATE: LIC: at 9AM

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On 9/3/2025 at 4961 FIRESTONE BLVD SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 NISSAN VIN: 1N6ED1EJ6NN617301 STATE: CA LIC: 25889B4 at 9AM

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On 9/3/2025 at 10300 ATLANTIC AVE SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2025 TOYOTA VIN: 5YFP4MCE2SP218967 STATE: CA LIC: 9ROU598 at 9AM

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On 9/3/2025 at 3229 W IMPERIAL HWY INGLEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 BMW VIN: WBXYJ5C36JEF80707 STATE: LIC: at

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**Pet of the week:
Zoey**

How'd you like to spend over 500 days shut up in an enclosure, with a couple of breaks for recreation and maybe a furlough for a day on the town or a few weeks of couch surfing with a foster? Yeah, thought not. Lovely Zoey has been at Long Beach Animal Care Services for nearly a year and a half now, and while she's made lasting friends of the volunteers and resident dogs, she misses the days of her youth when she was in an actual home. Now 6 years old, Zoey was brought to the shelter in good condition — a little hefty, even — but likely abandoned because her person never came looking for her. Zoey loves the play yard, she nuzzles affectionately with her human friends, but what she really needs is a family with a couch that she can sleep on whenever she likes for the rest of her life. The shelter's over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt or foster Zoey 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#A717007.

**TST7795 / 2025 139975
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
The following person is doing business as: BUILDER BOY, 1868 PACIFIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: BUILDER BOY INC., 1868 PACIFIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JEREME JAMES, 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 7/10/2025. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025.

**TST7807 / 2025 157038
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
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**TST7808 / 2025 157036
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**TST7809 / 2025 157033
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The following person is doing business as: LA GOTERIA WATER & SNACKS, 14131 DOWNEY AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DELGO LLC, 1431 DOWNEY AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JESUS A PORTILLA DE LA TORRE, CEO. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Jul 31, 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

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**TST7811 / 2025 157234
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**
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**TST7813 Case No. 25AVCP00206
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 42011 4TH STREET, WEST, LANCASTER, CA. 93234 PETITION OF: FNU Mandeep Kumar for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: FNU Mandeep Kumar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: 1. FNU Mandeep Kumar Proposed Name: 1. Mandeep Kumar 2. No Name Given, Mandeep Kumar 2. Mandeep Kumar 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: September 15, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A14, 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. August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025 ___/ss//___ Denise McLAUGHLIN-BENNETT, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 4, 2025

**TST7814 Case No. 25VECP00285
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTHWEST DISTRICT – EAST BLDG., 6230 SYLMAR AVENUE, VAN NUYS, CA. 91401 PETITION OF: Susanita Phillips for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Susanita Phillips has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Susanita Phillips Proposed Name: Susanita Noriega Salaverry 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: September 16, 2025; Time: 9:00a.m., Dept. W, Room: 610. 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. August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025 ___/ss//___ Shirley K. Watkins, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: May 19, 2025

**TST7817 Case No. 25CMCP00143
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Cherry Vi Aniciano AKA Candace Susanne Keys for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Cherry Vi Aniciano AKA Candace Susanne Keys has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Cherry Vi Aniciano AKA Candace Susanne Keys Proposed Name: Candace Susanne Keys 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: October 7, 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. August 15, 22, 29 & September 5, 2025 ___/ss//___ Elizabeth L. Bradley, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: June 24, 2025

**TST7818 / 2025 162119
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The following person is doing business as: LONG BEACH GROCERY OUTLET VA, 6436 E. SPRING STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGE-

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Former Long Beach Naval Complex, Long Beach Naval Station/Long Beach Naval Shipyard - Pier 12 (Fuel Pier)
FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

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The Department of the Navy is currently conducting the Comprehensive Environmental Response and Liability Act Five-Year Review at Former Long Beach Naval Complex, Long Beach Naval Station/Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Pier 12 (Fuel Pier), which is part of Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site 7 at the former Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC). LBNC and Pier 12 are located on the south side of Terminal Island within the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Districts, approximately 3 miles west of downtown Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. Elevated concentrations of chemical compounds and limited sediment toxicity remain in sediments located beneath and adjacent to the pier. Although no adverse effects to the bottom-dwelling organisms were reported, the chemically impacted subsurface sediments have the potential to pose ecological risk if these sediments are disturbed. The purpose of a Five-Year Review is to evaluate whether remedies implemented in accordance with final Decision Documents remain protective of human health and the environment since the last Five-Year Review (May 2021) or approval of applicable Decision Documents. The review is for remedies at sites where unlimited use and unrestricted exposure is prohibited. The selected remedies evaluated in this review are as follows:

The selected remedy for IRP Site 7 - Pier 12 (Fuel Pier) includes institutional controls (ICs) in the form of administrative mechanisms, including limiting the use of Pier 12 to port-related activities, maintaining access controls and oversight, and not allowing disturbance of the sediment beneath and adjacent to the pier without prior authorization and evaluation.

The Navy plans to issue a draft Five-Year Review Report of findings to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for review in November 2025. The final report will be issued in April 2026. The Navy will issue a public notice announcing completion of the Five-Year Review Report.

Citizens with questions or comments about the review or with requests for additional information about other Navy cleanup activities at the former LBNC may contact the Remedial Project Manager (RPM):

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Information is also available for review at the Seal Beach Environmental Remediation Program web page: <https://cnrsw.cnrc.navy.mil/Installations/WPNSTA-Seal-Beach/Operations-and-Management/Environmental-Program/Environmental-Cleanup/>

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FEATURE

The ukulele at the end of the rainbow — A musician's dream comes true in Signal Hill



Courtesy of Mitchell Chang

Abe Lagrimas plays his ukulele, an instrument that grounds him in his Hawaiian roots and connects him to fellow music lovers. Lagrimas will be playing at the International Ukulele Festival in Torrance on Sept. 20, 2025.

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Abe Lagrimas was looking for the ukulele of his dreams.

He was already a virtuoso on the instrument — audiences around the world were attending his performances and workshops to hear him play his Brazilian rosewood uke. But he wasn't satisfied.

He heard about Ohana Music in Signal Hill and stopped by the shop to find an instrument that matched the spec and scale of his concert ukulele, but one that would produce the sounds he was imagining.

The craftsmen at Ohana, who make everything from basic "strum-and-hum" ukes to custom instruments designed to the artist's specifications, came up with something that finally gave him the warmer, more resonant sound he had been looking for: the OCS Custom.



Courtesy of Mitchell Chang

Abe Lagrimas began regularly playing the ukulele while at the Berklee School of Music, and formed a group with two fellow Hawaiians at the school.

When Lagrimas takes the stage next month at the Los Angeles International Ukulele Festival, that is the instrument he'll be playing.

The OCS Custom has an Engelmann spruce top and burl redwood back and sides. Its thicker body enhances the natural resonance and volume. The drum motif that runs along the front of the instrument from the headstock down to the soundhole has a special significance for Lagrimas.

When he was 4, Lagrimas was given his first set of drums, kick-starting his love for music. As a teenager, he and his brothers formed a garage band to play '90s rock tunes, and he played percussion in the Hawaii Youth Symphony.

But on a winter day in New England, things changed. It was a typical February morning in Boston — temperature below zero, six-foot snow drifts. Bundled in packable down jackets, boots and scarves, Lagrimas and his fellow students at the Berklee School of Music trudged to class.

A native of Oahu, Lagrimas found himself yearning for the white sands and warm ocean waters of home. "I was homesick," Lagrimas recalled in a recent phone interview.

"I didn't have the luxury of flying back and forth, so I had to figure out how to bring Hawaii to me."

He reached for what was close at hand: a ukulele.

Marooned 5,000 miles from his home island in a culture he described as "very European and British," he began playing music that was ubiquitous on the airwaves and in public spaces where he grew up.

Lagrimas formed a group with two fellow Hawaiians at the school, and they began playing gigs around the Boston area. After graduation, he returned to Oahu and continued performing and giving lessons. In the summer of 2007, he moved to Los Angeles, where he did session work along with performing and teaching gigs.

The drums still called to him, and he displayed his chops at the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Drums Competition in 2012. But the uke had become his go-to instrument, his muse and a connection to his Hawaiian roots.

The instrument played by Lagrimas and other contemporary uke artists bears only a faint resemblance to the braguinha, the small guitar brought by Portuguese settlers from Madeira to Hawaii in 1879. It was adapted by the Hawaiians for luaus and other celebrations, and soon it became known as the ukulele (jumping flea). More than a century later, the ukulele is synonymous with Hawaiian music and culture.

In the hands of virtuosos such as Jake Shimabukuro, Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and Lagrimas, the hollowed-out wooden instrument with four strings that reaches only an octave and a half can become a

virtual orchestra of melody, harmony, tone and range.

Lagrimas and his wife, Karen, whom he met in Los Angeles during the COVID-19 pandemic, decided to leave Los Angeles for the Islands. "We wanted a fresh start to begin a new chapter," Lagrimas said.

The new chapter included new avenues of creativity. "Composing original music pushed me to record an album," he said. His compositions on "Beyond Words" drew on complex rhythms from his jazz drumming days, traditional Hawaiian music and popular music of the '90s. The 2021 album won the Nā Hōkū Hanohano (Hawaii Academy of Recording Arts) Ukulele Album of the Year in 2022.

"I didn't have the luxury of flying back and forth, so I had to figure out how to bring Hawaii to me."

- Abe Lagrimas, Ukulele musician

Lagrimas now serves as ukulele instructor for the Hawaii Youth Symphony Music4Kids Program. "That position didn't even exist when I played there," he said. He also supports the work of Lōkahi: The Ukulele Collective, a nonprofit whose mission is to ensure that every student attending school in Hawaii has the opportunity to learn, play and create music.

In addition to touring in the States and Europe, Lagrimas makes regular trips to China as a representative of Ohana Ukuleles. "I'm developing quite a fan base there," he said, laughing. Lagrimas said that while many instruments can be beautifully played by skilled musicians, they are unable to evoke the feelings the ukulele does. "The sound is so uplifting, so joyous and infectious," he said. "People who have never heard the uke before are immediately drawn to it."

At the Los Angeles festival next month, he will lead a trio that includes bass and drums. He is also conducting two workshops that are open to advanced ukulele players. "It's going to be fun for the players and the audience," he promises.



Courtesy of @ohanaukuleles on Instagram

Ohana Music in Signal Hill has been handcrafting ukuleles for music lovers around the world since 2006.



Courtesy of the Los Angeles International Ukulele Festival

During the Los Angeles International Ukulele Festival, Abe Lagrimas will lead a musical trio with artists playing bass and drums and host a pair of ukulele workshops for advanced players.

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL UKULELE FESTIVAL

The Los Angeles International Ukulele Festival will take place at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center (3330 Civic Center Drive) on **Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Entrance (including fees) is \$60, and includes access to all workshops and performances by Lagrimas and other all-star ukulele artists throughout the day. Children 12 and under are free with a paid adult. Onsite parking is free. **The Ukulele Marketplace is free and open to the public**, and there will be free classes for beginners (does not include admission into the festival Saturday).


For the complete schedule of workshops and performances, visit losangelesukulelefestival.com/saturday. For an FAQ about everything else, see losangelesukulelefestival.com/faq. Two of the featured musicians at the festival, Cathey Fink and Marcy Marxer, will perform From China to Appalachia, featuring Chinese hammer dulcimer player Chao Tian, on Sunday, Sept. 21, in the center's James Armstrong Theatre at 2 p.m. \$35 to \$45, including fees.





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