

2026 BUDGET

Our final budget highlights for FY 2026

Including Mayor recommendations like increased security for public officials, a tariff relief fund, encouraging the use of AI and plenty more.



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Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson shares his plans and goals for the new year at the 2025 State of the City on Jan. 14, 2025.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

After over a month of budget hearings, public meetings and plenty of community advocacy, Long Beach passed its 2026 fiscal year budget Tuesday evening.

The \$4.9 billion budget underwent minor changes over the last few weeks, such as a \$3.4 million increase to the Health Department, a \$4 million decrease to the Public Works budget and 14 pages of recommendations from the Mayor and Budget Oversight Committee. In total, \$3.7 billion in new allocations were approved across City departments and dozens of programs, while \$1.2 billion in grants will carry over from 2025.

Taking into account these minor changes and the carryover funds from 2025, here is the final breakdown of each City department's budget for 2026, rounded to the nearest \$10,000:

*Items **bolded** have experienced decreases during the budget process

*Items *italicized* have experienced increases during the budget process

- Mayor and City Council - \$9.2 million
- City Attorney's Office - \$11.78 million
- City Auditor's Office - \$4.04 million
- City Clerk's Office - \$5.71 million



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The Long Beach 2026 fiscal year budget includes \$9.2 million in funds earmarked for Mayor Rex Richardson and the City Council.

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OP-ED



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Dr. Juan Benitez speaks during the Nov. 18, 2021 Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education meeting.

Op-Ed: From Dreams to Nightmares

Now is the time for **ALL OF US** to act and come together.

This opinion piece was written by **Juan M. Benitez, PhD**, a parent, community member, Long Beach Unified School District Board Member, and Cal State Long Beach Executive Director of the Center for Community Engagement.

I'm Latino, I speak Spanish and I look like tens of millions of low-wage workers in our country. I also shop, work and live with people that look just like me. On Monday, the Supreme Court ruled that our government could continue to terrorize me and my community — made up of tens of millions of proud and contributing members of our country and society.

In one, 6-3 decision, the highest court in our country, the very court that was established to uphold our rights against terror, tyranny, lawlessness, discrimination, marginalization, oppression, harassment and violence just ruled that our government could terrorize me simply by the way I look, the language I speak and where I am located. That's right, the Supreme Court ruled that, without having committed any crime or wrongdoing ... without "reasonable suspicion" based on anything else other than being, acting, and looking Latino, I could be detained.

This doesn't only sow terror in our communities, it dismantles the very foundation of our so-called free society.

To be very clear ... this is not my opinion or interpretation or representation; Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote an opinion explaining his reasoning in lifting restrictions on Los Angeles immigration sweeps: "Here, those circumstances include: that there is an extremely high number and percentage of illegal immigrants in the Los Angeles area; that those individuals tend to gather in certain locations to seek daily work; that those individuals often

"This doesn't only sow terror in our communities, it dismantles the very foundation of our so-called free society."

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Greece's Team House during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be located at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Long Beach.

Opa! Greece plans to host its Team House in Long Beach for LA28 Games

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach has been announced as the site of Greece's Team House for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games by the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

The Hellenic Olympic House will be located at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Long Beach. This has been established as part of a public-private partnership between the Hellenic Olympic Committee and the church. The Hellenic Olympic Committee will also work alongside City of Long Beach representatives, the Embassy of Greece in Washington D.C. and the Consulate General of Greece in Los Angeles to cultivate a unique hospitality experience.

"It is an honor to be selected by the Hellenic Olympic Committee as the location for their Team House for the 2028 Games," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "Greece is the historic heart of the Olympic Games, and their team presence in Long Beach will bring a whole new level of excitement and historical and cultural value to our community. We look

forward to welcoming them to our incredible city and to hopefully welcoming more Team Houses as we move closer to 2028."

As its athletes compete, the Hellenic Olympic House will host a range of activities and exhibitions with ties to Greek history, culture and arts, as well as opportunities for visitors to meet and mingle with Olympic athletes. Additional details about the House's cultural and community programming will be shared closer to the LA28 Games.



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2026 BUDGET

Budget season is over. How much did the City listen to community demands?

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Hundreds of Long Beach residents have made their way to city council and budget meetings over the last month plus, while thousands more have signed petitions and sent in letters to let the City know their priorities for the 2026 budget.

While people from all groups and backgrounds took part in this year's budget process, the *Signal Tribune* has been focusing on three resonant demands from local nonprofits. The "Our Budget, Our Future" coalition began in July, and remained steadfast in their requests: \$2.2 million for the Long Beach Justice Fund, \$2 million for eviction defense and \$400,000 for the community land trust.

As immigration raids continue to terrorize communities, the Justice Fund is a critical lifeline of support for Long Beach's immigrant families. With many people afraid to leave their homes due to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids, thousands have been unable to work or pay their rent, raising the danger of evictions. Organizers were clear in the connection between affordable housing and eviction defense, and the fear immigrants are facing.

Through town halls, rallies, public calls to action, a petition and much more groundwork behind the scenes, these demands serve as a reminder how clear, organized requests are met by City officials.

On Tuesday evening, the approval of the 2026 budget saw these requests acknowledged, but not



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A cardboard lectern is erected in front of Long Beach City Hall prior to the People's Budget Long Beach rally on Aug. 2, 2022.

fully met.

Justice Fund

ORALE (Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation and Empowerment) has been spearheading the request for the City to allocate \$2.2 million to the Long Beach Justice Fund.

At the start of the budget season, Mayor Rex Richardson announced a \$1.8 million allocation to the Justice Fund, but most of that money was being rolled over from 2025. That money is already in the process of being contracted out to legal vendors, a spokesperson from ORALE said at a Sept. 2 budget hearing.

Long Beach was only allocating \$600,000 in new funds to the Long Beach Justice Fund, as part of the Mayor's recommendations. During the final budget hearing, the new funding was bumped up to

\$999,888. The Long Beach Justice Fund now has a budget of \$1.9 million heading into next year, though nearly \$1 million of this is rollover funds.

The City also made no progress on setting up structural funds for the Justice Fund, meaning next year advocates will have to fight for these funds all over again.

Eviction Defense

LIBRE (Long Beach Residents Empowered) is one of the City's main support systems for residents facing evictions through its Tenant Right to Counsel program. This provides residents with education on what to do if they are facing an eviction and helps connect people to a lawyer if necessary.

The nonprofit also helps residents with settlement funds, meaning the landlord receives money for

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EVENT

West LB's nature-inspired playground opens this Friday

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Explore West Long Beach's newest recreational space during the grand opening of the Silverado Park Signature Playground Friday at noon.

City leaders such as Mayor Rex Richardson and Vice Mayor Roberto Uranga will make remarks followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.). Playground construction began in March and concluded earlier this month.

"The Silverado Park Signature Playground is a beautiful space that encourages new ways to play, uplifts our diverse community and creates more opportunities for people to come together and celebrate what makes West Long Beach special," said Uranga in a public statement.

The Silverado Park Signature Playground was created with accessibility, as well as sensory, physical and imaginative play in mind. The new playground features unique areas for preschoolers (ages 2-5) and school-age children (ages 5-12) with a design inspired by the park's radiant mural "We are the Seeds" by Mer Young.

Improvements such as the in-

stallation of inclusive equipment and site furnishings, accessible picnic tables and a rubberized playground surface were made to improve visitor experience and ensure the playground is sustained well into the future. Additional upgrades include an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pathway with a ramp to the equipment, level concrete at the gym's entrance and more benches and picnic tables in the playground area.



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

The new Silverado Park Signature Playground's design reflects the vibrant colors and theme of Silverado Park's mural, "We are the Seeds" by Mer Young.

"With the Silverado Park Signature Playground, we're celebrating a major transformation in the heart of West Long Beach and showing what's possible when we work together and put our promises into

action," said Richardson in a public statement. "Through the Westside Promise, we remain committed to investing in the Westside and ensuring the families who call it home can thrive, and this project delivers on that commitment by providing our vibrant community a safe, accessible and inspiring place to gather and play."

The new playground aligns with comprehensive City initiatives: the Westside Promise and Elevate '28. The Westside Promise is a 10-year investment plan centered on projects and partnerships to overcome modern and long-lasting challenges facing the West Long Beach community. Elevate '28 is a five-year plan to upgrade and enhance community spaces, accessibility and multimodal transportation citywide ahead of the 2028 Summer Olympics.

The funding for the Silverado Park Signature Playground included \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Fund and \$750,000 in Measure A funds.

To learn more about the Silverado Park Signature Playground Project, visit longbeach.gov/sppp.

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

Local brews are taking the spotlight with celebrations all week, beginning with the Craft Beer Fest at Ranchos Los Cerritos and a beer release party from Beachwood Brewing, both Friday night. A blend of music and drinks are taking place at ISM Brewing also Friday, while a Western night aboard the Queen Mary is offering dancing lessons and themed cocktails Wednesday night and Beachwood Brewing is hosting yet another celebration Thursday evening for music lovers.

Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off this week, with food and live music at City Hall Tuesday before the city council meeting, and a Beachside Beats Fest Thursday night at 2ND & PCH featuring a blend of live Latin music and dancing.

Several community celebrations invite residents to connect with neighbors, like a mahjong night at Alder & Sage Friday night, a West Long Beach festival Saturday, Long Beach Gives Expo Sunday and a printmaking night at PLACE Monday.

12 FRIDAY

TODDLER STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.) for stories, songs and arts & crafts designed for toddlers. Registration is not required. Free.

CRAFT BEER LB FEST

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a family-friendly celebration of local brews, food and artists at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 N. Virginia Road). Kids and families can participate in special activities while supporting the rancho. General admission tickets are \$49.27 and can

be purchased online. Children ages 15 and under enter for free.

MAHJONG NIGHT

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visit Alder & Sage (366 Cherry Ave.) for an evening of mahjong. Small bites and drinks will be available for purchase. This event is open for players of all levels, but no beginner lessons will be provided. Tickets cost \$7.18 on Eventbrite.

BEER RELEASE PARTY

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Celebrate the debut of a new locally-made concoction, Beachwood Blendery's Gueuze-inspired Funk Yeah sour trio, including Funk Yeah, Funk Yeah Nectarine, and Funk Yeah Santa Rosa Plum, at 247 Long Beach Blvd. Enjoy a food pop-up by Whaleface LB, funky vinyl sets by DJ Quatre Cinq & Jedi Mind Cuts, portraits by Shaina Turian, and games like pinball, pool and darts. Drinks and food available for purchase. Free admission.

13 SATURDAY

PLANE PULL

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Test your strength at the Special Olympics Southern California Plane Pull, where teams of 25 compete to pull a 124,000-pound jet 12 feet in the fastest time. This family-friendly fundraiser takes place at JetZero (4150 Donald Douglas Drive) at Long Beach Airport and supports athletes with intellectual disabilities. Complimentary parking is available in Parking Structure B, with shuttle service to the venue. Enjoy food from Knights of Columbus, Legends Sports Bar and Scooters Sweet Treats while cheering on participants. Free admission for spectators. \$75 admission for participants.

WESTSIDE FEST

Noon to 4 p.m. Celebrate West Long Beach at this second annual celebration at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.). This community event features live music and dancing, food trucks, free meals for youth, art workshops, giveaways, bounce houses, face painting, a video game arcade pop-up and a build-your-own skateboard station. All ages are welcome. Free.

14 SUNDAY

LONG BEACH GIVES EXPO & FESTIVAL

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate local nonprofits at Recreation Park Bandshell (701-939 Federation Drive) during this community event. Meet nonprofit organizations at their booths, enjoy live performances from arts and culture groups and more. Free.

NAPLES ISLAND CONCERT IN THE PARK

5 p.m. Enjoy an evening of live music at Colonnade Park (10 The Colonnade Canal) with King Salmon and the Funkyard Horns as part of the Naples Improvement Association's 2025 Concerts in the Park series. Bring family and friends for a night of music and community. Open to all ages. Free.

15 MONDAY

KITCHEN PAIL GIVEAWAY

1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pick up a kitchen pail for your food scraps at La Bodega #5 (2900 E. Anaheim St.). These pails make it easier to collect and transfer food scraps into residents' new green refuse carts



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Residents can embrace the spirit of giving during the Long Beach Gives Expo & Festival this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Recreation Park. This event will highlight several local nonprofits and feature performances from arts and culture groups.

for composting. This giveaway is for residents who have already received their City-serviced green carts. Pails are free but supplies are limited.

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, but there is a suggested donation of \$1-5.

16 TUESDAY

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate Latin heritage at the Long Beach Civic Center Plaza (411 West Ocean Blvd.) during this community event, featuring food, live music and more. 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.

17 WEDNESDAY

TINY LIBRARY DESK LISTENING SESSIONS

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Explore different genres of music during these listening sessions at Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). Teens and tweens (ages 10-12) are invited to discover and discuss

music in an interactive setting. Free.

DISTRICT 3 TOWNHALL

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Attend this community meeting at Recreation Park Community Center (4900 E. Seventh St.) to hear updates from the Chief of Police and the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority. Guests are welcome to arrive at 6 p.m. to connect with staff before the meeting begins. Free.

18 THURSDAY

BABY STORYTIME

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library for an interactive story time designed for babies aged 0 to 18 months and their caregivers. Enjoy songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes and playful activities that encourage early literacy and bonding. Free.

BEACHSIDE BEATS FEST

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with a live Salsa performance by Gabrielito y la Verdad at 2nd & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Highway). The band blends salsa, Latin jazz, soul, and boogaloo with bold brass, vibrant percussion and heartfelt vocals. Dance and enjoy the music while celebrating Latin culture. Free admission.

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- City Manager's Office - \$32.88 million
- City Prosecutor's Office - \$12.09 million
- Airport Department - \$102.86 million
- Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications - \$18.86 million
- Community Development - \$148.81 million
- Economic Development and Opportunity - \$38.97 million
- Financial Management - \$971.29 million
- Fire Department - \$200.53 million
- Health and Human Services Department - \$253.91 million
- Human Resources Department - \$52.29 million
- Library, Arts and Culture Department - \$28.5 million
- Energy and Environmental Services Department - \$185.2 million
- Parks, Recreation and Marine Department - \$124.33 million
- Police Department - \$356.63 million
- Police Oversight - \$1.86 million
- Public Works Department - \$1.01 billion
- Technology and Innovation Department - \$108 million

Mayor's Budget Requests

The City Council also approved eight pages of Mayor Rex Richardson's budget and policy recommendations. Most of the Mayor's budget recommendations focus on youth programming, public safety and various health and economic development needs. This money is all one-time funds, meaning the programs being funded are not guaranteed to receive these funds during the next budget cycle.

Money for these requests come from Successor Agency proceeds, when a City sells off property to a private party. In order to use those funds, the city council also had to pass a one-time exception.



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An attendee of the People's Budget Long Beach uses chalk to write "Invest in Youth" during the rally at Long Beach City Hall on Aug. 2, 2022.

Public Safety

\$50,000 to the Police Department for security measures like **cameras and raised fences at the homes of City officials** "in light of increasing rates of violence and threats targeting public officials across the country"

\$50,000 to the Economic Development and Opportunity Department to study **transit methods for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

Youth

• \$175,000 to the Health Department to fund an **Office of Youth Development Coordinator**

• \$90,000 to the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to fund **Hoops After Dark**

• \$345,000 to the Health Department towards the **Youth Participatory Budget**

• \$285,000 to the Health Department for the **Safe Passages Program**

• \$100,000 to the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department for the **S.T.R.O.N.G. Beach initiative**

• \$50,000 to the City's Managers Department for **citywide youth**

visual arts contests, matching grants for arts marketing projects, sustainability initiatives, expanded equity programming in underserved communities and **arts education partnerships** with the Arts Council for Long Beach

Community Health

• \$25,000 to the Health Department for the **Long Beach Area Veterans Collaborative**, including for the development of a digital resource hub for local veterans

• \$50,000 to the City Manager Department for **Summer Block Parties and Neighborhood Activations**

• \$50,000 to the Economic Development and Opportunity Department for a **Cambodian Economic Impact Study** to collect current economic data, community surveys, case study interviews and focus groups

Immigration

• \$125,000 to the Economic Development and Opportunity Department for **Know Your Rights Trainings for local businesses**

• \$25,000 to the Economic Development and Opportunity Department for **Know Your Rights**

educational tools and for **"Safe Place Certified Business" decals** for trained businesses

• \$600,000 to the City Manager's Office for the **Long Beach Justice Fund**

Additionally, the Mayor also requested the Port of Long Beach, Manager's Office and the Airport to fund specific items, mainly focusing on the City's economic health and various celebrations.

• \$50,000 to the City Manager's Department for **exhibits, celebrations and other activities** recognizing the 250-year anniversary of the **United States Declaration of Independence**

• \$50,000 in **structural funds** for the **Long Beach Pride Parade**

• \$10,000 from the Port of Long Beach's Harbor Fund Group to support the **City's Sister Cities initiative**

• \$200,000 from the Port of Long Beach's Harbor Fund Group, each year over the next three years, to support **World Trade Center activities** such as coordinating global trade missions and arranging business development meetings with internal investors and business leaders to promote investment opportunities in Long Beach

In total, \$3.7 billion in new allocations were approved across City departments and dozens of programs, while \$1.2 billion in grants will carry over from 2025.

• \$100,000 from the Airport Department to support **World Trade Center activities**

• \$500,000 from the Port of Long Beach's Harbor Fund Group to establish a temporary **Tariff Emergency Relief Fund program**, designed with the Econom-

ic Development and Opportunity Department, to provide one-time financial assistant grants to Long Beach-based businesses and companies that have faced substantial income loss, disruptions to critical business operations or supplies, workforce impacts, or other economic hardships

• \$100,000 from the Port of Long Beach's Harbor Fund Group to support the **planning and hosting of the United States Conference of Mayors** annual meeting taking place in Long Beach in 2026

Policy Changes

Along with Richardson's budget requests, he also made many policy recommendations, such as exploring the expansion of the Police Department, using AI to predict water pipe leaks and failures, installing a temporary restroom and shower trailer for female firefighters at a training center and directing Public Works to begin working on the next 5-year infrastructure plan, after the Elevate '28 projects are complete.

The bulk of the Mayor's policy recommendations focused on solidifying the "Upholding Our Values" actions, which includes:

• Establishing a "Safe Place" business certification program and Know Your Rights trainings and materials

• Developing a legal reserve that provides the City Attorney's Office with the resources to defend against the federal administration and engage in proactive litigation

• Implementing a warrant review procedure for city-owned areas for when federal law enforcement attempts to enter

• Introducing signage on doors and entryways for non-public areas for if federal law enforcement attempts to enter without a warrant

• Ensuring that all City staff is trained to request and verify a valid warrant or judicial order

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BENITEZ OP-ED

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A man carries a Mexican flag during near the Long Beach Convention Center during an April 2021 protest against the city's decision to host a migrant shelter for unaccompanied children.

work in certain kinds of jobs, such as day labor, landscaping, agriculture, and construction, that do not require paperwork and are therefore especially attractive to illegal immigrants; and that many of those illegally in the Los Angeles area come from Mexico or Central America and do not speak much English."

We now live in a country where the government can seize anyone who looks Latino, speaks Spanish or has an accent, looks like they have a low wage job, and/or happens to be in a place where low wage workers are. In our city — that's half of the city, half of our school district, and half of our college students.

The elusive American dream that has never been a realization for so many, has finally been confirmed as a nightmare. And what about the children? How are the children, Dr. Baker (Superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), the 5th largest school district in our state)? How can we commit to providing safe, inclusive spaces for every child? How can we even attempt to remove barriers based on their family's circumstances? How do we ensure that we provide classrooms where students feel welcomed and where every child's right to learn is protected? How do we provide any kind of environment conducive to learning in the midst of fear, worry and trauma while parents, caregivers and families are taken away and ripped apart? How can our schools

ever truly be safe and inclusive in this environment?

Is this the country we want?

Absolutely not! Now's the time for **ALL** of us, **EVERYONE** of us to come together.

I call on all our community members, grassroots leaders and business owners to join in protecting students' right to safety, well-being and a free and public high quality, inclusive education.

"Nothing should ever undermine or prevent a child's right to well-being, safety and an education ... nothing."

We need you to come out... now; to be around our schools and neighborhoods. A new school year has just started. Tell our families and children and students that you are an ally, that you are there to help, support and protect them; to ensure their safety and well-being. Say "hello" to them, be an extra set of eyes, ears, caring hearts for them; publicly and visibly.

Come to a school board meeting and/or city council meeting. Be there, in solidarity, in support of our students, our schools, our district, and our communities. You may not have ever gone to a city council meeting or a school board meeting; now is your chance. Now is the

time; not just at a school board or city council meeting. What if 200-300 community members came outside, around every school in our district, every day that children are present before and after school? What if 2,000-3,000 came? What if 20,000-30,000 came?

We have 60,000+ students in LBUSD ... you may not agree with everything LBUSD does or how it's being done but this isn't about that. This isn't about praising LBUSD either: I don't even know anyone in our district who thinks we've got it all figured out or that we're doing everything right. There's a lot that we're doing and a lot more that we need to do and need to do better, particularly for our most underserved families and students — those under attack.

I'm not asking you to come out solely for LBUSD or one group of students or even one segment of our community. Be present and public so that our communities, our most vulnerable students, families and neighbors see and hear you and know they are not alone.

Come speak during the public comment portion of our meetings and tell our students and community you are here for them and stand with them. Let them see you and hear you publicly, in the face of the attacks and hostility our communities and children are facing.

Nothing should ever undermine or prevent a child's right to well-being, safety and an education ... nothing.

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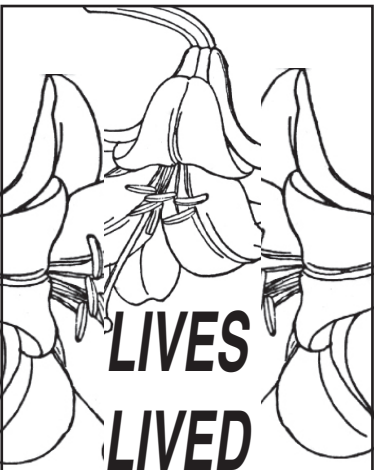
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- John Newton 76
- Cindy White 70
- Dominic Epoh 75
- Jacqueline Massing 94

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

TST7832 / 2025 173796
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as: LANDA OF L.A., 2815 GARDENA AVE., SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: STEAMX, LLC, 2815 GARDENA AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755). State of incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MIKE J MANCE, MANAGER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name on 08/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 8/21/2025. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 29, & September 5, 12, 19, 2025.

TST7833
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.storage-treasures.com on 9/24/2025 at 4:30 PM. Jayson Nhem; Omar Domin-

guez; Tsering Asola; Tsering Asola; Callie Collier; John Byrd; Courtney Thompson; Charlotte Cornish; Joseph Castillo; Ahmauri Nowlin; Demetrice Kyles. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Pub. The Signal Tribune: 9/5 & 9/12, 2025.

TST7837 Case No. 25NWCP00425
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., ROOM 101, NORWALK, CA. 90650 PETITION OF: Miguel Joshua Fabian Jr by his mother Mariela Ysabel Castro Pairazaman for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Miguel Joshua Fabian Jr. by his mother Mariela Ysabel Castro Pairazaman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Miguel Joshua Fabian Jr Proposed Name: Miguel Joshua Fabian Castro 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 24, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. L, Room: 506. 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. September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 ___//ss//___ Lee W. Tsao, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 27, 2025

TST7839/Order No: 3056
Auto Lien Sale
On 9/22/2025 at 4961 FIRESTONE BLVD SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 TOYOTA
VIN: JTND4MBE0N3165411
STATE: CA LIC: 9AIM147 at 9AM

TST7844/Order No: 3871
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/24/2025 at 3970 E OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 JEEP
VIN: 3C4NJCAB4KT613796
STATE: CA LIC: 8LBM228 at 9AM

TST7840/Order No: 3436
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/24/2025 at 1051 WEST EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD GARDENA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 NISSA
VIN: JN8AT3CB2MW220726
STATE: CA LIC: 9MTD302 at 9AM

TST7845/Order No: 3876
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/24/2025 at 17220 JERSEY AVE ARTESIA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 CHEVROLET
VIN: 1GCNKN3C3JZ376561
STATE: CA LIC: 75402A3 at 9AM

TST7841/Order No: 3553
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/24/2025 at 1051 WEST EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD GARDENA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 MERCEDES-B
VIN: W1N4M4HB6MW112865
STATE: CA LIC: 9SRK809 at 9AM

TST7846/Order No: 3731
Auto Lien Sale
On 9/28/2025 at 928 E VERMONT AVE ANAHEIM, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2015 FREIGHTLIN
VIN: 3AKJGBD0FSGF8258
STATE: CA LIC: 9G46695 at 9AM

TST7842/Order No: 3730
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/24/2025 at 1051 WEST EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD GARDENA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 FORD
VIN: 1FMCU0F6SLUB70201
STATE: CA LIC: 9TQC740 at 9AM

TST7847/Order No: 3747
Auto Lien Sale
On 9/28/2025 at 15321 ATLANTIC AVE COMPTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 TOYOT
VIN: 7SVAABA2PX015426
STATE: CA LIC: 9HLA994 at 9AM

TST7843/Order No: 3833
Auto Lien Sale
On 09/24/2025 at 4917 FIRESTONE BLVD SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 BOMBARDIE
HULL: YDV33731D919
STATE: CA CF#: 6139VS at 9AM

TST7848/Order No: 3761
Auto Lien Sale
On 9/28/2025 at 7270 DWIGHT WAY SAN BERNARDINO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 NISSA
VIN: 3N1AB8CV1MY245781
STATE: CA LIC: 9FJY101 at 9AM

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TST7836
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
RFB 2526-002 – Storage Sheds
The Long Beach Unified School District is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide Storage Sheds. The intent of this RFB is to select the most responsive and responsible Bidder(s) and establish a one (1) year contract with an option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods based on satisfactory service and performance. More information at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>. The deadline for submitting a bid is October 3, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Published in the Signal Tribune newspaper: September 5 & 12, 2025

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, September 3

10:02 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
10:09 a.m., 1900 block Junipero Ae., Inflict corporal injury on spouse; adw w/force; resist peace officer (suspect arrested)
8:51 p.m., Grand theft; resist peace officer, organized retail theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, September 4

1:31 a.m., Injury hit and run, E. Willow St. east of Walnut Ave.
2:26 p.m., Battery, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
4:08 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

Friday, September 5

9:07 a.m., Fire, Orange Ave./E. 28th St.
10:03 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
7:55 p.m., Petty theft w/2 priors; Grand theft-motor vehicle;900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, September 6

1:17 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 3300 block Gundry Ave.
9:17 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3100 block E. PCH
9:57 a.m., Suspicious person; possess controlled substance, 2200 block Sea Ridge Dr. (suspect arrested)
10:34 a.m., Injury hit and run, California Ave. north of E. Willow St.
1:17 p.m., Petty theft w/2 or more priors; false id to police officer, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
7:50 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E./ Burnett St.

Sunday, September 7

N/A

Monday, September 8

9:43 a.m., Burglary, 2500 block Orange Ave.
11:24 a.m., Elder abuse, 2000 block Orizaba Ave.
11:38 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
12:41 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3000 block California Ave.
3:54 p.m., Elder abuse, 2500 block Temple Ave.
6:19 p.m., Battery, 1500 block E. Hill St.

Tuesday, September 9

3:23 p.m., Identity theft, 2000 block Louis Ave.

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

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

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COMMUNITY DEMANDS

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rent owed, which can help a tenant stay in their home without ever having to go to court.

LiBRE was pushing for \$2 million for the City's Tenant Right to Counsel program, which won't go directly to the nonprofit, but rather citywide tenant protections. The City of Long Beach contracts its program with Stay Housed LA, meaning these funds are used by the county in partnerships with organizations like LiBRE to reach Long Beach residents.

LiBRE has also been clear that most of their funds for 2026, which are rollover from this year, will soon run out since its legal protections are active. This is why they asked the City for \$2 million for its Tenant Right to Counsel program, and they got the money they and community members advocated for.

From that money, \$1.5 million will go towards the Tenant Right to Counsel. According to LiBRE, about 80% of these funds will be used on legal assistance and contracted out, while less than 20% will go to nonprofits like LiBRE to reach out residents and educate them on their options. This is especially important since immigration raids and the fear of ICE has renters fearful to fight for their rights, and dreading the idea of going to court.

Between \$1,200 and \$1,6000 of these funds are rollover from this year, and are already in the process of being used.

In August, Richardson announced a slew of budget recommendations aimed at helping the immigrant community, and part of this included \$2.5 million for shallow rental subsidies and "flexible homelessness prevention."

LiBRE told the *Signal Tribune* that to their knowledge, these programs would not be a part of LiBRE's work, but likely a new program run by the City, which will take time to build up.

The City's allocation includes \$500,000 specifically for settlement assistance, which helps to cover rent that is owed so a person can stay in their home. However, this will also fall under the Stay Housed LA umbrella and does not go directly to LiBRE.

Community Land Trust

LiBRE's community land trust nonprofit, the Housing for All Long Beach Community Land Trust, was asking for \$400,000 in order to provide outreach and education so residents are prepared to enter into ownership once the land becomes available.

The City did not budge on its funding for the community land trust, and it remains at the \$200,000 originally allocated.

ENVIRONMENT

Plant the seeds for LB's tree future through new survey; open until Oct. 31



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Seed pods are seen among the blooms of a jacaranda tree at Recreation Park in Long Beach on June 12, 2023.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach residents are encouraged to share their opinions on trees and future environmental investments, as well as ideas for improving green space access through a new digital survey.

The public feedback garnered by the survey, which can be completed now through Oct. 31, will aid with the development of the City's Urban Forest Plan (UFP), which is intended to nurture the health and sustainability of the city's trees and green spaces. The UFP will steer the long-term priorities and strategies for Long Beach's tree canopy in parks, streets and neighborhoods.

Trees are vital in managing various environmental and public health challenges, including helping to cool neighborhoods during extreme heat, supporting biodiversity and improving air and water quality. That said, underresourced communities often lack equal access to a thriving tree canopy and don't receive the same physical and mental health benefits.

According to the City, the UFP will aim to do the following:

- Evaluate the current state of the City's tree canopy and maintenance practices.
- Identify neighborhoods with the highest need for new tree plantings.
- Set community-informed goals

for equity, climate resilience and sustainability.

- Recommend best practices for tree care, operations and policy improvements.

- Support long-term investment in the City's tree canopy and the critical, necessary infrastructure that supports a healthy lifecycle.



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Fallen jacaranda flowers litter the grassy area beneath a tree at Recreation Park in Long Beach on June 12, 2023.

The survey can be completed online in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog through the end of October. Residents without reliable

internet access can take the survey using public computers at any of the 12 Long Beach Public Library locations during regular business hours.

Those who would prefer a print survey can request to have one mailed to them by emailing UFP nonprofit partner City Fabrick at Hannah@CityFabrick.org or calling 562-901-2128. Print surveys will also be made available through outreach methods, according to the City.

The UFP is being developed in collaboration with City Fabrick and environmental planning firm Dudek and features multilingual community outreach initiatives such as pop-up events, listening sessions, open houses and an on-line storytelling campaign.

This plan aligns with adopted City plans such as the Land Use Element, Open Space Element, Parks Strategic Plan and supports the implementation of the Long Beach Climate Action Plan. The UFP also furthers the sustainability and equity objectives of the City's Strategic Vision 2030, as well as the priorities of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Plan and the 10-year West Long Beach investment initiative Westside Promise.

The anticipated completion date for the Urban Forest Plan is mid-2026. To learn more about the UFP and see project updates, visit lbcity.info/forest.

MISSING PERSON

22-year-old missing woman last seen in LB

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating 22-year-old Natalia Vargas, who has been reported missing and is considered at risk.

Vargas was last seen on Sept. 10 at around 3 p.m. in the 1700 block of Ximeno Avenue. According to police, she has medical and cognitive issues and may be using the Metro Rail System for transportation.

Vargas is described as a Latina, 4 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 145 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a green shirt, blue jeans, and blue Vans shoes. She has the name "Lana" tattooed on one of her forearms.

Anyone with information about Vargas' whereabouts is urged to contact the Long Beach Police Department Missing Persons Detail at 562-570-7246 or Police Dispatch at 562-435-6711.



Courtesy of Long Beach Police Department
Seed pods are seen among the blooms of a jacaranda tree at Recreation Park in Long Beach on June 12, 2023.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may submit a tip through "LA Crime Stoppers" by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visiting lacrimestoppers.org.

POLICE



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A Driving Under the Influence and Driver Licence checkpoint will be held in East Long Beach this Friday from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

DUI checkpoint in East Long Beach Friday

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) will conduct a Driving Under the Influence (DUI)/Driver License (CDL) checkpoint Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. in the east side.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Impaired driving is not solely caused by alcohol as some prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs may interfere with driving. While medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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