

PROFILE

## As Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate, Ezequiel Correa exemplifies cultural pride



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17-year-old McBride High School student and Long Beach's 2025 Youth Poet Laureate Ezequiel Correa poses with a few of his favorite books at the Billie Jean King Main Library in Long Beach on Nov. 7, 2025.

Samuel Chacko

Photojournalist

Though it was a dominant artform for thousands of years, poetry has evolved over time into a niche interest — but not for Ezequiel Correa.

The McBride High School senior received the honor of 2025 Long Beach Youth Poet Laureate back in May, the first Mexican-American to receive the award.

"It makes me feel incredibly proud of my heritage because I'm big on 'It takes a village.' So as an individual, I could be so much but in order to be so much, it takes a lot of pride in where you're coming from and who you are," Correa said. "Growing up, the Mexican-American identity is very strong, but it's disparate from other identities you may find in the United States. But within that, there's always a feeling of welcome and prosperity and a lot of coalition buildings."

Correa found his love of poetry from his Ben Franklin Classical Middle School 6th grade English teacher Ms. Morales and his McBride High School Spanish literature class in his junior year.

The Spanish literature class helped shape his poetry through learning about Latin American poets such as Frida Kahlo and Rubén Darío.

"What I was seeing online was Eurocentric art and you see a lot of Renaissance style so a lot of that wasn't me and as much as I tried for [it] all to be me, I realized that can never be me," he said. "I took a Spanish literature class and I realized I had to read so many works for that class, but that's when I started to realize that my heritage is beautiful."

He describes his genre of poetry as romanticism through Mexican heritage, grounded in a family-centered focus. Correa's poem "My Ballad," in particular, showcases sensory descriptions tied to Mexican tradition, evoking nostalgia and pride in the Mexican-American experience.

"Growing up, this is all stuff I saw, heard and smelled," he said.

*"I am the sizzle of  
tacos on food trucks,*

*the scent of frijoles  
simmering in the  
home's heart,*

*I am Sunday mass in  
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*and the protest chants  
that fill the streets.*

*I am familia—  
thick as mole,  
and twice as sweet—"*

- Excerpt from Ezequiel  
Correa's poem "My Ballad"

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FEATURE



Jorge Hernandez | Signal Tribune

The Roadcats Moto Club celebrates their one year anniversary at Good Day Cafe on Nov. 23, 2025. Following their morning gathering, the LGBTQIA+ inclusive motorcycle club rode down Pacific Coast Highway towards Costa Mesa.

## Roadcats rides into year two as an LGBTQ+ motorcyclist haven

Samantha Diaz & Jorge Hernandez

Managing Editor | Photojournalist

On a brisk, bright Sunday morning at the corner of Fourth Street and Cherry Avenue, over a dozen motorcycle riders enjoyed coffee, orange juice, pastries and each other's company. Some traveled a few blocks down, while others came from as far as San Diego on Nov. 23 to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Roadcats Moto Club, Long Beach's one and only LGBTQ+ motorcycle club.

After years of searching for a motorcycle club that inspired a strong sense of belonging, but walking away each time still missing something, Long Beach resident Wendy Natividad decided to create her own.

The women-focused clubs were nice, but she still didn't feel truly represented, or see anyone who looked and dressed like her. "Where are all the queer weirdos like me?" Natividad texted a friend during her search.

Following in the leather-clad footsteps of queer-centric motorcycle clubs created in the last few decades, in need of safe places to socialize and connect, and with a refusal to be "othered," Natividad took the leap and founded Roadcats Moto Club.

Over hot coffee and breakfast sandwiches at queer-owned Good Day Cafe, she learned there were plenty of other riders searching for the exact kind of space she was.

"Not only that people show up, it affirms to me that I made the right choice to organize this, it's also that people come from as far as Simi Valley and as far as San Diego," Natividad told the *Signal Tribune* ahead of the club's one-year anniversary. "Knowing that people come from afar just reinforces to me how important it is for this to exist, that's how much of a lack there is of queer-affirming spaces in the motorcycle world."

When the Roadcats aren't talking shop over breakfast bagels and coffee Sunday mornings, they can be found enjoying beers and cocktails at The Crest in North Long Beach or at local pop-ups throughout the city.

### A Rich History of LGBTQ Riders

Natividad chose the name as an homage to The Black Cat, a bar that opened in Silver Lake in 1966 and quickly became a symbol for LGBTQ+ pride and resistance. On New Year's Eve 1967, the Los Angeles Police Department performed an undercover sting operation, resulting in several beatings and

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Alessandro (Sandro) Apuzzo smiles in shock after seeing the amount of people who showed up to support him on Nov. 26, 2025 at Miller Children's & Women's Hospital.

## A New Beginning: Local teen Alessandro Apuzzo walks out of Miller Hospital

Samuel Chacko

Photojournalist

On Wednesday morning, stand-out water polo athlete Alessandro "Sandro" Apuzzo took his first steps out of the Miller Children's & Women's Hospital with friends, family and hospital staff cheering him on outside the hospital — just in time for Thanksgiving.

Apuzzo walked out with a smile on his face, shaking everyone's hand who came to support him and cracking jokes as he walked outside the Miller hospital. He was finally headed home.

"It's a validation for all that hard work, it's a testament to his courage and determination," said Jacqueline Apuzzo, Alessandro's mother.

"It's also another stepping stone. He's going to move on and do more things; it's a new beginning."

The 15-year-old Wilson High School student was inside the water at Peninsula Beach with friends on the Fourth of July and struck his head on the sandbank while trying to dive. He was rushed to the hospital with a spinal cord injury and multiple burst fractures.

Jose Santos Loria, Alessandro's father, said doctors believed Apuzzo's sports background saved him from being completely paralyzed.

"He is very fortunate because he was an athlete before and that has really helped him moving forward," said Kimberly BeDell, the Medical Director of Pediatric Rehab and

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## FEATURE

## Hope, Dignity and Love: Long Beach Rescue Mission's 53-year commitment to support people in need

The non-profit continues to grow in order to meet the community's needs, feeding hundreds of people a day and increasing its shelter capacity.

Samuel Chacko

Photojournalist

What started as a humble vision from Long Beach Rescue Mission founders Wayne and Janet Teurle over half a century ago has grown into a 215-bed shelter for community members who are unhoused and need a little support.

"I was telling Wayne and Janet, God gave them this vision 53 years ago, I'm stewarding this vision and elevating it and involving it," said Jeff Levine, Chief Executive Officer and President of Long Beach Rescue Mission. "I want the Rescue Mission to still be a place for healing, so there's a sense of responsibility that comes with it."

The Long Beach Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization that provides meals, clothing, shelter and spiritual guidance to help people overcome the cycle of homelessness.

"[It's] a place of healing and hope [and] we serve the greater Long Beach community by improving the quality of life of the hurting and homeless and we do that with programs that help people be reconciled to God," he said.

### A Program-First Approach

The Mission serves 700-800 meals a day, provides multi-bed housing and leads multiple programs that help people develop a plan to leave homelessness, essentially assisting individuals every step of the way into housing.

"The longer you're out on the street, the mental health declines, you're constantly living with a little bit of anxiety, feeling overwhelmed like it can be impossible to get from," Levine said.

There are four unique houses that the Long Beach Rescue Mission operates, which serve a wide range of communities:

- The Samaritan House, which provides 150 beds for men
- The Lydia House, which



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Workers at the Long Beach Rescue Mission prepare food at the Samaritan House on Nov. 19, 2025 as the Thanksgiving week nears.

provides 50 beds for women and children

- The Apostle house, which serves up to 15 men with disabilities
- The Timothy House, which will provide 12 beds for men ages 18-24

According to Levine, the Long Beach Rescue Mission is currently expanding its Lydia House by adding 60 additional beds for women and children. The increase is set for May 2026. The Timothy House is not yet open, but it is set to be operational in January 2026, one year after they first broke ground for the new shelter.

86% of people who have gone through the Long Beach Rescue Mission's New Life Program have been able to find stable housing within a year, a testament to their program-first approach.

"We do street outreach and I think it is building relationships [and] building relationships of trust," he said. "It's a big jump to follow somebody [from living] in a vehicle to a shelter [and] going to a shelter when you've been out on the streets for as long as you can."

The street outreach team works daily to connect people in need with care kits and essential resources.

"Search and rescues' a wonder-

ful arm for us to go meet people where they're at," Long Beach Rescue Mission Chaplain Torie Russell said. "It's great work to be able to not only have folks [to] come to us, but also [us] go to them."

Once they establish a relationship with someone experiencing homelessness, Long Beach Rescue Mission offers a 90-day Case Management Program to help them develop a plan to leave homelessness. For New Life graduates, the Bridge Program helps in securing employment, education and housing.

### Overcoming Different Types of Homelessness

Levine said a recurring factor that contributes to people experiencing homelessness to those they serve is often childhood trauma, including dealing with physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect or experiencing hunger as a child.

"You can have a house for every person experiencing homelessness and you'd still have homelessness because it's not just that," he said. "I think that until we approach this from a holistic perspective, we're gonna get frustrated when we see somebody into housing and they

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# Long Beach father Alberto Mota deported just two days after ICE arrest

Courtesy of GoFundMe

Long Beach father and husband Alberto Mota was detained by immigration officers on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025 and has been deported to Tijuana just days later. His family is asking for help towards their basic necessities.

**The Mota family is raising funds to pay for food and rent, and to help Alberto Mota adjust to his new life in Tijuana.**

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

A Long Beach father with no criminal record has been deported to Tijuana just two days after an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Telemundo Los Angeles reported Alberto Mota's deportation on Monday. Mota was one of at least nine people detained by ICE in Long Beach last week, when federal agents swarmed the city across at least eight locations. Mota told Telemundo that he was denied access to a lawyer during his two days in a detention center and deported to Tijuana by Sunday, Nov. 23.

Mota was the main provider for his family, and his wife and young daughter are now raising funds in order to pay their rent and purchase groceries, and to help Mota start his new life in Tijuana. According to the family's GoFundMe, Mota has no criminal record and was deported without signing any paperwork.

Mota was working when ICE agents detained him. According to Telemundo, Mota and his cowork-

ers were about to start working on a house in Long Beach when two trucks arrived with federal agents. Knowing they were about to be arrested, Mota said he ran in order to protect his friends.

"They arrived, said 'good morning,' and what I did immediately, because I knew they were going to grab us, was I ran to save my friends and I actually succeeded. I ran quite a distance and threw myself down. I pretended to fall so they would grab me and I told them: "Go, go so I can save you," Mota told Telemundo.

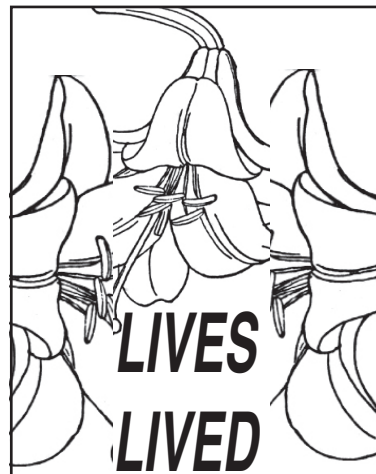
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**CRIME**

# Young brothers missing from Long Beach

**Kristen Farrah Naem**  
Staff Writer

Two small children have been missing from Long Beach since Nov. 8.

According to the California Department of Justice, 5-year-old Diego Wesley Matias Juan and 2-year-old Carlos Enrique Matias Juan are possibly being concealed by their mother, 23-year-old Debra Adelaida Juan Juan. Their current whereabouts are unknown.

Carlos Enrique Matias Juan is described as a 2-year-old Latino boy, approximately 2 feet tall, weighing 30 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

Diego Wesley Matias Juan is described as a 5-year-old Latino boy, 3 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 45 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

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According to the California Department of Justice, Diego Wesley Matias Juan and Carlos Enrique Matias Juan have been missing since Nov. 8.

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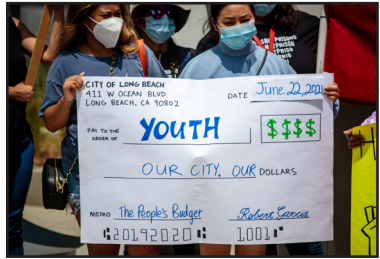
## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

## 2026 Youth Participatory Budget begins with four idea sessions in December

### Staff Report

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Youth who reside, play or are employed in Long Beach are invited to share summer project ideas as part of the city's fourth annual Youth Participatory Budgeting (YPB) process.



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

This youth-focused initiative is overseen by Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Youth Development alongside The Nonprofit Partnership and the Invest in Youth Coalition, led by Khmer Girls in Action.

The chosen proposals will be awarded funding ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 out of a \$500,000 sum, which consists of Measure US dollars and one-time General Fund support.

The Youth Power PB cycle will begin with a series of in-person idea collection sessions aimed at

giving brainstorming opportunities to youth from throughout Long Beach. Youth only need to attend a single session to submit their summer project ideas.

The schedule for the idea collection sessions is as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.)

- Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Youth Movement and Education Center (2217 E. Sixth St.)

- Thursday, Dec. 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.)

- Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Whaley Park Community Center (5620 E. Atherton St.)



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Officers, lifeguards, staff as well as friends and family of Apuzzo smile after seeing him walk outside of Miller Children's & Women's Hospital on Nov. 26, 2025.

board-certified spinal cord medicine physician. "We're fortunate to have seen him come from a quadriplegic with only moving a little bit of his leg to now walking with a walker."

During the Fourth of July accident, his friends and present lifeguards quickly responded to get him out of the water and to safety.

"I was the first one to see the event and when I saw him struggling in the water, instinct kicked

in just because we trained and prepared for this a lot," said Isabella Shead, who has been a part of the Long Beach Fire Department Lifeguards for four years. "Seeing someone struggle, you don't really think about it. You just respond before you think about what's happening, so I started running in and pulled him out immediately."

Apuzzo's sports background more than just saved him from further damage; it pushed him

through rehabilitation. The 15-year-old athlete said his injured condition encouraged him to continue progressing.

"I always kept in the back of my mind that I don't want to be in this wheelchair for the rest of my life," he said. "Whenever I'd get tired, I didn't want to do it anymore, it's like, 'Do you want to be like this for the rest of your life? Do you want to be dependent on people?' The answer is always no, so I just kept pushing."

Wiley Haga, a lifeguard for the Long Beach Fire Department, said he grew up alongside the Apuzzo family and played water polo with Apuzzo's older brother.

"Seeing him walk, it brought a tear to my eye. Seeing him like that, words can't describe it truly. It's just been an amazing thing to witness," Haga said.

While there are unknowns about what the future holds for him, Apuzzo persists.

"Even though it looks like there's no hope, there's always a dim light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "There's always an end to the journey, there's always hope for the better."

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## JOBS

## Long Beach encourages local employment with new hiring preferences

### Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach has announced the implementation of its Local Hiring Preferences, in an effort to cultivate a workforce with a deeper connection to its citizenry.

Through this initiative, Long Beach aims to reduce barriers to employment, build local pathways to public service careers and further commit to Opportunity, equity, inclusivity and mutual investment in the city's future. Across the City's 23 departments there are more than 500 unique job opportunities, spanning from entry level to advanced positions.

"Measure JB, the Long Beach Jobs Promise, laid the groundwork for stronger local hiring and economic opportunity," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "By hiring local, we're committed to fostering a workforce rooted in community and equity, giving residents and the next generation of public servants the chance to build meaningful careers while making a real impact in their hometown."

Through the Local Hiring Pref-

erences, eligible Long Beach residents, graduates of local institutions, international candidates, and those who have completed internships and apprenticeships will be given preference points in the hiring process.



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Workers from Long Beach Utilities repair a water main break on Orange Avenue in the Cal Heights neighborhood on Oct. 10, 2024.

Applicants must fill out the Local Hiring Preferences Questionnaire, which is also now a mandatory element of the job application process for classified positions, to determine eligibility and receive preference points.

Candidates must meet the minimum requirements screening and pass any required assessment prior to receiving preference points. Lo-

cal preference points will be given along with the City's existing veterans' preference points for veterans, disabled veterans, spouses of disabled veterans and un-remarried spouses of deceased veterans.

Preference points can improve a candidate's ranking on an eligible list, but does not guarantee selection or advancement in the hiring process, with the hiring department ultimately making decisions based on interviews, references and additional factors.

"We are committed to investing in the people who make our community strong. By prioritizing local talent, we're not only filling positions with skilled, passionate individuals, but also fostering economic growth and deeper community connections," said Bryce M. Tyler, Director of the Long Beach City Human Resources (HR) Department, in a public statement.

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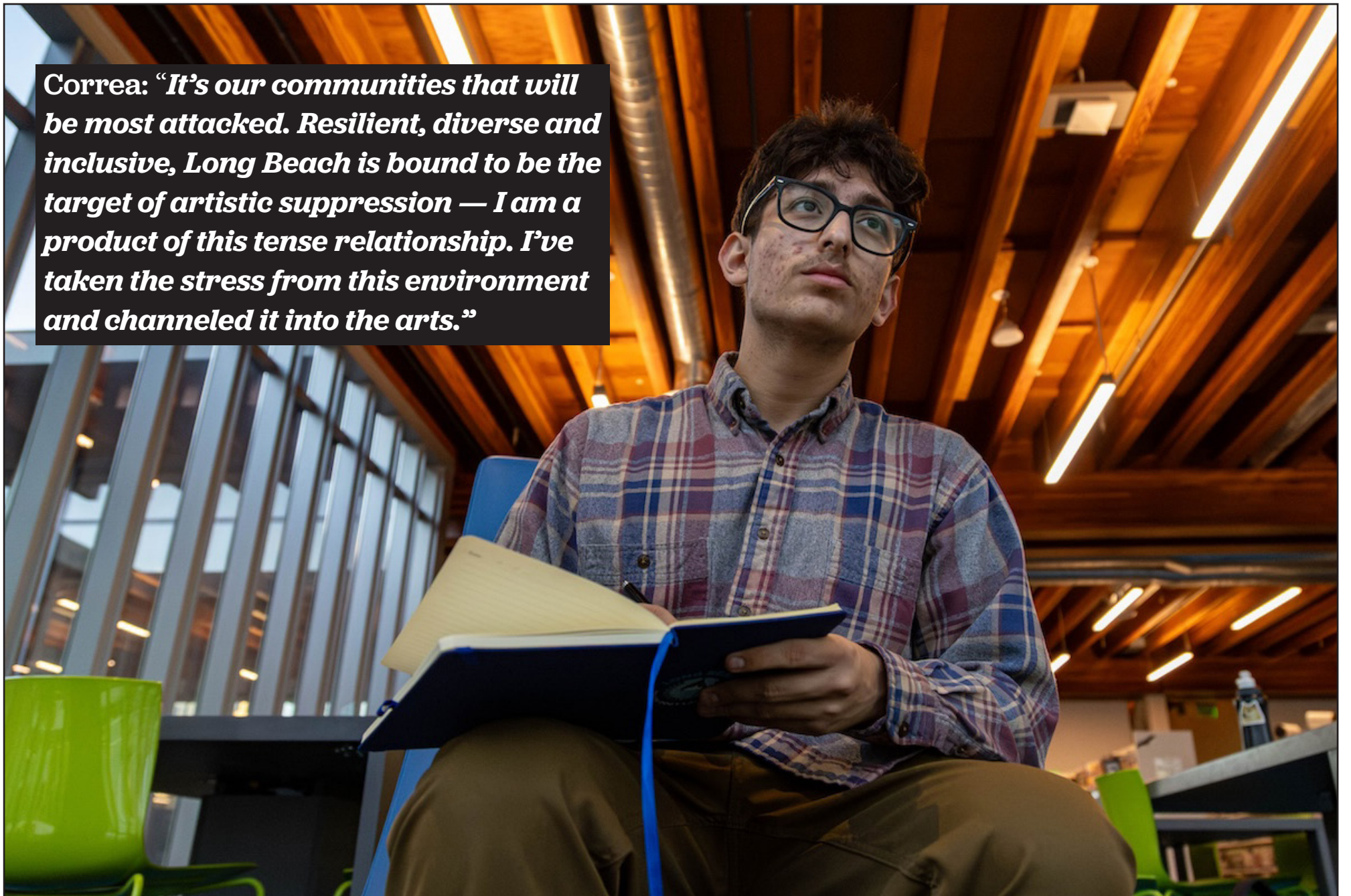
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Long Beach’s 2025 Youth Poet Laureate Ezequiel Correa journals in the top floor of the Teen Lounge at the Billie Jean King Main Library on Nov. 7, 2025.



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Correa grew up near the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library, and was inspired by the array of historical and cultural information on display.

**Long Beach served as a perfect backdrop for a Mexican-American creative — a place where a teenager can stumble upon galleries, cultural events and public libraries in every part of the city. Correa said these surroundings heavily impacted his journey as a poet.**



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Correa and his mother Martina Gallardo pose near a bookshelf at the Billie Jean King Main Library in Long Beach on Nov. 7, 2025.

Poetry is inherently political. For Correa, this part of his work was largely influenced by his sister, Nancy, and her work in marketing as a social media producer at Univision and as the founder of her non-profit organization Remarkably Us.

Her non-profit organization provides a safe space for current and former foster youth as well as bridges communication gaps through storytelling.

“She always wanted to uplift culture, specifically Chicano culture, with her work at Univision and she did so in a way that was very poetic,” he said. “I think that ambition to use poetry as a tool for social justice [came a lot] from her.”

Today’s chaotic political climate, impacted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and President Donald Trump’s rhetoric about Mexicans, frustrates Correa.

“It pisses me off, it’s very ridiculous [and] it’s so unfactual,” he said. “It’s so hard because you have all these families who have to come to [this place] to bite the bullet and say, ‘Let’s go to the place that has colonized us and let’s try to build

something here’ [and] despite that, we still get discriminated against when Hispanics make [up] much of the workforce.”

Another way Correa has felt the impacts of the current administration: The cancellation of National Endowment for the Arts grants, which sponsors Long Beach’s Youth Poet Laureate Grant.

He said these cuts have jeopardized the Long Beach Public Library’s ability to fund certain programs, which as of now has thrown the Youth Poet Laureate program into the unknown.

“It makes me feel uncertain about the future of formally recognized arts,” Correa said. “It’s our communities that will be most attacked. Resilient, diverse and inclusive, Long Beach is bound to be the target of artistic suppression — I am a product of this tense relationship. I’ve taken the stress from this environment and channeled it into the arts.”

With the growing nationalistic rhetoric, the sentiment that only certain people belong here and everyone else is an illegal alien, has only affirmed Correa’s goal to help

preserve Mexican culture.

“People aren’t engaged with the fact that this type of isolating mentality hasn’t been, and won’t ever be sustainable,” he said. “America has always survived off of immigrant labor [Bracero program] and continues to live off diversity.”

The 17-year-old artist said poetry still has the power to unify people. He believes that without poetry, we would fail as a society and lose ourselves.

“We can begin to understand each other and with that understanding, that’s when we really start to build unity,” he said. “It’s because of our grandiosity and our exclusivity and the nationalism that we are so, but we also are not right? We could start to understand each other through poetry.”

Long Beach served as a perfect backdrop for a Mexican-American creative — a place where a teenager can stumble upon galleries, cultural events and public libraries in every part of the city. Correa said these surroundings heavily impacted his journey as a poet.

Growing up near the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library, Correa was

exposed to history and various cultures, including the library’s massive collection of Khmer literature with over 5,000 books, CDs and resources.

“It prompts the question, where does all of this love and community come from?” he said. “You see Black, brown and Asian communities and Long Beach is beautiful.”

His family supports his journey as a poet, which Correa said he’s grateful for, since he’s noticed a lot of Latino families who live in the United States don’t receive support for pursuing the arts.

Martina Gallardo, Correa’s mother, said she saw her son become passionate about addressing discrimination. Even with the vio-

lent ICE raids and mass discrimination, she said her son’s poems are a gleam of what his work can bring into the world.

“I think having that support from them is a stark reminder of where we can go as Mexican-Americans,” Correa said. “We’re going to move forward as a family and as one unit. Learning from one another and having that support makes me so grateful and it inspires me to invoke a similar unity among my culture going forward.”

Correa is currently applying for early admission colleges and is driven towards sociology, political service or public service in the future.

**Learn more about Correa’s poetry inspirations, and read the full version of “My Ballad,” on the Long Beach Public Library Foundation website.**

**ROADCATS MOTO CLUB**  
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**- Wendy Natividad,  
founder of Roadcats Moto Club**

arrests for same-sex kissing.

Hundreds of demonstrators convened at The Black Cat on Feb. 11, 1967 to protest the brutality with a peaceful assembly, offering a glimpse of the waves of gay resistance that would follow for generations.

Also paving roads of visibility and safety were several queer motorcycle clubs sprouting in the post-World War II era. The most enduring of these groups is The Satyrs Motorcycle Club, founded in 1954 by seven World War II veterans in search of the camaraderie they were missing post-war. The Satyrs remain one of the longest-running gay organizations in the country.



Jorge Hernandez | Signal Tribune

Roadcats Moto Club founder Wendy Natividad displays motorbike safety signs during the club’s morning safety meeting at Good Day Cafe on Nov. 23, 2025.

Then, in San Francisco in 1976, a group of lesbian women demanded their own space with the creation of Dykes on Bikes Women’s Motorcycle Contingent.

“In the mainstream the motorcycle rider is a very cishet rider and like a Harley rider. But at the same time there’s actually been a long history of gay and lesbian people in motorcycling,” Natividad said.

These groups now have members across the globe, including a couple California chapters of more recently formed clubs like Queers and Gears and Pride Rider, though

none felt “just right” for Natividad. Four years into riding, she decided to go her own path, and invite others along for the ride.

**Paving a New Road**

As a pansexual polyamorous woman with a male “core partner,” Natividad said she worried that maybe she wasn’t “queer enough” to start the club. Luckily, her improv background kicked in, urging her to “just go for it.”

At the inaugural meet-up in November of last year, a small group of riders, hesitant and excited, met up to talk shop and ended up hanging out for four hours. Some even took an impromptu ride together afterwards. Natividad knew she made the right choice.

Over the past year, she said word of mouth has grown and the club has become more comfortable being themselves, taking up space as queer riders.

“People are clearly dressing more comfortably and more aligned with their gender expression, who are coming on their motorcycles so clearly they’re being visible from wherever they’re coming from. They get to be free and not worry about what they look like or what they sound like, they know they’re coming to a safe place,” Natividad said. “It’s a place where people can talk shop and not worry about being judged for who they are.”

Recently, Roadcats made a roadtrip to Los Angeles to be a part of Baltimore-based photographer Camila Franco Ribeiro Gomide’s series “Queer Riders: the reclaiming of motorcycle culture.” Gomide has been riding along Route 66 photographing LGBTQ riders throughout the country to highlight queer visibility in the motorcycle world.

Especially for people new to the



Courtesy of Camila Franco Ribeiro Gomide

Roadcats Moto Club, including founder Wendy Natividad (pictured above), were featured in Baltimore-based photographer Camila Franco Ribeiro Gomide’s traveling photo series “Queer Riders: the reclaiming of a motorcycle culture.”

world of motorcycles, like Roadcats member Vixxen Velocity, the club offers immediate acceptance and a safe place to learn things like safety signals for riders, equipment and cultural know-how.

“It means the world to me because I’m technically a new motorcycle rider, I started riding at the beginning of this year and there’s this huge stigma of motorcycling of always trying to be tough, but here you can just be yourself and I really love that,” Velocity said.

For Benjamin Sada, who’s been riding for 20 years, Roadcats was a relief after years of searching.

“I’ve never had a space like this where I actually feel comfortable to show up as I am and who I am, and for the first time in 20 years of riding I feel safe with who I’m riding with and that means a lot,” Sada said.

At the one-year anniversary, some members showed up with pride flags adorning their bikes or clothing, and the group commemorated its anniversary with a photo holding up an inter-sex and people of color inclusive LGBTQ pride flag.

Perhaps a common sight in Long Beach, it’s not lost on Natividad how crucial it is to have a safe place for queer riders to gather. The group has received hateful comments on SoCal’s motorcycle riding Facebook group, and people emboldened by an anti-queer presidential administration have become more vocal in recent years.

The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations saw record levels of hate crimes reported against the LGBTQ community in 2023, with the largest increases being crimes against gay men and trans individuals. In this way,

Roadcats Moto Club is following the path laid by the pioneer queer motorcycle clubs, providing a secure place of connection for the queer community.

“That’s one of the things I considered also, as I was starting to organize I wanted to make sure we were meeting in safe and supportive places,” Natividad said. “Also I wanted to be unapologetic in promoting and getting the word out ... It’s important to be visible in the face of hate and ignorance and to let other people know that we exist and we’re not going anywhere.”

**Roadcats Moto Club meets monthly at Good Day Cafe, and on select nights at The Crest in North Long Beach. To follow along with their meet-ups and other news, follow the club on Instagram @roadcatsmoclub.**



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Following their first anniversary celebration, members of Roadcats Moto Club depart from Good Day Cafe as they ride towards Pacific Coast Highway on Nov. 23, 2025.

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# AROUND TOWN

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



Courtesy of Dear Handmade Life

The free annual Patchwork Festival returns to Marine Stadium this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an afternoon filled with live music, food trucks, DIY booths and handcrafted items.

In Long Beach fashion, local clubs and neighborhoods are kicking off the holiday season by rejecting Black Friday and instead hosting a slew of independent markets, free swaps and workshops this weekend.

Resist capitalism altogether with free events like the Homegurl Swap on Friday at Junipero Skate Park, a toy and books market for kids and parents Saturday in downtown or an upcycled ornament workshop at Sports Basement Sunday afternoon.

Those still shopping this weekend can keep their dollars local by supporting Black businesses at the What the Flea! market at Play Nice on Friday, a queer art market at The Studio Saturday afternoon or the annual Patchwork Festival all day Saturday.

Embrace the holiday spirit by supporting others, through a prison letter writing event Friday night at Vine LB, a Kamayan dinner and fundraiser for the Philippines Saturday night, or an LGBTQ Q&A session for youth and caregivers Thursday night. Local entertainment opportunities include mahjong and jazz at Good Time LB, a murder mystery game at The Wicked Wolf, a murder mystery book reading at Ambitious Ales and winter wonderlands on Saturday and Thursday evening.

## 28 FRIDAY

### WHAT THE FLEA!

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This Black Friday edition of Play Nice's What the Flea! market encourages residents to support small, Black-owned businesses, with over a dozen vendors selling items at 1029 E. Fourth St. Free to attend.

### ANTI-BLACK FRIDAY 'SALE'

10 a.m. to noon. Homespun Long Beach is hosting a free store with items all donated by the community at Orizaba Park (1435 Orizaba Ave.).

### HOMEGURL SWAP

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This anti-Black Friday swap invites people to bring what they can and take what they need through a free swap at Junipero Skate Park (1 Junipero Ave.). Suggested items include clothing,

shoes, books, art supplies, records, CDs, plants, crystals, pet items, accessories, zines, children's items and toys. Free.

### PRISON LETTER WRITING

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join Care Culture Collaborative's weekly prison letter writing night at Vine LB (2142 E. Fourth St.) to support incarcerated individuals with some heartfelt words of encouragement during the holidays. All supplies will be provided. Free.

## 29 SATURDAY

### PATCHWORK FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hundreds of makers and tinkers will be selling their homemade wares at this annual festival at Marine Stadium (490 Bayshore Ave.). There will be a section for youth artists, live music, food trucks, DIY booths and a bike valet. See a map and schedule online. Free.

### FREE TOY MARKET

Noon to 4 p.m. Not Just a Mom Club is hosting a free toy market for families ahead of the holiday season, with pre-loved books and toys for children during East Village's market on First Street between Elm and Linden Avenues. Attendees can also bring wrapping paper and holiday cards that they don't want to swap. At the same time, all shops in the area will be celebrating Shop Small Season as well as the kick-off of Seeket. There will be live music and pop-up vendors. Free.

### RENEGADE QUEER ART MARKET

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This two-day market and exhibition is the perfect place to support LGBTQ artists and small businesses/artists. Over a dozen artists will be selling art and other goods at The Studio (3232 E. Willow St.). Free to attend.

### ZAFERIA WINTERFEST

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Residents can kick off the Christmas season with snowfall, festive cocktails and photos with Santa Claus at Port City Tavern (4306 E. Anaheim St.). Free.

### KAMAYAN DINNER

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Anak-

bayan Long Beach, a Filipino youth organization, is hosting this dinner at KUBO Long Beach (3976 Atlantic Ave.) where local Filipinos can break bread and discuss political issues here and in the Philippines. The night is also a fundraiser for Filipinos impacted by the recent super typhoons, so there is a suggested donation of \$20-25. RSVP online to reserve a spot.

## 30 SUNDAY

### MAHJONG AND JAZZ

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. East Never Loses and Hugh von Kleist are bringing mahjong and jazz to Good Time Long Beach (1322 Coronado Ave.). Teachers will be available for those who want to learn how to play mahjong. Tickets are \$10 at eastneverloses.com.

### UPCYCLED ORNAMENTS WORKSHOP

Noon to 5 p.m. Create upcycled ornaments at Sports Basement (2100 N. Bellflower Blvd.) like bottle caps, fabric, cardboard and found objects. All tools and instructions will be provided for this all-ages workshop hosted by Creative Art Events. Attendees can bring small, clean items that can be repurposed. Free.

## 01 MONDAY

### TAI CHI

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Join instructor Angie Sierra and experience the gentle, flowing movements of Tai Chi at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). This low-impact class is designed to improve balance, flexibility and overall wellbeing. Perfect for anyone looking to enhance mobility, reduce stress, and cultivate inner peace. Call 562989-7330 to register or for information. Free.

### BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Local sleuths can gather for a weekly murder mystery game at The Wicked Wolf (2332 Pacific Ave.) in the upstairs den. No experience is necessary and newcomers will be taught how to play. Free, but attendees are asked to support the business

by purchasing either a cocktail or mocktail.

## 02 TUESDAY

### PARKS, REC AND MARINE JOB FAIR

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents can learn about an array of Long Beach recreation jobs available at this job fair at Whaley Park (5620 E. Ather-ton St.). Free.

### BOOKS AND BREWS

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bel Canto Books is hosting authors Mia P. Manansala and Tracy Badua in celebration of the final installment in their kitchen mystery series "Death and Dinuguan" at Ambitious Ales (4019 Atlantic Ave.). The event will include a reading, Q&A, conversation, book signing and shopping opportunity. Tickets are \$20.94 and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

## 03 WEDNESDAY

### ALL WE DO IS DRAWING CLUB

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Local creatives can gather at PLACE (2172 Pacific Ave.) for this weekly drawing club, where all supplies are provided. Free.

### YOGA CLASS

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Take part in a trauma-informed, restorative yoga practice with intentional breathing and movements at KUBO Long Beach (3976 Atlantic Ave.). Mats will be provided or people can bring their own to this all-ages and skill

level session. There is a suggested donation of \$10, and online registrations can be made at the link in the bio of @kubo.op on Instagram.

## 04 THURSDAY

### COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to the Kleeefeld Contemporary Art Museum at Cal State Long Beach (1250 Bellflower Blvd.) to enjoy the museum after hours and make art using free supplies. Free, and no RSVP required.

### CAL HEIGHTS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The corner of Orange Avenue and Bixby Road will transform into a winter wonderland, with real snow, reindeer, treats, family activities, holiday merchandise, live music, character photos and a toy drive. See the full list of activities online. Free.

### LGBTQIA+ Q&A SESSION

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Memorial Care's LGBTQ Clinic is hosting this medically focused Q&A for youth, young adults, parents and caregivers at The Center (2017 E. Fourth St.). Free.

### IS THAT IT?

### NOPE!

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.SIGNALTRIBUNE.COM FOR MORE EVENTS.



**TST7900 / 2025 212166  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: JOH'S BODY SHOP, 1440 W 14TH ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JONATHAN RICHARD FARGUSON, 3762 MARWICK AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90808. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JONATHAN RICHARD FARGUSON, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/1998. This statement was filed with the county clerk

of Los Angeles County on Oct 9, 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: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025.

**TST7901 Case No. 25NWCP00304  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650 PETITION OF: SANDRA YANIRA COMAYAGUA for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: SANDRA YANIRA COMAYAGUA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: SANDRA YANIRA COMAYAGUA Proposed Name: SANDRA YANIRA RENDERO 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: March 27, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. R, Room: 606. 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. November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Lee W. Tsao, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 3, 2025

HOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Christina Marie Del Carmen for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Christina Marie Del Crmen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Christina Marie Del Carmen Proposed Name: Christina Marie Del Carmen Lee 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: January 06, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S26, 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. November 28 & December 5, 12, 19, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 21, 2025

in 07/2018. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/18/2025. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: November 28 & December 5, 12, 19, 2025.

**TST7934 / 2025 236966  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: VISTA DEL MAR SENIOR LIVING, 3360 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 3360 MAGNOLIA AVE. INC., 100 N. BARRANCA ST. SUITE 200, WEST COVINA, CA. 91791. 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: JAMES BENDER, VICE PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 07/2010. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 20, 2025. This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: November 28 & December 5, 12, 19, 2025.

**TST7933 / 2025 259270  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: F & F ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE CENTER, 2385 PACIFIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LONG BEACH FAMILY HEALTH CARE SERVICES LLC, 2385 PACIFIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Partnership. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: PETE FAJARDO, MEMBER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name

**TST7904 Case No. 25CMCP00203  
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: Vanessa Estrella Andrade for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Vanessa Estrella Andrade has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Vanessa Estrella Andrade Proposed Name: Estrella Vanessa Andrade 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: January 15, 2026; 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. November 14, 21, 28 & December 5, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Elizabeth L. Bradley, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 6, 2025

**TST7930 Case No. 25LBCP00467  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Kiana Valerie Remagni Gunz for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Kiana Valerie Remagni Gunz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Kiana Valerie Remagni Gunz Proposed Name: Kiana Valerie Hudson 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: January 06, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S26, 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. November 28 & December 5, 12, 19, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 20, 2025

**TST7931 Case No. 25LBCP00468  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURT-

**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

**TST7935  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on December 9, 2025, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Signal Hill Public Library, 1800 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill. The City Council will consider adopting the following:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SPECIFIED PROVISIONS OF TITLE 20 ZONING) OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE AND OTHER SPECIFIED MUNICIPAL CODE PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S ANNUAL CODE UPDATE, TO CLARIFY REGULATIONS, BOLSTER EXISTING ONES, REMOVE UNNECESSARY OR REDUNDANT PROVISIONS, UPDATE REGULATIONS TO CONFORM TO STATE LAW AND MODERNIZE SAME; AND FINDING SAID ACTION EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are hereby invited to attend the public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE** and provide comments during the Public Hearing in one of the following ways:

• You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org, or by mail to the attention of City Clerk, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.), City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 will be provided electronically to the City Council and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record

**IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY** challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** and associated documents on this item may be obtained from the City Clerk's office by calling the City Clerk at 562-989-7305 or by emailing cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org.

\_\_\_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_\_\_  
Daritza Perez  
City Clerk

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Posted in accordance with S.H.M.C. Section 1.08.010 on or before: November 28, 2025

**CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

**TST7920  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AND CEQA DETERMINATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. in the Signal Hill Library Community Room, 1800 East Hill Street, Signal Hill, California to consider testimony and adopt the following proposed Ordinance No. 2025-11-1555:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 15.02, 15.04, 15.06, 15.10, 15.12, 15.16, 15.20, AND 15.36, OF TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24), VOLUMES I AND II AND ALL APPENDICES WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX J, CONSISTING OF THE 2025 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, AND THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN CHANGES THERETO; AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2024 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2024 INTERNATIONAL GREEN STANDARDS CODE, AND 2024 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN CHANGES THERETO; AND DELETING CHAPTERS 15.22 AND 15.32 OF TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION).**

**THE SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL** will consider adopting the proposed ordinance. The full language of the Ordinance and each of the codes to be adopted by reference are available for public inspection at the Signal Hill Public Library during regular business hours. The full Ordinance will also be included in the agenda materials posted 72 hours before the meeting on the City's website.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are hereby invited to attend the public hearing to present written information, express their opinions or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

**IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY** challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

**THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT** from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of CEQA Guidelines in that it is not a project which has the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** on this item may be obtained at the City of Signal Hill Community Development Department located at 1800 East Hill Street, Signal Hill, California, or by emailing commdev@cityofsignalhill.org or calling (562) 989-7340.

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**EYE ON CRIME**  
**CRIMES REPORTED BY THE  
SIGNAL HILL POLICE**

**Wednesday, November 19**

10:10 a.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 3200 block E. PCH (citation issued)  
12:36 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.  
4:24 p.m., Petty theft, felony warrants, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

**Thursday, November 20**

6:22 a.m., Grand theft, St. Louis Ave. north of E. 19th St.  
12:05 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
3:34 p.m., Elder abuse, 2000 block Stanley Ave.

**Friday, November 21**

12:20 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Obispo Ave.  
12:48 p.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Orizaba Ave.  
8:30 p.m., DUI; smuggling controlled substance, Walnut Ave./E. 20th St. (suspect arrested)

**Saturday, November 22**

12:43 a.m., Suspicious person possessing burglary tools, 2500 block Quiet Sands Dr. (suspect arrested)  
9:02 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)

**Sunday, November 23**

7:18 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 3200 block Lemon Ave.

**Monday, November 24**

11:23 a.m., Injury hit and run, 2300 block E. Spring St.  
4:22 p.m., Injury traffic collision, California Ave./W. Willow St.

**Tuesday, November 25**

10:10 a.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.  
11:44 a.m., Petty theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (citation issued)  
3:18 p.m., Forgery, 2700 block Walnut Ave.  
4:29 p.m., Battery, 3300 block Olive Ave.  
6:05 p.m., Battery, 1700 block E. 29th St.

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**TST7905 / 2025 244439 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

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**TST7906 / 2025 252284 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: KRYSTAL GT SWEEPING SERVICES, 7052 SOMERSET BLVD 1, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: (REGISTRANT NAME & ADDRESS). State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ALEJANDRO ACA CAGAL, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Nov 07, 2025: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: November 14, 21, 28 & December 5, 2025.

**TST7915 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DARRYL M. McCULLERS**

Case No. 25STPB12338 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DARRYL M. McCULLERS A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David M. McCullers in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David M. McCullers be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 19, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as

provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: JENNIFER E LAROSSA ESQ SBN 195328 MORRISON LAROSSA PRICE & ITURRIOZ 3711 LONG BEACH BL STE 801 LONG BEACH CA 90807 CN121984 MCCULLERS Nov 21,28, Dec 5, 2025

**TST7924 Case No. 25LBCP00458 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Jaclyn June Bendt for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Jaclyn June Bendt has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Jaclyn June Bendt Proposed Name: Jaclyn June Bentmore 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: January 08, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-26, Room: 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 14, 2025

**TST7925 Case No. 25LBCP00457 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Skylar Love Moore for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Skylar Love Moore has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Skylar Love Moore Proposed Name: Skylar Love Bentmore 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: January 09, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of 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. November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 14, 2025

**TST7914 Case No. 25CMCP00206 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: Cynthia Colvin-Kennedy, Guardian, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Cynthia Colvin-Kennedy, Guardian, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Gregory Laron Stewart, Jr. Proposed Name: Pierre Laron Kennedy 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: January 20, 2026; 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. November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Elizabeth L. Bradley, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 10, 2025

**TST7917 Case No. 25LBCP00456 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90804 PETITION OF: SKYWALKER for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: SKYWALKER has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: SKYWALKER

Proposed Name: UNKNOWN SKYWALKER 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: January 5, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-25, Room: 5600. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 12, 2025

**TST7919 Case No. 25LBCP00453 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Wanda Jazmin Culhno for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Wanda Jazmin Culhno has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Wanda Jazmin Culhno Proposed Name: Jazmin Culhno 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: January 9, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 7, 2025

**TST7918 / 2025 253634 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. JBJ PROFESSIONAL JANITOR SERVICES 2. JBJ FACILITY MAINTENANCE, 7200 SOMERSET BLVD PO BOX 827, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: (REGISTRANT NAME & ADDRESS). 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: BLANCA A. RODRIGUEZ VILLALOBOS, PRESIDENT. 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 Nov 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: November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025.

**TST7921 / 2025 207879 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: EMERALD CITY PROPERTIES, 801 E 33RD ST, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 9075505111. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 1. DALE GRONWOLD, 801 E 33RD ST, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755-5111 2. SCOTT GRONWOLD, 801 E 33RD ST, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755-5111. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a General Partnership. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DALE GRONWOLD, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant has 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 Nov 14, 2025. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025.

**TST7922 / 2025 252623 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ARTS COUNCIL FOR LONG BEACH, 245 E. 3RD STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: PUBLIC CORPORATION FOR THE ARTS OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, 245 E. 3RD STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. 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: GRISELDA SUAREZ, CEO. The registrant has 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 11/10/2025. 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: November 21, 28 & December 5, 12, 2025.

**TST7932**

**Case No. 25STPB12950 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARIA CHAVEZ aka Maria DELGADO**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Maria CHAVEZ aka Maria DELGADO 2, A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tomas Garcia CHAVEZ aka Tomas CHAVEZ GARCIA in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that Tomas Garcia CHAVEZ aka Tomas CHAVEZ GARCIA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. December 17, 2025 @ 8:30 AM, Department 29, Room 240 b. Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the later of either (1) four months from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: JUAN CARLOS PALLARES SBN 289938 2424 E. Anaheim St. Long Beach, CA. 90804 (562) 742-5194 Pub. Signal Tribune 11/28 & 12/5, 12/12, 2025

**TST7929/Order No: 4011 Auto Lien Sale**

**On 12/11/2025 at 3229 W IMPERIAL HWY INGLEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 RAM VIN: 3C6GUR5DL1MG610362 STATE: CA LIC: 22255G3 at**

**LB RESCUE MISSION**  
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Seven-year outreach and client services manager, Chaplain Antwone Sanford has his door open to talk with clients on Nov. 19, 2025 at the Long Beach Rescue Mission Samaritan House.

fall out.”

The approach is also different, Levine said, based on how long someone’s been unhoused for and what caused them to become homeless. Levine said that 45% of the people living in housing around the rescue mission are living below the poverty level.

Homelessness increased by 6.5% last year in Long Beach and financial hardship was the leading cause, increasing from 37.1% in 2024 to 41.2% in 2025.

**86% of people who have gone through the Long Beach Rescue Mission’s New Life Program have been able to find stable housing within a year, a testament to their program-first approach.**

People who are already struggling to get by, like the 28% of Long Beach residents living below the poverty line, can easily lose their shelter if there’s a change in their income or if their rent is unexpectedly increased.

Levine made an important distinction between unexpected homelessness and chronic homelessness. He said when a person or family is evicted and pushed into homelessness, getting them in some type of housing and connecting them to services is the priority because they’ve shown skills such as maintaining a budget, creating food or preparing laundry.

Chronic homelessness is different, which is when a person has been unhoused for a year or longer. They’re not used to using a washing machine, maintaining their own budget and going grocery shopping. People experiencing chronic homelessness often still have a community though, as well as a set way of doing things.

Taking them out of that situation and thrusting them into a new lifestyle can be jarring. Levine said teaching them life skills and soft skills through the Mission’s programming helps them in their transformation.

“You take someone who’s been on the streets or on the riverbed for 18 years and you put them in housing, they experience anxiety and depression, they build an encampment in their room,” Levine said. “You pulled them out of their community, their neighbors and they fell back into homelessness.”

Nearly half the people experienc-

ing homelessness in Long Beach in 2024 had been homeless for over a year, according to the Point in Time results.

**A Growing Need**

One misconception about the Long Beach Rescue Mission is the perception that you have to be a Christian or are required to go to Christian discipleship to receive services.

Levine said they’ve had Muslims, Buddhists and an Atheist stay with the Long Beach Rescue Mission. The Atheist graduated from the Mission’s one-year program and while he’s never read the Bible before, the graduate told Levine that he experienced authentic love at the Long Beach Rescue Mission.

Though faith is not required for people to receive services, it’s the driving force that compels the staff to keep the mission going.

“It’s a fulfillment to come to work and see lives changed,” Russell said. “We’re all in.”

Even with the large number of beds the Long Beach Rescue Mission offers, it’s a small dent in the 3,500 people who are experiencing homelessness in the city, and they have to turn people away daily.

“When you have to turn 10-12 families [away] a day, we’re not okay with that,” Levine said. “When you’re full, you’re turning away those families and for our staff, they’re the ones receiving the phone call, telling the mom who is sleeping in her car with her kids that we can’t bring them [in].”



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Workers pose with one of the children at the Long Beach Rescue Mission at the Lydia House with families and children on Nov. 19, 2025 in Long Beach.

After 21 years with the Long Beach Rescue Mission, Levine said the importance of getting new volunteers and partners is critical to their operations.

“Not receiving government funding, we’re dependent on individuals, corporations and businesses to help us with what we do,” he said. “It gives us not just flexibility but agility and speed. We can do things [at] a fraction of the cost.”

People can donate to the Long Beach Rescue Mission through its website or make an in-person donation Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Samaritan House at 1335 Pacific Ave.

**EVENT**

**Fifth annual Long Beach International Tamales Festival returns Dec. 7.**

**Staff Report**

Signal Tribune

The fifth annual Long Beach International Tamales Festival will return to crown the year’s best tamale on Dec. 7.

Long Beach residents can enjoy a wide range of tamales and entertainment at the Scottish Rite Center from 1 to 7 p.m.

Organized by the local multimedia outlet Playa Larga, the event is devoted to celebrating the diverse tamal-making restaurants, pop-ups, home chefs and food trucks around Long Beach. The festival will include music, food, drinks, performances, a best homemade tamale contest and more.

“Traditions are important as they are what makes us a culture; how we pass along our stories and what makes us who we are as a community,” said festival co-organizer Sal Flores in a public statement. “This year we are focusing on supporting our Latino community, our continued resilience, and the importance of keeping traditions alive to share with people from different backgrounds.”



Courtesy of Sal Flores

Tamales plated and served with cotija cheese, sour cream, guacamole, onions and cilantro.

The annual event aims to bring everyone to the table, from all cultures and walks of life, showcasing just a glimpse of the City’s diverse Latin food scene.

Tickets to attend the event are available to purchase here. Restaurants, food vendors and retail vendors interested in partic-

ipating in the festival can visit the Playa Larga website to apply.

Further information for the International Tamales Festival, along with partnership opportunities, is available by emailing sal@playalarga.co or calling (562) 366-3111.

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