

IMMIGRATION



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Local residents, activists and rapid response volunteers have called on the City of Signal Hill to better protect the city's immigrants amidst ongoing Immigrations and Customs Enforcement raids in Southern California.

At least 15 people have been arrested by federal immigration agents at the two Home Depot locations since June 2025, while the City remains nearly silent on the issue.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

A rapid response volunteer was allegedly assaulted by an unidentified man in the Signal Hill Home Depot parking lot Tuesday morning. While the Signal Hill Police Department said they are conducting an investigation into the incident, it highlights an issue volunteers have been raising for months: How is Signal Hill responding to attacks on its immigrant community?

Margaret, who is using an alias due to safety concerns, has been a rapid response volunteer since June, when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents ramped up their operations in Long Beach and Signal Hill, with more frequent and aggressive raids. Since then, she has met other local residents who were moved to protect their immigrant neighbors, standing with day laborers at the Home Depot and mobilizing to assist families when reports of detentions reach them.

Margaret said a man in a red truck was driving "erratically" around the Home Depot parking lot around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, so she attempted to walk up to the car and talk to him. After Margaret was ignored several times by the unidentified man, she took a picture of him in his vehicle, capturing his face and license plate. That's when the man drove his truck directly towards her, traveling an estimated 30 miles per hour at her, Margaret told the *Signal Tribune*.

Margaret didn't flinch, she said, so the man swerved his car to avoid hitting her. Then he pulled up next to her, rolled down his window and "bashed" her hands down, making her drop her phone and coffee, before speeding off.

The Signal Hill Police Department said they are actively investigating the incident and have requested video footage.

Signal Hill's Home Depots among most frequented ICE targets in the area

The two Signal Hill Home Depots have been the most consistently targeted areas for ICE raids during the past seven months. According to ICE in LB, an independent tracking website that uses public data to record ICE sightings and detentions, there have been seven detentions between the Home Depot on Spring Street and the one on Cherry Avenue.

According to rapid responders, around 15 people have been arrested by ICE at these locations, as agents show up to the Home Depots at least once a month.

Signal Hill City Manager Carlo Tomaino said in an email to the *Signal Tribune* "immigration enforcement is a function of the federal government. Local governments, including cities and counties, do not have authority over federal, state, or county agencies. By law, local jurisdictions cannot enact ordinances or establish policies that regulate or interfere with the operations of another level of government.

Within this framework, the City and the Signal Hill Police Department remain fully committed to maintaining the safety, trust, and well-being of all individuals in our community."

Tomaino added that the City and the police "do not participate in or coordinate with federal immigration enforcement activities," and since the federal government "does not share information with the City" he said they do not have information regarding how many people have been detained by ICE in the city. A "small number of residents" have contacted the City requesting assistance with immigration matters, Tomaino said.

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2026 ELECTION

Ranked choice voting could be hitting Long Beach next

RCV in the LBC is a grassroots organization attempting to get ranked choice voting as an item on the June 2026 ballot, which would change the way Long Beach runs its elections.



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An election worker hands an "I Voted" sticker to a voter after turning in their ballot at the Signal Hill Community Center voting center on Nov. 7, 2022.

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Managing Editor

Long Beach residents, along with council members and other City officials, may see an item on the 2026 ballot that would change how the city conducts its elections going forward.

RCV (Ranked Choice Voting) in the LBC is a group of Long Beach residents passionate about civic engagement trying to change the city's voting system to ranked choice voting. This type of voting process allows residents to rank their preferred candidates from first to last rather than only voting for one candidate.

Though this voting system has been used in countries like Australia and Ireland for over 100 years, it has only recently gained momentum in the United States. According to FairVote.org, the states of Maine and Alaska have adopted a ranked choice voting system, as well as dozens of cities including New York, San Francisco, Portland and Redondo Beach.

"We have such a unique opportunity in Long Beach in that Long Beach is small enough that we can try things and experiment and all of us can get involved in the process and we're big enough where if these things work, people take notice," said Sean McMullen, who sits on the board of RCV in the LBC.

Ranked choice voting eliminates the possibility of runoff elections, as it takes voters' rankings and eliminates the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes. People who ranked an eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their next-best option as their new preferred candidate. This continues until one candidate has attained an outright majority of ballots. However, if one candidate wins the outright majority of first-choice votes immediately, there is no need to take into account additional rankings.

Proponents of the system say it saves money by eliminating the possibility of runoff elections, ensures the candidate with the most support wins and makes for a more civil campaigning

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POLITICS

What did LB's federal and state reps do in December?

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

After a long and unfortunate pause, this installment of the *Signal Tribune's* monthly series returns to cover actions taken and statements made by Long Beach's federal and state representatives in December 2025.

Elected officials were involved in debate and legislation surrounding the Epstein files, ICE, vaccines and more.

The purpose of this ongoing series is to help the public stay abreast of their elected officials and hold them accountable beyond election day.

Robert Garcia

U.S. Representative
for California's 42nd
Congressional District

Epstein: Garcia, along with his democrat peers in the Oversight Committee, have continued pressing the Donald Trump administration and the Justice Department over the delayed release of all files on infamous sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein. The legislature previously passed the Epstein Files Transparency Act, which requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to make all files related to the Epstein investigation available to the public. As of Dec. 31, the Oversight Committee stated less than 5% of all the Epstein files have been released, while an article published by *Time* on Jan. 6 states less than 1% of all the files have been released. Democrats on the Oversight Committee requested additional information from the US Virgin Islands Department of Justice in November, and in turn, received over 95,000 photos from Epstein's estate. According to a public statement by the Oversight Committee, the photos are a mix of graphic and mundane images, and include photos of Epstein's properties and associates. The Oversight Committee has been



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California representatives and members of Congress who represent Signal Hill, Long Beach and surrounding cities.

reviewing these images while releasing some to the public through its website. In a public statement, the committee said the released images are meant to be representative of the type of content found in the 95,000 images.

Venezuela: On Dec. 30, four days before the United States abducted the Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, Garcia criticized the Trump administration's military aggression towards Venezuela. According to statements from the federal government, the United States has killed at least 115 people in strikes on boats coming from Venezuela, purportedly because the boats allegedly had drugs onboard.

"The Trump Administration appears to be leading us toward regime change and war in Venezuela. Yet they have no authorization from Congress to do so," Garcia posted on social media. "Republicans need to join us to ensure that we don't start another war."

Nanette Díaz Barragán

U.S. representative
for California's 44th
Congressional District

Vaccine Transportation:

Barragán reintroduced a bill on Dec. 18 aimed at helping more people get vaccinated by helping them afford transportation to their appointments. The Vaccine Transportation Access Act would fund grants for local groups to provide rides to vaccine clinics or pay for rideshare services. The proposed legislation is meant to help seniors, low-income residents and others who struggle with transportation access vaccines. The bill expands on a similar program created during the pandemic to help people access the COVID-19 vaccines and would now cover various recommended vaccines.

"Getting vaccinated can help protect against preventable illnesses, hospitalizations, and increased health care costs across communities," Barragán said in a public statement. "But in many communities like mine, patients may lack the financial resources or reliable transportation to get to their routine check-up — and the closest health center or hospital can be miles away. That is why I'm proud to reintroduce the Vaccine Transportation Access Act to help ensure that Americans can receive the

critical preventive care they need, especially at a time when vaccine access and affordability are under attack."

Drug Affordability: Barragán reintroduced a bipartisan bill aimed at making prescription drugs more affordable for people with serious and long-term health conditions. The Help Ensure Lower Patient Copays Act would require insurance companies to count outside financial assistance — such as aid from nonprofits — toward a patient's annual deductible and out-of-pocket costs.

Lena Gonzalez

California State Senator
for the 33rd District

Speed Cameras: Gonzalez released a statement in support of AB 645, which establishes a new speed safety pilot program in several California cities. Gonzalez said she contributed to shaping this legislation in her prior role as chair of the California Senate Transportation Committee.

Under the pilot program, traffic cameras would begin capturing and automatically ticketing the owner of vehicles caught speeding. These cameras will be installed in Long Beach, Los Angeles, Glendale, San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland. Drivers going 11 miles or more over the speed limit will be ticketed if they're captured by one of the cameras. Those caught going 100 miles or more over the speed limit will automatically have their driving history reviewed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and could have their license suspended or revoked at the discretion of the department. This is a change in how license suspensions and revocations are handled; while a lengthy judicial process was required before, this would expedite these penalties for speeders.

ICE in Hotels: Gonzalez joined her peers in the California Latino Legislative Caucus in sending

a letter to the California Hotel & Lodging Association, urging the association to tell its members not to allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to rent rooms at their hotels. It cautioned that hotels that serve ICE agents could face "potential legal jeopardy" as well as damage to their brand and reputation.

"We urge you to advise your client hotels about these risks and recommend they refrain from engaging any entity, including the federal government, that utilizes their facilities to do harm in the community," the letter states.

Josh Lowenthal

California
Assemblymember
for the 69th District

Late Mayor Condolences:

On December 1, Lowenthal posted a statement on social media in honor of the late Bob Foster, former mayor of Long Beach, following the death of the latter the day before.

"His depth of knowledge on politics and policy was only rivaled by his depth of knowledge on Ancient Roman history, philosophy, and business," Lowenthal said of Foster in a social media post. "He gave so much to so many, and we'll miss him unspeakably."

Australia Visit: Lowenthal visited Australia to learn more about the country's ban on social media for youth under the age of 16.

Lowenthal has a history of authoring legislation focusing on internet usage for minors, including the Phone Free School Act and the Cyberbullying Protection Act.

"It's really about addiction. It's about the things that are happening with them in their lives, and I think ultimately we are going to align a lot better with the platforms themselves in creating policy that works for everyone," Lowenthal said in an interview with CBS.

Read the full roundup online at SigTrib.com

ENVIRONMENT

Registration for Compost and Recycling Ambassador Program opens Jan. 12

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach residents can register for the City's Compost and Recycling Ambassador Program beginning Jan. 12.

The seven-week program is free to residents and will be held in-person, in both English and Spanish from February to March. Staff from Long Beach's Energy and Environmental Services Department will lead lectures, hands-on experiences and collaborations to teach participants about waste reduction strategies, as well as recycling history, systems and practices.

Compost and recycling ambassadors will also receive training on two primary methods of home composting: vermicomposting and backyard composting. Plus, they will learn about the City's Organics Collection program, which helps households separate yard trimmings and food scraps that are not suitable for home composting.

Thanks to funding from a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant, Puente Latino Associ-

ation will offer the program in Spanish.



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A Long Beach Community Compost volunteer breaks up frozen fruits in Signal Hill on Oct. 29, 2021.

The spring 2026 CRA program will be held in-person at the Department of Energy and Environmental Services offices (2929 E. Willow St.) from 9 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

- **English course:** Thursdays, Feb. 19 through March 26. The seventh session, which will also serve as a graduation class, is set for Thursday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.


- **Spanish course:** Saturdays, Feb. 21 through March 28. The seventh session, which will also serve

as a graduation class, is set for Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Community members who complete the program by attending at least six of the seven required in-person classes and completing 25 volunteer hours will be certified as Compost and Recycling Ambassadors. These residents will bridge the gap between awareness and action by motivating friends, families, co-workers, peers and community members; demonstrate sustainable behaviors; and enhance the City's ability to reach more people through a network of passionate community members and educators.


Registration for spring courses opens Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. and will close when the class and waitlist are full. Residents ages 18 and older may register for the upcoming sessions at lbcity.info/CRA. All experience levels are welcome. Space is limited, and preregistration is required.

The City will also host CRA sessions this fall, and the schedule will be announced at a later date.



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Events across Long Beach and Signal Hill are just as fun, exciting and diverse in 2026 as they've ever been, with options to relax, connect with neighbors or dive into hobbies among the community.

Residents looking for some friendly competition can attend two gaming events at local libraries this week, either to face-off over chess boards Friday afternoon or play a variety of card and board games in a child-free environment Saturday afternoon.

Connect with nature in a variety of ways this week, with a sunrise walk along the beach on Friday, a sound bath Monday evening, or do-si-do at an outdoor shopping complex on Wednesday. Entertainment this week includes a film and discussion with the filmmaker at the Art Theatre Saturday morning, Long Beach Playhouse's new comedy "The Club of Broken Fasts," a vinyl shop and social at Beachwood Brewing Sunday night and a craft and karaoke afternoon Tuesday.

09 FRIDAY

SUNRISE MORNING BEACH WALK

7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Adults 18 and over are invited to start the day with a guided morning walk along the beach. Participants will meet on the grass at the corner of Orizaba Avenue and Ocean Boulevard near Galaxy Towers (2999 E. Ocean Blvd.). The group will walk at a steady but relaxed pace for up to 2.5 miles, with the option to turn back early. The walk is alcohol-free and designed to encourage fitness and social connection. Free.

CHESS CLUB

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library

(5870 Atlantic Ave.) to play chess together. Chess sets will be provided, but participants may also bring their own. Free.

10 SATURDAY

SCREENING & MEET THE FILMMAKER

11 a.m. Film lovers are invited to the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) for a screening of "Rebel With a Clause." The documentary follows the story of grammar expert Ellen Jovin on a road trip across all 50 states, setting up tables to give grammar advice while using debates on punctuation to foster connection. Jovin will host her Grammar Table for 45 minutes before the screening, followed by a post-film Q&A with director Brandt Johnson and Jovin. Jovin will also be signing copies of her book. Tickets can be purchased on the theater's website for \$13.

CLUB GRAPHITE

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Artists of all skill levels are invited to sketch together at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Participants can bring a work in progress, start a new drawing, or just doodle. During this session, participants will explore blind contour drawing. Supplies will be provided. Children must have an adult with them. Free.

SATURDAY SOCIAL - CARDS & CLASSICS

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adults are invited to Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) for a grown-up game night featuring card and board games such as Uno, Phase 10, spades and dominoes. The event offers a relaxed, childfree environment. Free.

11 SUNDAY

LIVE THEATER

2 p.m. Theatergoers are invited to the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre (5021 E. Anaheim St.) for a playful stage adaptation of the 1985 film "The Breakfast Club," reimagined in Shakespearean-style verse under the title "The Club of Broken Fast." The comedy follows five very different teens stuck in Saturday detention as they joke, clash and connect, under the watch of their vice principal. Tickets can be purchased for \$34 on the theater's website.

VINYL SHOP & SOCIAL

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Music lovers are invited to Beachwood Brewing & Distilling (3630 Atlantic Ave.) to dig through crates of vinyl records while listening to vinyl sets. The event will feature record vendors, DJs and drinks. Free.

12 MONDAY

BELMONT SHORE PIER SOUNDBATH

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants are invited to a healing soundbath on the sand at 3998 E. Allin St., hosted by Sound on the Sand. The inclusive event welcomes all. Attendees are encouraged to wear layers, and bring blankets and/or yoga mats. Pride flags will mark the sound bath area. There is a suggested donation of \$11 to \$33, but no one will be turned away if they can't pay.

SCHOOL CHOICE VIRTUAL MEETING

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Long Beach Unified School District will be streaming this virtual event on its YouTube channel to help families



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This Sunday from 2-6 p.m., Beachwood Brewing & Distilling welcomes all vinyl lovers for a shop & social with record vendors, DJs and drinks.

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at 2ND & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Hwy.). All ages welcome. No partner needed. Attendees should bring comfortable shoes. Free.

13 TUESDAY

FAMILY CRAFT & KARAOKE

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Families with school-age children are invited to Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.) for an hour of singing and crafting. Participants can choose from thousands of karaoke songs, while making a craft as they wait for their turn. Free.

READY, RESET VISION BOARD

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults are invited to Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) for this workshop where participants can set their intentions and goals for 2026. Participants will design vision boards to reflect personal growth, career plans and future aspirations in a relaxed, supportive setting. All supplies will be provided. Free.

14 WEDNESDAY

NEIGHBORHOOD MICRO GRANT APP WORKSHOP

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Members of neighborhood associations and violence prevention organizations are invited to learn how to apply to grant funding provided by the City of Long Beach. The grant funding will be used on events that improve local neighborhoods. This informational workshop will be held at the School for Adults Cafeteria (171 W. Bort St.). Free.

LINE DANCE NIGHT

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Step and slide to Western, R&B and pop hits

15 THURSDAY

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY WEBINAR

11 a.m. to noon. Business owners and entrepreneurs are invited to attend this virtual workshop to learn how to work with the City of Long Beach. The webinar will cover the types of goods and services the City purchases, the contracting process, and how to register a business on the City's online procurement platform. Registration is required through the City's online event calendar to receive the Zoom link and call-in details. Free.

Lbfd RECRUITMENT WEBINAR

8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Individuals interested in a career with the Long Beach Fire Department are invited to attend this virtual webinar focused on what to expect during the Long Beach Fire Academy. The town hall-style session will feature guest speakers and provide guidance on exam preparation, oral interviews, fitness expectations, and the overall academy experience. Registration through the City's online event calendar is required. The Zoom link will be sent to participants by email after registration. Free.

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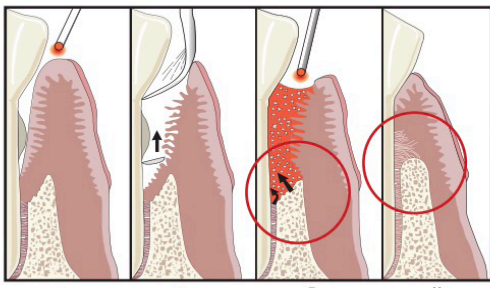
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Dozens of rapid responders, all of whom have independently shown up at the Home Depot over the last few months, have also been attending Signal Hill City Council meetings asking the City to do more to protect the immigrant community. Oftentimes they are joined by the families of those who have been detained and deported by ICE.

Activists, rapid responders and family members of detainees say the City has done nothing to protect its immigrants.

“Signal Hill is even worse than Long Beach,” a rapid responder using the alias Celeste said. “It’s really sad that our leaders don’t even consider them [immigrants] worthy of protection.”

Community demands greater protections, while City remains largely silent

Unlike Long Beach, Signal Hill is not a sanctuary city. Though every city in California must follow the California Values Act, many jurisdictions have added additional policies specific to their community and agency, including Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and more.

Signal Hill’s public facing social media profiles and monthly newsletters have not once mentioned the ICE raids or amplified any resources available to local immigrants. On June 26, 2025, the City released a statement stating they have “no role in the enforcement of federal law” but they would continue to provide a “high-quality level of service.” The City has a link to the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles on its resources page, which Tomaino said has been advertised to the community.

“My family and I have been res-



Courtesy of Google Maps

According to rapid responders, around 15 people have been arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents across the two Signal Hill Home Depots.

idents of Signal Hill for over 30 years,” said Sheila Estrada at a city council meeting on Oct. 28, 2025. “I’m here as a member of this community to ask for you to step up and support your community and against the federal agents who are kidnapping people ... I’m asking you to be on the right side of history; open a dialogue. We need to get this going.”

When asked if the City has discussed enacting sanctuary city policies, Tomaino referred the *Signal Tribune* to SB 54, the California Values Act.

“I know you may not be able to change what’s happening around the country but I would hope that you all took the current positions you hold to make our community here better today,” said Long Beach resident Anna Espinoza at the Oct. 28 city council meeting. She said her father was a day laborer and was detained by ICE at the Home Depot in Signal Hill. At the time of the meeting, Espinoza said her father was being held in the Adelanto Detention Center.

“My mother spends every night crying, worried about my father ...

He hasn’t been home to joke with me. My daughter still looks for her ‘tata’ [grandfather] and my mother waits for news from him. My family feels betrayed by the city and the people in charge of protecting us,” Espinoza said.

Rapid response volunteers and families of those taken by ICE have been asking Signal Hill to adopt sanctuary city laws that would prohibit the police department from cooperating with ICE unless directed by a federal judge.

Additional policies community members have asked the City to adopt include:

- Publicly enforced no-ICE-zones
- An ICE raid tracking system run by the City
- Officials’ vocal support of the city’s immigrants

“It’s getting harder to deal with on an emotional and psychological level ... and of course our safety. It’s getting scary,” Celeste said. “I think about them [the immigrants taken by ICE] everyday.”

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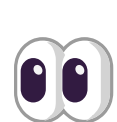
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650 PETITION OF: ASHLEY VELASQUEZ for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: ASHLEY VELASQUEZ has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: ASHLEY VELASQUEZ Proposed Name: ASHLEY VELAZQUEZ 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: February 9, 2026; 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. December 19, 26, 2025 & January 2, 9, 2026 ___/ss/___ Lee W. Tsao Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 9, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. RUG'IT CLEANING, 2. RUG'IT, 3. PREMIER FLOORING, 4. RUG'IT, 5. RUG'IT CLEANING, 6. RUG'IT CLEANING & REPLACEMENT, 1679 E. 28TH ST., SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: RUG'IT INC., 1679 E. 28TH ST., SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. 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: MARIELA SALGADO, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 02/2011. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 16, 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 au-

thorize 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: December 19, 26, 2025 & January 2, 9, 2025.

**TST7977 / 2025 281080
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: POLAR BROS COLD STORAGE, 11336 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA. 90280. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: VIED LLC, 11336 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA. 90280. 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: VICENTE PEREZ, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 11/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec 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: December 26 2025 & January 2, 9, 16, 2026

**TST7982 Case No. 25LBCP00493
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: Rebecca Novalis-Edwards and Shaun Edwards for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Rebecca Novalis-Edwards and Shaun Edwards has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Ezekiel Rose Edwards Proposed Name: Ziggy Rose Edwards 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: February 4, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26, 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. Janu-

ary 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 24, 2025

**TST7983 / 2025 282146
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: MBE PM&ID, 2120 SOUTH UNION AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90007. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARLA ECHVERRIA, 2120 SOUTH UNION AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. 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: (PERSON SIGNING & TITLE). The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 12/2025. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Dec. 19, 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 state-

ment 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: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

TST7981

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice SecureSpace Self Storage Signal Hill located at 3177 California Avenue Signal Hill CA 90755 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 1/28/2026 at 4:30 PM. Candice Arrwine; Shehonie Robins; Darlene Dimapilis; Sylvia Garcia; Kristin Lanford; Brittany Josewski; Thomas Hamilton; Juan Valadez; Susan Robinson; Aalexis Campbell; Tenika Hewlett; Paul Puttkamer; Paula Perez; Juan Rodriguez. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Pub. The Signal Tribune: January 9 & 16, 2026.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, December 31

- 4:39 a.m., Inflict corporate injury on spouse, 3100 block E. PCH, (suspect arrested)
- 7:03 a.m., Elder abuse, 3300 block Walnut Ave.
- 10:26 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, January 1

- 8:53 p.m., Injury traffic collision w/city property damage, Cherry Ave./Crescent Heights

Friday, January 2

- 2:59 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Palm Dr.
- 5:18 p.m., Petty theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (citation issued)

Saturday, January 3

- 3:33 p.m., Petty theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
- 8:49 p.m., Auto burglary, 1500 block E. Hill St.

Sunday, January 4

- 12:19 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block California Ave.
- 10:51 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2600 block Gundry Ave.

Monday, January 5

- 6:54 a.m., Elder abuse, 3300 block Orange Ave.
- 10:52 a.m., Grand theft, 3100 block California Ave.
- 11:17 a.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
- 12:32 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
- 12:40 p.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
- 4:15 p.m., Person with a knife, 1800 block E. Hill St.

Tuesday, January 6

- 9:27 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Walnut Ave./E. Spring St.
- 12:09 p.m., Battery, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
- 5:30 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave. south of E. 28th St.

LSPD 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.

TST7991/Order No: 4658
Auto Lien Sale
On 01/27/2026 at 6832 CRENSHAW BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 HONDA VIN: 5FPYK3F53PB011577 STATE: CA LIC: 22194R3 at 9AM

TST7989/Order No: 4440
Auto Lien Sale
On 01/27/2026 at 11400 ALAMEDA ST UNIT 2 LYNNWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 NISSA VIN: JN1BJIAV1MW307902 STATE: CA LIC: 9STF786 at 9AM

TST7990/Order No: 4527
Auto Lien Sale
On 01/27/2026 at 11400 ALAMEDA ST UNIT 2 LYNNWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 HONDA VIN: 19XFL2H88PE006234 STATE: CA LIC: 9NLM448 at 9AM

TST7987/Order No: 3787
Auto Lien Sale
On 01/27/2026 at 8140 SOUTH VERMONT AVE UNIT D LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2025 HONDA VIN: 1HGCY2F59SA009752 STATE: CA LIC: 9SET762 at 9AM

TST7988/Order No: 4021
Auto Lien Sale
On 01/27/2026 at 1744 S WILLOW AVE RIALTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2015 KAWASAKI VIN: KAW90328B515 STATE: CA LIC: 9275RU at 9AM

TST7985/Order No: 4285
Auto Lien Sale
On 01/22/2026 at 11762 WESTERN AVENUE STANTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 KIA VIN: KNDCC3LG2N5117023 STATE: CA LIC: 9JPA867 at 9AM

TST7984/Order No: 4620
Auto Lien Sale
On 1/18/2026 at 7405 SOUTH WESTERN AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 HONDA VIN: 2HGFE2F55PH503735 STATE: CA LIC: 9EFJ032 at 9AM

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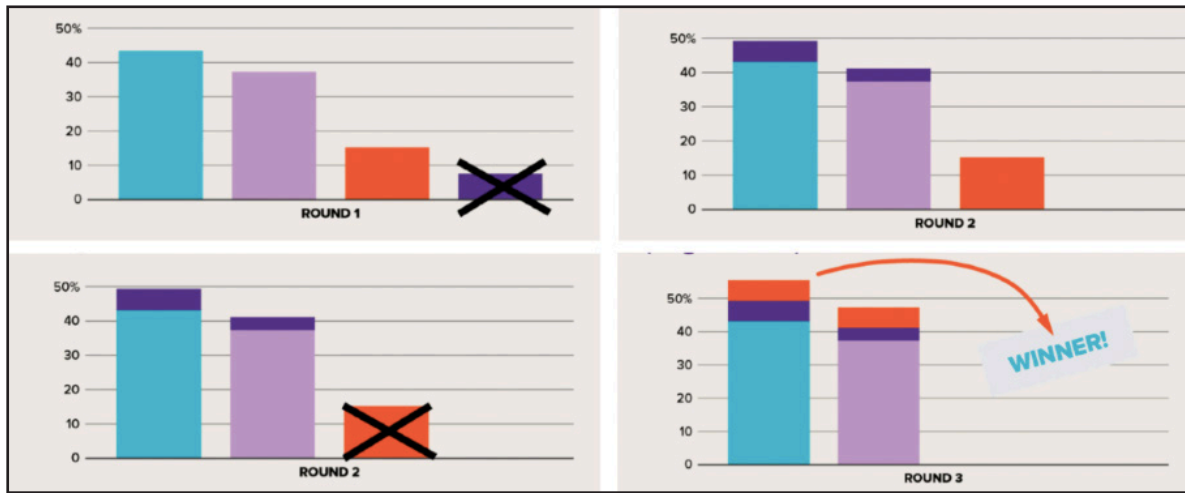
TST7978

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF DEDICATION EASEMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Long Beach Unified School District ("District"), at its regular board meeting to be held on January 14, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the District Administration Building located at 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810, will consider dedicating an easement to Southern California Edison for the installation of a new electrical system. The easement will allow SCE to construct, install, use, maintain, operate, repair, replace, inspect, and, if necessary, remove electrical systems and/or facilities and appurtenant equipment within the designated area as described in the Grant of Easement. Said proposed easement will be located on a portion of the District's Perry Lindsey Academy located at 5075 Daisy Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90805.

Questions and/or comments should be directed to David Miranda, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Operations at (562) 997-7550.

RANKED CHOICE VOTING
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Courtesy of Up Vote Virginia

The graphic above explains the rules for elimination and a majority winner in ranked choice voting.

process. In New York's recent mayoral election, some candidates ran collaborative campaign ads, encouraging candidates with similar views on issues to pull together rather than divide a race.

Those against ranked choice voting argue it's too complicated for voters to understand, and organizations like the Heritage Foundation claim it's a method to manipulate elections towards left-leaning candidates.

Data from Alaska and Maine showed a rise in voter turnout when ranked choice voting was adopted, both for midterms and general elections.

"Personally I feel like the government we have is only as good as the

participation in it. This is the place where I could see having the most effect and the most positive change for the most people," said McMullen.

Last month, RCV in the LBC presented their case for ranked choice voting to the Commission for Women & Girls. Immediately after, the commission voted to form an ad hoc committee to review ranked choice voting and consider a recommendation to the City Council. The organization presented again to the Equity and Human Relations Commission on Wednesday evening.

Organizers are hoping to gain support from commissions, confident this will translate into stron-

ger advocacy when they attempt to take the issue to the city council. In order for residents to vote on the matter, Long Beach City Council will have to introduce it as an agenda item and approve it. RCV in the LBC aims to have the issue on the ballot for the June elections, when voters will be deciding odd-numbered council seats, city attorney, city prosecutor, mayor and more.

Residents who support ranked choice voting in Long Beach can sign RCV in the LBC's online petition at rcv-in-the-lbc.org/. There, residents can find information on how to join the group's campaign, as well as on their Instagram @rcvinthelbc.

EVENT

How to watch Long Beach's State of the City Address Jan. 13



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson speaks to the public during the 2024 State of the City address at the Long Beach Terrace Theater on Jan. 9, 2024.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson will give updates on his priorities for the upcoming year and celebrate the progress made this past year at the State of the City Address on Jan. 13 in the Terrace Theater.

The annual address is free to attend, and it will be streamed live via YouTube and LBTv beginning at 5:30 p.m. that Tuesday evening. This year's theme for the address is "A Future Built by All of Us."

Richardson is expected to cover topics like housing affordability, homelessness prevention, neighborhood safety, infrastructure, City services, new jobs, major investments, expanded opportunities for small businesses and local youth and residents, and special announcements in workforce and emerging industries, according to a statement from the City.

The presentation will also look ahead to Long Beach's role as a "global destination for arts, culture and major events," with updates on City planning efforts leading up to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and developments in live entertainment, local sports, cultural programming and community spaces.

The 2026 State of the City Address will feature live music, guest performances, local youth and

community voices and exclusive previews of upcoming attractions that highlight Long Beach as a vibrant, inclusive and opportunity-rich city, according to a statement from the City.

Residents can watch the livestream of the event on the following City social pages:

- City of Long Beach Facebook and X pages @LongBeachCity and on YouTube @LongBeachCityCA.
- The Office of Mayor Rex Richardson Facebook page @LongBeachMayor.
- Long Beach Television at LBTv3.com.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase before and after the address inside the Terrace Theater Lobby and outside on the plaza. Doors to the theater lobby will open at 4:30 p.m. Free parking for cars will be available in the Convention Center parking lots (400 Seaside Way).

Interpretation services in Spanish, Khmer, Tagalog and American Sign Language will be provided for those attending in person. Closed captioning will be provided at the event and on the livestreams.

The 2026 State of the City Address will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Terrace Theater (300 E. Ocean Blvd.). Those attending in person must RSVP online.

POLICE

LBCPD announces Norma Carrillo as new deputy chief



Courtesy of the Long Beach Police Department

Norma Carrillo has been appointed Deputy Chief of the Long Beach Police Department, and will begin her new position on Jan. 10.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach Chief of Police Wally Hebeish has announced his appointment of Commander Norma Carrillo to the position of deputy chief, the City announced Monday. This promotion will take effect Jan. 10.

"I am extremely proud to announce the promotion of Commander Norma Carrillo to the position of Deputy Chief," Hebeish said in a public statement. "Deputy Chief Carrillo has clearly demonstrated a commitment to the future of our police department and the safety of our city. Her focus on education and professional development has effectively positioned her for continued success. I have no doubt she will excel in her new role, while continuing to help us move the department forward and provide excellent service to our entire Long Beach community."

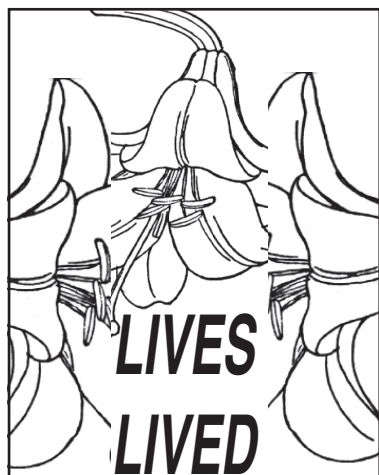
Carrillo joined the Long Beach Police Department as a police recruit in 2000. She was promoted

to sergeant in 2018, lieutenant in 2022, commander in 2024, and deputy chief in 2026. She has worked a variety of assignments throughout her career including internal affairs, sex crimes, police academy instructor and the office of constitutional policing.

As commander, Carrillo oversaw the training and tactical support division, and most recently served as the chief of staff in the office of the chief of police.

"Stepping into a greater leadership role within the police department that serves the community where I was raised is both deeply meaningful and humbling," Carrillo said in a public statement. "I am grateful for the opportunity to lead and give back to the community that helped shape my path."

Carrillo holds a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational studies from Cal State Long Beach and a Master of Science degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership from the University of San Diego. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Long Beach program.



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TACOS

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