



FEATURE

Taste of the Philippines



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Teofilo Coffee's Ube Latte is prepared with their signature ingredient sourced from the Philippines ready for a customer to enjoy on April 6, 2026.

New Filipino coffee shop on Second Street brings a familiar taste from the motherland.

Alfredo Menjivar
Reporter

As you drive down Second Street in Long Beach, you'll see a new location on the horizon. When you walk into the new facility, the aroma of roasting coffee whiffs through your nose, quickly followed by the nutty, distinctive smell of ube.

Teofilo Coffee Shop is Long Beach's newest Filipino cafe that officially opened on April 13. Expectations are high for the company, owing to the success of their first location in the nearby city of Carson.

Ron Dizon, founder and chief executive officer of Teofilo, developed the idea for the company after his mother told him about how the Philippines produces much of the world's coffee, and has done so since the 1740s. Dizon dove into research on the coffee history of the Philippines, both shocked and inspired by his findings. Then, a light bulb turned on.

Dizon wanted to create a coffee shop that highlighted Filipino farmers and gave them the credit they deserve, while celebrating his own culture.

"There's nothing new about this. I didn't invent coffee, we're just painting the picture because the people behind the scenes are the ones who deserve most of the credit," Dizon said.

He also partnered with the Philippine Department of Agriculture to help promote agricultural development as well as ensure food security and fight for higher pay for farmers.

Teofilo is the name of Dizon's grandfather, known in the Philippines as a handyman who was heavily involved in his community.

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Teofilo Coffee owner Ron Dizon presses down the Aeropress on April 6, 2026, as he makes the single-origin coffee in their new location on Second Street. The use of the Aeropress gives the coffee a cleaner and fuller profile in comparison to other methods of brewing.

CITY COUNCIL

Let them cook

LB residents can now sell food out of their homes — no landlord permission required



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Sandy Wall runs Pueblita Tortillas out of her Long Beach apartment on April 22, 2021.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

After much deliberation and a nearly split city council vote, Long Beach followed in the steps of many other cities Tuesday night and passed an ordinance allowing MEHKOs to operate. Most importantly, residents will not have to notify their landlord or get their permission in order to have a MEHKO.

A MEHKO is a Micro-Enterprise Home Kitchen Operation — plainly stated, it's a business built out of someone's kitchen at home. Much like Long Beach's Cottage Food License, which allows residents to make and sell baked goods and non-perishables out of their home, the MEHKO broadens what food can be sold and how.

MEHKO operators can make meals or drinks in their home and sell them outside, at a farmers market, with a cart, or have someone pick up their order. Others create a mini restaurant within their home, usually on a backyard patio.

Long Beach started considering a MEHKO program in 2024, though local food advocates have been pushing for them since 2019. Advocates also include immigrant rights groups ORALE and Centro CHA, unsurprisingly since 79% of MEHKO operators are people of color, and 70% of MEHKO operators are women, according to the COOK Alliance.

The point of contention at Tuesday's city council meeting: whether a Long Beach tenant should have to notify and/or get the approval of their landlord or Homeowner's Association (HOA) in order to operate a MEHKO. Councilmembers Kristina Duggan, Daryl Supernaw and Joni Ricks-Oddie were pushing for a landlord notification requirement, which would happen after a resident pays the roughly \$1,300 in administrative costs.

This requirement is not mandated by state law, but California also doesn't have a law prohibiting a city from adding additional requirements. City staff pointed out that the city of Berkeley as well as Sonoma, Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Blake counties all have similar requirements.

This specific caveat was brought to the table on March 10, and litigated at Tuesday's meeting. Ultimately, the city council decided that a resident only has to sign a document attesting they will follow all regulations in their lease or HOA agreement, but no formal notification to their landlord is required.

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Following the March meeting, Long Beach entered a “community engagement” period, where they met with representatives from the COOK Alliance, the Apartment Association of California Southern Cities and the California Apartment Association. The apartment associations were in favor of requiring their approval/knowledge, citing early awareness, clarity on what an operation looks like, planning and risk management.

Apartment association representatives were also concerned about the possibility of one of their tenants violating their lease, which would create legal fees if they take that tenant to court.

The COOK Alliance claimed this written requirement may be a barrier for someone wanting to start a MEHKO, and recommended the city move forward without it. COOK Alliance also cited their five-year study showing strong operator compliance with local regulations, and said only 3% of MEHKO operators in California have received complaints from their city.

“MEHKOs represent a life-changing opportunity to start a small, home-based food business,” said COOK Alliance Program Manager Jared Franco. “By lowering the cost of entry, the program creates a pathway for people who are often shut out of traditional food businesses. Especially caregivers, immigrants, low-income residents, who may not have access to commercial kitchen space or startup capital.”

Franco added that these operations are very small-scale, requiring no commercial equipment or modifications of a home. She compared the amount of food typically produced by a MEHKO as enough food for a large family or small gathering.

“While we appreciate the landlord’s authorization is not required, we remain concerned about the recommendation to notify landlords. Even this step can create fear and uncertainty,” said Jessica Coronado, Economic Justice Coordinator with ÓRALE. “Many renters face language barriers, limited communication with landlords or fear of retaliation, and/or rent increases. This is enough to discourage many community members from applying for this great opportunity that is really meant for them.”

Both women pointed out that Long Beach’s cottage food program doesn’t require landlord notification.

Los Angeles County’s MEHKO program requires a statement from a resident saying that they have spoken to their landlord and received approval, but doesn’t require an attestation.

Councilmember Tunua Thrash-Ntuk made a motion to remove the notification to the landlord. Councilmember Mary Zendejas accepted the motion. Ricks-Oddie, the second-order of the motion, said she didn’t feel comfortable with removing that requirement.



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Elizabeth Kuehne, confectioner of Sin Confections drizzles molten white chocolate into a bowl before for prepared molds at her shop and studio in Long Beach on Dec. 5, 2023.

The motion ultimately went forward without the landlord notification requirement. Councilmembers Zendejas, Suely Saro, Thrash-Ntuk, Megan Kerr and Roberto Uranga were in favor of the motion without the landlord notification requirement, while Councilmembers Supernaw, Duggan and Ricks-Oddie objected to the motion.

Thrash-Ntuk, echoed by several residents throughout the evening, asked City staff to explore if Long Beach residents are eligible for LA County’s fee waiver program to further reduce the barrier of entry to start a MEHKO.

A MEHKO will cost roughly \$1,300 to start up, including the costs of a business license, health permit, application and other administrative costs. Insurance is not required.

EVENT

Long Beach’s Celebration of the Young Child returns next weekend

Staff Report
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The City of Long Beach is set to host its seventh annual Celebration of the Young Child in downtown at the Billie Jean King Main Library on Saturday, April 25.

The free event is designed to offer activities and resources for children up to 8 years old. Programming will include performances from Briliantina’s Storytelling and Josue Cuentacuentos, both of whom specialize in bilingual musical storytelling, as well as the Mera Dance Troupe, a dance group known for celebrating Khmer culture.

Music and movement for young children, read-aloud story times, a sensory exploration area and other educational hands-on activities are also expected to be part of the event.

“Every child deserves a strong start, and the Celebration of the Young Child connects families to the resources, learning opportunities and community support that help our youngest residents thrive,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement.

Other services and resources include:

• **Information booths** that promote healthy child development and resources for parents.

• **10-20 minute walk-in appointments**, along with screening results and easy connection to vendors on-site, for:

1. **Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)-3**, a popular resource that helps parents identify where their child may need more development support. Courtesy of nonprofit For the Child.



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

The seventh annual Celebration of the Young Child will feature a free afternoon of activities and resources at Billie Jean King Main Library and Lincoln Park.

2. **The articulation component of the Preschool Language Scale (PSL)-5**. Provided by Cal State Long Beach’s Speech and Language Clinic.

• **Pediatric eye health screenings** to help identify vision concerns and prevent future issues. Eye screenings will include vision education, resources and reading glasses, if needed. Space is limited, so attendees are encouraged to arrive early to sign up for a walk-in appointment. Courtesy of the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic.

• **Vaccination clinics** to provide children with their routine immunizations.

• **Oral health assessments**, which will include screening results, oral health education, dental resources, oral health kits and fluoride varnish application. Courtesy of the Children’s Dental Health Clinic.

Community vendors and information booths from local and regional organizations with educational materials that promote healthy child development and parental resources will be set up outside on the library terrace.

Celebration of the Young Child is a collaborative effort between the Department of Health and Human Services’ Early Childhood Strategic Initiatives program, the Long Beach Public Library and the Mayor’s Fund for Education.

Celebration of the Young Child will take place Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) and Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.), adjacent to the library. Free parking will be available in the Civic Center parking garage at the corner of Broadway and Chestnut Avenue.

EVENT

Recycle Your Bicycle at various Long Beach parks May 2

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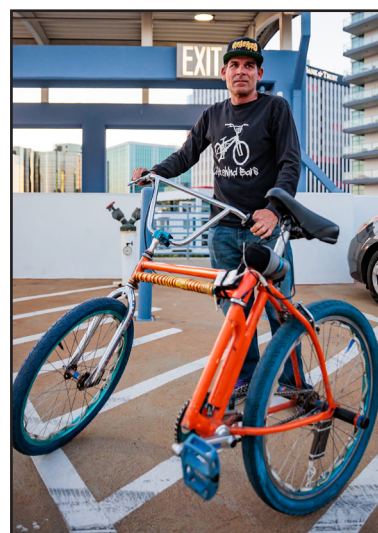
Residents can bring their gently used, non-motorized bicycles to four drop-off locations in Long Beach during Recycle Your Bicycle on May 2.

Dropped-off bicycles will be refurbished and donated to local nonprofit organizations, where they will then be redistributed to residents who need them. Bicycles that cannot be restored will be recycled for parts.

In last year’s Recycle Your Bicycle event, 178 bicycles were collected; 56 were refurbished and donated and 122 were recycled for parts.

“The Recycle Your Bicycle event demonstrates how small actions can make a big impact for our community,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. “By keeping usable materials out of landfills and putting refurbished bicycles into the hands of community members who need them, we’re supporting sustainability, mobility and opportunity all at once.”

This event is hosted by the Energy and Environmental Services Department, the City’s residential recycling hauler (formerly Waste Management) and local business Pedal Movement, with the goal to keep valuable materials out



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Ryan, who declined to give his last name, shows off his custom-modified bicycle at the top of the Pike Outlets Parking Garage on April 16, 2022.

of landfills and expand access to transportation.

Bicycles will be accepted from 9 a.m. to noon on May 2 at:

• Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.)

• Recreation Park (736 Park Ave.)

• Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.)

• Whaley Park (5620 E. Atherton St.)

“We’re proud to partner with Pedal Movement and Waste Man-

agement on this year’s Recycle Your Bicycle event, and we’re grateful for the community members who take the time to drop off bicycles,” said Bob Dowell, Director of Energy & Environmental Services in a public statement. “Their support helps us refurbish and redistribute bicycles to residents who will benefit from them, reducing waste and expanding access to sustainable transportation.”

The Recycle Your Bicycle event supports the City’s waste-reduction and emission-reduction goals outlined in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan by increasing access to bicycles as a mode of transportation. It also provides cost-effective, sustainable alternatives to vehicles and reduces waste through the refurbishment of unwanted bicycles.

In previous years, the City’s Health and Human Services Department has supported bicycle redistribution through the Multi-Service Center (MSC) and the Walk and Roll program. Pedal Movement has also helped connect bicycles with local nonprofit organizations serving youth.

The event is part of the City’s annual Bike Month activities, which will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information, visit lbci-city.info/bikerecycle2026.



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Outdoor meetups this week include an Earth Day Merkado at Kubo and a '90s-themed field day at Bixby Park, both on Saturday. Park outings also include a Big Gay Picnic or a book club meet-up, both Sunday at the Bluff, and yoga at Reservoir Park Thursday morning.

Residents can attend community gatherings such as a community breakfast at the Bembridge House Saturday morning, a bake sale and fundraiser a few hours later, and a community land trust meeting Tuesday night. There are endless new things to learn this week, with workshops covering charcoal and life drawings, creative writing, tai chi, yoga, needle felting, grant writing and more.

17 FRIDAY

FREE GROCERIES

Noon to 4 p.m. Anyone in need of groceries, clothing or hygiene items can get what they need from Long Beach Community Table (151 W. Victoria St.). No RSVP or ID is required. Free.

FLEA MARKET

5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Shop for vintage and thrifted goods while enjoying drinks, food, live bands, mariachi, a tattoo pop-up, a photobooth and more at Good Time (1332 Coronado Ave.).

CHAOTIC SINGLES PARTY

8 p.m. This monthly party has been moving around the country and is coming to Long Beach's Bamboo Club (3522 E. Anaheim

St.). Singles are encouraged to invite their dating app matches who they haven't met yet to meet up at this night club to see if sparks fly. Ticket prices vary and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

18 SATURDAY

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All Long Beach residents are invited to this community breakfast hosted by the Willmore City Community Association at the Bembridge House (953 N. Park Circle). There will be giveaways for those in need, such as two bags of fresh produce for the first 75 individuals/families, children's books and complimentary coffee and lattes from Iyali Coffee Co. Children's crafts will be provided by Not Just A Mom's Club.

BAKE SALE

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long Beach Rapid Response is accepting baked good donations for their bake sale this Saturday at Junipero Avenue and Second Street. All proceeds go to families that have been impacted by ICE. Donations need to be given by Friday. Message @lbrmmutualaid on Instagram to coordinate a donation.

EARTH DAY MERKADO

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kubo LB, LA Climate Week, Ellerali and Vintage Renewals are hosting this marketplace where visitors can create, upcycle and shop at Kubo (3976 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

19 SUNDAY

CHARCOAL WORKSHOP

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Enjoy a quiet, peaceful morning at the Museum of Latin American Art's (628 Alamitos

Ave.) garden while you learn the art of charcoal drawing from artist Maria Guadalupe. No experience is needed and all materials are provided. Tickets are \$5 through the museum's website.

BIG GAY PICNIC

12:30 p.m. Join Long Beach Proud, Queer Circles and Lbianss for a day of friends, community and sunshine at the Bluff at Bixby Park at the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Junipero Avenue. Bring friends, blankets, food and drinks. Free.

20 MONDAY

TAI CHI

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Seniors ages 55 and older can join instructor Angie Sierra to learn gentle, flowing movements of tai chi at the Signal Hill Community Center (1780 E. Hill St.). This low-impact class is designed to improve balance, flexibility and overall well-being. No experience is necessary. Free.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Learn tips, tricks and tools on how to write a fictional short story at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). This workshop is for those 12 and older. RSVP by calling 562-989-7330. Free.

21 TUESDAY

FREE GROCERIES

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Anyone in need of groceries, clothing or hygiene items can get what they need from Long Beach Community Table (151 W. Victoria St.). No RSVP or ID is required. Free.



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One of the several creative events happening next week is Thursday evening's life drawing workshop at Twelfth House. Tickets are \$25 and can be bought online.

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Learn how to build connections with the tenants in your building and neighborhood, and tips on how to become co-owners of your building at this monthly Long Beach Community Land Trust meeting at Philadelphian Church (640 Santa Fe Ave.). Food, childcare and interpretation is provided. Free.

22 WEDNESDAY

ART WORKSHOP

3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Local artist Carlos Eduardo Gacharná is hosting this 8-week workshop series for youth ages 15-24 at the Do Good Daniels Foundation (941 East Pacific Coast Highway). Youth will have access to professional art tools and snacks. Cost for individual workshops range from \$2 to \$8. RSVP online.

SAGE DISTILLATION WORKSHOP

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sacred Path Indigenous Wellness Center is hosting this series of workshops focusing on ancestral nutrition once a month. This month's workshop will teach attendees how to create sage facial spray and smudge bundles, as well as ancestral smudging practices at 236 E. Third St. Attendees must self-identify as Indigenous, be between 12-26 years old and live in LA County. Free.

23 THURSDAY

YOGA IN THE PARK

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Residents 18 and older are welcome to this slow-moving, beginner-friendly yoga session at Reservoir Park (3315 Gundry Ave.). Please bring

your own yoga mat and reserve a spot by calling 562-989-7330. Free.

LIFE DRAWING

7:30 p.m. Artists of all experience levels are invited to Twelfth House (1950 W. Willow St.) for an evening of life drawing and connection, while enjoying blends of teas. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online.

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TEOFILO COFFEE

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Teofilo Coffee founder and chief executive officer Ron Dizon said he wants to show locals who Filipinos are by sharing a piece of their culture with them.



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(Top) Espresso is being brewed at Teofilo Coffee on April 6, 2026. Teofilo serves many of their drinks, including their ube latte, with ingredients sourced from the Philippines. (Bottom) Teofilo Coffee owner Ron Dizon (left) and barista Glenn Gordo (right) stand outside their new Second Street location on April 6, 2026.

Teofilo boasts four different species of coffee from all over the Philippines: arabica, robusta, liberica (locally known as barako) and excelsa. Each of these beans offer a different flavor profile and vary in size. While arabica is known worldwide, excelsa makes up only 6% of global production while liberica makes up 1%, making these two strains of coffee beans some of the rarest in the world.

Teofilo's signature drink, true to its heritage, is their ube latte. The purple yam that hails from the Philippines has grown quite popular the last few years, but Dizon says he and his team are not looking to follow or set trends, just trying to do the right thing by spotlighting Filipino culture.

The two other drinks that "built Teofilo Coffee Company" are the Mount Milo, a Filipino version of a mocha latte that's slightly less sweet, and the Nido Latte, a Filipino Kape mixed with Milo powder to create a rich and creamy concoction that's not overly sweet. Want to try both? Their 50/50 latte lets you do just that.

Teofilo's menu doesn't stop at coffee. Along with a rotating menu of matchas and other teas, visitors can peruse a case full of various pastries, most with a Filipino twist. Treats include ube cinnamon rolls, almond or matcha croissants, ube

coffee cake, chicken and pork siopao (Filipino dumplings), and more depending on what seasonal items you might find.

In the motherland, farmers work six to eight hours a day harvesting bags of coffee beans that weigh 80 to 120 pounds.

Dizon and his company want to help by giving the farmers recognition and the money they need to feed themselves. He pointed out how companies such as Nestle have a long list of exploitative practices, taking resources from an area while harming their residents and alleged questionable labor practices.

The plan right now is to visit the Philippines once or twice a year, branching out to new parts of the island each time. Dizon said he wants to show locals who Filipinos are by sharing a piece of their culture with them.

"We've built places that are accepting because Filipinos have a reputation of being hospitable," Dizon said.

The company's ethos, as stated on their website, is authenticity, uncomfortable work and execution. Through these pillars, they are reminded to stay true to their heritage, take on new challenges and turn their ideas into impact.

Glenn Gordo, operations manager, oversees vendor relations for both locations as well as sched-

uling, staffing, graphic design, marketing, social media and even cleaning the bathrooms.

"I work for my staff," Gordo said, donning his Long Beach hat. "I don't really consider myself as their boss because they're the ones who are running the floor and I'm just there to facilitate and help them do what they need to do."

Gordo said his goal is to help make the shop feel as authentic as possible and keep the consistency in quality from the Carson shop to the new Long Beach location.

"We want to make sure that you taste our coffee because the flavors accentuate the coffee versus our coffee accentuating the flavor," Gordo said.

Gordo has worked for other coffee shops, as well as in fashion and multimedia. He reached out to Dizon about working with Teofilo when he realized he wanted to be more involved in the Filipino community.

Dizon and Gordo expect their new location to be just as successful as their other and will continue to grow their business the right way.

Teofilo Coffee is located at 5668 Second Street and is open Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can find Teofilo on Instagram at @Teofilocoffeecompany.

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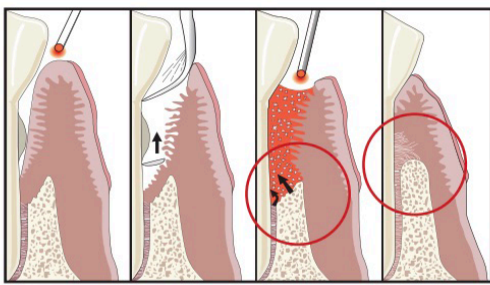
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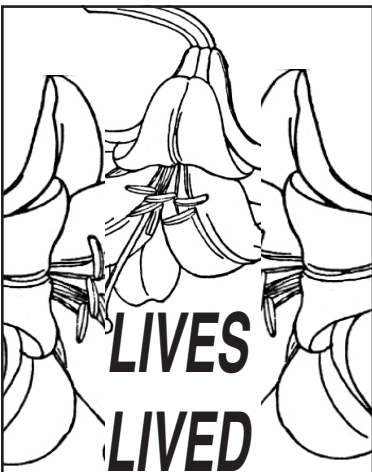
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**Pet of the week:
Zeus**

They named him Zeus at the shelter at Long Beach Animal Care Services. This is doubtless because, despite former neglect and sadness, he's always the Emperor of Everything in his interactions with staff, volunteers and other dogs. He hasn't met a soul that he hasn't loved! Zeus is a 2-year-old boxer/mastiff mix whose former owners gave him far from royal treatment. Zeus was picked up by animal control when someone reported the severe neglect that he and his sister were under. Sadly, the poor sister had died before she could be rescued, too. Zeus, though, stays master of his realm despite his former horrendous treatment. "He always has something to smile about," one volunteer said. If someone can give Zeus his own forever heaven-on-earth, he'll never stop smiling! The shelter's way over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt Zeus or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors. Ask for ID#A758383



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1. ALDAN AMERICAN, 2. ALDAN EAGLE SHOCK ABSORBER, 2675 TEMPLE AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ALDAN EAGLE, LLC, 2675 TEMPLE AVE, SIGNAL HILL, C A. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: APPREE SU, MANAGER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 06/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 3/24/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: March 27, & April 3, 10, 17, 2026

TST8089 Case No. 26LBCP00104
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, South Judicial District, 275 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Joyce Katherine Martinez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Joyce Katherine Martinez has

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Joyce Katherine Martinez Proposed Name: Joyce Katherine Tsakaonas
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: May 11, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S25, 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. April 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 2026. //ss//Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 30, 2026

TST8090 / 2026 6070566
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as: FC CONCRETE SOLUTIONS, 10232 MIGUEL AVE SOUTH GATE, CA. 90280. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 2011C LLC, 10232 SAN MIGUEL 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: (PERSON SIGNING & TITLE). The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 03/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County

on Mar 31, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, & May 1, 2026

TST8091 / 2026 065770
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as:
1. MEZCALERIA JUQUILA RESTAURANT & BAR, 2. RESTAURANTE JUQUILA INC., 11619 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: RESTAURANTE JUQUILA INC., 11619 SANTA MONICA BLVD., WEST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: FLORENTINO HERNANDEZ, CEO. 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 Mar 24, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, & May 1, 2026

DEZ, 624 N ALAMEDA AVE APT 2, AZUSA, CA. 91702. 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: EMILIA HERNANDEZ OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Mar 24, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, & May 1, 2026

TST8103/Order No: 5035
Auto Lien Sale
On 05/01/2026 at 8000 S FIGUEROA ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 KIA VIN: 3KPF24AD2LE190750 STATE: CA LIC: 8NSA656 at 9AM

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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST8104
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 26, 2026, at or after 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, at 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755, a Public Hearing will be conducted by the City Council of the City of Signal Hill at which time and place all persons may attend and be heard upon:

PROJECT: Adoption of Citywide Impact Fee Nexus Study and Fee Schedule Update and Adoption of Citywide Impact Fees Capital Improvement Plan

DESCRIPTION: Consideration of a resolution adopting the Citywide Impact Fee Nexus Study, which was prepared by the City and Harris & Associates and includes a Citywide Impact Fees Capital Improvement Plan, in compliance with Government Code section 66002, and an updated fee schedule for the Citywide Development Impact Fees

LOCATION: Citywide

The information and data required by Government Code sections 66016 and 66019, including the Citywide Impact Fee Nexus Study and the Citywide Impact Fees Capital Improvement Plan ("Project List"), will be available to the public and accessible at the office of the City Clerk at 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755 or at CityClerk@cityofsignalhill.org, or on the City's website at <https://www.cityofsignalhill.org/306/public-notices> at least 14 days prior to the hearing.

Written comments should be directed to the City Council through the City Clerk at 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755 or at CityClerk@cityofsignalhill.org. Comments must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Any member of the public, including an applicant for a development project, may submit evidence that the City's determinations and findings required pursuant to Government Code section 66001(a) are insufficient or that the local agency otherwise failed to comply with Government Code section 66000 et. seq. Evidence submitted may include, but is not limited to, information regarding the proposed fee calculation, assumptions, or methodology or the calculation, assumptions, or methodology for an existing fee upon which the proposed fee or fee increase is based. The City Council will consider any evidence that is timely submitted prior to the close of the public hearing. After consideration of the evidence, the City Council may change or adjust the proposed fee if deemed necessary.

Any person challenging any of the above actions in Court may be limited to raising only those issues that they or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Signal Hill at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call (562) 989-7305. You may also contact the City Clerk at CityClerk@cityofsignalhill.org for more information.

Date: April 13, 2026

Signed:
/s/ Daritz Perez
City Clerk

Published: April 17 & May 15, 2026

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8088
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Long Beach Unified School District will receive sealed bids for BID NO. 2526-015-RFP, MANAGED SECURITY SERVICE PROVIDER (MSSP). Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained electronically and submitted at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home> on or before May 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. PST

Published in the *Signal Tribune* newspaper: April 10 & 17, 2026

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST8102
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING INTENT TO GRANT OIL FRANCHISE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. in the Signal Hill Council Chamber located at City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill to introduce an ordinance granting a franchise to Zenith Energy West Coast Terminals, LLC. At its regular meeting of April 14, 2026, Signal Hill City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-04-6929 and scheduled a Public Hearing for May 12, 2026:

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO GRANT A FRANCHISE TO ZENITH ENERGY WEST COAST TERMINALS, LLC AND THE INTERESTS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND DUTIES TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR ANY AND ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES UNDER AND ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS, AND PLACES, AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN THIS CITY

Signal Hill City Council will now hold a public hearing on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to consider introducing the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ZENITH ENERGY WEST COAST TERMINALS, LLC AND THE INTERESTS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND DUTIES TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR ANY AND ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES UNDER AND ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS, AND PLACES, AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN THIS CITY

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

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 Tuesday, May 5, 2026 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, May 12, 2026 will be provided electronically to the City Council and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record; and

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby invited to attend this public hearing to present written information, express their opinion, 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.

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.

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Posted in accordance with S.H.M.C. Section 1.08.010 on or before: April 17, 2026

THEATER REVIEW

Musical Theatre West's "In The Heights" honors the immigrant experience

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Musical Theatre West's production of "In The Heights" at the Carpenter Center is a love letter to immigrants that feels especially timely today.

Directed by Jesse J. Sanchez, with songs written by Lin-Manuel Miranda and story by Quiara Alegria Hudes, "In The Heights" is a snapshot of a close-knit New York neighborhood, as the residents contend with their pasts as well as coming changes over three broiling summer days.

The play follows Washington Heights bodega owner Usnavi (Rubén J. Carabajal), salon worker Vanessa (Angelica Marie Lozada), and overachiever Nina Rosario (Amanda Aceves-Lopez) as the threads of their lives interweave to reveal the story of their community.



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune
The cast and creative team of "In the Heights" took a group photo with the director, Jesse J. Sanchez standing with in the center.

It was written almost two decades ago and takes place on the other side of the country, but the experiences of immigrants it shares feel universal. Viewers from immigrant families themselves will hear stories that remind them of their own, tenderly conveyed through song: the last day in their home

country, their first day in the States, the wistful hopes for the day they can finally return home, and the bittersweet realization that home is now here.

Carabajal brought a tangible warmth and humility to the main character that made it easy to root for Usnavi as a believable and lovable underdog. Aceves-Lopez had great chemistry with her romantic counterpart, and the audience reacted more enthusiastically to the romance scenes between Nina and her parents' employee Benny (Antwone Barnes) than they were for the main couple.

All the main actors are talented singers, but Lozada in particular brought a noticeable power and passion to her verses. Lozada ensured the audience could feel every emotion the troubled shampoo girl goes through as she tries to claw her way to a better future.

In keeping with tradition, Musical Theatre West's "In The Heights" makes the most out of a single, multistory set. Made to look like an archetypal gritty New York city corner, replete with litter and graffiti, characters are able to smoothly pop in and out of storefronts on the ground floor, appear in apartment windows and fire escapes above, or dance their way into the street.

Careful observers will notice an anti-ICE sign hanging in the corner of Usnavi's bodega, further underlining that everything seen in the play could easily happen in any barrio across the nation today.

While Washington Heights is known as the Little Dominican Republic, Puerto Rican and Cuban stories are given equal stage time in the play. And for all the Latin groups that weren't explicitly mentioned in the script, Musical The-

atre West had members of their student ensemble wave their flags in celebration during one of the songs.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center at California State University, Long Beach, on April 19, 2022.

My only criticism- during one of the musical numbers, multi-colored spotlights flash across the crowd, and while that sounds great in theory, in practice it meant I ended up clutching at my eye sockets while loudly taking the Lord's name in vain as I got blasting straight into my corneas. Temporarily blinded, I sat briefly with my hands over my eyes, only to open them again and immediately take another spotlight directly to the face. The music was lovely and I'm sure the choreography for that number was too, but I can't actually confirm the latter because I could barely see any of it.

"In The Heights" will be performed at the Carpenter Center (6200 E. Atherton St.) on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m., Friday, April 17 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 26 at 1 p.m.

In Photos: 'In the Heights' cast dazzles on the red carpet

Photos by:
Samuel Chacko



See the full photo gallery at Sigtrib.com

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, April 8

12:33 p.m., Rape report, 3200 block E. PCH
7:42 a.m., Auto burglary, 3200 block Lewis Ave.
4:40 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 3300 block Myrtle Ave. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, April 9

10:08 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Stanley Ave.
1:37 p.m., Injury traffic collision, California Ave./E. Wardlow Rd.
4:51 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2600 block E. PCH
6:39 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Redondo Ave.

Friday, April 10

1:22 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2900 block Cherry Ave.
10:12 a.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Temple Ave.
3:36 p.m., Grand theft, 1600 block E. Burnett St.

Saturday, April 11

1:04 p.m., Robbery, 2300 block Dawson Ave. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, April 12

11:55 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. 28th St.

Monday, April 13

5:18 p.m., Injury hit and run, Cherry Ave./E. 28th St.
6:33 p.m., Person with a knife, 3000 block California Ave.
7:53 p.m., Fire, E. 28th St. east of Walnut Ave.

Tuesday, April 14

9:19 a.m., Burglary, 1400 block E. Hill St.
3:23 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Town Center W.
7:46 p.m., Intoxicated person, 1800 block Stanley Ave.

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

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