

FEATURE

# This nonprofit is proving the younger generation cares, one service at a time



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The entire team from Our Generation Cares poses outside the Desperado Cafe LBC on April 22, 2026.

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Five years in, the multi-faceted youth nonprofit Our Generation Cares (OGC) is busier than ever.

Taking over a cafe in Central Long Beach, opening their own sprawling office in Downtown, welcoming a new 24-year-old president, and unveiling Long Beach's first and only toy lending library are just some of the accomplishments they'll be celebrating at their annual gala celebration Monday.

"It's been like five years in the making of finding a home and our flagship of like, 'What are our intentions, what are our main programs that we see that are necessary within our community?'" said OGC founder and Chief Executive Officer Alba Danely.

When Danely last spoke to the *Signal Tribune* in 2022, the nonprofit had a workforce development partnership with Coco Beach Presents and was operating its offices out of a church.

In 2024, OGC moved into their permanent office space, an entire floor on East Broadway. The space also functions as a safe hangout space for youth ages 17-24, as well as their siblings, featuring video game consoles, a virtual driving education program, and tons of games for kids of all ages.

More recently on Jan. 13, OGC got the keys for their very own restaurant: Desperado Cafe LBC on Seventh Street. While youth have been receiving workforce training the past five years through OGC's restaurant partnerships, this is the first time the nonprofit has full operational control of a restaurant.

"I love seeing the pride that they take and knowing like, 'This is ours, it's

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EVENT

## Make Music Day will bring a flurry of free concerts throughout Long Beach this June

Christine Nader  
Reporter

Crowds forming along the sidewalk. Melodic voices filling the air with their vibrant harmonies. Joy radiating from the hearts of those watching. During Long Beach's second annual Make Music Day festival on June 21, the summer solstice, local residents can stroll down to their local shops and parks to witness a citywide concert unfold in front of them – completely free.

The Fête de la Musique, also known as Make Music Day or World Music Day, originated in Paris in 1982 by the French Ministry for Culture. The all-day celebration encourages musicians of any and all backgrounds and skill levels to perform in public spaces.

"Go rogue and play a kazoo in the park. Get outside and sing songs to the birds," said David Sauer, local musician and executive producer of Make

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Courtesy of Make Music Long Beach  
Long Beach's annual Make Music Day festival encourages people of all ages to try out new instruments and have fun together.

HOUSING

## City Council unanimously waves affordable housing mandate for downtown development

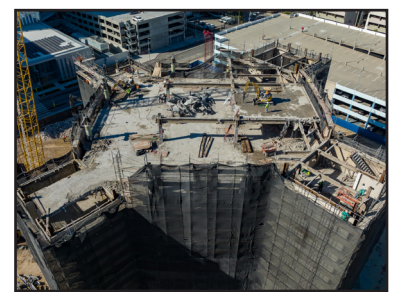
Following direction from the Planning Commission, the 729-unit near City Hall will include no low-income units and deferred development fees.

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Long Beach's decade-old Civic Center project entered its last chapter with a controversial decision Tuesday night, after the city council approved 729 residential units with an exemption from the City's affordable housing mandate.

The Mid-Block project is the last piece of a public/private partnership passed in 2016 that involved the swapping of several properties between the City and private developers. The project transformed downtown and resulted in the following developments:

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Workers tear down the remains of the previous Long Beach Civic Center on Feb. 2, 2022. This site is now the location of the approved Mid-Block project.

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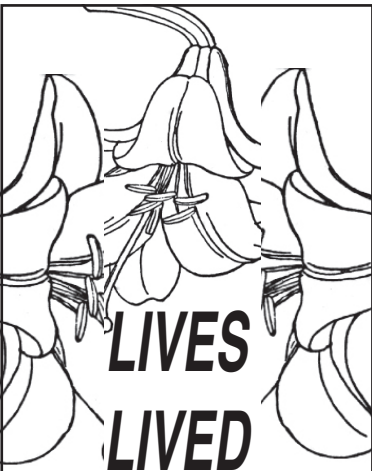


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## DOWNTOWN HOUSING

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- New City Hall
- New Port Administration Building
- New Main Library (Billie Jean King Main Library)
- New Lincoln Park
- Mid-Block project
- 163-unit residential project at 230 W. Third St. (former City Hall lot)
- Public safety parking garage at 115 Chestnut Ave.

In 2020, plans for the Mid-Block project were approved by the Planning Commission and included 580 units, 58 of which were slated for moderate-income renters, according to City documents. Moderate-income housing is for those who earn between 80% and 120% of the area's median income. The median income in Los Angeles County in 2025 was \$106,600.

To afford a moderate-income unit, someone would have to make between \$85,280 and \$127,920.

Since then, the City has established an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, requiring new developments to have 12% of its units available for low and very low-income renters. On March 19, the Planning Commission decided that since the Mid-Block project is "not truly a new project," its developers can be exempt from the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. They suggested the city council make the same exemption Tuesday night, which they ultimately did unanimously.

A handful of residents spoke against this exemption, citing the need for affordable housing, the city's homelessness crisis and the



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Workers to tear down the remains of the previous Long Beach Civic Center on Feb. 2, 2022. The Mid-Block project will be comprised of two eight-story buildings with 729 total units, including units for moderate-income renters.

16% of homeless residents who said they became homeless due to an eviction in the 2025 Point in Time Count.

"We all know that we have a state of crisis with our homelessness problem in Long Beach, we know that renters can barely make rent, that's one of the biggest reasons people end up on the streets," said Long Beach resident Michael Gray. "This should be completely redone. If you all do your normal approval of this, what you're saying is, 'Forget the homeless, forget the people that are on the margins, it's our city and we want the people who can afford moderate income units to be there.'"

The 729 units will be built as two eight-story buildings with the

following breakdown:

- 20 studios
- 529 one-bedroom units
- 130 two-bedroom units
- 50 three-bedroom units

Mayor Rex Richardson said the City is furthest behind on the development of moderate-income level housing, according to state and regional housing mandates. He also said the City would need to pay for each unit of low-income housing in the Mid-Block project, but did not clarify if this is only due to the fact that they are granting the developer an exemption from the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

"There's no such thing as a free lunch," Richardson said. According to Community Development Director Christopher Koontz, each

low-income unit would cost the City roughly \$50,000, and the City doesn't have the funds to offset that cost.

"A legal requirement to provide low and very low-income housing is one of the few protections people have to keep them from sliding into homelessness," a resident who did not give their name said at the meeting. "What may seem like a minor adjustment on paper, or to people with privilege, can actually have a huge impact on people's lives."

Due to rising costs of building materials, a lack of demand for downtown retail space post-COVID and an incompatible street design with the new park and library, nearly every aspect of the Mid-Block project had to change. The original design included 70 more parking spaces and retail space on the floor level shrunk from 40,000 square feet to 2,651.

The City is also deferring \$1.7 million in development fees, which are fees the City collects from developers in order to build in Long Beach. These funds typically go to public projects such as street improvements and infrastructure. The \$1.7 million will be collected when the project is completed.

According to City documents, this deferral is because the City requested the developer to extend the fire lane on Cedar Avenue during the first phase of construction, resulting in "significant costs to the developer that would be difficult or impossible to finance."

### FEATURE

## Dreamy Vegan serves sweets and nostalgia

Morgan Barela  
Reporter

Vibrant colors, flavors and shapes bring a "dreamy twist" to Long Beach-based vegan dessert business Dreamy Vegan, whose plant-based treats invoke a sense of nostalgia.

Tanisha Pitts, founder of Dreamy Vegan, said the creation of Dreamy Vegan started with inspiration from her family.

"My great-grandmother, as well as my great uncles and great-grandfather, used to make ice cream from scratch since I was a kid," Pitts told the *Signal Tribune*.

She was also driven by her own experience growing up with asthma, allergies and eczema, and wanted to create a healthier alternative for people sensitive to ingredients in traditional ice cream.

"[It's] just a healthier alternative to ice cream that tastes just as good as regular ice cream," she said.

Dreamy Vegan doesn't operate with a storefront; instead, residents can find the frozen treats at pop-ups and events throughout the Long Beach area and beyond. Currently, Pitts is looking for a new place to permanently host Dreamy Vegan's mini freezer, which she can keep regularly stocked.

Dreamy Vegan's popsicles are inspired by classic ice cream truck favorites that bring about a sense of nostalgia. Their most popular product, Strawberry Dreamcake, is a heart-shaped version of strawberry shortcake ice cream bars, featuring a cookie crumble and strawberry flavoring.

The frozen desserts are made with plant-based ingredients, including fresh fruit and coconut cream.

"I wanted to take that product and create it into a healthier alternative for individuals who have food sensitivities or food allergies, or are vegan," she said.

While popsicles are the main product served up by Dreamy Vegan, Pitts said her brand is expanding to include characters that will take on the task of serving as both brand mascots and nutritional educators for children.

Dream Rocket is a character inspired after Pitts herself, according to posts from Dreamy Vegan's Instagram. The character lives with eczema and allergies, like Pitts. Her counterpart CocoBuddy is a coconut teddy bear "with a heart full of dreams and endless wisdom."

Pitts said in an Instagram post that the goal of the mascots, and their connection to Dreamy Vegan, is "to build a whole world where kids feel powerful, imaginative, included, and celebrated — especially the ones with sniffles, quirks, or food restrictions."

Outside of the Dreamy Vegan world, Pitts works full-time in higher education at the California State University office of the chancellor, working in student success. She was recently accepted into the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Follow @dreamyvegan on Instagram to find out when and where Dreamy Vegan will be popping up next. Orders can also be placed by messaging them via Instagram.



Screenshot Courtesy of Dreamy Vegan's Instagram

Plant-based ice cream flavors by Dreamy Vegan include Strawberry Dreamcake, Orange Dreamsicle, Cookie Wonder and Choco-Crescent Crunch.



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# AROUND TOWN

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



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The Museum of Latin American Art's free API Celebration this Sunday from 1-3 p.m. will celebrate Korean traditional dance, music and cultural exchange.

**Y**outh and parent-centered events take the spotlight this week, with plenty of options for Long Beach youth and their families to learn new things and make new friends amongst their community.

The seventh annual Celebration of the Young Child kicks off the weekend Saturday morning, followed by the annual Touch-A-Truck event Sunday. For a more educational focus, Confluence Rising is hosting a virtual workshop on juvenile restorative justice Monday night, M.O.R.E. Mothers is teaching new parents about baby safety practices Tuesday morning while Not Just A Mom Club is hosting a stroller stroll at the same time, and the Community Resource Center is throwing a period party Wednesday evening.

Additional community events include Food Finders' 37th anniversary party Saturday morning, a record fair at Ambitious Ales Saturday afternoon, a group audio book walk Sunday morning, a Denim Day resource fair Wednesday evening and Whistlemania training Thursday night.

## 24 FRIDAY

### ART NIGHT & OPEN MIC

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. As part of the monthly Fourth Friday activation along the Fourth Street corridor, Native Sol and Earthing (2018 & 2022 E. Fourth St.) will be throwing a sustainable fashion show and open mic with live music. Free.

### PURO PARI

9 p.m. Those 21 and older can dance the night away to Bad Bunny at The Grasshopper (136 E. Anaheim St.).

## 25 SATURDAY

### ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

9 a.m. to noon. Food Finders is celebrating its 37th anniversary with a community party at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.). There will be a food distribution beginning at 10 a.m., activities for children, refreshments and community resources. Free.

### CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The global effort of City Nature Challenge will kick off in Long Beach at Willow Springs Park (2745 Orange Ave.), where residents can partake by downloading the iNaturalist app, collect data on local wildlife and share it with the world. This event will feature activities such as crafts, guided tours, a scavenger hunt and more. Free.

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents can learn more about Long Beach's Drake-Chavez Connection plan and get a first look at the draft for the plan at this community workshop and feedback opportunity at the Jenny Orapeza Community Center (401 Golden Ave.). RSVP online to request any translation services. For those who cannot attend the Saturday meeting, there will be a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 30. Free.

### CELEBRATION OF THE YOUNG CHILD

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual celebration brings families of young children together to learn about resources available to them in a fun, family-friendly environment at the Billie Jean King Library (200 W. Broadway) and Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.). There will be free vision tests, a bilingual storytime, cultural performances, a sensory

exploration area, oral health assessments, vaccination clinics and more. Free.

### LITTLE LIBRARY

10 a.m. to noon. The Long Beach Community Library will be offering free books to all at Wrigley Coffee (437 W. Willow St.). The library is also accepting book and zine donations. Free.

### FIXIT CLINIC

Noon to 3 p.m. Residents can bring various items they own that are in need of repair such as bicycles, clothing, small appliances, toys, tech and more to the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). There is a limit of one item per person, and items will be fixed on a first-come, first-served basis by volunteers. Free.

## 26 SUNDAY

### TOUCH-A-TRUCK

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 10th annual Touch-A-Truck event allows children to explore a wide range of trucks at the Granada Ave. parking lot (5000 E. Ocean Blvd.). Free.

### HOLLAND FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can attend this Amsterdam-style outdoor party celebrating Dutch culture at P.O.A. Gemmrig Park (7390 Carson Blvd.). Enjoy Dutch food and home-baked treats, Indonesian street food, traditional games, a live DJ, kids crafts, a flea market, photo opps, a Heineken beer garden and more. Tickets are \$10 at the door and kids under 12 are free.

### API CELEBRATION

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrate Korean culture at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) with Korean traditional dance, music and a cultural exchange. RSVP

at molaa.org. Free.

## 27 MONDAY

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TRAINING

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Confluence Rising is hosting this virtual training on "Bringing Restorative Justice Values into Juvenile Diversion Practices." Participants will explore how restorative justice values naturally overlap with juvenile justice work and learn more strategies of how to put those values into action with young people in this space of learning, reflection and growth. Registration is \$50 and can be purchased online.

### FINANCIAL HEALTH EDUCATION

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about financial wellness at the Long Beach Community Resource Center (5599 Atlantic Ave.) from Chase Bank professionals. Call 562-256-9810 to register. Free.

## 28 TUESDAY

### STROLLER STROLL

10:30 a.m. Join Not Just A Mom Club for this 30-minute walk and butterfly garden visit beginning at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). The walk will begin with an intro and a short book on butterflies, followed by a walk and playdate at the park. Free.

### SPEED DATING

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Love on Draft will be hosting this speed dating event for singles ages 26-34 at The Attic on Broadway (3441 E. Broadway). Tickets are \$33, include one beer or seltzer and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

## 29 WEDNESDAY

### DENIM DAY

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This rally and resource fair serves to support survivors of sexual abuse and assault, led by YWCA, LBPD and city leaders in front of City Hall (411 W. Ocean Blvd.). There will be a press conference, self-defense demo and resource fair. RSVP online. Free.

### PERIOD PARTY

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Girls ages 8 to 14 are invited to the Long Beach Community Resource Center's (5599 Atlantic Ave.) period party, featuring an empowering menstrual health workshop, food, drinks, games, prizes, advice and a wellness supplies gift set for 20 attendees. A parent is required to accompany each girl attending. Call 562-256-9810 to RSVP. Free.

## 30 THURSDAY

### WHISTLEMANIA TRAINING

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Learn about Whistlemania's mission and how to use your whistle during this virtual good neighbor training led by Long Beach Indivisible. RSVP online. Free.

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## MAKE MUSIC DAY

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Music Long Beach. "If it's free and accessible, register your performance and get on the map."

Make Music not only encourages free concerts, but entices people to venture out into the streets to dance and celebrate with their communities. The festival has reached international success in over 2,000 cities across 120 countries. Long Beach is currently one of 13 participating cities in Southern California.

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Long Beach's history of raising up musicians and embracing live music experiences makes it a perfect epicenter for the festival. The

now defunct Long Beach Music Council first incorporated Make Music into their array of live music events in 2016. The event transitioned to virtual platforms during the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 before going dormant for four years.

Sauer was the first to take a step in reviving the event in Long Beach. Sauer previously performed at Make Music with his band, One High Five, and seized the chance to introduce newer generations of concertgoers to the fresh forms of music.

"In 2025, I saw an opportunity to revive the event for Long Beach and was warmly welcomed back by the Make Music Alliance," he said.

Musicians and host venues/businesses have a symbiotic relationship that is rooted in giving each other exposure. The musicians gain a following for their work while experimenting with new sounds and crowds, and the host venues/businesses garner support from passersby.

But festival participation goes further than experienced musicians. Sauer's favorite part of Make Music Day is that you do not need to play an instrument to be a participant in the festival. Residents are encouraged to use whatever



Courtesy of Make Music Long Beach

During Make Music Day, participants can catch a range of local performances at various locations and take part in the music themselves, regardless of their experience level.

they have on hand, or even their own voice, to add to the tapestry of sounds.

Open spaces serve as a beautiful reminder that there is infinite potential to create something somewhere all the time. Participants can host an artist, perform as one, or sign up for both directly through the Make Music Long Beach website. Registration for hosts and artists ends May 31.

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As a musician himself, Sauer believes that low-cost music events reframe music as a simple necessity rather than a luxurious product.

"By removing financial barriers,

Make Music Day replaces gatekeeping with radical inclusion, inviting everyone to join the fun, and allowing the city to transition into a unified voice on a global stage," Sauer said.

Make Music Long Beach has expanded its catalogue of activities this year by teaming up with Make Music Nigeria for a project titled "My Song is Your Song." Artists from all over the world will participate in a global song swap project where they can submit covers of each other's music. The event is an eccentric way for listeners to discover new music, and for artists to hear their work reimagined from a different artist.

Registration for the song swap event closes on May 4. Artists can find more information online.

Updates regarding performers and locations can be found on the interactive map on the Make Music Long Beach website. Scheduled programming for Make Music Long Beach is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, June 21.

Those who want to volunteer in organizing the event, assisting in outreach, photography or creating social media content can contact Sauer directly at [longbeach@makemusicday.org](mailto:longbeach@makemusicday.org).

## OUR GENERATION CARES

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(Top) Juan Esquivel, Chef for Our Generation Cares, slowly pours on different sauces and toppings on freshly made tacos during the food tasting on April 22, 2026 at Desperado Cafe LBC. (Bottom) The entire team from Our Generation Cares poses outside the Desperado Cafe LBC on April 22, 2026.

not just we're working in it," Danely said.

When the *Signal Tribune* visited Desperado Cafe LBC on April 22, youth members were running every aspect of a tasting for their menu, crafting various tacos on handmade corn tortillas. Christian Solorzano and Ichiro Mimila, who have been with OGC for eight months and three years respectively, grilled and chopped marinated chicken alongside chef Juan Esquivel. The three chefs then topped the tacos with fresh guacamole, cilantro and thinly sliced radishes. The mood on Seventh Street was excited and satisfied.

Any Mexican cafe worth its salt can also satiate a caffeine craving. To meet this need, two OGC youth members have been learning under Denise Maldonado of Downtown's Confidential Coffee to become capable baristas. Soon, customers will be able to purchase rompop lattes, matcha horchatas, Mexican hot chocolate and more from the cafe's coffee menu. For those who want to join the service industry in another way, OGC can help their youth become bartender certified as well.

OGC youth are not only learning culinary skills, but they also handle inventory needs, sales, marketing, design and anything else it takes to run a restaurant. Through this paid 200-hour hospitality program, OGC hopes to help their youth (which are largely from low-income communities and foster care) have a leg up in the workforce, as many youth today struggle to find steady employment.

Danely is currently working to expand their hospitality training globally, teaming up with Long Beach's newest sister city La Paz, Mexico. OGC members ages 18-24 will be part of a cultural exchange program, which the nonprofit is preparing for with a trip to La Paz in May.

Further helping youth prepare to enter the workforce is OGC's driving education program. Students can learn how to drive and prepare for the written exam from their DMV-certified program. Classes kick off during the summer, and spaces fill up quickly so any inter-

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ested youth are encouraged to contact OGC as soon as possible.

The nonprofit recently expanded their focus from working-age youth to a much younger audience, when it launched Long Beach's first and only toy lending library. Their downtown office now features shelves stacked with toys and games for kids of all ages, courtesy of a partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Social Services.



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Christian Solorzano, who's been part of Our Generation Cares for eight months, shows off one of six dishes he created for a food tasting OGC held on April 22, 2026 at Desperado Cafe LBC.

Families can come down to the OGC office and choose from a wide range of board games, books, kits, balls, legos, stuffies and more. Kids are allowed to keep the toy for two weeks, and when they check out and return a toy five times, they're given a toy of their choice to keep.

Danely said if parents are searching for a specific toy type, they can let OGC know and they'll order it.

The toys are also available for kids who just want to use the office as a place to hang out.

"We identified that sometimes our youth that are in foster care and have brothers and sisters, they don't have a location where they can meet them when it's a scheduled visit from their case workers," Danely said. "It's kind of a big goal for us, you know, giving that sense of belonging to our teenagers that have siblings that are still fostered."

Another milestone the nonprofit recently hit: naming a new president, 24-year-old Michael Green II. With a new restaurant, more skill programs in the works and plenty of youth members ready to learn, OGC is just getting started.

"I'm passing the baton on," Danely said. "It's amazing just to see that our generation does care and when you put young leaders in a position to lead, it's amazing to see their vision."

OGC is celebrating their fifth birthday at their Swag and Grace Youth Gala on Monday, April 27 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Rooftop (500 E. First St.). Anyone can attend and enjoy casino games, an art auction, raffled off prizes, music and fine dining while they learn about the work OGC does.

Tickets can be purchased online or through the link in the bio of @ourgenerationcares on Instagram. Proceeds go towards OGC's programs.

Youth who are interested in participating in one of OGC's programs are encouraged to message them on Instagram.

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### Wednesday, April 15

7:03 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave south of E. Burnett St.  
2:49 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./California Ave.  
6:38 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2300 block Dawson Ave.

### Thursday, April 16

11:32 a.m., Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.  
1:58 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.  
6:22 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2200 block Gaviota Ave.

### Friday, April 17

9:54 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.  
10:06 a.m., Person with a gun, 1900 block Cherry Ave.  
1:57 p.m., Identity theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.  
4:30 p.m., Identity theft, 2800 block Temple Ave.  
4:42 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./California Ave.  
6:07 p.m., Grand theft, 1000 block Nevada St.  
9:30 p.m., Battery: spouse, 2200 Block Jeans Ct. (suspect arrested)

### Saturday, April 18

12:45 a.m., Battery, 1800 block E. Hill St.  
5:42 a.m., Fire, 2800 block Cherry Ave.  
2:31 p.m., Identity theft, 1900 block Molino Ave

### Sunday, April 19

1:24 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3500 block E. PCH  
5:01 p.m., Injury hit and run, Cherry Ave/E. 27th St.

### Monday, April 20

6:58 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Martin Luther King/E. 23rd St.  
1:33 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Palm Dr.  
2:49 p.m., Grand theft, 1800 block Obispo Ave.  
2:57 p.m., Criminal threats, 2200 block E. Willow St.

### Tuesday, April 21

7:28 a.m., Grand theft - motor vehicle, 2500 block Cherry Ave.  
7:44 a.m., Auto burglary, 2300 block Lewis Ave.  
3:18 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave./E. Willow St.  
7:41 p.m., Injury traffic collision/City property damage, 2500 block Palm Dr.  
11:05 p.m., DUI, E. Spring St./Orange Ave. (suspect arrested)

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 LOST 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

#### TST8092 / 2026 065768 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: JC & RE FOOD, 624 N ALAMEDA AVE APT 2, AZUSA, CA 91702. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: EMILIA HERNANDEZ, 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

#### TST8115 / 2026 088524 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. ENCORE TECHNICAL SERVICES, 2. ENCORE TECH SERVICES, 2900 EAST 29TH STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ENCORE WELDING AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY LLC, 2900 EAST 29TH STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. 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: SHELLEY MANN, VICE 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 4/22/2026. 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 24, & May 1, 8, 15, 2026

#### TST8116 Case No. 26TRCP00145 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 825 MAPLE AVE., TORRANCE, CA. 90277 PETITION OF: Lucy Alyssa Alexandre for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Lucy Alyssa Alexandre has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Lucy Alyssa Alexandre Proposed Name: Lucy Alina Kee 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: June 26, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. E, Room: 500. 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 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 2026. \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Alan B. Honeycutt, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: Apr 20, 2026

#### TST8109 / 2026 022960 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: READY RESET HAUL, 2655 ST LOUISAVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GARAGE-METHOD LLC, 2655 ST LOUIS AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: VIVIANNA DOMINGUEZ, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/30/2026. 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 24, & May 1, 8, 15, 2026

#### TST8111 Case No. 26LBCP00113 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 25 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Ellen Xiao Li Moody

for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ellen Xiao Li Moody has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Ellen Xiao Li Moody Proposed Name: Elle Xiao Li Moody 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 22, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. 27. 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 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 2026. \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 6, 2026

#### TST8110 / 2026 081416 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: JR'S LANDSCAPING, 197 E. HULLETT-ST., LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: FERNANDO CARRILLO DAVALOS, P.O. BOX 18813, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. 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: FERNANDO CARRILLO DAVALOS, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 04/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Apr 13, 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 24, & May 1, 8, 15, 2026

## LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### TST8105 NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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#### TST8107/Order No: 5221 Auto Lien Sale

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#### TST8114/Order No: 5285 Auto Lien Sale

On 05/10/2026 at 6832 CRENSHAW BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2025 KIA VIN: 3KPFU4DE8SE143753 STATE: CA LIC: 9VHA855 at 9AM

#### 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

EVENTS

# Youth Connect focuses on community, culture and civic engagement

Staff Report  
Signal Tribune

Long Beach residents ages 13 to 26 are invited to Youth Connect, a three-day event series focused on empowering youth to build life skills, get involved in civic engagement and create community connections.



Photo by Mark Savage | Courtesy of LBUSD  
Students stand on the sidewalk and wait to enter Millikan High School on the first day of in-person classes on April 26, 2021.

The event series is led by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Youth Development and will take place at various locations throughout Long Beach. Activities will include a youth voter fair, a fireside chat with Mayor Rex Richardson, a career panel and workforce resource fair.

"Young people are at the heart of Long Beach's future—their ideas, creativity and leadership help shape the direction of our city," Richardson said in a public statement. "Youth Connect provides our young residents the opportunity to learn valuable skills and connect to like-minded people in their communities."

Youth Connect coincides with the voting period for the fourth year of Youth Power Participatory Budgeting Long Beach, taking place now through April 28. Those ages 12 to 26 who live, work or play in Long Beach are encouraged to participate and help decide how public funds will be invested in youth-centered programs.

The remaining Youth Connect events are as follows:

**Youth Connect through Culture** – Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall (411 W. Ocean Blvd.): Young people are in-

ited to participate in a fireside chat with the Mayor, featuring a special guest, to celebrate youth culture in the city. The event will also feature an activation at City Hall Plaza with various activities around wellness, art and play.

**Youth Connect through Climate Action** – Thursday, April 30, from noon to 6 p.m. at Long Beach City College Trade (1305 E Pacific Coast Hwy): Focusing on climate action and workforce development, planned activities for this event include a career exploration panel and a green jobs workforce resource fair.

"Youth Connect will provide young people with meaningful opportunities to not only connect to valuable community resources, but to directly influence how public funding is invested in programs and projects that impact their lives," said Health and Human Services Director Alison King in a public statement.

This year's event, which is funded by youth development dollars from Measure US and supports the City's Youth and Emerging Adults Strategic Plan.



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Long Beach City College student, Maleka Lassiter, gives the first-ever Youth State of the City address during the 2024 Long Beach State of the City event on Jan. 9, 2024.

As outlined in the plan, the City will host an annual event to increase access to open spaces and recreation programming, while fostering physical activity, community connections and safe places for youth and families to gather.

CITY PROGRAM



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Erick Garcia, who is working as the lead chef at Coco Beach Present as part of the Our Generation Cares youth employment program on Nov. 1, 2022, reviews an order ticket before making a set of three Baja-style fish tacos.

Staff Report  
Signal Tribune

The City is now accepting applications through June 9 for the Long Beach Public Services Corps (LBPSC) program from residents 18 to 30 years old interested in public service.

The LBPSC is a civic service initiative designed to develop successful career paths in public service for diverse, local talent. Fellows will receive opportunities to obtain hands-on work experience, insight into city government, career development and more.

"The Long Beach Public Service Corps is about service, leadership and opportunity," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "We are creating pathways for young people to serve their community, contribute to meaningful work in City government, and build long-term careers in public service. This program is helping shape the next generation of civic leaders in Long Beach."

The program is expected to hire approximately 30 fellows and is available to current undergraduate and graduate seniors enrolled at Cal State Long Beach or Cal State Dominguez Hills and recent graduates of those universities who reside in Long Beach. However, priority will be given to current students, particularly ones facing hardship



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson introduces the inaugural class of the Long Beach Public Service Corps to the public during the 2024 State of the City address at the Long Beach Terrace Theater on Jan. 9, 2023.

when seeking employment.

This year's hiring cycle will introduce the fourth cohort as the LBPSC established the program in November 2023. The Department of Economic Development & Opportunity is in charge of running the LBPSC.

Due to prior cohorts' financial struggles, the program may offer supportive services, such as transportation or professional clothing assistance, to help fellows give their full participation. They will also receive a \$23 hourly wage for a maximum of 800 hours during the

2026-27 academic year.

Funding for the program comes from a \$2.5 million grant from the California Volunteers, Office of the Governor #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps Initiative.

Those interested in learning more and applying for a position can visit the Department of Economic Development & Opportunity website at [longbeach.gov/psc](http://longbeach.gov/psc) or contact the Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network Youth Career Services Center at 562-570-4700. The application deadline is June 9.

COMMUNITY

# North LB getting a Disabled Resource Center one-stop office

Staff Report  
Signal Tribune

North Long Beach now has more access to resources for its disabled residents, after the Disabled Resources Center announced its expansion to Atlantic Avenue on Monday.

The Disabled Resources Center has operated since 1976 on Spring Street, serving disabled Long Beach residents and empowering them to live independently within their community. The nonprofit provides advocacy, resources and direct services at no cost.

Beginning May 4, residents will be able to access:

- Information and referral to community resources
- Independent living skills training
- Peer support and mentoring
- Advocacy and benefits assistance
- Housing navigation support
- Assistive Technology
- Employment Services

"At the Disabled Resources Center, we believe access should never be limited by geography," said Executive Director Jennifer Kumiya in a public statement. "Bring-

ing our services directly into North Long Beach is part of our broader mission to meet people where they are and ensure everyone has the opportunity to live independently with dignity."

This expansion is the result of a partnership with Molina Healthcare of California, and the office will operate at the Molina One Stop Center. By establishing a presence in North Long Beach, the center is "prioritizing outreach to historically underserved and harder-to-reach populations," the Center wrote in a public statement.

"Molina Healthcare is committed to advancing health equity and strengthening the communities we serve," Abbie Totten, plan president of Molina Healthcare of California, said in a public statement. "Partnering with the DRC to bring independent living services into North Long Beach ensures that individuals with disabilities have greater access to the support, tools, and resources needed to thrive.



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DJ PJ speaks with rally attendees during the first Disability Pride Rally that was held at Harvey Milk Promenade Park on July 26, 2022.

This collaboration reflects our shared vision of removing barriers and building a more inclusive, accessible community for all."

The Disabled Resource Center's expanded office will be located at

6583 Atlantic Ave #110, beginning May 4. DRC staff will be available every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing direct, in-person support to community members with disabilities.

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