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ELECTION

Our highlights from the Long Beach mayoral candidate forum

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

In The Grand's beige-colored ballroom downtown, six of the seven candidates competing for the mayoral position sat down and answered a series of questions on the evening of May 14.

In order of seating, the six candidates included: April Ronay, Chris Sweeney, Joshua Rodriguez, Lee Goldin, Oscar Cancio and Terri Rivers.

Noted in his absence, Mayor Rex Richardson was not in attendance due to "scheduling conflicts," organizers said. The *Signal Tribune* contacted Richardson's staff about why he could not attend, but did not receive an answer at the time of publication.

While the conversation topics were limited to specific issues facing Long Beach, candidates gave a clear picture of themselves, from a self-proclaimed radical leftist to a public-safety, pro-police devotee.

We're going to go through all six candidates who were at the forum, in the order they were sitting, and give some highlights of their stances on issues and direct quotes. If you want to watch the full video of the forum, you can watch on the 2026 Long Beach Mayoral Candidate Forum YouTube page.

April Ronay

Right off the bat, Ronay admitted she is "not a career politician," and said she is honored to be a write-in candidate.

Ronay said the most important issue facing Long Beach is a lack of healthcare access. On her website, she lists safe schools, accessible healthcare and a thriving local economy as priorities. Much like Ronay's website, her stated goals during the forum included keywords such as "support," "open up a dialogue" and "eliminate waste," but she didn't seem to have specific actions to back up her plans.

The write-in candidate said she has experienced firsthand the fear ICE has brought into schools, both

in parents and children, and believes ICE needs to be abolished. For the budget deficit, she said the City needs to perform an audit, specifically into contracts with nonprofits, to eliminate waste. She also said whatever work the City is doing to prepare for the Olympics needs to carry on afterwards.

Learn more about Ronay's campaign here: aprilronay4mayor.com/

Chris Sweeney

Sweeney is another Long Beach transplant, who moved to the city when he enrolled at Cal State Long Beach 20 years ago. He grew up in Orange County and was raised by an immigrant mother from Costa Rica.



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Chris Sweeney, Long Beach mayoral candidate, spoke to attendees right after the Long Beach mayoral candidates forum on May 14, 2026.

The biggest issue facing Long Beach in Sweeney's eye is the growing budget deficit, which he said he would address by working with the City Auditor to find where cuts can be made and where money is being wasted. He also believes millions of dollars are being left on the table due to bad contracts and the City refusing to penalize bad actors in those contracts. He suggested the City is also not charging developers impact fees consistently enough and making it too difficult for people to open a business.

Sweeney said he doesn't agree with "indiscriminate stops" by ICE and would want to expand on the Long Beach Values Act so that everyone is aware of their rights when dealing with federal immigration agents. He said for the Olympics,

Long Beach companies should have people work from home "back to COVID hours" to cut down on traffic, and the City should offer free transportation.

Learn more about Sweeney's campaign here: sweeneyforlb.com/

Joshua Rodriguez

Some readers may recognize Rodriguez from his 2022 mayoral campaign. He is a police officer and Marine Corps veteran who is running on public safety as the number one priority. Rodriguez brought up public safety and the need to hire more police officers in nearly every question of the evening.

His primary concern is hiring more police, stating this would help people feel safer and would drive the local economy since "people don't want to set up shop here."

On the issue of ICE, Rodriguez said we "have to work with federal law enforcement" and said if someone is in jail in Long Beach and is undocumented, the City should turn them over to ICE. Rodriguez was visibly scoffing and shaking his head at the other candidate's proposals to arrest ICE agents and abolish ICE.

Learn more about Rodriguez's campaign here: josh4lbmayor.com/

Lee Goldin

Goldin immediately identified himself as a "radical leftist," and his answers backed that statement up throughout the night.

On some issues like the Olympics and increasing voter turnout, he did not have specific examples of things he would like to do; he joked about how if he's elected, he'd put Sweeney in charge of the Olympic committee and often restated his previous stance that the City needs to deliver on its promises.

"And I would use [his voice] to take up against the AI war profiteers and systems that are turning our town into a digital gun-running operation."

Goldin's strongest stances are



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune
Lee Goldin, Long Beach mayoral candidate, talks to the Long Beach community about homelessness and what should be done about ICE during the Long Beach mayoral candidates forum on May 14, 2026.

that the City of Long Beach should not be giving "sweetheart deals" to major corporations, welcoming AI and war contractors into the city and that the police should be arresting ICE agents and using helicopters to spot and alert the community when they enter the city. He said taking care of the city's "most vulnerable" is his biggest priority.

Learn more about Goldin's campaign here: goldinformayor.com/

Oscar Cancio

Cancio has lived in Long Beach for a little over a decade and works in the education sector as a School Relations Manager. He was consistently pointing out things he believes the City is currently doing wrong, from handling ICE to the Olympics. On those two issues, he did not mention his own solutions, nor did he propose solutions for decreasing street fatalities and building trust with voters. He did, however, have specific ideas for handling the budget deficit.

His campaign is also built on public safety, though he emphasized community policing and having officers walk around their neighborhoods. Cancio did not mention the need to hire more officers or increase the police budget.

To address the budget deficit, Cancio said they need to start by reviewing the salaries of City workers. He said that ICE needs to be abolished and "we need to unfortunately work with federal agents to do that."

He said as the son of immigrants, the issue is personal to him, and called out the City for putting up banners that say "ICE Out of Long Beach" and then "signing contracts

with corporations that are supporting ICE."

Learn more about Cancio's campaign here: cancio4lbmayor.com/



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Terri Rivers, Long Beach mayoral candidate, talks with community members following the Long Beach mayoral candidates forum on May 14, 2026.

Terri Rivers

Rivers is the only mayoral candidate born and raised in Long Beach. She has been a childcare provider for the past 21 years and founded her own nonprofit, the National Association of Childcare Providers.

She believes the biggest issue facing Long Beach is a lack of transparency. She said for homelessness, pedestrian fatalities, crime, the budget and additional issues, she would propose building an online dashboard so residents can see how money is being spent and the immediate results.

She would also take a collaborative approach with ICE, mentioning that she'd be working with organizations to "help people get their citizenship." She also said the City should be alerting its residents when ICE is in the city.

Learn more about Rivers' campaign here: terrivers.com/

Read the full story online at SigTrib.com.

Memorial Day History

Monday, May 25, 2026 marks the annual commemoration of America's fallen military members.

According to *PBS*, the first widespread observance of Memorial Day took place on May 30, 1868, then known as Decoration Day, to honor the soldiers who perished during the Civil War. Over time, it expanded to include soldiers who died throughout the country's history. The passing of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1971 certified the holiday as a yearly remembrance on the last Monday of each May.

Corrections & Clarifications

Sometimes, we make mistakes

- In *Dignity, Not Delay* seeks to upend City's treatment of Black workers we stated the 2013 State of Black Long Beach was funded by the State of California. Dr. Lydia Hollie and Dr. Alex Norman funded the months-long study themselves.

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FEATURE

Filipino Migrant Center unites and informs community

Morgan Barela

Reporter

Bayanihan. The Filipino term describes the importance of community and togetherness. That's what Long Beach City College student and former youth intern Kobe Salazar says is the spirit of the Filipino community, and is at the heart of the work done by the Filipino Migrant Center (FMC) in West Long Beach.

The Filipino Migrant Center was founded in 2010 to "address the needs of Filipinos in the South Bay cities of Southern California," according to its website. Since then, it has grown to serve the Filipino community across the entire Southern California region.

From "know your rights" workshops to food distributions, the FMC offers a variety of services aimed at providing support to Filipino migrants.

"It's all centered around capacity building and empowerment," said FMC Executive Director Romeo Hebron.

Filipinos make up the largest Asian American Pacific Islander community in Long Beach, according to the City's Filipino Community Advisory Committee, which was formed to help conduct the community's first-ever health assessment in 2024. Long Beach also boasts the second largest Filipino population in Los Angeles county. The FMC serves this vast population with a variety of needs, pivoting when necessary.

Cuts to Medi-Cal and other social services often hit immigrant communities the hardest, and the FMC has not been immune to recent cuts. Alex, a longtime volunteer for the organization, said the center has recently shifted their focus towards addressing these health needs.

Most recently, California froze new Medi-Cal enrollment for undocumented immigrants ages 19 and older. Those already enrolled were allowed to keep their coverage only if they renewed on time, according to the California Medical Association. It's unclear what impact this has had on the immigrant community yet.

California Governor Gavin Newsom is also in the midst of finalizing May's revised state budget, which so far includes cuts and higher prices to medical coverage for those undocumented.



Screenshot Courtesy of Filipino Migrant Center

Long Beach community sits down inside the Filipino Migrant Center, which aims to educate, organize and mobilize working class Filipino families.

"I think that's something that the Filipino Migrant Center is trying to address with our community. And informing our community about changes in medical enrollment," said Alex.

"We have for generations faced multiple waves of oppression and resistance. But one thing remains is that we will always be there for each other no matter what."

- Kobe Salazar,

Former FMC youth intern

"Know your rights" workshops are a tool provided by organizations that support immigrant communities by educating them on the constitutional rights that they have in regards to immigration enforcement and wage theft.

Salazar, a former FMC intern, said the ongoing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids have caused a decline in attendance for these workshops.

"It was kind of hard, really, to get people to attend [the workshops], even though they were interested because this is a very vulnerable time for Filipino migrants," Salazar said.

Hebron explained that another challenge the organization is facing amid ICE raids devastating the community is the ability to provide sufficient legal resources. He said that the need exists, but is difficult

to address since it has to be approached "case-by-case."

Despite challenges faced by the organization, FMC organizers want the community to feel hopeful.

"The times are definitely tough... whether it's housing, immigration, workplace issues ... There's also a lot of hope, and what we're seeing is the community really coming together and banding together," Hebron said.

Salazar also pointed to the community's sense of togetherness, highlighting the "spirit of Bayanihan," a Filipino word that reflects the sense of community and importance of working together.

"Filipinos are a community driven people, right? We have for generations faced multiple waves of oppression and resistance. But one thing remains is that we will always be there for each other no matter what," they said.

The organization welcomes monetary donations, which they say will help with cuts to funding that have impacted their services. However, Hebron also highlighted the importance of community engagement with the FMC's services, encouraging people to volunteer.

"I think to us, [volunteering is] even more important because what we would want is to really engage the whole community from all walks of life to be able to contribute and feel like they have a space, to be part of the community and part of the change," he said.

To make a donation to the Filipino Migrant Center (1631 W. Burnett St.), or to sign up as a volunteer, visit filipinomigrantcenter.org. The FMC's community center is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, May 13

5:53 a.m., Grand theft, E. 29th St. west of California Ave.
1:32 p.m., Auto burglary, 1100 block E. Burnett St.

Thursday, May 14

5:09 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Coronado Ave.
9:52 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

Friday, May 15

3:09 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3200 block E. 19th St.
6:03 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block E. 20th St.
4:45 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Palm Dr./E. Willow St.
6:03 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)
10:22 p.m., Battery spouse, 2300 block Walnut Ave. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, May 16

12:55 p.m., DUI, 2700 block Panorama Dr. (suspect arrested)
4:09 p.m., Intoxicated person, 2800 block Gundry Ave.

Sunday, May 17

1:58 p.m., Outstanding felony warrant, 900 block E. 25th St. (suspect arrested)
5:49 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./Crescent Heights (suspect arrested)
6:19 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 1800 block E. Willow St. (citation issued)
9:55 p.m., Indecent exposure, Grand St. east of Obispo Ave.

Monday, May 18

7:20 a.m., Auto burglary, 3300 block Lemon Ave.
9:23 a.m., Elder abuse, 2200 block E. Willow St.
1:18 p.m., Forgery, 2400 block California Ave.

Tuesday, May 19

8:58 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 3300 block Myrtle Ave.
9:21 a.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
4:09 p.m., Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
4:43 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1800 block Obispo Ave.
10:19 p.m., Burglary, 1000 block E. 32nd St.
11:38 p.m., Burglary, 2200 block Jeans Ct.

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EVENT

Long Beach Filipino Festival unites the Pinoys and Pinays



(Left) Attendees visit the Isla Born pop-up shop where Chris Regner presents custom shirts and other apparel donning classic Filipino icons available to purchase during the seventh annual Long Beach Filipino Festival on May 9, 2026. (Right) Lines are filled with customers as food vendors serve their signature items at Jackie Robinson Academy on May 9, 2026.



Darko's Street Food chef Remrick Clemente prepares their signature burger that features a house-made Ube bun on May 9, 2026.



A classic Chevy Impala SS and Ford Thunderbird from the Islanders Car Club are parked on display with several traditional Filipino items on May 9, 2026.



Kim Robert Pilare from KRP Lato Arosep Seamoss Guso and Street Food grills up skewers and bastes his signature sauce onto the various meats on May 9, 2026.

**Story by Alfredo Menjívar
Photos by Jorge Hernandez**

If you drive by Jackie Robinson Academy in Long Beach in early May, you might hear the cheers of happy families and the smell of sizzling pork from the annual Filipino Festival.

The event on May 9 held close to 80 vendors ranging from retail such as clothing, jewelry and souvenirs, to food such as pork belly, ube smash burgers and shaved ice. Community members lined up throughout the day to get nostalgic and authentic flavors from the Philippines.

Hundreds of people showed their support as they celebrated the annual festival while dancing, eating and laughing in the school's field.

Kent Clark, owner of the small business Fluffy Ice Delight, applied to be part of the event after seeing it promoted on Instagram. "This beats working in a 9-to-5 job," Clark said in between serving customers. The fluffy ice stays true to its name. Every scoop you take melts in your mouth, leaving a feeling of satisfaction along with the sweet taste of mango. The shaved ice provided a refreshing respite on the 80 degree Saturday.

"It means a lot being able to see us Filipinos gather around and come together in unity."

**- Justin Genilo,
festival attendee**

The event also featured a lineup of Filipino artists and comedians such as Erik Escobar and RockaPelli. The Real Deal band, which performs covers of songs from the '70s to 2000s consists of a sibling duo, Mitchell and Megan Villareal, as well as their father Mike.

Mitchell is a Long Beach native and said he was happy to see the community show their support, both for their band and their culture.

"Our future goals is to book more gigs, and my sister is a songwriter so she's trying to make it in the songwriting industry," Mitchell said.

The festival's executive director, Ralph Santos, took over the event from previous owner Anthony Formoso after 2019. Santos said he wanted to do something different with the festival and turned this year into a '90s themed event. A '90s Filipino look alike contest was one of many activities.

"A lot of people are doing '90s parties but I'm not sure if anyone has done a '90s Filipino festival before," Santos said.

Ube was everywhere to be seen: in drinks, ice cream, milkshakes and cookies. The ube cookie from "All Things Ube" had a soft texture with a light glaze on top, giving it a slight crisp. It also had a rich fudge taste contrasting the delicious nutty flavor of the ube.

Chris Regner, a small business owner of the clothing line Isla Born, spent the day making connections with his fellow vendors and basking in the celebration. His shirts came in both a coffee brown color or vintage off-white, boasting designs featuring classic Filipino locations and traditions, such as a sari-sari store and people playing basketball in the streets of the Philippines. Each of the designs Regner created is meant to give the feeling of being back home.

"It means a lot being able to see us Filipinos gather around and come together in unity," said attendee Justin Genilo.



Singer Nyah entertains attendees on a sunny afternoon during her musical performance at Jackie Robinson Academy on May 9, 2026.



Themed T-shirts for the Long Beach Filipino Festival are sold by mobile print shop We Print Live! operated by Lance Lazatin on May 9, 2026.



Sang Phan and his friends share food from various vendors during the seventh annual Long Beach Filipino Festival on May 9, 2026.

FEATURE

James Tir takes life one bite a time

As @LBFoodComa, James Tir runs one of the city's most popular food accounts, home to reels, reviews and an absolute buffet of deliciousness.

**Story by Ryan Hardison
Photos by Samuel Chacko**



The content creator of the Instagram account @LBFoodComa, James Tir, wipes his hands with a napkin after taking a huge bite of the sandwiches he ordered at Dilly's Sandwiches on May 13, 2026.

“Food is primal, we eat to survive. When you’re eating, your guard is down, you are at your truest self. And if you’re taking a risk in that context, you’re more likely to take risks in other contexts ...When you start with something like this, you’ll eventually become a better person overall.”

- James Tir,
Long Beach food content creator



Founder of the Instagram account @LBFoodComa, James Tir, holds The Carrot and PB & Pickle sandwiches in one hand as he answers questions from the Signal Tribune on May 13, 2026.

When dining with James Tir, the digital food chronicler behind @LBFoodComa, it's imperative to remember one thing: phone always eats first. It's half past noon on Wednesday, May 13 and I'm meeting Tir and Signal Tribune Photo Editor Samuel Chacko for lunch at Dilly's Sandwiches (4144 North Viking Way), a paradoxically memorable yet unassuming deli tucked away in a beige, tree-covered stretch of Lakewood Village. Since he's the expert, I suggested Tir choose our lunch location.

On this particular day, this meal is sandwiched between a morning brew at Wrigley's Dedo Coffee and an early dinner at Massimo's in Naples — a first-time visit for Tir.

When I spot Tir — dressed in a black Barely Alive dad hat, a matching 1800 Tequila T-shirt and blue jeans — he seems blissfully at home, heartily chatting with two workers at the counter like an old friend paying a visit. Of course, I soon find out he's already been to Dilly's a handful of times. It's one of nearly countless spots in his rolodex of local restaurant knowledge.

We find a central spot in a row of long tables and benches, with vibrant pickle figurines decorating the adjacent side wall. There, we split two of the deli's most unique items: the PB & Pickle — an oddly comforting pairing of crunchy peanut butter and loads of sweet bread & butter pickles on white Pullman bread — and The Carrot, a flavorful combination of kimchi, roasted carrots and melted Monterey Jack cheese on pressed ciabatta. I ordered the former, while Tir took care of the latter.

Once the food arrives, Tir readies himself to photograph our feast, helped by the handy portable spotlight he brought along to liven up his social media stills. He moves swiftly to capture the images, with the instinctive eye of someone who's done this hundreds of times. After the photoshoot is finished, we dig in.

This experience is ritualistic for Tir. After all, he's built a localized social media empire due to his ability to capture Long Beach's deluge of delectable spots and the eats that make them worthy. But to Tir, gastronomic exploration is no mere passion; it's a necessity, an all-important key to living life to the fullest.

“Food is primal, we eat to survive,” he explained. “When you're eating, your guard is down, you are at your truest self. And if you're taking a risk in that context, you're more likely to take risks in other contexts ...When you start with something like this, you'll eventually become a better person overall.”

Tir's Instagram page — his primary method of reaching hungry viewers since 2014 — is an absolute feeding frenzy of reels featuring hole-in-the-wall joints, newly opened eateries, acclaimed favorites and an assortment of festivals and special events.

It alone is on the doorstep of 100,000 followers (99,400 as of May 20), with an additional 83,000 and change spread across Facebook (52,300) and TikTok (31,100). As his moniker would suggest, a plethora of mouth-watering bites are featured, decadent meals destined to lull viewers into a comatose state of enjoyment — nearly all of which reside within the confines of his hometown.

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The Battle of the Band returns to the Recreation Park Bandshell this Saturday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This free contest will see six to 10 bands perform three songs each and face off against one another.

Summer feels nearer than ever in Long Beach, underlined by upcoming events like outdoor concerts, gardening workshops and vinyl DJ sets to help you sway into your summer mood.

Plenty of resources are available to residents this week, such as free suits for kids graduating high school on Friday, grocery and kitchen pail giveaways Saturday and a diaper distribution on Tuesday.

Soak up the sun with some outdoor gatherings, like a summer kick-off concert Friday night at Marine Stadium, two different gardening workshops Saturday morning, a book swap Saturday afternoon at Bixby Park and a cultural cooking workshop Sunday at Rancho Los Cerritos.

Residents can get involved in their community by attending an Anduril Out of Long Beach meeting Friday night, a book club on practical anarchy Monday night, a Black Tenant Neighborhood Council meeting Tuesday evening or the 10th Street Greenbelt Walking Path community meeting on Thursday.

22 FRIDAY

FREE SUITS

5:30 p.m. High school graduates who need a suit can get one for free from the Hood Santa at Mexihanas Hibachi Grill (1782 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.). No RSVP necessary, and suits will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Free.

SUMMER KICK-OFF CONCERT

6 p.m. Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's first outdoor summer concert of the year will feature '80s cover band Radio Royalty at Conductor Larry Curtis Concert Park in Marine Stadium (5255 E. Paoli Way). Visitors should bring blankets, chairs, food and drinks. Free.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY MEETING

6 p.m. Join local organizations for an Anduril Out of Long Beach day of action. Learn about the military technology company's impacts on the community's health and how

you can take a stand against them. RSVP at tinyurl.com/no2andurillb to receive a location. Free.

HARVEY MILK DAY COMMEMORATION

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This evening is meant to mark the start of Pride Month events in June and to honor Harvey Milk, with rhythmic handpan music, landscape painting inspired by the diverse colors found in nature, and mocktail making at the Signal Hill Public Library's Zinnia Courtyard (1800 E. Hill St.). Registration is required by calling 562-989-7323. Free.

FOURTH FRIDAYS

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Fourth Street corridor will come alive for its monthly Fourth Friday event, where businesses host fun and free gatherings, such as Native Sol's open mic and pop-up, Bel Canto Books' bake sale for Palestine, Cool Cat Collective's Cats Against AI art show and much more. Free.

VINYL JAMZ

Every fourth Friday at The Grasshopper (136 E. Anaheim St.) is hip-hop, R&B, funk and slow jamz all on vinyl. For those 21 and older. No cover charge.

23 SATURDAY

VOLUNTEER PLANTING DAY

9 a.m. to noon. The Long Beach Surfrider Foundation is building an Ocean Friendly Garden next to the Shoreline Bike Path and Marina Green (500 E. Shoreline Drive) and invites the public to help build it. Volunteers can learn how to dig a bioswale, plant native trees and create resilient ocean-friendly landscapes. Free.

GATEWAY TO GARDENING

10 a.m. to noon. Long Beach Organic is hosting a garden-based art workshop at the Zaferia Junction Community Garden (3709 E. 10th St.) meant for ages 12 and older. RSVP at tinyurl.com/lbospringart.com. Free.

GROCERY GIVEAWAY

10 a.m. We Grow Long Beach is giving away fresh produce, pantry staples and more at Church One (100 E. Seventh St.) for anyone in

the community. Free.

KITCHEN PAIL DISTRO

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Long Beach residents can receive a free kitchen pail to collect food scraps before it goes into your green cart, at Veterans Park (101 E. 28th St.). One pail per household, and proof of a zip code is required. Free.

BOOK SWAP

Noon to 3 p.m. Get free books and swap books with others at this event hosted by Long Beach Swaps at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). Register on Eventbrite. Free.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Support local high school bands at this contest at the Recreation Park Bandshell (E. Seventh Street and Park Avenue), where six to 10 bands will perform three songs each and face off against one another. Free.

ART TALK

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your works in progress and chat with other local artists at Kubo LB's monthly art talk at 3976 Atlantic Ave. All mediums and practices are welcome — excluding generative AI. Free.

24 SUNDAY

MAHJONG

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn and play 16-tile Pinoy-style mahjong at San and Wolves Bakeshop (3900 E. Fourth St.) while enjoying a wide range of pastries. Free.

SEWING CLUB

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This sewing club at 3844 E. Anaheim St. invites anyone who likes to sew to bring their own works in progress or start a new project. Visitors are welcome to bring their own machines or use those made available. Register online at SewingLabLosAL.com. Tickets are \$20.

COCINA DEL BARRIO

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This hands-on culinary workshop will explore food as a living form of cultural preservation as part of the Seeds of Resilience programming at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Road). Visitors will gather around a community comal for an immersive

experience in Mexican cooking, led by Carina Lavin. Lavin will guide participants through the cultural importance of corn, the nixtamalization process, grinding corn on a metate and making handmade tortillas. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online.

25 MONDAY

COOKING MATTERS

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Get a crash course on nutritional eating and learn how to cook a few healthy meals with staple items at the Long Beach Community Resource Center (5599 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

BOOK CLUB

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join local mutual aid group Care Culture Collaborative for its weekly book club, "Practical Anarchism: A Guide to Daily Life" at Vine LB (2142 E. Fourth St.). Author Shuli Branson provides practical examples of anarchism in everyday life, through history, theory and tips that include mutual aid and collective liberation. You do not have to read the book to participate in the discussion. Free.

26 TUESDAY

DIAPER DISTRO

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Families can receive free diapers from the Long Beach Community Resource Center (5599 Atlantic Ave.) in a variety of sizes. Free.

FREE GROCERIES

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Get free food, hygiene items, clothing, books and more from Long Beach Community Table (151 W. Victoria St.). Free.

CD4 MEETING

5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The monthly District 4 meeting will take place at the Los Altos Library (5614 E. Britton Drive). Free.

BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD TENANT COUNCIL

6 p.m. This month's meetup at House of Haven (5231 Atlantic Ave.) will cover upcoming elections, your voter rights and how local politics show up in your life every month on your lease, in your building and on your block. There will be dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Free.

27 WEDNESDAY

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Seniors ages 55 and older can take part in this guided meditation at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). Registration is required by calling 562-989-7330. Free.

FREE GROCERIES

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Get free food, hygiene items, clothing, books and more from Long Beach Community Table (151 W. Victoria St.). Free.

TRIVIA

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Every Wednesday is trivia night at Trademark Brewing (233 E. Anaheim St.), led by King Trivia. Free.

28 THURSDAY

COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Learn about the 10th Street Greenbelt Walking Path Project at this community meeting at the Recreation Park Community Center (4900 E. Seventh St.). City staff will share the final design of the recreational space, take questions from attendees and share the next steps. Free.

COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Turn your bad art into magnets at Cool Cate Collective (2741 E. Fourth St.). Hang out with friends and cats while you listen to music and make art. Markers and colored pencils will be provided, or you can bring your own supplies. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online.

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"I just couldn't imagine doing anything else," Tir said.

Eating Origins

Growing up in Cambodia Town during the '90s and 2000s, Tir recalls him and his brother spending time exploring the city with their neighbor, a retired teacher who suffered from schizophrenia. His parents — who made Long Beach their home in the '80s after escaping the genocidal Khmer Rouge — were often working at the now-defunct Daily Donut in Westminster during these outings.

Tir looks back fondly on his childhood, and despite his neighborhood being admittedly "hairy" due to the regularity of crime, he believes the explorative lens of his adolescence shaped his modern-day curiosities.

"It opened my eyes to kind of how fascinating and unique the world is, and I think that plays a huge part in why I am the way I am," he recalled.

"We've become a community where taking risks in what you eat is cool, and you don't really find that in very many places."

- James Tir,
@LBFoodComa creator

Tir was exposed early on to the magical inertia that surfaces when working in a kitchen. He experienced it firsthand while working at his aunt's Cambodian restaurant Hak Heang (2041 E. Anaheim St.), spending his youth progressing from busboy to sous chef by the time he graduated from high school and cementing his love for the act of culinary innovation.

"I found my love for just creating things with my hands," Tir said. "I love the fact that I can take all these different elements and make something better than the sum of its parts, or something that's worse than the sum of its parts. It's awesome."

In 2013, Tir graduated with a bachelor's degree in industrial design from California State University, Long Beach, which led to him working what he called a "soulless" job at a skateboarding company. To escape the mundanity of his 9-to-6 work life, he resolved to meet five new people per day, simultaneously expanding his network of foodies and pushing him to explore third spaces — all while documenting his experiences. This strategy served as a helpful foundation when he decided to fully dedicate himself to food in 2018.

As Tir became one of the city's go-to food influencers and wrote



James Tir, social media content creator and food critic, takes a bite of the PB & Pickle sandwich from Dilly's Sandwiches on May 13, 2026.

articles for L.A. Taco and Eater, his videography style remained intentionally consistent. The only change has been an increased awareness of how he operates and uses his platform, strengthened by the years spent honing his skills and a specific focus on what's being served in Long Beach.

"My goal has always been to uplift the Long Beach food scene," Tir said.

Mastering the Routine

A typical work day sees Tir visiting 3-4 places — plus one spontaneous stop to live up the otherwise adherent routine — and spending copious amounts of time editing his reels on LumaFusion. On occasion, he'll cook for himself, and sometimes even don the hat and apron for a special event, but he mostly eats out.

In a given week, Tir will post 7-10 videos on his account. This includes weekly recaps of the best things he's eaten over the past seven days and curated lineups of filling yet frugal meals available for under \$20.

Tir also spends time promoting businesses via disclosed paid partnerships, but says he retains "room for integrity," allowing him autonomy over what's ultimately posted on his page.

"I don't have to cater to the whims of the universe; I can enjoy what I enjoy," he said.

By this point, when Tir arrives at a restaurant to film, the concept for each shoot is already pre-planned in his head. Even his strategy of what foods to order when dining somewhere for the first time is fairly tried and true.

Fortunately for Tir, he has no

allergies, aversions or dietary intolerances that prevent him from trying dishes that may intimidate the average patron. It's something his Khmer heritage duly prepared his taste buds for.

"Cambodian flavors are really punchy," he said. "You've got lemongrass, galangal, tamarin, everything's really fermenty and really strong and really herbaceous and really bright. So when that's your baseline, that's your normal... everything else is easy, nothing shocks me."

Oftentimes, he'll test the spectrum of a menu by ordering a place's go-to dish and their most "esoteric" option. This, ideally, allows him to taste both the subtle and standout flavors of a particular cuisine, thus receiving intimate insight into a range of palettes.

"As I eat at all these places and I selectively choose the weird and the popular, it gives me such an overarching view of how those countries, those cultures, eat," he said.

With over a decade of experience under his belt, Tir has noticed a growth in popularity regarding the city's food scene, which he says has gone from "very boring" to the midst of a "culinary renaissance" since he first began posting. Tir champions this evolution and the influx of local food influencers to the ecosystem that once primarily consisted of Tir and Brian Addison — steward of Long Beach Food Scene and several additional appetite-related ventures — as proof.

Community Resilience

Changes to the local food scene have also come more recently in the form of rising food prices and the chilling effects Immigration and



The Carrot from Long Beach sandwich shop Dilly's is made with roasted carrots, kimchi and monterey jack cheese on ciabatta bread.

Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity has had on the city's diners and workers. For instance, Tir mentions the harrowing story of Bubblejitt "Bubbly" Kaur, a longtime Long Beach resident and beloved figure in the city's food scene, who was detained by ICE in December 2025 during a routine appointment to further her green card application.

Following calls for her release by community members and Congressman Robert Garcia (CA-42), Kaur was set free the same month, but not without fears that the people who fueled the city's culturally diverse food scene remained under attack.

Still, Tir emphasizes the widespread support Long Beach residents have shown for their neighbors, including the pride displayed by those stepping outside their culinary comfort zones. When each bite acts as an entryway into a country's cultures and traditions, exploration becomes paramount to understanding the city's people, as much as what's on your plate.

"We've become a community where taking risks in what you eat is cool, and you don't really find that in very many places," Tir said. "...Here I've found people want to try what's exciting and new and whatever the signature dish is. It's really nice to see. I do think that outlook is different from what it was a decade ago."

To expand one's scope of what the city's eats have to offer — especially outside of popular areas such as Retro Row and Belmont Shore's Restaurant Row — Tir suggests the broadening of geographical horizons. Dilly's is just one pertinent example in a sea of hidden gems spread throughout the surrounding region.

"I do think it'd be nice for people to explore [the] westside, Wrigley and North Long Beach a little bit more because there's good cuisines out there. You just gotta dig for it," he said.

What's Next?

For now, and into the future, Tir plans to keep his account active, acting as a reliable food-finder for those who come across his steady flow of posts. However, he does have a desire to expand into a more curatorial role someday with a few potential ventures, all of which are still in the idea stage.

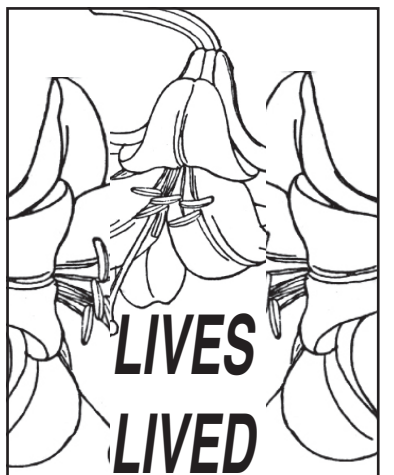
They include directing a food documentary, a la Netflix's "Chef's Table" series and launching a local food festival, building on his experience as co-founder of the Long Beach Tacos & Tequila and Tamales festivals, among others. Plus, Tir envisions opening up a cocktail bar with a theme that unites French colonial architecture with Southeast Asian motifs and ingredients, giving him ample room to play with unexpected flavor combos.

Next time you dine out in Long Beach, consider trying a new restaurant, cuisine or neighborhood for your meal. If you're doing it right, there's a good chance Tir has already been there.



Pet of the week: Theodore

Have we seen Theodore before? As one of the several versions of Pete the Pup on the Our Gang series? Nah, he's way too young, but if they did another revival, Theodore would have saved the studio some money—that circle around his eye is natural and not enhanced with a makeup brush! Besides, Theodore has his own star quality. Volunteers find him easy to walk—he comes out of the kennel "like a gentleman," as volunteer Gusti said, and follows the walker's guidance well. Theodore takes treats gently and also loves a good chill-out. Volunteer Stefanie often sees him lounging on his back in his kennel or playing with his empty food bowls "like a giant puppy." In a forever home, Theodore is certain to steal every scene, just like Pete the Pup did! Adopt or foster Theodore by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. 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#A753409.



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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, 22, 2026

**TST8118 / 2026 089006
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: BUENA VISTA PROPERTY, 4167 WARNER AVE NO 205, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA. 92640. County: ORANGE. Registrant: CHERYL GARLAND, 4167 WARNER AVE NO 205, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA.92649. 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: CHERLY GARLAND, 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 4/23/2026. 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: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

**TST8119 Case No. 26bCP00138
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: DARLENE A. WHITNEY for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: DARLENE A. WHITNEY has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: MALLORY Proposed Name: DARLENE ANN MALLORY2. 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 5, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S28, Room: 5300. 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. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. [/ss//Sabina A. Helton](https://ss//Sabina A. Helton), Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 24, 2026

**TST8125 Case No. 26CMCP00081
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Patricia Acevedo Reveles for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Patricia Acevedo Reveles has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows: Present Name: Patricia Acevedo Reveles Proposed Name: Patricia Reveles2. 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 30, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. A, Room: 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. [/ss//Elizabeth L. Bradley](https://ss//Elizabeth L. Bradley), Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 20, 2026

**TST8132 / 2026 092870
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: PIXEL AND EMBER STUDIOS, 4142 EMENDEZ STREET UNIT 433, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LISA KASPER, 4142 E MENDEZ STREET UNIT 433, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. 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: LISA KASPER, 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 4/28/2026. 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: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

**TST8142 / 2026 092352
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: GATA MATCHA, 4504 NORTH BANNER DRIVE APT 1, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ASHLEY CASTILLO, 4504 NORTH BANNER DRIVE APT 1, LONG BEACH, CA90807. 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: ASHLEY CASTILLO, 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 4/28/2026. 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: May 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 2026

**TST8145 Case No. 26CMCP00104
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Velma Louise Harris for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Velma Louise Harris has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Velma Louise Harris Proposed Name: Louise Thompson 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: July 23, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. A, Room: 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. May 22, 29 & June 5, 12, 2026. [/ss//Elizabeth L. Bradley](https://ss//Elizabeth L. Bradley), Judge of the Superior Court Dated: May 13, 2026

**TST8146 Case No. 25STPB13137
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: Richard J. Aguero**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Richard J. Aguero 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Stephen Nguyen in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that Stephen Nguyen be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. **A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** a. September 2, 2026 @ 8:32 AM, Department: 240 b. Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. 7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. **If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** 9. **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. **PETITIONER in Pro Per: STEPHEN NGUYEN 3337 CALIFORNIA AVE. SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755 Phone: 310-388-7321** Pub. Signal Tribune, May 22, 29 & June 5, 2026

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8144

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

**Request for Proposal (RFP) # 2627-003
Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) –
Supplemental Enrichment Programs**

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide **ELO-P Supplemental Enrichment Programs**. The intent of this RFP process is to select a pool of qualified Bidders and establish contracts with the option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Proposals are due by 2:00 pm (PT) on June 17, 2026.

More information available at:
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>

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LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8148

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

**Request for Proposal No. 2627-002-RFP
Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)
– Primary Program Providers**

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide **ELO-P Primary Program Provider Services**. The intent of this RFP process is to select qualified Bidders and establish contracts with the option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Proposals are due by 2:00 pm (PT) on June 12, 2026.

More information available at:
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>

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LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8143

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

**Request for Proposal No. 2526-016-RFP
ICS System Support & Maintenance (Bell & Clock Systems)**

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide **ICS System Support & Maintenance (Bell & Clock Systems)**. The intent of this RFP process is to select qualified Bidders and establish contracts with the option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Proposals are due by 2:00 pm (PT) on June 5, 2026.

More information available at:
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>

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LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8136

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

**Request for Proposals (RFP) # 2526-019
ELO-P Packaged Meals Service**

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide **ELO-P Packaged Meals Service**. The intent of this RFP process is to select a Bidder or Bidders and establish a contract with an option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Bids are due by 2:00 pm (PT) on June 1, 2026.

More information available at:
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>

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**TST8147/Order No: 5409
Auto Lien Sale**

On 06/07/2026 at 3229 W IMPERIAL HWY INGLEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 CHEVROLET VIN: KL79MUSL3PB168396 STATE: LIC: at

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Long Beach approves Latino Cultural Center in Downtown



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

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Long Beach and nonprofit Centro CHA will work together to establish the city's first Latino Cultural Center at the Jenny Oropeza Community Center in Downtown.

The Long Beach City Council unanimously approved the creation of the center at its meeting on May 12, with the hopes to expand programming, community engagement and educational opportunities for the Latino community.

Programming is expected to begin in the next few weeks, according to the City.



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The Jenny Oropeza Community Center is located at 401 Golden Ave.

Planned activities at the Latino Cultural Center include arts and cultural workshops, heritage celebrations, youth programs, family events and opportunities for civic participation. Several events are already in development for the center, including Fiesta Patrias and Día de los Muertos celebrations, Hispanic Heritage Month activities, car shows, performing arts events, food festivals and movie screenings.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to help launch this new cultural

center," said Jessica Quintana, Executive Director of Centro CHA, in a public statement. "As someone who grew up in West Long Beach and has spent decades working alongside local families and community partners, I know how meaningful it is to have a local space dedicated to learning, creativity and connection. This center will be a place where people of all ages can come together, share their stories and build on the strong community spirit that defines Long Beach."

The Latino Cultural Center will operate under a three-year agreement with options to renew, and will act alongside, rather than replace, the existing City programming and staff at the Jenny Oropeza Community Center (401 Golden Ave.). City programs and services at the site will continue uninterrupted.

Centro CHA and the City chose Downtown as the ideal location for the Latino Cultural Center because of the "area's longstanding role in supporting community-led programs and activities," according to a public statement. The 11,000-square-foot facility also features an outdoor area with an amphitheater that will support year-round events.

Planning for the Latino Cultural Center began in 2019, when the City Council set aside funding in the Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget to support outreach for the project. The City partnered with Centro CHA to carry out a multi-phased process that included a 50-member steering committee, visioning workshops, focus groups and other engagement efforts.

"We are proud to support the creation of a space that celebrates and uplifts the rich cultural heritage, history and contributions of Long Beach's Latino community," said First District Councilmember Mary Zendejas in a public statement. "The Latino Cultural Center will serve as a welcoming place for learning, creativity and connection, while honoring the generations of families and community leaders who have helped shape our city. I'm excited to see this center become a resource where residents of all ages can come together, share experiences and build community."



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Dancers with Ballet Folklorico Nueva Antequera perform at the Museum of Latin American Art's Dia de los Muertos celebration on Oct. 29, 2023.

Ongoing operations will be supported by Measure B funds already allocated to the center through a separate agreement. Additionally, the City has identified \$4.5 million for capital improvements at the adjacent park and the Latino Cultural Center, including signage, structural upgrades and restroom improvements.

Centro CHA will manage administrative needs, coordinate cultural programming and work with local partners to support the center.

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