

2027 BUDGET

Long Beach Health Dept. told to slash \$9 million from budget



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Tents line part of the LA River bike path under the Ocean Avenue bridge in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Grapppling with losses in federal funding, increased service charges and the City's own \$58.2 million deficit, the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department (DHHS) has been tasked with slashing over \$9 million from its 2027 budget.

These cuts are expected to impact the department's ability to address the city's homelessness crisis, tenant protections and free community services such as health clinics, Health and Human Services Director Dr. Alison King said during Tuesday night's budget hearing. It may also result in the loss of 79 jobs in the department, from nurses to environmental health specialists.

"We really have to recognize that we are in unprecedented territory with an administration that just really does not value the work of our health department," Ninth District Councilmember Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie said.

The Health Department's budget in 2025 was made up mostly of federal and state grants, though they have been dwindling since the beginning of President Donald Trump's second term. Roughly \$9 million of the Health Department's budget is coming from the City's general fund.

This year, the department lost \$15 million in grants through cancellations, reductions and non-renewals. Another \$9.5 million in costs are hitting the

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FEATURE



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Amateur archaeologist Richard Dempsey poses with one of the numerous Paleo Story Stones he was able to locate on Aug. 19, 2026.

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What started as a collecting hobby over four decades ago recently resulted in a massive discovery by Long Beach resident and amateur archaeologist Richard Dempsey.

The 76-year-old has been credited with uncovering material that may change the way we think about prehistoric art, craftsmanship and even worship tendencies. His findings, which he coined Paleo Story Stones, have revealed repeated imagery throughout the Paleolithic era, suggesting a new link between man and mammoths during this time.

Often referred to as the Stone Age, the Paleolithic era is the earliest known period of human history, spanning from roughly 3.3 million years ago to 10,000 BCE.

The most often repeated symbols on the Paleo Story Stones are of human faces and mammoths, often one young and the other old. These symbols are present throughout geography, materials and time.

"Before my discovery, mammoth effigies [a model or statue] were somewhat rare – only a dozen worldwide," Dempsey said.

Now, hundreds have been found across every continent yet explored. Archaeologists have now discovered volcanic glass specimens from Mount Shasta, rose quartz bifaces from South Dakota and Desert glass from Libya, ranging from 500,000 to two million years ago.

The Los Cerritos neighborhood resident began his journey as an amateur archaeologist in the '80s, traveling to areas in Acton, California to collect rocks while balancing a career in insurance. Most of his research time has been spent finding and collecting Clovis spearpoints, many up to 13,000 years old.

He was exploring Lake Manix in the Mojave Desert in 2020 when he found his first Paleo Story Stone. When he took it home, he thought, "Gee, that's a mammoth effigy."

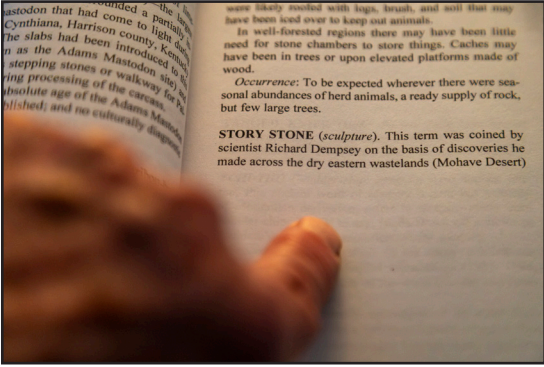
Initially, he didn't pay much attention to the flake side. It wasn't until he photographed that side one week later that he felt what he called "a super spiritual experience."

"What I experienced was truly spiritual; it was a deep connection with our Paleo ancestors that really blew my mind," Dempsey said in a YouTube video showing off the first Paleo Stone Face he discovered.

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(Left) Richard Dempsey, an independent archeologist, presents numerous Paleo Story Stone effigies on his desk on Aug. 19, 2026. (Right) Dempsey points at the mention of the Paleo Story Stone, a discovery he made in the Mojave Desert, in the book "Who's who in Indian Relics: Legacy Edition" by Steven R. Cooper.



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Budget cuts hit LBPD to the tune of \$19.5 million



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With the Long Beach Police Department facing \$19.5 million in 2027 budget cuts, the department has proposed eliminating 56 positions in its workforce, including some that are vacant.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

For the first time in six years, the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) is being forced to make budget cuts.

To help the City address its projected \$58.2 million deficit for fiscal year 2027, every City department has been asked to identify potential cuts. For LBPD, this meant a \$19.5 million reduction, which Chief Wally Hebeish said will result in fewer officers patrolling the streets and considerably less resources for teams that focus on mental health and homelessness.

This dip will be the biggest reduction in the department's history. LBPD's budget has more than doubled over the last 20 years, including a 9% increase last year. Their last budget reduction was a 1% cut in 2020, followed by a 5.6% increase the following year.

Hebeish said their priority, when deciding where to make cuts, was to keep their response times to priority 1 calls (the highest level of emergency), currently around 5.6 minutes, the same.

Police officers responded to 187,000 calls for service in 2025. According to statistics shared by LBPD at Tuesday night's budget hearing, overall crime in the city went down 17% last year, specifically:

- Shootings down 37%
- Murder down 23.7%
- Robberies down 19%
- Violent crime down 9.2%

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A man who goes by the name JQ packs his possessions into his tent after being informed he needs to leave the area under the Ocean Avenue bridge in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

department's Health Fund, which is funded by the department and also faces a drop in Measure A funding.

To help cushion these cuts, the department will increase the cost of certain health permits and receive some help from the City to bridge other gaps. A new sales tax beginning in October is also expected to help, but like other departments, King was unable to avoid laying off City workers.

"For over three years my work has meant knocking on doors to care for our most vulnerable neighbors; those who are elderly, disabled or struggling with chronic illnesses at home," said public health nurse Lucy Dale. "I'm urging you not to lay off City employees. When we cut these positions, we aren't just cutting line items. We are dismantling the safety net that keeps our community healthy."

Another health worker, Bianca Padilla, with the IAM Local 1930 labor union said non-essential City employees have been asked by the City during current contract negotiations to work without pay or use PTO (paid time off) between Christmas and New Year's. She said the City hasn't specified who non-essential employees are or how many years this change will last.

"As is being expected, this budget crisis is being used to shortchange our union, a union that represents the largest body of City employees. A union with over 45% of its membership being Long Beach residents," Padilla said. "Mayor [Rex] Richardson has said that employees deserve a City with a stable financial future. We who make this City function also deserve a stable financial future."

This year, the department lost \$15 million in grants through cancellations, reductions and non-renewals.

Housing and Homelessness

The Health Department expects to have \$53.13 million for homelessness services, a slight uptick from last year. However, by 2028 this number is expected to drop to \$37.31 million.

Most of this reduction is from state and federal cuts, King said. They have also seen a \$3.1 million decrease in Measure A allocations this year due to a dip in Los Angeles County sales taxes.

This year the Health Department's Measure A funds totaled

\$8.9 million: \$3.9 million to its Continuum of Care (which covers a wide range of services, both preventative and outreach-based) and \$5 million towards its local solutions fund.

Measure A funds are expected to take an even sharper decrease in 2028 due to other obligations, King said. As a result, they are treating the \$8.9 million this year as one-time funding, not expecting it to be renewed in 2028.

As a result of these changes, the Health Department will likely have to discontinue one of its two Mobile Access Centers (MACs). A MAC is a vehicle that stays at various public spaces in the city to connect with people experiencing homelessness and offer them services. King said the department will attempt to partner with a non-profit to run one of the MACs so they won't have to cut it and report back to the council.

The City also has to cut down its homeless services shuttles from two to one.



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Long Beach's five-person Community Crisis Response team responds to city-wide calls for situations such as mental health crises, suicidal callers, welfare checks and disturbances.

Additionally, the department is losing one-time funds that helped support the Community Crisis Response team (\$374,000) and the Complaint Response Team (\$272,000). The Community Crisis Response (CCR) team is unarmed, specialized non-law enforcement workers who respond to non-violent, non-medical emergencies that typically end up needing mental or behavioral health services. The Complaint Response Team (CRT) responds to complaints and investigations regarding unpermitted sidewalk and street food vendors.

The CCR team will now be covered by Measure A funds in 2027 while the department searches for grants and outside sources of support. The CRT will be shut down at the end of September.

From federal grants, Long Beach anticipates losing a total of \$11 million from the Housing and Urban Development Department. These impacts mean the loss of 480 emergency housing vouchers. The City will also have to cut its motel shelter voucher rooms from 40 to 15, and will lose the ability to assist 45 households with rapid rehousing.

The Health Department anticipates some relief from Measure ER, a voter-approved county-wide sales tax that will begin on Oct. 1 and continue through 2031. Expected to bring in between \$7 and \$8 million to the department annually, King called it "one of the most significant opportunities to stabilize public services."

She mentioned the City will host a meeting on Aug. 24 with the County to gain clarity on the timing and allocations of Measure ER.

King estimated that \$1.7 million of those funds could go to restoring 12 health department workers for the 2027 budget, and another \$3.2 million could restore 14 positions in 2028. However, she emphasized that Measure ER is "intentionally a bridge and not a permanent solution."

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The proposed Long Beach Police Department cuts include halving its Quality of Life team and cutting several community-serving and administrative roles.

Proposed Budget Cuts

The Police Department has proposed eliminating 56 positions in its workforce, though some are currently vacant.

These positions include community-serving roles such as police officers, community service assistants and members of the Neighborhood Safety Bike Team, as well as administrative positions such as clerk typists, mental health professionals and leadership roles.

On the mental health and homelessness front, four Quality of Life officers are proposed to be cut, which would slash this team in half.

Quality of Life officers are trained to interact with residents experiencing homelessness and to connect people to resources. The team doubled from four officers to eight in 2023, months after the City declared homelessness as a local emergency. In 2022, the team made over 9,100 contacts to offer services to people experiencing homelessness. This led to nearly 400 people receiving temporary housing and around 40 people receiving permanent housing, according to the City.

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Long Beach resident Jamiel Campbell said that after being homeless for eight years in the city,

it was the Quality of Life team that helped him overcome homelessness. He urged the City to refrain from making cuts to this service.

"I would probably still be homeless or possibly dead honestly, if it weren't for two police officers that advocated for me and said, 'Young man, your life is worth saving,'" Campbell said. "One morning I woke up and said, 'I can't do it,' and two officers were standing outside of my tent. My first concern was, 'Oh my God, I'm about to be arrested,' but instead one of those officers crawled in that tent ... he took me to treatment that day. It's eight, almost nine, years later and I'm sober, happy and homed."

Results from the most recent Point in Time Count showed a 3% rise in homelessness in Long Beach in 2025, with roughly 3,729 people experiencing homelessness. District 4 Councilmember Darly Supernaw also advocated for the Quality of Life team to remain at full capacity.

Mayor Rex Richardson's budget recommendations propose restoring four patrol officers.

The 13 eliminated patrol officers will be spread across four divisions so the impacts do not fall on one part of the city. The department's overtime budget will also be reduced by \$2.68 million, which Heibish said will impact investigations into certain crimes, such as property damage.

Elmer Gonzalez, a special service officer with the LBPd, said his wife has worked in the department for 13 years, first as a clerk typist then

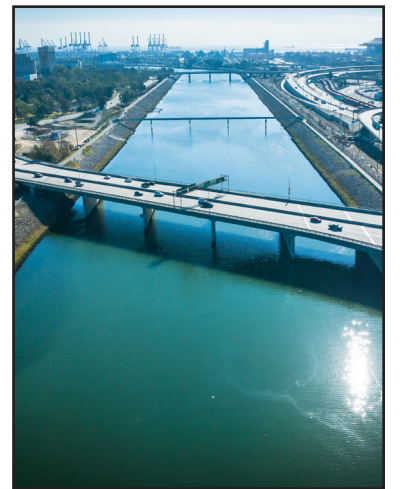
as a confidential secretary.

"Now, after 13 years of service and working her way through the City, her position has been identified for reduction because of the budget," Gonzalez said. "This creates tremendous uncertainty for our family. We both work for the City and our plan was to build our careers here and retire from the City. My wife is not alone; she is one of many IAM [Local 1930] members facing the same uncertainty. We understand the City has difficult decisions to make, but please remember these are not just decisions on a spreadsheet. They are people's careers, families and retirement plans."

A handful of requests in one-time funds were also proposed:

- \$22 million in loans to complete the construction of a crime laboratory to examine evidence related to firearms, controlled substances, toxicology and patent prints.

- \$7 million in Measure A funds for a police recruitment academy. Officers hired through this academy will be fully trained by 2028, in time for the City to host many Olympic events.



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An aerial view of the Shoemaker bridge that crosses the Los Angeles River at Seventh Street in Long Beach on Dec. 12, 2023.

- \$5 million to replace a helicopter, which the department will pursue grant funding for first and is requesting the City to cover the rest. The department's two helicopters are both 23 years old, Heibish said.

- \$5 million in loans to complete the construction of a DNA laboratory

- \$1.5 million in loans for repairs to the East Division Patrol Substation's HVAC system

- \$795,000 for overtime for traffic enforcement and LA River weekly cleanups.

Tuesday's budget hearing did not finalize LBPd's budget, and details may change over the next few weeks. Long Beach has to finalize its 2027 budget by Sept. 13.

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Community members can come together Saturday morning for a cleanup at Alamitos Beach, hosted by a plethora of local businesses. Later in the day, the Downtown Long Beach Alliance and KCRW are teaming up for bites, sips and DJ sets as the 17th annual Taste of Downtown melds with KCRW Summer Nights.

Additional collaborative events include Saturday's Collective Market at The Pike and the following day's pop-up Beach Flea Market at Long Beach City College. Plus, there will be multiple free meetups, such as Long Beach Moms' Friday gathering at Caffe Luxxe and LB Bookworms' Colorado Lagoon get-together on Sunday.

21FRIDAY

DISCOVER LBCC SUMMER CONCERT

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy live music from Gee Mack and Asia Raye during this outdoor concert at Long Beach City College's (LBCC) Liberal Arts Campus (4901 E. Carson St.), located on the front lawn south of Building A. Concertgoers are welcome to bring chairs and picnic blankets. Free.

'HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON'

6:30 p.m. The final Movies in the Park screening of the summer, a live-action screening of "How to Train Your Dragon," will be held at Ramona Park (3301 E. 65th St.). As always, there will be a bounce house, free popcorn and a raffle giveaway, with one ticket permitted per family. Activities start at 6:30

p.m., with the film beginning at dusk. Free.

22SATURDAY

BEACH CLEANUP

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Several Long Beach businesses are teaming up to host a community cleanup at Alamitos Beach (380 E. Shoreline Drive). Disposable trash bags and gloves will be available, but those who have supplies are encouraged to bring their own. There will be breakfast burritos, sandwiches, matcha, coffee and snacks for attendees. RSVP on Eventbrite. Free.

TASTE OF DOWNTOWN WITH KCRW SUMMER NIGHTS

2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Downtown Long Beach Alliance's 17th annual culinary exploration of downtown will include an evening dance party, courtesy of KCRW. Held on Pine Avenue between Broadway and Third Street, this event allows attendees to purchase \$1 taste tickets for food and drink samples from neighborhood businesses. At 6 p.m., the KCRW Summer Nights portion will begin, with DJ sets from Nassir Nassirzadeh and Raul Campos. RSVP online. Free entry.

WILD GARDEN FILM FESTIVAL

4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Returning for year three, this local short-film festival spotlights the works of independent filmmakers while incorporating other visual art forms. The festivities at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) will include a red carpet, live music, art displays, film screenings and an awards ceremony. Doors open at 4 p.m., with screenings starting at 5 p.m. Tickets range from \$10-\$45.

23SUNDAY

BEACH FLEA MARKET

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Peruse over 200 vendors for clothing, plants, records, candles, sneakers, artwork and much more during this pop-up market at LBCC's Pacific Coast Campus (1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy). This all-ages event is pet-friendly and includes free parking. Free.

COMMUNITY PAINT DAY

Noon to 3 p.m. AJ Hollywood and Illuminated are collaborating with Native Sol and Earthing for its upcoming guided painting experience. This event is open to all ages and experience levels and will be held inside the garden at Earthing (2022 E. Fourth St.). Tickets include one for \$25, two for \$37, with the option to RSVP online and pay at the door.

'SURFILMUSIC' SCREENING + DIRECTOR Q&A

5 p.m. Track the creative evolution of surfer, filmmaker and singer-songwriter Jack Johnson through this documentary screening at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.). Following the film, there will be an in-person conversation with director Emmett Malloy. Tickets range from \$13.50-\$16.50 online.

24MONDAY

INDSUTRY NIGHT

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Wicked Wolf (2332 Pacific Ave.) kicks off its Tiki Week festivities with a hospitality worker gathering. Attendees can bring a plus-one to network, hang out and sample free rum tastings. Tiki Week runs through Aug. 30,



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This Saturday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., enjoy DJ sets and local food and drink samples at the Taste of Downtown with KCRW Summer Nights.

with daily events, special cocktail tastings and themed entertainment in store. Free.

BIRD CALLS WITH LILI & LONO

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ring in "Ma-Tai Monday" at The Bamboo Club (3522 E. Anaheim St.) with \$8 mai tais, pono grinds and a soundtrack of exotica, Latin, surf and world music from resident DJs Lili Bird and Lono Calls. Free.

25TUESDAY

LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) and Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP) will co-host a vaccine clinic for local pets at LBACS (7700 E. Spring St.). This event is open to the first 60 pets. All dogs must be leashed and all cats must be in a carrier. No appointments are necessary, but visitors should bring all past vaccine records. Prices vary.

SUMMER AT THE SHELL

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The weekly summertime concert series at the Recreation Park Bandshell (701-939 Federation Drive) concludes with a disco-fueled performance from King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns. This concert will include a '70s-themed costume contest. Free.

26WEDNESDAY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. On the last Wednesday of every month, the Bembridge House (953 N. Park Circle) opens its doors for treats, kid-friendly tours and a storytime session. This event is meant for children ages 2-5; caregiver atten-

dance is required. Free.

'CONSCIENCE'

7:30 p.m. Catch the Los Angeles premiere of this new stage production at International City Theatre (330 E Seaside Way). "Conscience" centers on Senator Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to serve in both the U.S. House and Senate, known for her strong criticism of Joseph McCarthy's Red Scare, crystallized in her 1950 "Declaration of Conscience" speech. The production runs through Sept. 13 with 12 additional performances. Tickets range from \$39-\$44 online.

27THURSDAY

'SIPS & STORIES'

6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The final installment of the Art Trippin' lecture series at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Avenue) will cover the influential women artists who carry on the trailblazing legacy of Frida Kahlo. Snacks will be provided, and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$45 online.

ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stop by Jug Band Coffee & Tea (2771 E. Broadway) for their weekly acoustic performance series. In addition to the live music, guests can purchase \$3 slices of sourdough pizza, with vegan and non-vegan options. Sign-ups will begin just before 6 p.m. Free.

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Amateur archaeologist Richard Dempsey shows off the different parts of the mammoth and human on a volcanic glass Paleo Story Stone on Aug. 19, 2026.

“I had never had that kind of experience in my life, ever.”

When Dempsey saw the old and young faces, he marvelled at the beautiful engravings.

“It was like the past was looking at me, saying, ‘Richard, keep going. Find more of these and see what you can find here,’” he said.

Dempsey said he sent the photo to an archaeologist and Harvard PH.D graduate, Dr. Michael Gramly.

“He wrote back, ‘Richard, do not drop and break this piece because if you do, the Paleo spirits will get you. You wrap this in velvet and put it in a box and take care of it,’” Dempsey said.

Dempsey’s long-pursued hobby is now transforming the way archaeologists examine their findings. While cave paintings and clay figures are obvious forms of expres-

sion, these Paleo Story Stones must be rotated to reveal the symbols. It shows a level of intricacy never considered in pieces from the Paleolithic period, requiring flaking, engraving and rounding out edges. It’s also the reason why these stones have been overlooked for so long.

“At its most creative level, the discovery suggests that early humans were not merely surviving. They were remembering. They were honoring. They were encoding stories into stone,” Dempsey wrote about his findings.

Since then, Paleo Story Stones have been discovered in cobalt blue volcanic glass, periwinkle volcanic glass, ruby red glass, Libyan desert glass, citrine crystal, rose quartz, meteorite, translucent agate and other materials. Dempsey also noted that natural features in

these materials were not ignored or changed, but instead incorporated into the Paleo Story Stone. A hole, shift in color or bubble could be used as an eye, hair or a trunk.

Now, Dempsey is exploring the meaning behind these artifacts. He theorizes that the repeated imagery of man aging alongside mammoths could be pointing to a kind of mammoth worship. This might explain why Paleo Story Stones are found in places around the world, if people carried them during their travels as a protective symbol.

The possible meanings are endless, and will no doubt be examined for years to come: the young and old faces could represent generations, a life cycle, transformation.

“Maybe they thought we evolved from mammoths,” Dempsey mused.



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Richard Dempsey holds a Paleo Story Stone face and mammoth effigy sculpture from Java, Indonesia and explains the mammoth imagery on Aug. 19, 2026.



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Richard Dempsey poses with the book, “Who’s who in Indian Relics: Legacy Edition” by Steven R. Cooper, which has a biography about his discovery of Paleo Story Stones on Aug. 19, 2026.

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10:18 a.m., Battery, E. Willow St. west of Cherry Ave.
10:22 a.m., Burglary, 2600 block Junipero Ave.

Thursday, August 13

9:09 a.m., Grand theft, California Ave. & E. 28th St.
5:07 p.m., Intoxicated person, 2500 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Friday, August 14

2:52 p.m., Inflict corporal injury on spouse, Skyline Dr. west of Dawson Ave. (suspect arrested)
3:28 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
7:47 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2200 block E. Willow St.

Saturday, August 15

11:16 p.m., DUI, Cherry Ave./405 Fwy (dispatch handled)

Sunday, August 16

7:53 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Nevada St./Cerritos
10:56 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Lemon Ave.
12:40 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 700 block E. Spring St.

Monday, August 17

10:49 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Walnut Ave. south of E. Hill St.
1:01 p.m., Fire, 1800 block Junipero Ave.
1:17 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Freeman Ave north of E. 20th St.

Tuesday, August 18

1:39 p.m., Petty theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
3:12pm, Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.

**TST8215 Case No. 26LBCP00251
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: Yolando ROJAS for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Yolanda ROJAS has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Yolanda ROJAS Proposed Name: Yolanda AYALA CORTEZ 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: September 1, 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. July 31 & August 7, 14, 21, 2026 ___/ss//___Nicole M. Hesseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: July 8, 2026

**TST8218 / 2026 148833
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. ANGEL PLUMBING HEATING AND AIR, 2. ANGEL ELECTRIC, 812 W CHANNEL ST, SAN PEDRO, CA. 90731. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JOSE ANGEL MAYORGA, 812 W CHANNEL ST, SANPEDRO, CA. 90731. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: (get from form). I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JOSE ANGEL MAYORGA, 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 7/8/2026. 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: July 31 & August 7, 14, 21, 2026

**TST8222 / 2026 158494
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: RELOVED & RETOLD, 65 PINE AVENUE SUITE 154, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: YANSY ROLEN, 65 PINE AVENUE SUITE 154, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. 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: YANSY ROLEN, 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 7/22/2026. 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: July 31 & August 7, 14, 21, 2026

**TST8219 Case No. 26CMCP00142
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: Ezekiel Michael Rocha for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ezekiel Michael Rocha has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Ezekiel Michael Rocha Proposed Name: Ezekiel Vega 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: October 6, 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. July 31 & August 7, 14, 21, 2026 ___/ss//___Elizabeth L. Bradley, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: July 27, 2026

**TST8224 / 2026 165363
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. A REAL ESTATE & MANGEMENT COMPANY, INC., 2. REMCO, 3. REMCO A REAL ESTATE AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY, 4. A REAL ESTATE AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY, 2020 CHERRY AVENUE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: A REAL ESTATE & MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC., 2020 CHERRY AVENUE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: (A Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DREW BAKER, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 11/2000. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 7/31/2026: 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: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

**TST8226 / 2026 158473
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: AUNTEAS' CIRCLE, 375 REDONDO AVE 1097, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARIA MARCIAL, 375 REDONDO AVE. 1097, LONG BEACH, CA. 90814. 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: MARIA MARCIAL, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 07/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 7/22/2026. 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: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

**TST8230 / 2026 170779
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: CROSSFIT REALITY, 2445 N PALM DR SUITE 105, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 562 FUNCTIONAL FITNESS INC., 1868 ORIZABA AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DIEGO MANDRADE, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 08/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 8/7/2026. 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: August 14, 21, 28 & September 4, 2026

**TST8231 / 2026 171814
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: RD MATHIS COMPANY, 2840 GUNDRY AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: RD MATHIS ACQUISITION INC., 2840 GUNDRY AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: DE. This business

is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ALEXANDER JAMES KATCHADURIAN, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 07/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 8/11/2026. 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: August 14, 21, 28 & September 4, 2026

**TST8237 / 2026 177744
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: NUTURED AND THRIVING, 4803 FALCON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 4803 FALCON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ALYSHA SANDERS, 4803 FALCON AVE., 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: ALYSHA SANDERS, 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 8/18/2026. 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: August 21, 28 & September 4, 11, 2026

**TST8238 Case No. 26NWCP00312
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90050 PETITION OF: Ethan Eduardo Marban for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ethan Eduardo Marban has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Ethan Eduardo Marban Proposed Name: Ethan Diaz 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: October 09, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. C, Room: 312. 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. August 21, 28 & September 4, 11, 2026 ___/ss//___Ee W. Tsao Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 11, 2026

**TST8236 / 2026 144382
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: SUSTAINSCAPE, 600 E. OCEAN BLVD. 1401, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SHIRLEY LEE, 600 E. OCEAN BLVD. 1401, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. 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: SHIRLEY LEE, 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 7/2/2026. 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.,



Pet of the week:
Rex

Here's Rex, who seems to have caught the biggest shark in the sea! Rex is about 1 year old and weighs a little over 50 pounds. His bestie, volunteer Bev, says he's playful, friendly and enjoys toys and interacting with humans. Bev says that Rex also makes great eye contact, whether in the play yard, on a leash or when someone walks by his kennel. Speaking of leashes, Rex loves his walks but needs some leash training because he pulls to get his energy out. If you're someone who can help Rex with his leash pulling and would enjoy being his active playmate, you'll both have caught the big fish. Rex is the best buddy ever! Long Beach Animal Care Services is over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt or foster Rex or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Ask for ID A760024.

Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: August 21, 28 & September 4, 11, 2026

**TST8239 Case No. 26LBCP00279
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: AVROHOM KIVMAN and BRIENA KIVMAN, Self Represented, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: AVROHOM KIVMAN and BRIENA KIVMAN have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: AVROHOM KIVMAN Proposed Name: ALLEN AVROHOM KIEVMAN Present Name: BRIENA KIVMAN Proposed Name: BRIENA KIEVMAN 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: October 7, 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. August 21, 28 & September 4, 11, 2026 ___/ss//___Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 19, 2026

TST8234/Order No: 5611
Auto Lien Sale

On 09/03/2026 at 2202 ROSECRAN AVE COMPTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 KIA VIN: 5XYP5DGC3PG404695 STATE: CA LIC: 9GYE258 at 9AM

TST8233/Order No: 5470
Auto Lien Sale

On 09/03/2026 at 4961 FIRESTONE BLVD SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 KIA VIN: 5XXG64J24NG163051 STATE: CA LIC: 9BZW258 at 9AM

TST8235/Order No: 5898
Auto Lien Sale

On 09/06/2026 at 3800 EAST OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 FORD VIN: 1FTFW1E57PFA56138 STATE: CA LIC: 52497A4 at 9AM

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EVENTS



Say goodbye to Vets Memorial Stadium with two free events

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Over 100 cars wait in a snaking line at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Long Beach for COVID-19 tests on Jan. 3, 2022.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Whether it was a high school graduation, a football rivalry game or a vintage swap meet, many locals have spent precious time in and around Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Before the stadium begins its long-awaited facelift this fall, all are invited to bid farewell to the legendary venue through two free events hosted by Long Beach City College (LBCC):

Farewell Football Game – Saturday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. The LBCC Vikings football team will play its final game at Veterans Memorial Stadium against Riverside City College. Complimentary tickets are available online, and fans can expect activities, giveaways and a ceremony at halftime.

Veterans Memorial Stadium Legacy Ceremony and Groundbreaking – Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 3 p.m. LBCC will host a public ceremony to commemorate the legacy of the stadium and begin construction on its new restoration project. The event will feature college speakers, a video presentation, stadium signing walls, refreshments and giveaways. Those interested in attending can RSVP online.

The new Stadium and Athletic Sports Complex will be constructed on LBCC's Liberal Arts Campus

(4901 E. Carson St.), supported by local Measure LB. According to LBCC, the project will be a state-of-the-art facility that includes an arena, centralized athletic fields and a new stadium that pays tribute to the original. The project is expected to be completed in 2029.



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The LBCC Vikings football team will kick off their season and play their last game in Veterans Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m.

From its opening in 1950 until 1987, when it was sold to LBCC for a single dollar, Veterans Memorial Stadium was operated by the City of Long Beach.

The stadium has been the long-time home for the Vikings and Long Beach Poly football teams, as well as the monthly Long Beach Antique Market. It has also been a popular location for commercials, graduations, defunct sports teams, motorcycle races, roller derby and much more throughout its 77-year existence.

YOUTH RESOURCES

Local youth can apply to LB Creative Corps program through Sept. 4

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Are you between the ages of 18 and 24, and looking to start a career behind the camera? Then the new Long Beach Creative Corps Entertainment Production Assistant Program may be for you.

Recently launched by the Long Beach Department of Economic Development & Opportunity (EDO), this new program aims to train local eligible residents interested in pursuing careers in film, television, live events, broadcast production, digital media and more. Applications for the program's first cohort can be submitted online until Sept. 4 at 11:59 p.m.

"Long Beach is rapidly becoming a premier destination for world-class entertainment, and the Creative Corps Program will connect our local residents with emerging opportunities in an industry shaping our city's future," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "We are ensuring that the continued growth of our booming entertainment sector directly benefits the people of Long Beach."

The Creative Corps Program is overseen by the EDO's Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network (LBWIN) Youth Career Services Center, in collaboration with Codega Media.

Through this program, 10 young adults will receive industry-led production assistant training, career coaching and paid work-based learning opportunities as they become acquainted with the region's entertainment workforce. Training is scheduled for Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 at the LBWIN Youth Career Services Center (508 W. Willow St.).

"By combining industry-recognized training with paid, real-world experience and comprehensive support services, we are preparing the next generation of talent



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Film strip negatives of skateboarders and punk musicians are laid out in the photography darkroom of SpaceTime Collaborative studio on March 6, 2024.

for meaningful careers in the entertainment industry," said EDO Director Bo Martinez in a public statement.

Cohort members will receive production assistant training and be introduced to a wide range of career paths that may include the following roles:

- Stagehand
- Live event production technician
- Broadcast production assistant
- Camera production assistant
- Audio and lighting assistant
- Event operations support
- Digital media production assistant
- Production office assistant
- Streaming and live broadcast support

Participants will also be introduced to several entry-level positions with production companies, event operators, convention facilities and entertainment venues. Following classroom instruction, participants may connect to paid work experience and employment opportunities with entertainment employers, venues, production

companies and public-serving entertainment facilities.

Applicants who face barriers to education or employment will receive priority for the program, which is funded through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Youth programs. Potential barriers include housing instability, justice involvement, disabilities, foster care and low-income circumstances.

This program aligns with Long Beach's 2030 Strategic Vision to bolster job access and industry-aligned workforce development. The 2030 Strategic Vision also aims to ensure residents, particularly those with employment barriers, are tied to the City's economic growth.

Those interested in learning more about the Long Beach Creative Corps Entertainment Production Assistant Program can attend a virtual information session on Aug. 26 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more details about the program and additional employment opportunities, visit longbeach.gov/workforce.

ENVIRONMENT

Three West Long Beach initiatives announced as part of Love Your Block

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

A handful of community-serving projects that focus on native plants and sustainable transportation in West Long Beach have been announced as grant awardees for Love Your Block.

This initiative, funded by the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, provides grants of up to \$2,500 for projects that improve air quality, provide proficient transportation and help residents. This is the second round of the program and has resulted in three new projects for the 90810 zip code.

"The Love Your Block program equips residents with the tools to enhance their own neighborhoods," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "When we listen to and support ideas that come from the community, we create solutions that truly fit the needs of West Long Beach and help build

strong, lasting connections among neighbors."

The three selected winners will also receive help from the City of Long Beach to implement their projects by September 2026.

The awarded projects include:

• **Native Shadeways:** A greening initiative that will have residents plant native trees and shrubs along pedestrian pathways and transit stops to provide shade, improve walkability, reduce heat exposure and encourage the use of public transportation.

• **Moving at the Speed of Community:** An art initiative that combines public art, walking, biking and transit through community-designed reflective artwork, encouraging active transportation while strengthening neighborhood connections and promoting cleaner air.

• **Native Seeds:** A youth-focused environmental education initiative where local youth and residents can distribute native wild-



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Josh Vasquez, an assistant of artist Elizabeth Munzon, paints a butterfly on the side side of Munzon's mural on June 10, 2026.

flower seed kits to local elementary school students, empowering families to support pollinators, expand neighborhood greenery, and promote long-term environmental protection.

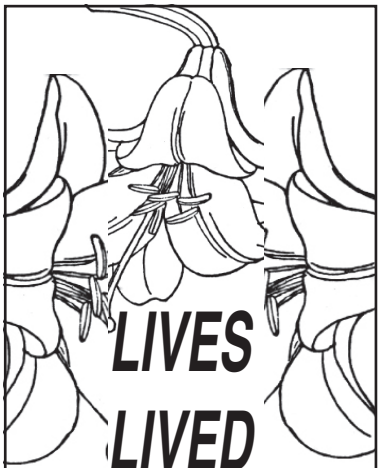
The first round of mini-grant awardees was awarded in December 2025, with most of the projects completed in May of this year.

In its first round, the program awarded five grantees a total of \$12,500 in funding, launched four community projects and engaged over 100 volunteers across all projects. These projects led to the planting of 50 trees, collection of 27 vapes from high school students,

removal of more than 31,000 pounds of trash and the creation of a new educational garden space.

"Love Your Block mini-grants empower West Long Beach residents to shape their community, inspire positive change, and foster neighborhood pride. This initiative unites us, advances environmental justice, and supports our vision for a healthier, more vibrant community," said Vice Mayor and Seventh District Councilmember Roberto Uranga in a public statement.

Learn more about Love Your Block on the program's webpage at publicinnovation.jhu.edu.



- Priscilla Ferguson 75
- Stephen Davis 65
- Helga Vidor 101
- Marjorie Wild 78
- Nicholas Thompson 31
- Norma Ballinger 89
- George Koury 78
- Eileen Gregg 98
- Erika Purvis 86
- Larry Lansford 87
- Charles Henry 87
- Rosa Valenzuela 65
- Thomas Hecker 71

The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301



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