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People line up for public comment as Mayor Rex Richardson calls their names during the May 5, 2026 Long Beach City Council meeting.

'A new low' — LB City Council votes to condense public comment at meetings

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

An item changing how often residents can speak at city council meetings, first heavily opposed in June, made its way back to council Tuesday night.

This is what residents had to say:

"Why, of all of the things the council has proposed as an actual concrete idea that would actually amend the civil code [and have] structural changes of saving in this budget crisis, the one that you came forward with was condensing public comment?" said resident Sage D.

"The money you're saying you're saving, that's just an excuse. You don't want to hear residents complain. You don't want to let us air our grievances," said resident Cindy Milrad.

"It's not often that a proposal meets with universal opposition, unanimous opposition and then comes back for a second time," said Ian Patton with the Long Beach Reform Coalition.

"For you to use our ability to speak as a way to hold funds from the library, basically pitting the public against the library, is ridiculous," said resident Lideth Schuester.

"How do you run for office, justify your positions, look yourself in the mirror if you vote to not hear your constituents, the very people you're elected to represent?" asked resident Jim Hanigan.

The City said these changes will save them \$150,000 during the current budget crisis, which will go towards libraries and Quality of Life Officers.

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FEATURE

Jeff Liffmann has the keys to the Coast



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Long Beach Coast organist, Jeff Liffmann, practices playing the organ just before the Coast take on the Modesto Roadsters on Sept. 1, 2026.

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Photo Editor

Since he was a toddler, Jeff Liffmann gravitated towards the piano. Liffmann vividly remembers playing the piano on his grandpa's and parents' laps, going key by key, absorbing the distinct sound of each finger tap. Now, he plays organ for the Long Beach Coast and Long Beach State Dirtbags, seated high up in the press box at Blair Field. Liffmann was born into a musical household; his great-grandmother, Alice, was a lifelong piano teacher and her husband ran a piano restoration business. His parents were music fans and grew up listening to music; he recalled dancing with his sister to early Beatles songs in his living room as a preschooler. "I grew up having good CDs in the house and having good radio stations to put in the car ... and [I] always knew that music was a big part of my life," Liffmann said. "I always felt deeply connected to music." He has fond memories of listening to his great-grandmother play on her 1900s Steinway piano in her Rhode Island home. Alice passed away when Liffmann was around 7 years old. Soon after, he learned his great-grandmother left that piano for his family. Around that time, Liffmann began taking piano lessons.

Liffmann's love for sports

The Coast organist was always a sports fan too, buying baseball almanacs every year and watching New York Yankees games on the TV and radio.



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The hands of Long Beach Coast organist, Jeff Liffmann, fly across the organ on Sept. 1, 2026.

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EVENTS

¡Ándale! Vida Latina returns to Long Beach libraries Sept. 15 - Oct. 31

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Residents of all ages and cultural backgrounds are invited to “Alumbra Tu Vida” (Light Up Your Life) with the Long Beach Public Library’s eighth annual Vida Latina celebration.

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 31, Long Beach library branches will honor the rich and diverse Latin American communities through a variety of programs. This year’s theme, “Alumbra Tu Vida,” invites residents to discover something new that brings light and joy into their lives, whether through art, music, storytelling, dance or other hands-on activities.

“Alumbra Tu Vida is an invitation to find joy in culture and in community. Whether you are learning a new dance, listening to a story, making art or simply spending time with loved ones, Vida Latina offers something for everyone,” said the Director of the Department of Library, Arts and Culture, Cathy De Leon, in a public statement. “We are excited to fill our libraries with experiences that celebrate Latin American culture and encourage our community to discover something new together.”

The celebration begins with Una Tardeada con (An Evening with) Boleros with Attitude on Sept. 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). The Los Angeles-based trio Boleros with Attitude will perform a lively mix of traditional Latin folk music, romantic boleros and original hip-hop. The all-ages performance blends music and storytelling to celebrate culture, creativity and community.

Highlights of this year’s Vida Latina include:

- Children’s author and creator of Millennial Loteria, Mike Alfaro, will delight young readers with the latest books in his series, “Sí Sabo Kids: The Unbreakable Piñata and What Does Ñ Sound Like?” on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. at Billie Jean King Main Library.
- Bilingual storyteller Josue Cuentacuentos will share his energetic Selena Storytime at multiple branches.
- Local dance instructors Christopher Sandoval and Jeanette Flores will lead Baile Con Nosotros (Dance with Us) workshops, including Mexican Regional Dance for children and Family Latin Dance. Both programs, occurring at multiple branches across the month, are de-

signed for participants of all abilities.

•Acclaimed storyteller Olga Loya will bring her signature Day of the Dead performance and storytelling workshop to Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.) as part of Noche de Cuentos en Comunidad (A Night of Stories in Community) on Friday, Oct. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

The spirit of Día de los Muertos will also be celebrated at Harte Neighborhood Library every Friday in October from 3 to 5 p.m. as the library’s community room becomes a community altar. Each week, families and community members can participate in an all-ages arts and crafts activity to create decorations for the altar or their own family altars. The Library will also accept 5-by-7-inch photos of deceased loved ones to include on the community altar throughout the month.

Vida Latina will conclude with La Gran Tardeada (The Big Evening): Latin Idols with Selenamos on Friday, Oct. 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.).

The celebration will feature a performance by Selena tribute band Selenamos, a children’s Bad Bunny puppet show, a Latin idols costume contest for all ages, karaoke, arts and crafts and more. Guests are encouraged to come dressed as a favorite Latin music icon, cultural figure or even their favorite Loteria card for an evening of fun and celebration.

The Long Beach Public Library’s Vida Latina celebration is supported by the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, the Port of Long Beach, and REFORMA (the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking).

For the full schedule of programs and to learn more, visit the Long Beach Public Library’s Vida Latina events calendar or call the library at 562-570-7500.



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As part of this year's Vida Latina series, Billie Jean King Main Library will host children's author Mike Alfaro on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
In the back corner of Songbird Boutique aprons with icons from the popular Mexican game Loteria can be found on Oct. 19, 2021.



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Marigold flowers were placed on a gravesite at All Souls Cemetery on Nov. 3, 2021. Marigolds are used to celebrate the Día de Los Muertos holiday.

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Every year, Labor Day falls on the first Monday of September and signals the annual end of summer. Though its exact origins are unclear, the idea for Labor Day emerged from trade unions' attempts to forge greater worker protections during the Second Industrial Revolution. In 1887, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day an official public holiday. Seven years later, 29 additional states had followed suit, and it became a federal holiday.

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COMMENTARY

Op-Ed: Catalina’s dirty energy secret is blowing into Long Beach

This opinion-editorial was written by Mark Tholke, the Managing Principal and Founder of Golden State Renewable Energy, developer of the Catalina Island solarization project. He lives in Montara, CA.

One of California’s greatest conservation success stories still relies on imported diesel. Cleaning up Santa Catalina Island could improve Southern California’s air and show island communities worldwide a path beyond fossil fuels.

It is a startling contradiction. More than 88% of Santa Catalina Island is permanently protected, making it one of California’s greatest conservation success stories.

Catalina is not an isolated case. Thousands of island communities around the world remain dependent on imported diesel despite having some of the world’s best solar resources.

Yet the island still generates virtually all of its electricity by burning imported diesel, one of the dirtiest forms of electricity generation. For

a state known for its environmental leadership, that contradiction is impossible to ignore.

That irony matters because Catalina is more than a tourist destination. It is one of the world’s best-known examples of successful landscape conservation, and it has the potential to become a model for island communities everywhere.

Catalina is one of California’s true crown jewels. More than one million people visit the island each year to experience its crystal-clear waters, rugged coastline and remarkable wildlife. More than 60 species of plants and animals are found nowhere else on Earth.

Yet behind that remarkable achievement lies an inconvenient truth. Residents and businesses still depend on imported diesel fuel that must be shipped across the ocean, stored in massive tanks and burned to produce electricity.

Until recently, Catalina burned an estimated 2.2 million gallons of diesel each year, with an additional 325,000 gallons used to transport that fuel to the island by tanker.

The consequences reach far beyond Catalina. Pollution from those generators is carried by prevailing winds into Long Beach, just 22 miles and less than 90 minutes by ferry from Catalina Island, adding to the ozone and fine particulate pollution that contributes to the region’s distinction as the nation’s



Photo by Emma Svalstad

In his opinion-editorial, Mark Tholke argues in favor of Catalina Island shedding its relationship with diesel and embracing renewable energy.

worst air quality, according to the American Lung Association.

Catalina is not an isolated case. Thousands of island communities around the world remain dependent on imported diesel despite having some of the world’s best solar resources. From Indonesia to the Caribbean, island grids face the same problems: volatile fuel prices, vulnerable supply chains, unhealthy air pollution and high electricity costs.

Diesel has made island communities poorer and more vulnerable for generations. In many developing nations, diesel supply chains are expensive, inefficient and susceptible to corruption.

Recent geopolitical tensions in the Strait of Hormuz have exposed just how fragile those supply chains can be. Some remote communities have even resorted to flying in emergency fuel at staggering cost.

However, few places illustrate

the case for local renewable energy more clearly than island communities. Since solar power is now the least expensive form of electricity for island grids on Earth, the solution is surprisingly simple.

California has an opportunity to provide a model that islands around the world can follow.

On Sept. 1, Catalina Island began writing a different story, as construction started on the island’s first utility-scale solar project. The project is modest, just 170 kilowatts, but its importance lies far

beyond its size. It demonstrates a practical pathway for replacing imported diesel with locally generated renewable energy on isolated island grids. It is phase one toward making Catalina California’s first fully independent island microgrid.

If California can show that one of the world’s most iconic island conservation success stories can transition away from imported diesel, the lesson will resonate far beyond our shores. Island communities everywhere are desperate for practical, affordable ways to break their dependence on imported fuel. California has an opportunity to provide a model that islands around the world can follow.

Cleaning up Catalina will not just improve air quality for Long Beach. It can help inspire a cleaner, healthier and more affordable energy future for island communities around the world.

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The Long Beach City Council just approved an item that aims to change how residents participate in city council meetings: during one portion at the start of the evening.

Currently, residents get multiple chances to speak throughout city council meetings: one general public comment section where they can discuss anything they want, one opportunity per item discussed and one last general public section at the end of meetings.

“I just oppose this, I think it’s the wrong thing to do.”

– Cindy Allen,
Second District Councilmember

The changes approved by council will combine all three into a single portion at the beginning of meetings, saving roughly \$150,000. In a City staff report, officials said these savings “will allow the City to restore vital community priorities, such as Quality of Life officers and expanded library services.”

This item was previously considered by the city council in June, which was met with heavy opposition from over a dozen residents. Residents showed up en masse at Tuesday night’s meeting to speak against the item, with over 20 attending in-person and over Zoom, with an additional 20 emails written to the council opposing the changes.

The public will get the chance to

speak at meetings according to the following guidelines:

- Total public comment time will be capped at 90 minutes (the council can decide to extend that time)
- If 10 or fewer people sign up to speak, each person gets three minutes
- If 11-20 people give comments, each resident gets 90 seconds
- If more than 21 people sign up to speak, each resident gets 30 seconds to talk

Residents will still be able to speak at hearings, which include items like zoning changes, alcohol licenses, Environmental Impact Reports and more.

In June, the council presented the public comment changes as a way to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 707, which updates the Ralph M. Brown Act to require California local governments to provide full remote access and participation to their city council meetings. Residents argued that the changes to public comment were not necessary to meet SB 707 requirements, and the motion failed 5-3.

The City’s Reasoning for the Changes

The argument for bringing the item up again was for cost-saving measures, as the City prepares to adopt its 2027 fiscal year budget and grapples with a \$58.2 million deficit.

The City projects it can save \$150,632 in overtime hours for the City Clerk’s office by moving public comment to one portion at the start of the meeting. City Clerk Monique De La Garza said a team of three to four people is in the call center

during meetings to handle Zoom calls, all of whom are working until the meeting is over.

By moving public comment to the beginning and capping it at 90 minutes, she said that staff overtime hours can be cut.

“So it’s not that this is a reduction, it’s a savings strategy,” said Mayor Rex Richardson. “This is an additional cost that in a reduction scenario, or a reduction year, it’s difficult to add more resources above and beyond holding the line in this scenario, particularly when services are being cut.”



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Long Beach Councilmembers Cindy Allen and Kristina Duggan were the two dissenting votes on the public comment item during the Sept. 1, 2026 meeting.

Councilmember Opposition

Second District Councilmember Cindy Allen said she couldn’t ac-

cept the item on the floor, and felt it was still very similar to the item the council previously rejected.

“I just oppose this, I think it’s the wrong thing to do,” she said.

Allen pointed out that the City’s presentation materials, which are part of what they present at council during items, are not always made available to the public in a timely manner.

City Manager Modica called these last-minute additions “very rare.”

For the Sept. 2 meeting, presentation items for the budget hearing were not published publicly until Tuesday afternoon, just hours before the meeting.

Allen also added that she didn’t like how the public comment changes were “tied to libraries” in the staff report.

Mayor Rex Richardson told Allen to sign back up to finish her comments since she had reached her five-minute time limit, which she took issue with later in the meeting.

“I had two sentences left and you just cut me off,” she said. “That’s so disrespectful, but you chair the meeting and you pick and choose who you want to hear from so I get it.”

She then finished her comments on the item, saying she can’t imagine a council meeting where 10 or fewer people show up, so those people will presumably only have 60-90 seconds to speak.

Fifth District Councilmember Megan Kerr, who voted no on the item in June, voted yes on Tuesday with requested tweaks:

- That the City Clerk report at every meeting how many people are

signed up to comment and their method of public comment

• Having a cut-off date for City staff to add presentation materials and reports by the Friday before City Council meetings

• Closing public comment when the last person is speaking, rather than at the start of an item

The city council still has to vote on a final approval of this item at a future meeting.

Richardson chimed in that he would support these changes, although the mayor doesn’t get a vote on items.

Sixth District Councilmember Suely Saro said she was making her decision based on young people, immigrants and people who may be coming to meetings as part of an organization or labor union.

“I don’t ever see my residents staying here later at night in order to make sure their comments are made, because they want to make it in the beginning and they want to be heard and then they leave. And I want to make sure I respect their time, they know their time is certain when they speak,” Saro said.

Allen and Third District Councilmember Kristina Duggan were the two dissenting votes on the item, with the rest of the council approving it 7-2.

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JEFF LIFFMANN

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Long Beach Coast organist, Jeff Liffmann, practices playing the organ just before the Coast take on the Modesto Roadsters on Sept. 1, 2026.

One of Liffmann’s formative memories was attending a Yankees game as a kid after 9/11. He still gets chills recalling it.

“They started singing, ‘God Bless America,’ as well as the National Anthem,” he said. “I still get tingly thinking about it now, just how powerful something like that is [and how] special songs and special moments can evoke emotion out of a crowd of 50,000 people.”

His two passions rarely intersected as a child. The first time the organ and sports briefly met was when he wrote to the New York Rangers’ and Knicks’ organist Ray Castoldi in red, white and blue ink, to match the Rangers’ colors.

“I don’t think I even asked him any questions,” he reminisced. “I think I just told him how cool he was.”

After growing up in Stamford, Connecticut, Liffmann resided in numerous states during his adult years.

He first attended Syracuse University at 18 and dropped out after

two years, moved to Colorado at 21 to teach skiing and snowboarding and then moved to Argentina to teach skiing two years later. Even with the constant moving, music was always a staple in his life.



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Jeff Liffmann, the Long Beach Coast and Long Beach State Dirtbags organist, poses near his setup inside the press box at Blair Field on Sept. 1, 2026.

“I’ve been doing it [music] so

much in Argentina and in Colorado, playing in bands, begging bands to let me join them or going to jazz nights and wanting to jump on stage and I’d always known that music was important to me ... but I never thought I was good enough,” Liffmann said. “I just got to [the] point at age 23 where I was like, ‘I really should give it a shot.’”

In 2010, he made the decision to move back to the United States, attending Boston’s Berklee College of Music that summer and graduating two years later.

Liffmann then moved to Los Angeles in 2013 and began working as a sideman in 2015, when he was hired to fill out bands or perform wedding and corporate gigs.

Five years later, he had his “big break” into the sports — but not in the way you might expect.

Liffmann recalls teaching piano lessons to a fill-in Rangers guitarist in 2018 and bonding over their shared fandom.

“Maybe you can introduce me to the Rangers organist?” Liffmann asked the Rangers guitarist.

One year later, during a Rangers preseason game, he finally met the man he wrote to decades ago — Ray Castoldi.

In a recent interview with the Long Beach Coast, he discussed how meeting Castoldi was something on his bucket list.

Shortly after, Liffmann played for Castoldi in Madison Square Garden for a substitute Rangers organist position, which he says was a dream come true. He wasn’t picked to be a substitute since he lived in Los Angeles, but Castoldi introduced him to Dieter Ruehle, the organist for the Los Angeles Kings and Dodgers, as well as the Dirtbags, who was also looking for a new substitute.

Liffmann served as Ruehle’s

backup for the Dirtbags in 2021. That position quickly turned into a shared role after scheduling conflicts arose with Ruehle’s MLB obligations; Liffmann said he did close to half the games that year for the Dirtbags. Since then, he’s been the main organist for the Dirtbags.

Early in the 2025 Dirtbags season, Liffmann heard that there might be a new minor league baseball team coming to Long Beach. He met with executives and offered to play as the Long Beach Coast organist, since the Coast shares Blair Field with the Dirtbags.

“It feels great, I’m a hack athlete and if this is the way of being successful in sports, then it’s great.”

– Jeff Liffmann,
Long Beach Coast organist

Later in the spring, he received the news that he’d be working as the main organist for the Coast.

“[I was] very very excited,” he said. Liffmann explained that he’d been playing the organ for around 40 games a year for the Kings, Dodgers and Dirtbags.

Now that he’s working for the Coast, Liffmann adds 50+ games to his schedule, which, to him, really makes him a full-time organist.

The Coast utilizes more organ and pre-recorded tracks throughout the game compared to your typical major league baseball game. During Dodgers games, Liffmann says he only plays the organ half the time, occasionally celebrating

singles, walks and strikeouts on the organ and bigger hits with pre-recorded stuff. The reason for that, according to Liffmann, is the difference in stadium capacity, with Blair Field filling up with 3,000 fans and the Dodgers averaging over 49,000 fans per game.

“We have to provide that [noise] and so because [The Coast] is more of a community team, people are coming out; maybe it’s their first game to a professional ball game ... we’re trying to bring that excitement to them and keep them engaged,” he said.

While Liffmann admits to missing playing for bands, he said he feels lucky to have a community impact on baseball games, even if he views his impact on the game as marginal.

“It feels great, I’m a hack athlete and if this is the way of being successful in sports, then it’s great. I’ll never win a ring as a baseball player or lift the [Stanley] Cup as a hockey player ... but if I can tangentially attach myself to sports in that way, it’s a fun way to do it,” he said.

His advice to younger organists looking to break into the field is to practice along at home during sports games.

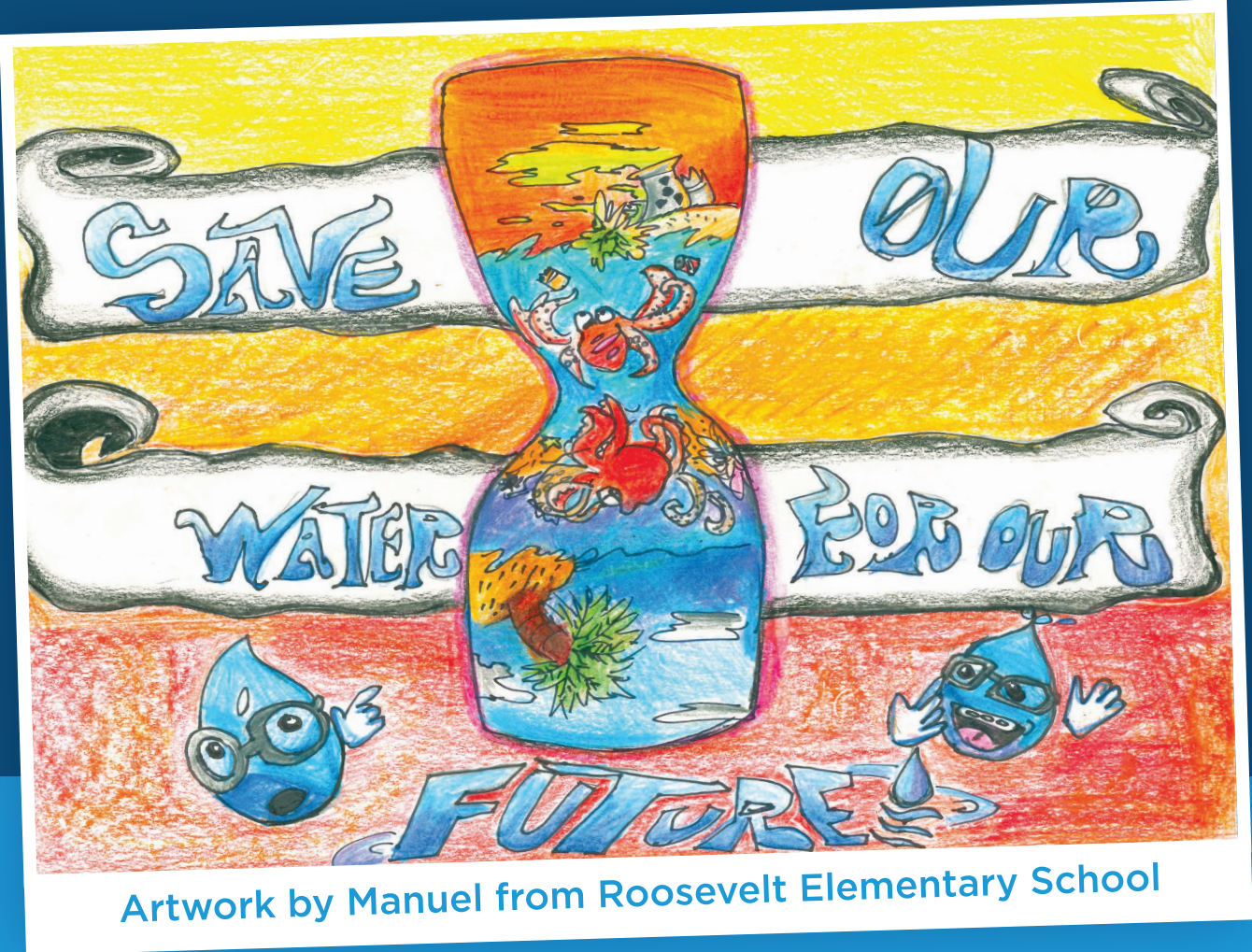
“Don’t rely on the luck I had ... if it’s something that’s interesting to you, reach out and pursue it,” Liffmann said. “If you come to a Coast game or a local minor league team and there’s an organist there, approach that organist.”

If you want to hear Jeff Liffmann play organ live at Blair Field, the Coast has its final regular-season homestand against the Modesto Warriors from Sept. 4-6 and will host a best-of-three playoff series on Sept. 10 and 11 (with a third game on Sept. 12 if necessary). Tickets are on sale on the Long Beach Coast website.



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Local residents can explore the works of local artists during the First Fridays Art Walk in Bixby Knolls and work on their drawing skills during Sunday's Downtown Draws at Long Beach Museum of Art.

As we head into the dog days of September and transition to Labor Day, events across Long Beach let you bust a move, create art or celebrate Greek tradition.

The City of Long Beach will host an End of Summer concert on Friday at El Dorado Park West, Long Beach Greek Fest returns Saturday through Monday and Loquat Oysters has its grand opening of their new menu at RetRoll Sushi LBC on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, the Long Beach Coast will play its last regular season game and the Queen Mary hosts Boots on the Boat.

The Art Theatre of Long Beach will screen the original "King Kong" on Labor Day, the City of Long Beach holds its final budget committee meeting Tuesday and cafe and bakery consultant Erica Escalante will teach a barista business class Wednesday.

04 FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY ADOPTION SPECIAL

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Take home a furry friend during Long Beach Animal Care Services' First Friday Adoption Special, located at 7700 E. Spring St. Adoption fees are waived for all adoptable dogs, cats and bunnies. Each adopted pet goes home spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. Free.

END OF SUMMER CONCERT

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will host a free, end-of-year concert featuring local funk, R&B and new jack swing band RemiX at El Dorado Park West (2800 N. Studebaker Road). Pre-concert activities include face painting and games at 5 p.m. Free.

FIRST FRIDAYS ART WALK

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of live music, entertainment and community as the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association brings back First Fridays. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with free face painting, build your own bouquet and enjoy live music from Mariachi Los Santaneros out-

side the Expo Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.). For more information, visit the Bixby Knolls website. Free.

05 SATURDAY

LONG BEACH GREEK FEST

Noon. Enjoy Greek food and music as the Long Beach Greek Festival returns to the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church (5761 E Colorado St.). The Church will transform into a seaside Greek village as visitors enjoy an authentic taste of the Mediterranean with traditional food, music, dancing, culture and warm Greek hospitality. The festival will take place from Sept. 5 through Sept. 7, beginning at noon each day. A general one-day pass is \$5 per person for ages 6-64. To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, visit lbgreek-fest.org.

KOAKAI POP-UP

Noon to 4 p.m. Shop, hang out and grab some shaved ice as KoaKai's Shave Ice & Sweets hosts a pop-up at Tattered Trading (5555 E. Stearns St., Ste. 106). Check their Instagram (@koakaishaveice) for menu details as the event gets closer. Free.

LONG BEACH COAST TAILGATE

1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Beachwood Distilling (3630 Atlantic Ave.) will help host a Long Beach Coast tailgate with signed giveaways and a Boilermaker drink special for those 21 and older. At 3:15 p.m., Pedal Movement will lead a six-mile bike ride from Beachwood Distilling to the game (4700 Deukmejian Drive). Beachwood will stream the game on the TVs for attendees. Reserve a spot online. Free.

SMOKE & OAK

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Head to Promenade Square Park (215 E. First St.) and enjoy unlimited food and whiskey tasting, live music and lounge areas for attendees to relax and connect with Axiom Productions. Tickets are \$99 per person for the culinary experience and \$145 for the culinary and whiskey experience (pricing listed above includes tax). Learn more about the event and buy a ticket on Eventbrite.

LOS ANGELES AZULES

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The iconic Mexican cumbia group Los Angeles Azules will be stopping at the Long Beach Amphitheater (1051 Queens Hwy.) for their celebrated "Cumbia Sin Fronteras Tour." Tickets range from \$70 to \$300 on Ticketmaster.

06 SUNDAY

DOWNTOWN DRAWS

11 a.m. Draw inspired by the art on view, gallery space and downtown Long Beach, hosted by the Long Beach Museum of Art (356 E. Third St.). Creative prompts are provided. Supplies are available to borrow from the front desk. Attendees are welcome to bring their own gallery-safe materials (paper, pencils and colored pencils). Free.

LOQUAT OYSTERS GRAND OPENING

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Loquat Oysters will begin its three-day residency at RetRoll Sushi LBC (2023 E. Fourth St.) with a grand opening. The menu includes Asian fusion dishes, bites like chargrilled calamari and a variety of raw, dressed and grilled oysters. Free.

BOOTS ON THE BOAT

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bring your cowboy boots and energy onto the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Highway) for an unforgettable night of line dancing. Whether you are a seasoned pro or have never taken a single step, the Queen Mary will have a live instructor to help you spin, kick and glide around the deck. No partner required. Tickets are on sale for \$18 for those ages 3 and up. To learn more and buy tickets, visit the Queen Mary website.

07 MONDAY

NO PARKING ON THE DANCE FLOOR

Noon to 7 p.m. Located at Fourth Street and the Cherry Avenue parking lot, Native Sol hosts its eighth annual No Parking on the Dance Floor with a lineup of performers, DJs, vendors and community activities. The event is free, but Native Sol is asking for community do-

nations to help support event production. To learn more, visit their Eventbrite page.

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'KING KONG' SCREENING

6 p.m. The Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) will host a screening of the 1933 classic "King Kong" on 16mm film, starring Bruce Cabot, Fay Wray and Frank Reicher. Tickets range from \$13.59 for students (with ID), seniors, and children, \$14.50 for military (with ID) and \$16.50 for adults. Tickets are on sale on the Art Theatre Long Beach website.

08 TUESDAY

CITY OF LONG BEACH BUDGET HEARING

5 p.m. The Long Beach City Council will have its last scheduled 2027 budget hearing at the Civic Chambers (411 W. Ocean Blvd.), where members of the public can share their feedback on the proposed budget. Free.

JUNK JOURNALING

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Residents ages 8 and older are invited to capture memories and create art in a fun and sustainable way during this junk journaling workshop at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). Registration is required by calling 562-989-7323. Free.

09 WEDNESDAY

BARISTA BUSINESS CLASS

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Erica Escalante, a cafe and bakery consultant, will host an in-person workshop to teach cafe business through a behind-the-scenes look for cafe workers such as baristas, shift leads or aspiring managers. Tickets are \$20, with a max capacity of 20

spots. RSVP to receive the location. Residents can purchase tickets online.

DRINK AND DRAW

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stop by ISM Brewing (210 E. Third St., Unit A) for Art Clout's monthly Drink and Draw event and an art reception for Eric Almanza's art residency. There, you can meet other Long Beach artists, drink and draw. Some art supplies will be provided, but it is recommended to bring your own supplies. Free.

10 THURSDAY

YOGA AT THE PARK

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All levels of yogis 18 and older are welcome to this slow-moving, gentle practice at Reservoir Park (3315 Gundry Ave.). Visitors must bring their own yoga mat. Registration is required by calling 563-989-7330. Free.

IMMERSIVE THEATRE

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Drink tea at the Historic Bembridge House (953 N. Park Circle) and immerse yourself into three acts of theatre that move throughout the house, from Riders to the Sea and Some Silly Acts for Three. There will be unlimited hot tea, coffee and a self-serve buffet of sweet and savory refreshments. Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

IS THAT IT?

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ENVIRONMENT

Help clear thousands of pounds of trash from local beaches during California Coastal Cleanup Day

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach's Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) invites neighbors, families and friends across the city to come together for the 42nd annual California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Last year, more than 950 Long Beach volunteers removed over 2,375 pounds of debris in just three hours.

This year's cleanup will take place Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon across 10 Long Beach locations. The longtime beach cleanup event gives the community a chance to make a positive impact by keeping the local beaches and marinas clean, healthy and thriving.

Led by the California Coastal Commission, this year's California Coastal Cleanup Day will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the California Coastal Act.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Members from the People of the Earth Krew pick trash out of the rocks along Alamitos Bay on April 10, 2022, during a beach clean-up event in Long Beach.

The 1976 state law established the commission to regulate land and water use along the state's 1,100-mile shoreline by maximiz-



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Mario Bautista, a Long Beach Surfrider volunteer for five years, found broken glass at the Belmont Pier while the Long Beach Surfrider Foundation had its Beach Cleanup event on May 2, 2026.

ing public access, protecting marine habitats and regulating land development within the legally defined Coastal Zone.

"We invite our Long Beach community to join this year's California Coastal Cleanup Day and help care for the shoreline we all cherish," said Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "Coming together for this cleanup is a powerful way to honor that legacy and ensure our beaches and marinas remain vibrant, healthy spaces for generations to come."

Long Beach PRM, in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission and the community partners below, will host cleanups at the following locations:

- **Alamitos Bay Marina** (255 N. Marina Drive) – Led by Seal

Beach Yacht Club

- **Alamitos Beach** (380 E. Shoreline Drive) – Led by Ocean Conservancy
- **Belmont Pier** (3998 E. Alin St.) – Led by El Dorado Nature Center's Adopt-A-Beach Program
- **Bluff Park** (Intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Lindero Avenue) – Led by Department of Public Works' Litter-Free Long Beach (LFLB) and Bluff Park Neighborhood Association
- **Junipero Beach** (2100 E. Ocean Blvd.) – Led by LA Water Keeper
- **MacArthur Park** (1321 E. Anaheim St.) – Led by LFLB and CLIMB Central LB
- **Mother's Beach** (5839 Appian Way) – Led by Algalita
- **Peninsula** (72nd Place and E.

Ocean Boulevard) – Led by Aquarium of the Pacific

- **Shoreline Park** (700 E. Shoreline Drive) – Led by Long Beach PRM
- **Rainbow Harbor** (212 Golden Shore) – Led by Long Beach PRM

Ocean Conservancy will host the Alamitos Beach cleanup site as part of its 41st Annual International Coastal Cleanup. The event will feature USA Artistic Swimming athletes and other special activities as part of Long Beach's 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games planning efforts and Ocean Conservancy's Protect Where We Play initiative.

In addition to engaging volunteers in the cleanup, each volunteer site will feature unique activities, educational components and giveaways provided by each of the site captains. Gloves and trash bags will be provided to volunteers across all sites, though participants are encouraged to bring their own reusable supplies, such as work gloves, buckets and grabbers to limit waste.

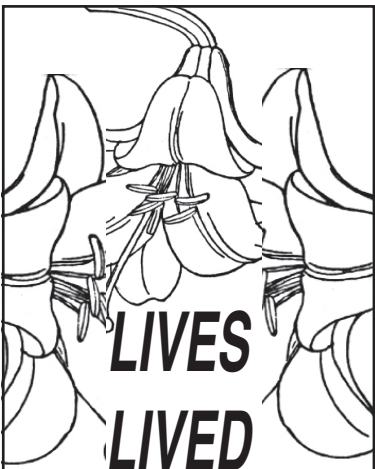
Volunteers interested in the cleanup are encouraged to submit a volunteer waiver prior to the event; however, paper copies will be available on the day of the cleanup. Volunteers under 16 will require a parental or caregiver signature. Parking will be free for volunteers in the nearest beach lot for the duration of the event.

For more information, please contact the El Dorado Nature Center at 562-570-1745 or visit lbcity.info/naturecenterevents. Discover PRM's full lineup of parks, facilities, programs and services available for the Long Beach community at LBParks.org.



Pet of the week: Bobbi Sox

Meet sweet Bobbi Sox. She's only about 8 months old, and she's already experienced tragedy. Bobbi was found after she was hit by a car—the incident caused a seizure and left her with head trauma and a wobbly walk. But it didn't affect her personality—Bobbi just wants cuddles and pets, to hang out with people, and a nap on your lap. Bobbi needs more than just a loving home—she needs someone who understands her specific special needs. Even a temporary foster will do her a world of good. Please come to our shelter and meet her! Long Beach Animal Care Services is over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt or foster Bobbi Sox 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#A766266.



- Linda Rand 82
- Mary Negron 59
- Freddie Wallace, Jr. 96
- Eddie Bernardin 89
- Michael Davis 60
- Natasha Lauti 44
- Maria de Ulloa 79
- Donald Heinlein 76
- Leandro De Vera 68
- Nancy Tindall 91
- Rebel Estes 83
- Nestor Mendoza 63
- Kes South 75

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

COMMUNITY

Decorate and celebrate at Michelle Obama Library's 10th birthday on Sept. 12



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library will have a 10th anniversary celebration with storytelling, drawing, decorating and more on Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

As the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library approaches its 10th birthday, the Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) invites residents to ring in the occasion.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the community can enjoy hands-on activities, storytelling and performances during a free celebration at the Michelle Obama branch (5870 Atlantic Ave.).

"Over the past decade, the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library has been a hub for learning, creativity and connection," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "This anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to cele-

brate the library's lasting impact on North Long Beach and look ahead to all the possibilities still to come."

The commemorative afternoon celebration will include the following entertainment:

• **Ina, the Sunshine Storyteller:** Noon to 1 p.m. Attendees of all ages are invited to sing and dance with Sunshine Storyteller Ina Buckner-Barnette as she tells global stories about community, unity and hope.

• **Teen Sketch-n-Nibble:** 12:30 to 2 p.m. Teens ages 13 to 18 can enjoy snacks and celebrate the library's 10th anniversary by sketching their vision of what the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library could look like 10 years from now. The artists with the top three designs, voted on by participants,

will receive prizes and have their works displayed at the library.

• **Customize Your Tote:** 1:30 to 3 p.m. Adults ages 18 and older can design their own commemorative library tote bag in the Community Room while supplies last. Decorating materials will include stamps, iron-on patches, sequins, rhinestones and beads.

• **Decorate Your Party Hat:** 2 to 3 p.m. Children ages 12 and younger and their families can decorate their own party hats with sequins, colors, streamers and more.

"Libraries are at their best when they reflect the people and communities they serve, and the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library has been doing exactly that for the past 10 years," said Cathy De Leon, director of the Department of Li-

brary, Arts and Culture, in a public statement. "This celebration is a chance to recognize the creativity, curiosity and community spirit that make this library so special."

Opened in 2016, the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library is a 24,000-square-foot facility and one of 12 LBPL branches located throughout the city. Residents can access books, cultural programming, technology and education resources at the library, which includes a children's area, a teen space, study areas and community meeting rooms.

The anniversary celebration is open to the public and includes free on-site parking. To learn more about the library and other upcoming programs, visit the LBPL website or call 562-570-1047.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE
SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, August 26
9:13 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 3000 block California Ave.
1:42 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.
4:04 p.m., Check well being, 3100 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)
4:29 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1800 block Freeman Ave.

Thursday, August 27
9:10 p.m., Pyrotechnics, Sea Ridge Dr./E. Hill St. (citation issued)

Friday, August 28
3:28 a.m., Possession of nitrous oxide, 2600 block Panorama Dr. (citations issued)
10:50 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1300 block Wesley Dr.
1:20 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
5:14 p.m., Auto burglary, 900 block E. 33rd St.

Saturday, August 29
11:20 a.m., Possessing unlawful paraphernalia, 2700 block E. PCH (citation issued)
3:48 p.m., Possessing unlawful paraphernalia, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)
11:24 p.m., Inflict corporal Injury on spouse, 1800 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, August 30
11:53 a.m., DUI, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
1:04 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)
1:47 p.m., Burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St.
3:39 p.m., Indecent exposure, Cherry Ave./Skyline Dr.
5:06 p.m., Burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St.
9:59 p.m., Robbery report, E. 33rd St./Olive Ave.
10:21 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 1800 block Temple Ave.

Monday, August 31
12:46 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Temple Ave.
11:40 a.m., Burglary, 2700 block California Ave.
12:54 p.m., Fire, Atlantic Ave/E. Spring St.
6:50 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Temple Ave.
7:28 p.m., Petty theft w/2 priors; Robbery, 900 block E. 33rd St.

Tuesday, September 1
12:27 p.m., Forgery, 3100 block E. PCH
3:47 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 3300 block Orange Ave.
4:58 p.m., Burglary, 2000 block E. 21st St.

**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

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**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 withthe 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., 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

**TST8240
Notice of Self Storage Sale**
Please take notice SecureSpace Self Storage Signal Hill located at 3177 California Avenue Signal Hill CA 90755 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 9/23/2026 at 4:30 PM. Sylvia Howard; Keyon Ransom; Sylvia R Howard; Constance Smith; Shehonie Robins; Shanice Partee; Punipua Curbelo; Medina Fareedah Adams; Frank Vasquez; Ondrea Shaw; Rachana Hem; Sylvia Garcia; Sylvia Wickliffe; Amber Green; Nathaniel Jimenez; Jennifer Joaquin Juarez; Desirae Llanas; Stephanie Gentry; Reannon Cuch; David Duran; Serena Martinez. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Pub. The Signal Tribune: September 4, 11, 2026

**TST8247 / 2026 184334
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
The following person is doing business as: JON FEUSS, 255 W 5TH ST APT 1611, SAN PEDRO, CA. 90731. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: FEUSS CONSULTING, LLC, 255 W 5TH ST APT 1611, SAN PEDRO, CA. 90731. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This

business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JONATHAN FEUSS, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 8/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 8/26/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in theoffice 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: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**TST8248 / 2026 174220
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
The following person is doing business as: KELLY’S STEAKHOUSE, 5716 2ND ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARTIN & MLOUK HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC, 5716 E 2ND STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90803. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true andcorrect. Signed: GEORGE MLOUK, MEMBER. 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 8/13/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of

the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**TST8250 / 2026 188735
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**
The following person is doing business as: 1. BETTER BUILT FENCE CO, 2. BETTER BUILT FENCE COMPANY, 3. BETTER BUILT FENCE, 4. BETTER BUILT MASONRY, 1015 SOUTH ATLANTIC DRIVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GARY MOORE, 1015 SOUTH ATLANTIC DRIVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true andcorrect. Signed: GARY MOORE, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/1977. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Sep 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., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

TST8251/Order No: 5837
Auto Lien Sale

On 9/22/2026 at 644 E MANCHESTER AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2025 TOYOT VIN: 5YFB4MDEXP297233 STATE: CA LIC: 9YCB363 at 9AM

TST8249/Order No: 6137
Auto Lien Sale

On 09/17/2026 at 1125 S GREENWOOD AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2025 HONDA VIN: 1HGCV2F53SA040544 STATE: CA LIC: 9UYB363 at

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HEALTH

Long Beach reaches 16 West Nile virus cases.

Here's how to protect yourself from infection.

Courtesy of Pexels.com

With 16 reported West Nile virus cases this year in Long Beach, as of Aug. 28, local health officials are advising residents to take precautions.

Staff Report

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Due to a recent uptick in West Nile virus (WNV) cases, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is urging residents to protect themselves and their communities by taking the proper precautions.

Since Long Beach's first human case of WNV was reported in June, 16 human cases have been reported in Long Beach as of Aug. 28. Of these cases, 69% involved neuroinvasive disease, a severe form of illness that affects the brain or nervous system, and 81% required hospitalization.

This year's total represents the highest number of human WNV cases identified in Long Beach since 56 cases were reported in 2014.

As of Aug. 28, there are 65 human cases of WNV in the state, according to the California Department of Public Health. Updated case totals are published every Friday at westnile.ca.gov.

Alongside the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District and Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District, the Long Beach Health Department continues its efforts to reduce mosquito activity through surveillance and mosquito-control efforts.

WNV is transmitted to people via the bite of infected Culex mosquitoes. Though most people infected with WNV do not develop symptoms, potential symptoms can include the following:

- Fever
- Body aches
- Rash
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting

According to the City's Health Department, around one in 150 infected people may develop a more serious disease, including brain inflammation, paralysis or death. People experiencing severe symptoms, such as high fever, neck stiffness, confusion, muscle weakness or paralysis, are advised to seek medical care immediately.

Those at higher risk for severe illness include people who are over 55 years old, people living with chron-

ic health conditions such as diabetes and people taking medications that weaken the immune system. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific treatment for WNV.

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Local health officials anticipate WNV activity to continue through early fall, with cases typically peaking in September. While WNV remains a threat, City Health Officer Dr. Cliff Okada strongly recommends residents take the following precautions:

- Prevent mosquito bites by applying insect repellent with EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or lemon eucalyptus, according to the label directions, before going outside.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants if spending time outside at dawn and dusk, when WNV-carrying mosquitoes are most active.
- Install or repair door and window screens.
- Dump, drain and scrub containers that collect standing water around your home.
- Flush and clean outdoor drains regularly with a hose to prevent stagnant water from pooling.
- Remove debris, trash and dirt around the exterior of drains, gutters and curbs to allow water to flow.
- Avoid bare-handed contact with dead birds. Report dead birds online or call 877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473).

For more information, call the Mosquito Hotline at 562-570-4132, visit longbeach.gov/WNV, or check out @LongBeachCity and @LBHealthDept on Instagram, Facebook and X.

2027 BUDGET

Library hours, Quality of Life Officers restored with mayor's budget recs



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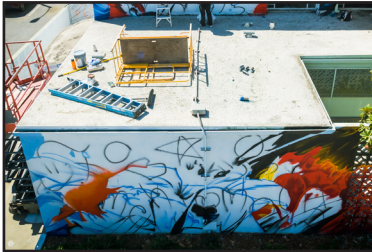
A man looks through the selection of fiction books inside of the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

Samantha Diaz

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Long Beach Public Library hours are no longer on the chopping block, as Mayor Rex Richardson's latest budget recommendations Tuesday include funding to keep libraries functioning at their current capacity.

The Library's Creativity Lab programs and the Long Beach Police Department's (LBPD) Quality of Life team were also included in the list of restorations in Richardson's letter to the Budget Oversight Committee.



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Artist Thao Huynh French is seen working on her mural at the Burnett Neighborhood Library for the Long Beach Walls event on Aug. 30, 2022.

"Over the past several weeks, significant community engagement has continued throughout Long Beach," Richardson's letter reads.

"Through those conversations, it has become clear that even in this difficult budget environment, we must continue looking for responsible opportunities to protect the services that strengthen our neighborhoods and improve quality of life."

Bay Shore, Burnett, Michelle Obama, Harte and El Dorado Library branches were being considered for reduced service hours. More than 40 residents attended the city council budget hearing on Aug. 25, most of whom advocated for library services and asked the City to keep the branches open five days a week.

Local library hours were one of many cuts proposed for the 2027 budget year, as Long Beach tries to close a \$58.2 million deficit.

The mayor's latest recommendations include \$1.275 million in structural funding for the five branches, meaning the Library, Arts, and Culture Department won't have to search for that funding for years to come. Previously, the Monday operating hours at those branches were supported by the Long Beach Recovery Act (now expired) and various one-time dollars every year.

The Creativity Lab will be funded for three years through a partner-

ship between the City and the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, according to the mayor's recommendation. The foundation has committed \$250,000 annually for the next three years, or \$750,000 total. This is in addition to the \$1 million the foundation contributes to the City's libraries annually.

"Libraries are an essential part of the fabric of our community, providing access to education, technology, workforce resources and welcoming spaces for residents of all ages," said John Mathews II, board president of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, in a public statement. "We are grateful to Mayor Richardson for his leadership and for identifying a path that supports continued Monday access while creating an opportunity for the Library Foundation to deepen its partnership with the City."

Richardson proposed another \$1.22 million to restore four Quality of Life Officer positions that were going to be cut. This team will remain at full capacity with eight officers, who are specifically trained to handle community safety and homeless residents.

The Budget Oversight Committee will now work with City Manager Tom Modica to essentially find the funding to restore these items through General Fund revenue.

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There may be more restorations to come, Richardson hinted at in his letter, stating they don't represent the "complete set of adjustments" that may come before the committee. Still at risk of being cut is a fire engine, hundreds of part-time parks employees, over 50 LBPD employees, housing and homelessness services and more.

Long Beach has to pass its finalized 2027 budget before Sept. 13, and is expected to do so at the Sept. 8 hearing.

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