

LABOR

Aquarium of the Pacific workers announce plans to unionize

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Workers at the Aquarium of the Pacific will vote on the decision to unionize on Nov. 2, hoping to address issues with wages, the use of AI and more through bargaining.

Roughly 130 workers at the aquarium, including environmentalists, educators and guest service associates, are taking a second swing at unionizing after a single vote kept them from making the move in 2024.

In late 2025, workers again started discussing the possibility of creating Aquarium of the Pacific Workers United, according to AFSCME District Council 36 Communications Officer Daisha Benjamin.

They are asking management to address the same items as in 2024:

- Concerns around the growing use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in the aquarium’s operations
- Wages that workers say do not keep up with the cost of living
- A lack of professional development opportunities

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Instructor Allison Patton teaches William F. Prisk Elementary students about the anatomy of a starfish at the Aquarium on Wheels event on Jan. 5, 2023.

“Unionizing would give us a seat at the table and a say in our future that we previously didn’t have.”

- Rissa Lising,
Aquarium of the Pacific employee

EVENT

MemorialCare’s Team Spirit 5K helps cancer patients receive life-changing support



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After completing the 3.1-mile course, runners in the Long Beach 5K reach the finish line by the intersection of Shoreline Drive and Linden Avenue on Oct. 5, 2025.

Samuel Chacko
Photo Editor

As Breast Cancer Awareness Month continues, MemorialCare will host its 26th Annual Team Spirit Long Beach Cancer 5K this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. to support psychosocial programs and services for adult cancer patients, survivors and their families.

Dressed in pink, purple, blue and a variety of colorful shirts, hundreds will run along Granada Beach (1 Granada Ave.) to show their support.

Dr. Mariusz Wirga has worked with MemorialCare for 22 years and served as the medical director for the PsychoSocial Oncology program at the Todd Cancer Institute at Long Beach Medical Center since 2004.

Dr. Wirga said the 5K started as a fundraiser, which has helped hire social workers and expand access to psychosocial programs such as Women

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HOLIDAY

Signal Hill’s Intercare Therapy to host sensory-friendly Halloween celebration



Courtesy of Intercare
Signal Hill’s Intercare Therapy location will open to the public on Oct. 30, 2026 with a sensory-friendly Halloween treat trail and resource fair.

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While surprises around every corner and spooky decorations may scream Halloween for some families, for those with autistic or sensory-sensitive children, these festivities can often be anxiety-inducing.

Signal Hill’s newest applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy center, Intercare Therapy, is throwing a Halloween party with these families in mind on Oct. 30. Kids can come dressed in costume (or not, if they don’t enjoy wearing them) and walk through the fun-filled center for a treat trail — no “trick or treat” chants required, and no unexpected scares.

“I think for any parent you’re constantly like, ‘What can I do? What can I take my kids to?’ But for families with autism sometimes that’s not always an option,” said Intercare Therapy Senior Managing Director

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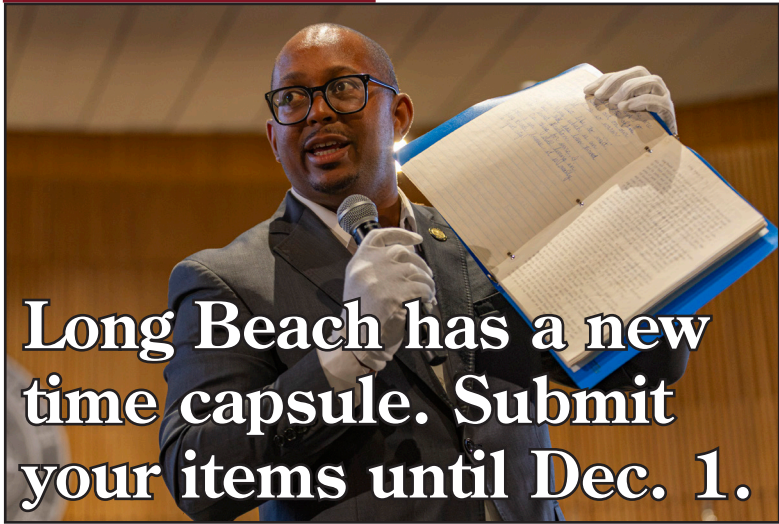
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HISTORY



Long Beach has a new time capsule. Submit your items until Dec. 1.

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Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson holds up a notebook with letters written by local students during the bicentennial time capsule opening on July 22, 2026.

Staff Report

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As the City of Long Beach marked 908 Day on Sept. 8, they announced the creation of a new time capsule in celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary.

Two months after opening the City's time capsule from America's Bicentennial, which showcased the spirit of Long Beach in 1976, residents will have the chance to both look ahead and preserve the present for the next half century.

"As we celebrate the founding of our nation, Long Beach has an opportunity to show the world what makes this city special and creating this time capsule on 908 Day could not be more fitting," Mayor Rex Richardson said in a public statement. "I encourage every resident to take part and share the piece of Long Beach they want future generations to know."



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Former Bret Harte Elementary School student Sharon Schreiber-Fisher reads her letter during the bicentennial time capsule opening on July 22, 2026.

Items may be submitted now through Dec. 1 to be considered for inclusion in the new time capsule. Through an online form, communi-

ty members can contribute artifacts across four categories: historical, cultural, personal and "other."

The 1976 time capsule featured mementos like flags, local newspapers and publications, handwritten letters from elementary school students and even a vial of oil.

At the start of 2027, the City will add the complete submission list, with resident names and ideas, to the capsule to document what Long Beach residents valued in 2026. The collection of tangible items will run through Dec. 31.

The capsule will then be presented during the Mayor's State of the City address in early 2027 and subsequently sealed for the next 50 years inside a plinth on permanent display in the lobby of the Long Beach Civic Center.

"This time capsule gives every resident a chance to help tell that story, our story, and it will stand in a place where our community can see it for generations to come," City Manager Tom Modica said in a public statement.

Funding for the time capsule and memorial plinth comes from Long Beach's Special Events and Promotion budget, which comes from transient occupancy tax revenue and may only be used in promotion of the City.

Since being established in September 2024 by the Long Beach City Council, 908 Day has served as an annual celebration of all things Long Beach. The celebration was created in partnership with 908 Magazine, which bears the first three digits of the Long Beach ZIP code.

HEALTH

Residents can get free flu vaccines at clinics throughout October

Staff Report

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The City of Long Beach's Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) is offering free flu vaccinations at community clinics throughout October.

The Health Department's biggest clinic of the season, "Say Boo 2 Flu," will take place Oct. 29 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the City's Main Health Facility (2525 Grand Ave.).

"Don't let the flu be the scariest part of the Halloween season," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "I encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated early, before the flu begins spreading widely in our community. Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect yourself and those around you from the flu."



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A health care worker pulls a dose of the Jynneos combined smallpox and monkeypox vaccine into a syringe at the vaccine clinic located at Long Beach City College on Sept. 13, 2022.

The Health Department reminds residents that the best way to protect against the flu is to get the flu vaccine each year. Residents are encouraged to get vaccinated ahead of respiratory virus season, which runs from November through March.

These recommendations are especially important for residents with a higher risk of serious illness from these viruses, such as children, older adults, people who are pregnant as well as people who live



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Long Beach resident Jeff Bartholemy gets a bandage after receiving his COVID-19 booster shot at the Houghton Park mobile vaccine clinic on Nov. 22, 2021.

or work with people at higher risk.

The following clinics will be available for residents through October:

- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.)

- Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Silverado Park Community Center, Main Hall (1545 W. 31st St.)

- Thursday, Oct. 22, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Michelle Obama Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Harte Library (1595 W. Willow St.)

- Wednesday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Burnett Library (560 E. Hill St.)

The largest vaccine clinic of the season, "Say Boo 2 Flu," will offer drive-thru vaccinations, allowing people six months and older to receive a flu shot without leaving their vehicles.

Accommodations for people with access functional needs and those planning to arrive by public transportation will be available upon request. Appointments are not required for the event and attendees

may embrace the Halloween spirit by arriving in costume.

"Even if the vaccine doesn't prevent all flu infections, it can significantly reduce the severity of illness and the likelihood of hospitalization or death," Dr. Cliff Okada, City Health Officer, said in a public statement. "By getting vaccinated and practicing healthy habits such as washing your hands and staying home when sick, you can help protect yourself and our community."

The City's Health Department supports the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) immunization recommendations for flu, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) for the 2026-27 respiratory virus season.

To check for any updates to the clinic schedule, please visit longbeach.gov/flu. Residents can also receive a flu vaccine through their health care provider, pharmacy or by visiting MyTurn.ca.gov. To schedule a vaccination at the Health Department, residents can call 562-570-7912 during business hours. A small administrative fee may apply.

EVENTS

DTLB Unfiltered contest returns, offering prizes, photo walks and recognition

Staff Report

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The Downtown Long Beach Alliance's annual DTLB Unfiltered photo contest returns to kick off October Arts Month.

The contest is open through Oct. 31, inviting photographers of all levels to turn their lens towards the dynamic spirit of Downtown Long Beach through a series of categories that highlight the city's community, culture and creativity.

"Photography has a way of making the familiar feel new again," Asia Morris, DTLB Alliance Communications & Marketing Manager, said in a public statement. "Through DTLB Unfiltered, photographers show us details and perspectives of Downtown that even those of us who are here every day may not have noticed. Those images become more than contest entries; they help tell Downtown's story and invite others to discover the people, places, art and unexpected moments that make it worth exploring."

This year's competition will offer



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A view of the historic Art Deco-style Hotel Metropolitan building on the corner of East Broadway and Linden Avenue in Long Beach at night on June 7, 2022.

seven categories, designed to encourage participants to explore and capture different aspects of downtown:

- **People, Places & Events**

- Capture the heartbeat of Downtown

- **Architecture** – Frame the city's iconic structures

- **Flora & Fauna** – Showcase

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- **Arts of Downtown (NEW!)**

- Capture the creativity woven throughout DTLB, from murals and public art to galleries, performances, installations and unexpected artistic moments

- **Skyline & Waterfront** –

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As spooky season continues, events across Long Beach get hair-raising with the OC Gym Rave on Friday downtown, and the more family-friendly Monster Mash (also downtown) and Howl-o-ween Festival at El Dorado Nature Center, both taking place Saturday. Enjoy boos and booze Sunday at Green Routine's pints and plants event or the Bamboo Club's Creepy Cats and Cocktails party.

Adventure seekers can partake in thrills at Murder on the High Seas: A Murder Comedy Dinner Show Monday at the Queen Mary or a guided tour through the haunted Bembridge House.

If Halloween is too chilling, enjoy the Long Beach Open Studio Tour's stop through downtown, music at Willow Springs Park, a barnyard and Día de los Muertos afternoon at Rancho Los Alamitos or Formula Drift Type S Night Lights.

16 FRIDAY

WESTSIDE NIGHT MARKET
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy local vendors, handmade goods, services and live music as Westside Promise presents the Westside Night Market at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.). For more information, check out <http://longbeach.gov/wnm>. Free.

OC GYM RAVE

5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Long Beach Run Club and Waves Water collaborate for a free community 5K through Downtown Long Beach followed by a full-production rave at The Platform (420 E. Fourth St.). The event will also feature flash tattoos, wellness supplements, coffee, matcha boba and other drinks, jewelry, skin care and a variety of food

vendors and wellness brands. The Long Beach Run Club will meet at 6:15 p.m. for the 5K, followed by the rave from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Learn more and RSVP online.

17 SATURDAY

MONSTER MASH

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The City of Long Beach's Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM), in partnership with the Long Beach Public Library, will host Monster Mash at Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.). This free, family-friendly celebration will feature a variety of Halloween-themed activities, with a full day of festivities, joy and community connection. The Monster Mash will feature carnival games, balloon animals, a cakewalk and themed arts and crafts. Free.

OPEN STUDIO TOUR

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate more than 120 artists in Long Beach's creative community with the Long Beach Open Studio Tour. Visitors can walk, bike or drive between participating studios, meet local artists, see where their art is created and purchase pieces directly from the artists. The tour has already stopped at Belmont and Uptown with this weekend's tour venturing into Downtown Long Beach on Oct. 17 and 18. For the Downtown Studio Tour map and more information, check out <https://lbopenstudiotour.com/>. Free.

HOWL-O-WEEEN FESTIVAL

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Bring out your creative costume, or dress up as your favorite ghoulish character, and head to El Dorado Nature Center (7550 E. Spring St.) as the City of Long Beach's annual Howl-o-ween festival returns. The festival features face painting, arts and crafts and food truck items available for purchase. Parking is free,

with last vehicle entry at 4:30 p.m. While the event is free, a \$5 donation is encouraged upon entry to support the Friends of El Dorado Nature Center. For more information, check out the City's PRM website. Free.

18 SUNDAY

PLANTS & PINTS SPOOKTACULAR

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Pour a pint, paint a pot and pick a plant during Plants & Pints Spooktacular inside the Hyatt Centric at the Pike (285 Bay St.). Your ticket includes one beer or wine, a beginner houseplant, terracotta plant, paint supplies, soil and guided repotting. General admission is \$45 online.

CREEPY CATS AND COCKTAILS

3 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Bamboo Club (3522 East Anaheim St.) will transform into The Tremble Club with spooky decor and a themed cocktail menu. Costumes are encouraged and visitors can enjoy spooky vendors, raffles, adoptable kitties, tattoos, trivia and live music. Since the pre-sale tickets are sold out, Bamboo Club will sell more day-of tickets for \$15.

INTERFAITH ANIMAL BLESSINGS

Noon to 5 p.m. The 24th annual Interfaith Blessing of the Animals invites animals and their owners to receive an all-faith-based blessing at Grandala Avenue Boat Launch Ramp (5000 E. Ocean Blvd.), located adjacent to Rosie's Dog Beach and Belmont Shore. Well-behaved pets of all sizes and people of all ages are invited. For more information, check out the Belmont Shore website. Free.



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During the free Spooky Skate Rollout on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., participants will skate as a group from Junipero Skate Plaza to the lighthouse and back.

19 MONDAY

FLU VACCINES

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This walk-in clinic at the Multi-Service Center (1301 W. 12th St.) offers annual flu vaccines to anyone 6 months and older to protect themselves against this year's flu virus. Individuals with disabilities unable to walk into the clinic can drive up to a separate area to receive their vaccine. Free.

MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS

7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an interactive musical comedy murder mystery dinner set in 1967 as the Queen Mary sets sail from Southampton on "The Last Great Cruise" with 1,093 glamour passengers on board, live music, multi-course dinner and spirits high. The event is hosted aboard the Queen Mary (1126 Queen Highway); tickets are \$93 on the ship's website.

20 TUESDAY

SPOOKY SKATE ROLLOUT

5:30 p.m. Bring your roller skates and costume to this group skate beginning at Junipero Skate Plaza (2630 E. Ocean Blvd.), and going to the lighthouse and back. It's recommended to wear bright or reflective gear or bring a light source for the evening. Free.

RITUAL AND RESILIENCE PANEL DISCUSSION

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Part of the "Seeds of Resilience: Barrio Americano" exhibition, explore the origins and how its observance has provided a means of cultural preservation and fortitude within Mexican communities at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 N. Virginia Road). RSVP here. Free.

21 WEDNESDAY

VINYASA YOGA

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Stretch, relax and leave replenished with Vinyasa Yoga Wednesdays at 5599 Atlantic Ave. No reservation is needed, everyone is welcome and ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a guardian. Free.

QUEER CRAFTING CIRCLE

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy friends and good vibes with this all-levels-welcome crafting circle led by Wendy at PLACE (3923 Long Beach Blvd.). Bring something you're working on or start something new. Materials will be provided but attendees can also bring their own. Free.

22 THURSDAY

TRIVIA NIGHT

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Join Good Time Long Beach's Trivia Night, presented by Trivia Time Podcast, at 1322 Coronado Ave., with general trivia, coffee, prizes, Mexican food, beer and wine. Free.

CAR SHOW

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Drifting returns to Long Beach, starting with Type S Night Lights at the 400 garage of the Long Beach Convention Center (400 E. Seaside Way), which is a car meet with vehicles from the tuner, drift and import scenes. Free.

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AQUARIUM UNIONIZATION

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Aquarium of the Pacific workers are set to vote on the decision to unionize on Nov. 2, after the aquarium paid over \$200,000 to an anti-union consulting firm.

“Over the course of that year, management had the opportunity to give them a seat at the table and fix these issues,” Benjamin said.

“We’re not asking for special treatment; we’re asking for fair workloads, support, respect, and a voice in the workplace. We’re coming together because our voices matter.”

- Krystal Gonzales, Aquarium of the Pacific employee

Instead, aquarium management brought in an anti-union consulting firm over the last year: PSLC, which specializes in maintaining a union-free work environment, according to their website. According to public tax filings viewed by the *Signal Tribune*, the aquarium paid PSLC over \$200,000 in 2024 after workers attempted to unionize. Management has also not voluntarily recognized the Aquarium of the Pacific Workers United, prompting workers to stage an

official election with the National Labor Relations Board, slated for Nov. 2.

If their union is recognized, workers and management will enter a bargaining period, Benjamin said.

“I believe that the key to a healthy working environment is a workplace where staff feel encouraged to speak up, share their thoughts, and truly feel listened to and heard in return,” said Aquarium of the Pacific guest services employee Rissa Lising. “Unionizing would give us a seat at the table and a say in our future that we previously didn’t have.”

Workers are also circulating a petition urging the City of Long Beach to repair the aquarium elevators. According to the petition, two out of the three elevators at the aquarium are often broken or run extremely slow, which workers say poses a barrier for the disabled community, negatively impacting people’s experience and, as a result, the public has left negative reviews.

AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) represents about 74 local unions throughout Southern California, mostly consisting of public sector workers in the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and other regions. The organization has also been a part of the recent wave of cultural institution workers unionizing in recent years, Benjamin said.

Institutions such as the Museum of Contemporary Art, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, and Academy Foundation of Motion

Pictures are part of AFSCME Cultural Workers United, the largest organizing movement for cultural workers in the country.

“We work hard every day, often doing the work of multiple people while facing constant changes and high expectations,” said Krystal Gonzales, who works in environmental services at the Aquarium of the Pacific, in a public statement. “We’re not asking for special treatment; we’re asking for fair workloads, support, respect, and a voice in the workplace. We’re coming together because our voices matter.”

The Aquarium of the Pacific is the largest aquarium in Southern California and welcomes over 1.6 million visitors a year. Union workers at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and at the Monterey Bay Aquarium have sent letters of support to the Aquarium of the Pacific Workers United.

Residents who want to show their support for Aquarium of the Pacific Workers United can follow them on Instagram @aopworker- united and sign their elevator petition through the QR code below:



TEAM SPIRIT 5K

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Guiding Women: Cancer Support and Education Program, Beat the Odds in Cancer Treatment program and a two-hour advanced survivorship program called Boost the Odds.

“I have been in that position since 2009 and it became clear that it is not just a fundraiser,” Dr. Wirga explains. “I walk with my patients, their families and friends [walked the Memorial 5K for 16 years], so it’s a social event, a community event, [and] it creates a lot of emotion and support, tears of joy.”

Byone stressed the importance of having the Memorial 5K and annual mammograms, since 1 in 8 women in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

Dr. Wirga said the cancer 5K brings people together as “one and united,” creating connection and purpose in the face of illness. The fundraiser has raised \$4 million over 25 years, according to the medical director.

“It’s very important [that the 5K

happens yearly] because cancer treatment is very expensive and some people are underinsured or very well insured; people face unexpectedly high co-pays and [the 5K is] a way to help these patients,” he said.

The Team Spirit 5K also helps inform people about screening programs by offering free medical screenings during the event.

One of hundreds of participants Saturday is Stacy Byone, a nurse practitioner at MemorialCare for 22 years, who has attended the annual cancer 5K’s for more than 20 years. Byone found out she was diagnosed with cancer after doing her annual mammogram screening in April last year.

She decided to have her treatment at MemorialCare Cancer Center in Long Beach.

“I had no second thoughts on where I wanted to get my treatment because I’ve been in this cancer center as long as I had and I know that the staff, all the way down to the physicians, are all people who go above and beyond,” Byone said. “I knew I didn’t have to travel anywhere else, that I could stay here with the people that I love and trusted for my treatment.”

After undergoing surgeries and radiation, Byone was announced cancer-free. She said she is on ad-



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Residents can support cancer patients afford life-saving treatment and additional mental health services at the Spirit 5K this Saturday along Granada Beach.

juvant treatment for the next four years, which is post-surgical care to ensure the cancer doesn’t return.

Byone said the 5K helps fund multiple services that were important throughout her journey.

“This walk provides so many services for things that are not captured by medical insurance and things that might not be attainable [for those] who don’t have a level of social support say that some of us do have, and it ranges anywhere from the emotional support, the psychosocial support, but also the financial support,” she said.

Byone spoke about the back-and-forth trips she had to make

when she was going through breast cancer and how the Spirit 5K can support patients who take public transportation or rely on people to bring them to the center.

She also discussed how the 5K funds social programs that help with meals or donate new or gently used clothes to Marti’s Closet (which provides cancer surgery patients with complimentary button-down blouses and adaptive clothing).

“This is a great resource where we’re always able to fortunately have the funds [from] this [the 5K] go straight to patients without any sort of middleman, [that] directly

benefits patients,” she said.

Byone stressed the importance of having the Memorial 5K and annual mammograms, since 1 in 8 women in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

“You talk to many women [and they say], ‘Yeah, yeah, I haven’t called. I need to call. I missed it last year,’ and so it’s a time where people are hearing it from other people or seeing the pink ribbons,” she said. “[It] just puts people in the mindset of, ‘This is really important.’”

Members of the public can show their support in a variety of ways:

- Register and sign up to walk
- Donate to fund free psychosocial and support services for patients and their families
- Offer time to help organize the event on-site

“It’s very important [that people show their support], even if it’s \$5; that can make a difference for a gas card or a grocery card. If 100 people gave \$5, that’s quite significant,” Byone said. “If you’re in the Long Beach area and you’re free on that Saturday, even if it’s just for an hour, come on down. There’s lots of activity going on, lots of happy stories, lots of patients and providers go, and it’s a celebration; a celebration of life and helping those through this journey.”

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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 10/28/2026 at 4:30 PM. Christian Gonzalez; Ashley Patton; Nazarene Lakey; Marquila Harris; MacKenzie Parish; Malissa Parks; Linda Martino; Joshua Desmuke; Julie Schwarz (2 Units); Traci Hicks; Julia Walrath; Diana Barbosa Sotelo; Deja Jones; Hazel Chu-Ling; Rosalyn Reed; Jarrell Hill; Reannon Cuch; Trevor Ryan. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Pub. The Signal Tribune: October 9, 16, 2026

**TST8268 Case No. 26CMCP00180
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMPTON COURTHOUSE, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220PETITION OF: Fara Zarina Estenzo by and through her mother, Cherry May Estenzo Alvarez for Change of Name.TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Fara Zarina Estenzo by and through her mother, Cher-ry May Estenzo Alvarez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Fara Zarina Estenzo Proposed Name: Fara Zarina Alvarez 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: December 10, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. P. 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.October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026___/ss/___Ryan D. White, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: 10/1/2026

**TST8269 / 2026 209068
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. PUSH PUP, 2. PUSH PUP, 2655 ST LOUIS AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: FROZENBARKS LLC, 2655 ST LOUIS AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. State ofIncorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: VIV-IANNA DOMINGUEZ, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 9/30/2026. NO-TICE: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, orcommon law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**TST8274 / 2026 213334
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: GRAY MATTER, 1604 SOUTH ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SAMUEL ROMERO-MONTANO, 1604 SOUTH ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. 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: SAMUEL ROMERO-MONTANO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/7/2026. NO-TICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of thecounty clerk.

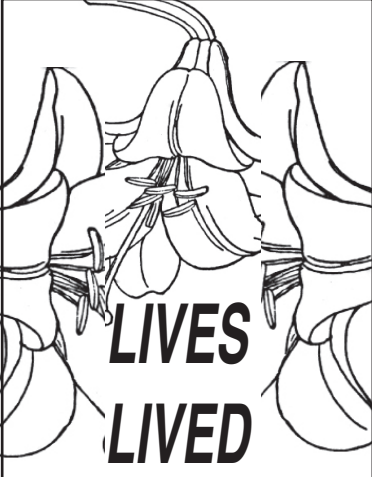
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**TST8278 Case No. 26LBCP00335
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Alexandra Bernal for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:1. Petitioners: Alexandra Bernal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Alexandra Bernal Proposed Name: Alexandra Moreno 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: November 30, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S27, Room: 5400. 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. October 16, 23, 30 & November 6, 2026___/ss/___Sabina A. Helton, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: Oct 12, 2026

**TST8279 Case No. 26STCP03938
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE, 111 NORTH HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012 PETITION OF: Melanie Joy Schulz for Change of Name.TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Melanie Joy Schulz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Melanie Joy Schulz Proposed Name: Melanie Joy Fontana Schulz 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: February 5, 2027; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. 529, Room: 529. The address of the court is the same asabove. 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. October 16, 23, 20 & November 6, 2026___/ss/___Virginia



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

Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: Oct. 13, 2026

**TST8280 Case No. 26CMCP00174
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMPTON SUPERIOR COURT, 200 WEST COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Ulysses Dunlap AKA Ulies C. Dunlap for Change of Name.TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ulysses Dunlap AKA Ulies C. Dunlap has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Ulysses Dunlap AKA Ulies C. Dunlap Proposed Name: Ulysses Dunlap 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: December 1, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. E, Room: 1004. 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. October 16, 23, 30 & November 6, 2026___/ss/___Michael B. Wilson, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 22, 2026



**Pet of the week:
Jonas**

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Just ask the Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) vet team, their cat volunteers and anyone who meets Jonas. Jonas is a 9-year-old senior fellow who came to LBACS in June. He was, frankly, a mess—he had mange, conjunctivitis, a few missing teeth and entropion, an ocular condition in which the eyelid margin rolls inward, causing eyelashes and fur to rub on the surface of the eye. But Jonas took it all like the champ he is. He’s been improving big time with treatment: he got entropion surgery and had a mass removed from the tongue area “like it was no big deal,” LBACS staff said. He’s also FIV positive, but FIV cats can live long, wonderful lives, and Jonas will in the right household. He may need further eye surgery, dental work and routine bloodwork, but Jonas can handle it. He’s had a rough life, but he’s a sweetheart—“I haven’t seem him get annoyed, although he does start meowing when I close the kennel door since he wants more attention and pets,” said volunteer Ona, who spends a lot of time with Jonas. Personality, perseverance, and just the right amount of sass—meet Jonas and see for yourself how beautiful this survivor is. To adopt or foster Jonas, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process, or call (562) 570-7387. Ask for ID# A762667. Better yet, meet him in person at Long Beach Animal Care Services, 7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach, at entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Visiting hours are Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, October 7
7:36 p.m., Elder abuse, 2500 block E. 21st St.
11:25 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Cherry Ave.

Thursday, October 8
12:54 p.m., Petty theft, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
4:01 p.m., Grand theft, 1600 block E. Willow St.
10:17 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Burnett St.

Friday, October 9
11:30 a.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2300 block Dawson Ave.
5:27 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
6:29 p.m., DUI, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave. (suspect arrested)
7:11 p.m., Injury hit and run, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St.
9:35 p.m., Fight, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, October 10
4:10 p.m., Robbery, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
5:04 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./California Ave.

Sunday, October 11
2:32 p.m., Grand theft, 3200 block Orange Ave.
5:37 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2200 block Temple Ave. (suspect arrested)
8:57 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, Skyline Dr./Cherry Ave.
11:56 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave./E. Burnett St.

Monday, October 12
1:33 a.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block Stanley Ave.
4:23 a.m., DUI, E. PCH/Redondo Ave. (suspect arrested)
2:18 p.m., Grand theft, Gundry Ave./E. 27th St.
5:05 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 3000 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, October 13
6:34 a.m., Elder abuse, 3300 block Lewis Ave.
8:40 a.m., Criminal threats, 2000 block Orizaba Ave.
10:58 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3500 block E. PCH
11:52 a.m., Grand theft, 1700 block E. 29th St.
2:23 p.m., Injury hit and run, Obispo Ave/ E. Hill St. (suspect arrested)
6:49 p.m., Petty theft, 2200 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

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

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INTERCARE THERAPY

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Anna Stone. “It’s such a good opportunity for people to know that it’s a safe space [where] they can come and have a great time.”

Kids will receive sensory-friendly treats throughout the event, and families can explore the space and all its offerings, including an indoor playground, dress-up costumes, sensory toys and more. Stone added that oftentimes sensory-friendly events not only benefit a child with autism, but also allow their siblings and parents to relax and have fun with them.

For kids who have a speech delay or who are non-verbal in particular, the social contract of saying “trick or treat” to get candy can be stressful, if not impossible. A trend started a few years ago where kids with autism carried blue candy buckets to let people know they may not be able to wear a costume, make eye contact or say thank you. However, Stone said families shouldn’t feel the need to disclose their child’s condition to the world in order for them to enjoy Halloween.

“We’re calling it a treat trail because we just want families to come into this space and just go have fun,” Stone said. “Be able to kind of still have that [Halloween] experience, if that experience isn’t typically available to them.”

Their event could also be educa-

tional, Stone added, for those who don’t have someone with autism in their lives, to see how they can better interact with neurodivergent people.

“I think that our community as a whole could really benefit from understanding and learning more from everyone because everyone is so different,” Stone said. “And I do think that some of these community events also give space for that.”

“I think for any parent you’re constantly like, ‘What can I do? What can I take my kids to?’ But for families with autism sometimes that’s not always an option.”

- Anna Stone,
Intercare Therapy Senior
Managing Director

For Intercare, the celebration symbolizes more than an all-abil-

ities Halloween bash. The day will serve as Intercare Therapy’s grand opening in Signal Hill and the center’s introduction to Signal Hill and Long Beach families. Rooms will be filled with treats, games and decorations, as well as a variety of vendors serving the neurodivergent community for families to meet. Vendors can offer anything from karate and gymnastics classes to haircuts and skating lessons, all with autistic families in mind.

“Navigating childhood, early childhood is hard enough, but navigating a child with special needs — it’s a lot of work,” Stone said. “So what I really do is take these opportunities to create a community event for families to have resources that they might not otherwise have access to or know about.”

Unlike many new-age ABA therapy locations, Intercare is family-owned and operated, honoring the legacy of Naomi Heller, a speech pathologist who began giving ABA therapy sessions out of her garage in Santa Monica in 1949.

Heller passed away in 2009, but the company is now run by her sons. One thing that sets Intercare apart is that they only grow according to the community’s needs, rather than for profit, Stone said. They heard about a need in Signal Hill through families at other locations,



Courtesy of Intercare

Every Intercare Therapy location has an indoor playground, featuring swings and a ball pit for children to play in.

practitioners and insurance providers.

Intercare’s main goal: no waiting list. While it may seem impossible for families accustomed to months-long waiting periods before their child can receive services, Stone said they view it as “negligent” to make families wait that long. To remedy this issue, Intercare hires therapists before bringing in new families, rather than the other way around.

The Halloween party will take place at Intercare Therapy, located at 2525 Cherry Ave., on Oct. 30 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The public can RSVP for free to Intercare’s Spooktacular sensory-friendly Halloween on Eventbrite. RSVPs will help ensure there are enough treat bags for every kid.

Learn more about Intercare Therapy and the services they offer on their website.

NEWS

Long Beach announces retirement of DPEC Director Reginald Harrison

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach announced Oct. 6 the retirement of Reginald “Reggie” Harrison, who serves as the Director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications (DPEC).

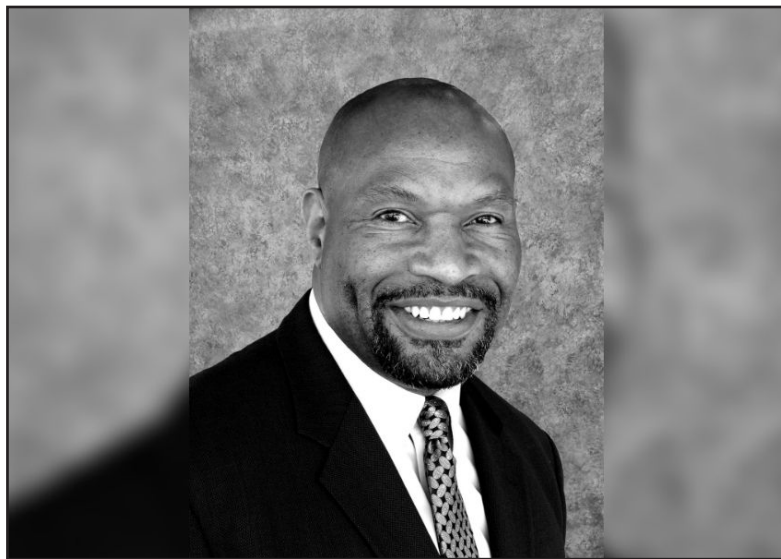
Harrison, a Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) alumnus who has led DPEC since 2014, oversaw city-wide emergency management, 9-1-1 emergency communications and the City’s Homeland Security Grants Program, which allocates millions of dollars yearly for disaster preparedness training and equipment acquisition.

“I am grateful to the residents of the City of Long Beach, the business community, and the City’s leadership for entrusting me with a number of highly impactful positions throughout the past three decades,” Harrison said in a public statement. “I am deeply proud of the work our team has accomplished together in building a more resilient Long Beach.”

As the City’s Emergency Manager, he completed the City’s first comprehensive Mass Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place Plan and developed a Family Assistance Center plan to support families during a disaster.

Under Harrison’s leadership, the Emergency Operations Center was activated for large-scale incidents such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Plus, the center partnered with federal agencies and the City on a humanitarian mission to open an Emergency Intake Site to house 1,600 unaccompanied minors from the Mexican border as they awaited reunification with family members and sponsors.

Before his current role, he served as the City’s Chief City Manager in 2001 and previously served as the City’s Housing Authority Bureau



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Reginald “Reggie” Harrison, who has served the City of Long Beach as the Director of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications for 12 years, will retire on Oct. 22, 2026.

Manager and Economic Development Bureau Manager, as well as acting director for various departments. Before joining the City of Long Beach, Harrison served in leadership roles with the cities of San Diego and Carlsbad.

Harrison also racked up awards, such as being recognized by Leadership Long Beach as one of its 25 “Most Impactful Alumni,” and Long Beach State honoring him as one of CSULB’s 49 Under 49 honorees. Additionally, he was named one of Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Top 100 Influencers in Local Government.

“Reggie has spent three decades serving Long Beach, and his leadership has helped our city prepare for and respond to some of its most difficult moments,” City Manager Tom Modica said in a public statement. “He has strengthened our emergency communications and built partnerships that help us serve residents when they need us most. I’m grateful for the important impact Reggie has had on Long

“I am deeply proud of the work our team has accomplished together in building a more resilient Long Beach.”

- Reginald Harrison,
former DPEC director

Beach and wish him the very best in retirement.”

Modica has appointed Kevin Lee as Acting Director of DPEC while the City conducts a national recruitment to fill the position permanently. Lee has worked with the City since 2017 and currently serves as the City’s Chief Communications Officer, overseeing citywide communications, including emergency and crisis communications.

In retirement, Harrison plans to travel and spend time with his family. His last day in active service as director will be Oct. 22.

DTLB UNFILTERED

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Highlight the unique connection between Downtown and the Pacific, from the harbor to hidden shoreline views

• **Opposite of Ordinary** – Show us your interpretation of DTLB’s destination campaign

• **Outside the Frame** – Embrace the beauty of all seasons beyond fall (photos in and/or of Downtown taken at any point from January through September 2026)

Recognition awaits participants with honorable mentions, runners-up and first-place winners in each category to be awarded by a panel of judges made up of Arts Council for Long Beach representatives and local photographers.

For those who claim the top spot in their category, there’s an incentive: \$200 worth of gift certificates to DTLB small businesses. Winners and finalists will have their work displayed along the 1st Street Transit Gallery through a special collaboration with Long Beach Transit.

Photography walks will also take place this October, hosted by Travis of Happily Bearded After and Long Beach Photo Walks. Residents and participants can join a guided Downtown Photography walk, meet fellow photo enthusiasts and capture photos to submit to the contest.

The following walks will take place throughout October:

• Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at Rainbow Lagoon (400 E. Shoreline Drive)

• Sunday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Villa Riviera (800 E Ocean Blvd.)

• Saturday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at DTLB’s Fright Fest (101 Pine Ave.)



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

The photographers in attendance of Travis Stock-Tucker’s photo walk stand together for a group picture in a convex mirror in Long Beach on May 10, 2023.

Walks last about two hours and are open to photographers of all levels, especially residents who are looking for a unique opportunity to capture DTLB.

Entries for DTLB Unfiltered 2026 must be submitted by Oct. 31 at 11:59 p.m. For more information, including submission guidelines and how to enter, visit the official competition webpage at dtlb.org/unfiltered.

To learn more about Long Beach Photo Walks, follow along on Instagram @happilybeardedafter.

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