



Date: October 2, 2019

To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *T.M.*

From: Linda F. Tatum, Director of Development Services *LT*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **National Community Planning Month – October 1 – 31, 2019**

Every October, the American Planning Association celebrates National Community Planning Month, to recognize planners' work to improve the well-being of all people living in their communities. This year's theme, "Planning for Infrastructure that Benefits All," is intended to highlight how well-planned infrastructure projects, strengthen communities, boost the economy, expand opportunity, and promote equitable development. Planners play a crucial role in making Long Beach a great place to live, work, and play through the delivery of a wide variety projects that improve roadways, transportation systems, housing, parks, City facilities, the Airport, the Port, and even broadband networks.

The Long Beach Development Services (LBDS) Planning Bureau will commemorate Community Planning Month throughout October with four community events. Each event will be an opportunity for the public to learn more about the planning process and celebrate the urban fabric of Long Beach.

- **Planning 101 Workshop** – Tuesday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Long Beach Rescue Mission, 1430 Pacific Avenue.
 - Join us for an educational workshop on the basic elements of the City's development review process and the key role community members play in the planning process, in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. This workshop will be conducted in Spanish with English interpretation available.
- **Careers in Urban Planning** – Tuesday, October 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, 5870 Atlantic Avenue.
 - Interested in a career designing cities to better serve the communities that live, work, and play in them? Join us for a panel and networking event to learn more from urban planners in a variety of City departments about career paths and opportunities.
- **Park to Park: Walk/Bike Tour** – Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Hudson Park, 2335 Webster Avenue.
 - Grab your bike and join us for a casual neighborhood ride and food tour through the West Long Beach community, in collaboration with Walk Long Beach, Walk Bike Long Beach, and Pedal Movement. Come explore local businesses and restaurants, all while imagining infrastructure to improve your neighborhood.

- **LBDS Outdoors: A Community Resource Fair** – Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Whaley Park, 5620 E. Atherton Street.
 - Join us for a family-friendly community resource fair, in collaboration with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine. We will have resources and activities from various City departments, free giveaways, and more!

Additional information will be available on the Long Beach Development Services webpage at longbeach.gov/lbplanningmonth. The public is also invited to join the Community Planning Month conversation on social media using the hashtag #LBPlanningMonth.

If you have question regarding this matter, please contact Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, at ext. 6261.

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