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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by filling out the form at this <u>link</u>.



- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

# **COVID-19 Updates**

### **Two-Year Milestone of First Long Beach COVID Case**

This week marks the two-year anniversary of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Long Beach. On March 9, 2020, the Health Department announced the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our City. Two days later, on March 11th, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. On March 13th (Friday the 13th), LBUSD announced schools would be closing the following Monday. Our newsletter has continually included a COVID-19 section dedicated to important information like



Health Order updates, community resources and more. Today, while we continue to mourn the 1,236 COVID deaths in Long Beach, cases numbers are declining and restrictions are lifting throughout the region.

COVID-19 Updates and Information available at this <u>link</u>

# **Past and Ongoing Events**

**Street Takeover Ordinance Receives Final Approval** 

Any new City ordinance requires approval at two council meetings to become part of our Municipal Code. On Tuesday night, City Council voted unanimously to approve the new ordinance to address street takeover events. Prior to the vote, I provided statistics on how many takeover events of at least 10 cars and spectators have taken place in Long Beach, and the numbers are staggering: 2021 = 282 events; 2022 YTD = 46 events. The ordinance will be officially enacted 31 days after the final vote and Mayor's signature. That will be around April 10th which is (ironically) Grand Prix Sunday. In the weeks to come, I will be asking City staff to begin publicizing the new ordinance on social media.



We want to get the word out that it is illegal to participate in, or be a spectator at, street takeover events in Long Beach. Thanks, again, to LBPD and the offices of our City Attorney and City Prosecutor for their help in creating this important ordinance.

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSULB Register now for the Spring Session beginning April 4th

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSULB is celebrating

its 25th year of providing classes for community members aged 50 and over. The Spring Session begins April 4th, and classes will be held at CSULB, satellite locations and via Zoom. Register online and search for available classes for the current session. For help, call the OLLI office (562) 985.8237 or the support line (562) 985.2398 from



12:00 - 4:00 pm. The OLLI membership fee (\$40 annual or \$20 from March to August), and class fees are \$15 for any length class. Please check the website for more information at this <u>link</u>.

#### **FREE Tax Preparation from CSULB**

Through April 9th | M-Th: 10am to 8pm; Fri: 9am to 3pm

The CSULB College of Business is offering FREE income tax preparation online now through April 9, 2022. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) IRS program provides virtual appointments to individuals who qualify as low-income (\$58,000 annually), students, the elderly, non-residents and limited English proficiency. The VITA IRS-certified tax preparers can assist you in preparing both federal and state tax returns. Schedule a virtual app



preparing both federal and state tax returns. Schedule a virtual appointment or get more information on the CSU Long Beach VITA site at this <u>link</u>.

### **Upcoming Events**

### **FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event**

March 12th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

EDCO is hosting two events per month on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! Drop off all your Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items and e-waste at the FREE drop-off event from 9 am to 2 pm tomorrow. More info: http://bit.ly/HHW\_LB



#### Los Altos Library Online Student Career Fair March 12, 19 & 26 | 12 pm - 2 pm | Register Online

The Los Altos Neighborhood Library presents a Student Career Fair for ages 13-18. The program is scheduled on Saturday, March 12, 19, & 26. Presentations will include employers discussing possible career paths for teens who are in attendance. Participants will meet with a presenter of their interest to aguire further information about their career path and the

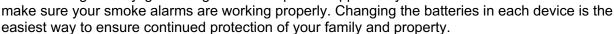


steps it took them to get to where they are. Students will also have a chance to ask questions regarding volunteer, internship, or job opportunities that can help further their experience. A librarian will email participants additional resources connected to each presenter after the event. For more information and registration please visit this <u>link</u>.

# Reminder: Daylight Saving this Weekend!

Sunday, March 13th | 2 am

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 14th at 2 am. Remember to "Spring Forward" and change your clocks! The annual change to daylight saving time is the perfect opportunity to





### JFCS Speaker Series

Sunday, March 13th | 2:00 pm | Alpert JCC or online

As the fourth and final event in Jewish Family & Children's Service's Tuesday Talks speaker series, Long Beach's own Michael Stuhlbarg will be featured in a Special Sunday



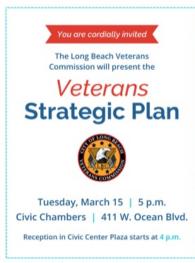
Edition on March 13th at 2pm at the <u>Alpert JCC</u>. A limited number of in-person and Zoom tickets are available to non-subscribers with all proceeds to benefit JFCS's daily work of supporting mental health and basic needs of many in the Long Beach area and, in particular, those who have been most severely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Visit <a href="www.jfcslongbeach.org/tuesday-talks">www.jfcslongbeach.org/tuesday-talks</a> or call (562) 427-7916 for more information and to purchase tickets.

### **Veterans Strategic Plan Presentation Reception**

March 15th | 4:00 - 5:00 pm | Civic Center Plaza

The City of Long Beach Veterans Affairs Commission will be presenting a Strategic Plan to the Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, March 15th. The plan is full of great insight on the state of Veterans in Long Beach as well as goals and recommendations. Please join the Commission in a small reception outside the council chambers at 4:00 pm and stay for the presentation.





The City Council teleconference of the council meeting will begin at 5:00 pm. The civic chambers will be closed, but the public can use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Items on Tuesday's council meeting agenda include:



- R13: Recommendation to request City Council support of the CARE Court framework that will create a new State policy for Mental health services - and request City Manager to examine the feasibility of the local program being administered by the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS).
- R16: Recommendation to receive and file the Citywide Strategic Plan on Veterans. (Citywide)
- R19: Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Section 21.15.2487, and by amending Subsection 21.25.903.B, and Subsection 21.25.904.C, relating to short-term rentals incorporating modifications by the Coastal Commission, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

The entire agenda can be found here. To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click here.

#### **Meet Commander Richens Next Wednesday** March 16th | 10:00 - 11:30 am | 5021 E. Anaheim St.

The Zaferia Business Association will be hosting a "Coffee with the East Division Commander" event at the Long Beach Playhouse on Wed., March 16th from 10:00-11:30 am. Meet the Long Beach Police Department East Division Commander, Michael Richens, and area patrol officers. This is a great opportunity to stay current on local issues and share any concerns about crime on the eastside of Long Beach. Attendance is free, but please reserve a spot via this link.



#### Two Rancho Los Alamitos Internship Opportunities March 18th deadline | 6400 E. Bixby Hill Rd. | Apply Online

Rancho Los Alamitos is seeking two temporary, part-time interns to support the organization's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) goals. The successful applicants for this exceptional opportunity will be upperlevel undergraduate or graduate students at CSULB and will work from June 2022 into fall 2022. The time commitment is approximately 5-10



hours weekly. Additional information about the internships is available at this link.

### Adaptive Recreation at Stearns Park

Registration begins March 23rd by appointment | (562) 570-2867

Parks and Recreation will offer in-person adaptive recreation programs for middle and high school youth and adults providing fun and enriching experiences such as art, games and fitness activities designed for people with disabilities. The Adaptive Recreation Programs will take place at Stearns Park, located at 4520 E. 23rd St. in the Fourth District. Programs will run April 30 through June 11, and registration, by



appointment, begins on Wed., March 23rd at 2:30 pm. More information is able at this link.

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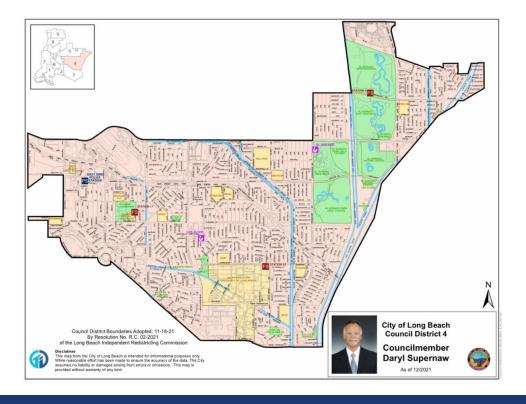
Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will offer in-person day camps during the upcoming LBUSD spring break from April 18th through 22nd. Youth ages 5 to 12 will enjoy crafts, physical fitness, enrichment activities, cultural celebrations and more. Online registration begins at 10 am on Wednesday, March 23rd. You can read additional information in the press release at this <u>link</u>.



## **And Finally**

### **Clarifying the Council District 4 Borders**

If you received a post card last week that left you confused about the CD4 borders, you're not alone. We received a number of calls and emails from residents who thought the post card came from our office. It did not. To provide some clarity, we are posting the new CD4 map below. Only the silhouette map in the upper left corner was printed on the post card. You can also access a high-resolution "zoomable" map of CD4 at this <u>link</u>.



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