Laserfiche Unveils New Global Headquarters in Long Beach

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Laserfiche unveiled its new global headquarters. Laserfiche is the Long Beach-based software company that specializes in business management products. The new facility is a 102,840-square-foot, four-story building located at 3443 Long Beach Blvd. The project, according to the developers, was built with a “biophilic” vision, which is a design philosophy that looks “to increase occupant connectivity to the natural environment.” The concept won the Los Angeles Business Journal 2022 Commercial Real Estate Award.

The building achieves that vision with natural light throughout the entire building by way of floor-to-ceiling windows that offer 270-degree views, a roof cooling system that reduces the heat-island effect and the re-introduction of greenery to the site, which is a remediated oil field. To mitigate solar heating, the project was built with features like vertical and horizontal fins around windows to help shade the interior, which has created an environment less reliant on electric heating and cooling systems.

The workspace can accommodate 550 employees at one time, and though it was planned before the COVID-19 pandemic, it includes features that will enable a hybrid workforce. Meeting rooms were specifically designed to accommodate video conferencing with employees at home, for example, by setting up V-shaped tables with a camera at the end for full visibility.

For more information about Laserfiche, please see their [website](#).
Cambodian New Year, April 14-16 2022

On Tuesday, April 12, the Long Beach City Council recognized the 2022 Cambodian New Year, that started on Thursday April 14, and commences Saturday, April 16th. The Cambodian or the Khmer people have a long and rich cultural heritage symbolized by the temple city Angkor Wat, considered one of the Wonders of the Ancient World, built between the 9th and 12th centuries, stands as a living icon of the endurance and genius of all Cambodians throughout the world.

Early connections between the United States and Cambodia began in the 1950s, when Cambodia sent bright and talented college students to universities, including California State Universities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, to study technical trades, engineering, and agriculture with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

After the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge regime in 1979, over 140,000 Cambodians came to the United States as refugees, making the City of Long Beach home to the largest Cambodian population in the United States.

The Cambodian New Year Festival, which is also known as Sangkranti, is also celebrated by Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and some part of India. It is a three day celebration and this year it begins on April 14 and ends on April 16.

Long Beach prides itself on its diversity, inclusion, and support of all race, ethnicities, cultures, faiths, and experiences. Therefore, the Long Beach City Council should receive and file a presentation in recognition of Cambodian New Year to support diverse cultural celebrations.

City of Long Beach Housing Element Update Receives State Certification – Among the First Cities certified in SCAG region

The City of Long Beach General Plan Housing Element update has been certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), signifying the City’s compliance with State Housing Element law. The certification enables the potential for considerable grants and State funding opportunities for various implementation efforts in Long Beach, including the production of additional affordable housing.

Long Beach is now among the first cities in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region to have a certified Housing Element update. SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 18 million residents. Other certified jurisdictions include the City of Duarte, City of San Gabriel, City of Westlake Village, County of Imperial and County of Ventura.

Adopted by the Long Beach City Council in February 2022, the 2021-2029 Housing Element is the sixth update and guides the City’s policies and programs related to housing through 2029. The Housing Element update builds on previous City plans, goals, objectives and strategies to ensure that the City meets the housing needs of current and future Long Beach residents and provides fair housing options for
Long Beach is Now the Home of One More Aerospace Startup.

Odys Aviation, which is striving to cut regional air travel times in half and drastically reduce carbon emissions with its new vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) craft, has moved its headquarters to Long Beach.

The firm recently raised $13.7 million in seed funding to accelerate the development of its hybrid-electric aircraft. While still in the early development stages, the Odys craft’s current design features a wingspan of fewer than 50 feet with 16 helicopter-like rotor systems that will allow for vertical takeoff and landing, and then rotate to propel the vehicle forward. While there may be a larger craft in the future, Dorris said the current configuration accommodates nine passengers along with two pilots.

The company is currently developing a one-seater version of the craft, which will be flown remotely, for a six-to-nine-month testing period set to begin this fall, Dorris said. Simultaneously, the firm is working on the first full-scale prototype, with the first flight slated for late 2023. The company expects the craft to be certified in late 2026 and to enter into service in 2027.

Standard security screening by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration is only required for the craft that carries 30 or more people. Since the new VTOL craft’s capacity is under that threshold, it will not require passengers to undergo TSA security checks, but rather a faster screening process, reducing travel time. The utilization of smaller municipal and general aviation airports such as Long Beach will ease travel time and stress for passengers without the need for new infrastructure to be built.
Odys is the second air mobility company to announce its interest in Long Beach in the last month and a half. In early March, Wisk Aero, which is developing an all-electric autonomous air taxi, teamed up with the Long Beach Economic Partnership to study the feasibility of the tech in the city and across the region. The company recently signed a lease for 15,000 square feet of office and hangar space with Ross Aviation at Long Beach Airport.

For more information about Odys Aviation, please see their [website](http://example.com).

**Industry Links**

[City hires firm to get input on an effort that could change the character of Central Long Beach](http://example.com)

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