

# Memorandum of Understanding

for the establishment of a Long Beach Housing Promise between the  
California State University Long Beach, Long Beach City College,  
Long Beach Unified School District,  
and  
the City of Long Beach

**November 9, 2023**

Based on a relationship of mutual benefit, the City of Long Beach, California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach City College, and Long Beach Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as the "Signatories") agree to cooperate and establish a collaborative relationship (hereinafter referred to as the "Long Beach Housing Promise"), as further described herein, to formalize an alliance for long-term collaboration between the Signatories and to promote the opportunity of access to quality, affordable housing to every student and family in the City of Long Beach.

The Long Beach community has a profound need for our residents to have a safe living environment in quality, affordable housing so that each of us may lead fulfilling, productive lives. Today and going forward, our regional economy is tied to the global economy. That means that our residents are affected by the volatility of the global economy, including economic shocks that cyclically cause housing instability or homelessness for thousands in our community.

Every student and family deserves an opportunity to have a stable housing environment from which to learn, work, play, and thrive. The future of Long Beach will depend upon an effective and efficient system of housing that insulates our residents and students against economic shocks, for the long-term betterment of the city and surrounding region. The Long Beach Housing Promise will aim to make quality, affordable housing a reasonable expectation for all residents of the City of Long Beach, students attending school in Long Beach, and their families.

## **Article 1. Purpose of the Memorandum**

Through this memorandum, the Signatories desire to explore a broad framework of strategic collaborations and advocacy, long-term planning, joint use of spaces, layered funding opportunities, strategic advocacy, development of shared public private partnerships, and policy innovations that enable better development of quality, accessible housing to support families across Long Beach.

## **Article 2. Fields of Cooperation**

1. Through this memorandum, the Signatories desire to create a broad framework of cooperation to enable better development of quality, accessible housing to support families across Long Beach as follows:
2. Strategic collaborations and advocacy
3. Long-term planning
4. Joint use of spaces
5. Layered funding opportunities
6. Development of shared public private partnerships
7. Policy innovations
8. Technical assistance and streamlining of proposal reviews

Furthermore, the Signatories agree to share information to the extent that each Signatory in its sole discretion deems appropriate and legally permissible, on subjects focused on housing, including, but not limited to:

9. Sharing data when appropriate to inform our policy development and implementation and work together to coordinate across jurisdictions and housing needs.
10. Coordinating engagement and outreach to publicize additional housing, navigation, and support resources for residents and students across our community.
11. Joint advocacy, where each Signatory is able to participate, through one community-wide voice, to support additional funding and policy changes that will promote the goals of the Long Beach Housing Promise.
12. Development of innovative external partnerships that could further the Signatories' housing goals.

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## Article 3. Discussions Pertaining to the Cooperation Activities and Financial Matters

The Signatories shall discuss cooperation activities as set forth in this memorandum as needed. The Signatories in the future may expand or focus the scope of this memorandum, and membership in the Long Beach Housing Promise, through amendments implemented based on the mutual written consent of all Signatories. Further, the Signatories acknowledge and agree that specific projects and programs requiring financial or staff commitment will require approval by their respective governing bodies, and thus this memorandum is not intended to obligate any Signatory to proceed with any particular project or program absent such approval.

## Article 4. Exchanges and Collaborations

In order to ensure the implementation of the cooperation activities stipulated in Article 2 of this memorandum, each Signatory shall designate a contact person responsible for this cooperation and notify the other Signatories in writing of their name, affiliation, and contact information promptly upon the signing of this memorandum. In the event that there are any changes to this information, the Signatories shall notify each other without delay.

## Article 5. Schedule of Contacts

In order to ensure the implementation of the cooperation activities stipulated in Article 2 of this memorandum, the partners shall designate a contact person responsible for this cooperation, and notify the other partners in writing of their name, affiliation, and contact information, immediately upon the signing of this memorandum. In the event that there are any changes to this information, the partners shall notify each other without delay.

## Article 6. Duration and Termination

This memorandum shall go into effect from the day it is signed by all of the Signatories identified below and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. This memorandum can be extended upon mutual consent in writing by all Signatories, subject to the Signatories notifying the others of their intention to extend this memorandum at least six (6) months before the expiry date. Any modifications to this memorandum shall be made in writing by agreement of all Signatories. Any Signatory may terminate this memorandum prior to its expiry date by giving a written termination notice to the other Signatories at least six (6) months in advance.

### On Behalf of...

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Rex Richardson, Mayor  
City of Long Beach

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Jane Close-Conoley, President  
California State University Long Beach

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Mike Muñoz, Superintendent-President  
Long Beach City College

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Long Beach Unified School District

### Honorary Witness of:

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Dr. Juan Benitez, Board Member  
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