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A photograph of a parade on a city street. In the foreground, a white car is partially visible. A person's arm is seen holding a small American flag on a blue pole. In the background, other cars and people are visible, some holding signs. One sign on the right has the word 'RISE' visible.

# LONG BEACH 101

**A guide to your city,  
your government and  
how to get involved**

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## **INSIDE:**

- How to vote, how to run and how to make your voice heard
- Who really holds power at City Hall?
- Grassroots groups that shape your neighborhood

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This guide is our first step in answering that question. We hope to expand the effort next year and publish these resources annually.

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— *Melissa Evans, CEO*



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### There's more online


We realize the limitations of a 28-page printed guide, and have compiled a number of links and resources to find more information on the topics covered in this guide. Scan the QR code here, or visit [lbpost.com/civicguide](https://lbpost.com/civicguide).





# How we vote has changed

**V**oting has never been easier. Every registered voter in California now gets a ballot by mail — postage is free — and can vote early at a vote center or ballot drop box. Employers must give workers up to **two hours of paid time off** on Election Day.

In 2016, California passed a law allowing counties to replace neighborhood precincts with countywide **vote centers**. Voters can now cast a ballot anywhere in the county, not just at their local polling place. Los Angeles County adopted the model in 2020. 

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**WHY THIS MATTERS:** *Casting a ballot is easier, but it's harder to see hyperlocal results quickly, and campaigns face higher costs to monitor or challenge close races.*

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## THE NEXT CHANCE TO VOTE

A special statewide election will take place Nov. 4, 2025 on Proposition 50, which would temporarily suspend the current congressional district boundaries and allow for a new map through the 2030 elections.

The county will begin mailing ballots to registered voters on Oct. 6, 2025.

## WHO WE ELECT IN LONG BEACH


Residents choose **13 officials**: the **mayor**, nine **City Council members**, plus the **city attorney**, **city auditor** and **city prosecutor**. The mayor and council members are limited to **three four-year terms**. The attorney, auditor and prosecutor have **no term limits**.



# ELECTIONS AND VOTING


## HOW TO PICK A CANDIDATE

Voting is both a right and a responsibility. In local races, where turnout is often low, informed choices matter.

**DO:** Seek independent, nonpartisan sources. Read local news (lbpost.com, presstelegram.com). For statewide races, check **calmatters.org** and its **Digital Democracy database**. Nonpartisan voter guides, such as the **League of Women Voters' VOTE411** (vote411.org), are reliable tools. 

**DON'T:** Rely only on campaign flyers, social media or candidate mailers.

## PUBLIC RECORDS: FOLLOW THE MONEY

Campaign finance and ethics forms are public and reveal a lot about who's funding candidates and influencing policy. 

## Key documents to know

- **Forms 460 and 461:** Show donations to candidates, who gave, and how funds were spent
- **Form 700:** Filed annually by officials; discloses sources of income, investments, real estate holdings and gifts
- **Form 803:** Tracks "behested

payments" (donations made at a politician's request to a nonprofit or government entity)

## Where to find them

- Long Beach City Clerk: searchable local database
- Statewide: California Secretary of State and Fair Political Practices Commission (fppc.ca.gov)

## THINKING OF RUNNING FOR OFFICE YOURSELF?

Dissatisfied with your choices? Consider running. A crowded field creates accountability and gives voters more options.

## Requirements

- Be at least 18 years old and live in the district or area of the office you seek.
- File a **Form 501** and a nomi-

nating packet with the city clerk.

- Pay a **\$280 filing fee** and gather signatures from at least 20 registered voters.

## Campaigning

Running is simple on paper, but difficult in practice. Successful campaigns require:

- Community buy-in and volunteer support
- Fundraising and financial disclosures
- Time and availability for forums and voter outreach
- A message that resonates with the public

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**IN SHORT:** *Voting is easier than ever, but being an informed voter — or a candidate — still takes effort. Long Beach residents have the tools. Use them.*

## ELECTION TIMELINE: 2026 PRIMARY

<b>MARCH 11</b>	Candidate nomination forms and statements available
<b>APRIL 23</b>	First campaign finance reports due
<b>MAY 4</b>	Ballots mailed by LA County Registrar
<b>MAY 18</b>	Voter registration deadline
<b>MAY 21</b>	Second campaign finance reports due
<b>MAY 23</b>	Early voting and ballot drop-off begins
<b>MAY 29</b>	Third campaign finance reports due
<b>JUNE 2</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
<b>JULY 2</b>	Final results certified




## CITY HALL

# Where the people's business happens

## WHO HAS POWER

**G**overnment agencies such as City Hall are among the largest employers in Long Beach. The city employs about 6,000 people who work across 23 departments and in more than 700 classifications.

We'll highlight a few of the key positions and departments, along with tips on how to interact with the people in various roles at City Hall. 

### THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council is the nine-member body that holds nearly all legislative authority in Long Beach. It hires key personnel, approves the city's roughly \$3.6 billion budget and enacts laws that affect residents and businesses every day.

The Council can propose new taxes; levy fines or fees; place measures on the ballot for voters; create new departments and positions; control the city's budget; and adopt official stances on issues both local and beyond.

### CITY MANAGER

Long Beach has a "strong city manager" form of government, which means this position holds executive authority to run the city's day to day business. The city manager is hired — and can





be fired — by the City Council.

The manager oversees all city departments, including police and fire, and is responsible for preparing the annual budget and making policy recommendations to the Council. The city manager and department heads oversee millions of dollars in spending on health, infrastructure, homelessness, Long Beach Airport, traffic control, animal control and more.

## THE MAYOR

Unlike mayors in Los Angeles, Chicago or New York City, Long Beach's mayor does not vote on Council actions and does not directly manage city departments. The mayor presides over Council meetings and holds veto power, but the office's real influence comes from its visibility and ability to set the public agenda.

The mayor delivers the annual **State of the City** address; presides over ceremonial events; represents the city in regional, state and national forums; and appoints dozens of residents to more than 35 city boards and commissions. Most of these bodies are advisory, but several — including Planning, Harbor, utilities, Civil Service, Redistricting, and the Board of Examiners and Appeals — have final decision-making authority. The Parks and Recreation Commission also has authority over some program areas.



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## CITY CLERK

The city clerk, appointed by the City Council, maintains legislative records, such as meeting minutes and resolutions and serves as the city's chief elections officer.

## OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

In addition to the mayor and City Council, voters also elect three other citywide officials:

- **City prosecutor:** Handles misdemeanors and infractions committed in Long Beach, such as DUIs, shoplifting and quality-of-life crimes. Felonies are prosecuted by the LA County district attorney.
- **City attorney:** Serves as the city's lawyer,

advising the Council and departments, drafting contracts and ordinances, and representing the city in court.

- **City auditor:** Acts as an independent watchdog over city finances, auditing departments and programs to ensure money is spent legally and efficiently.

## OTHER KEY PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS

### POLICE

Public safety is a major financial commitment. The police department employs over 1,200 sworn



*Mayor Rex Richardson in July 2025 announces a new emergency fund to aid neighborhoods and residents impacted by immigration enforcement actions.*





*Long Beach firefighters and police in May 2024 honor members of their ranks who have died in service.*



*Francine Kerridge*

and non-sworn personnel, and consumes nearly half of the general fund, which supports essential services like parks, sidewalks and libraries.

The Long Beach Police Department has faced controversy over the years regarding accountability, transparency and its relationship with the community. In response, voters approved reforms that created a new **Office of Police Oversight** and a **Police Oversight Commission**.

- **Police oversight director:** Francine Kerridge

was appointed in September 2023 as the city's first police oversight director. She audits police investigations, reviews department policies and training, and can observe critical incidents to ensure fairness and transparency.

- **Police Oversight Commission:** A civilian board that meets quarterly to review reports, provide feedback and advise the oversight director. While it does not impose discipline, it serves as a forum for community input and public accountability.

- **How residents can engage:** Community

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members can attend quarterly commission meetings to provide public comment, apply to serve as a commissioner or submit feedback and complaints through the Office of Police Oversight or the police department's internal affairs unit.

## HOW TO SUPPORT LBPD

The best way to learn about public safety is to get involved. There are a number of pathways:

### • **Senior police partners:**

Retired seniors who commit hundreds of hours annually to support officers with events, patrols, DUI checkpoints and senior safety awareness

### • **Volunteer opportunities**

(VIPS, Explorers, Mounted): Paths to assist in community outreach, ride-alongs, youth engagement and more

• **Community Advisory Committee and community engagement:** Forums and community members help shape public-facing policies and practices

### • **Community outreach**

**contact:** Call 562-570-5274 or mail [LBPDCommunityEngagement@longbeach.gov](mailto:LBPDCommunityEngagement@longbeach.gov)



## FIRE

The Long Beach Fire Department, which employs roughly 550 sworn and non-sworn personnel, is responsible for emergency response, disaster preparedness and community safety. While it does not have a civilian oversight body like the police, there are multiple ways residents can engage.

• **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):**

A volunteer program that trains residents in basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations.

• **Public safety education:** Firefighters regularly host school visits, community demonstrations and preparedness events where residents can learn about fire





prevention and emergency readiness.

• **City Council and budget process:** Because police and fire funding comes from the city's general fund, residents can influence priorities by participating in annual budget hearings and contacting their council members about service needs.



## HOMELESSNESS

*(See how to get involved, page 20)*  
The city's Homeless Services Bureau coordinates emergency shelters, meals, housing assistance, mental health support and job training.


Long Beach's homelessness system is governed through the **Continuum of Care (CoC)**, a collaborative network led by the Homeless Services Bureau. It includes:

- **CoC board:** 13 to 17 elected members guiding strategy, funding and implementation
- **Homeless Services Advisory Committee:** Reviews current and proposed services, making recommendations to the mayor and City Council

• **City Council:** Sets policy, approves funding and executes contracts based on CoC guidance

## HOW TO ACCESS GOVERNMENT

### ATTEND OR SPEAK AT A MEETING

The City Council meets most Tuesdays at 5 p.m. (except the last Tuesday of each month) at City Hall (411 W. Ocean Blvd.). Meetings are open to the public and broadcast live online at [longbeach.gov](http://longbeach.gov). Past meetings are also archived there for on-demand viewing. 

# CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER

It's important to get to know your City Council representative. Council members not only make decisions that shape the city, they and their staff can help constituents with practical concerns like trash pickup, street paving, nuisance complaints, zoning questions and more.

Council offices can be contacted by phone or email. You can find your district number by entering your address into the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters' District Lookup tool ([tinyurl.com/findmydistrictLA](http://tinyurl.com/findmydistrictLA)).

## District 1

(Downtown)

MARY ZENDEJAS

Email: [district1@longbeach.gov](mailto:district1@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-6919

## District 2

(Downtown/Alamitos Beach)

CINDY ALLEN

Email: [district2@longbeach.gov](mailto:district2@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-2222

## District 3

(Belmont Shore/Naples)

KRISTINA DUGGAN

Email: [district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-6300

## District 4

(Los Altos/Southeast Long Beach)

DARYL SUPERNAW

Email: [district4@longbeach.gov](mailto:district4@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-4444

## District 5

(East Long Beach/Bixby Knolls)

MEGAN KERR

Email: [district5@longbeach.gov](mailto:district5@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-5555

## District 6

(Central Long Beach)

SUELY SARO

Email: [district6@longbeach.gov](mailto:district6@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-6816

## District 7

(West Long Beach/Wrigley)

ROBERTO URANGA

Email: [district7@longbeach.gov](mailto:district7@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-7777

## District 8

(North Long Beach)

TUNUA THRASH-NTUK

Email: [district8@longbeach.gov](mailto:district8@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-6685

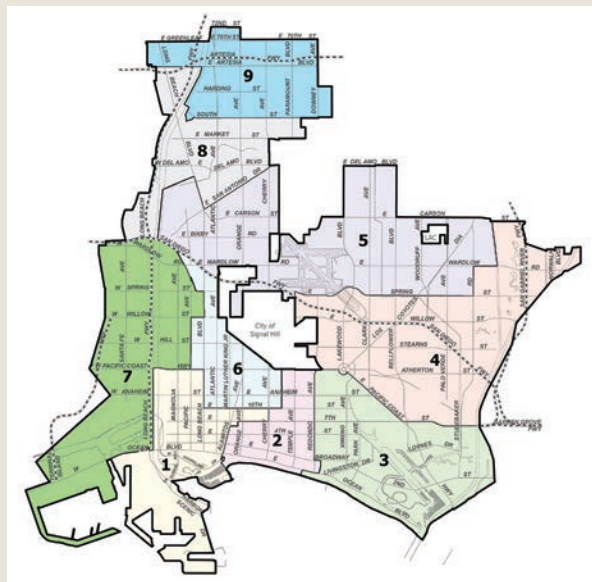
## District 9

(North Long Beach)

JONI RICKS-ODDIE

Email: [district9@longbeach.gov](mailto:district9@longbeach.gov)

Phone: 562-570-6137







## 1. General public comment (non-agenda items)

- At the start of the meeting, up to 10 residents may speak on topics not listed on the agenda.
- Each speaker is allotted three minutes.
- To participate, grab a speaker card from the lobby or city clerk's desk before the meeting begins — these are handed out starting 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

## 2. Public comment on specific agendized items

- To comment on an item listed on the agenda, you must submit a speaker card for that specific item before the item is read aloud by the clerk.
- If fewer than 10 speakers sign up, each receives three minutes.

- If 10 or more speakers sign up, each is limited to 90 seconds.

## 3. Remote (online) public comment

- The comment window opens at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before a Tuesday meeting and closes one hour before the meeting starts.
- Comments are forwarded electronically to Council but are not typically responded to during the meeting.

## 4. Written email comments

- You can also comment by emailing the city clerk ([cityclerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:cityclerk@longbeach.gov)).
- Be sure to include the agenda item number and topic in your subject line.



## GET A RECORD

The California Public Records Act (PRA) is a state law that gives the public the right to inspect or obtain copies of government records. It's rooted in the idea that transparency is essential to democracy: Residents should know what their government is doing. [!\[\]\(3dfb8d66e81160ad61421a3452093d1b\_img.jpg\)](#)

## HOW TO SUBMIT A PRA REQUEST

### 1. Identify the agency

Requests must be sent to the specific public agency that has the records. For City of Long Beach records, you can submit through the city clerk's PRA portal or email [cityclerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:cityclerk@longbeach.gov).

### 2. Make your request clear

You don't need to cite the law, but be specific about what you want.

Example: "All emails sent by the city man-

ager to the police chief from Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, 2025, regarding the homeless encampment at Lincoln Park."

### 3. Agency response

By law, the agency must respond within 10 calendar days to say whether it has records that may be disclosed.

### 4. Inspection or copies

You can request to inspect the records at no cost or ask for copies (fees may apply, often 10 to 25 cents per page or actual cost for digital duplication).

## WHAT RECORDS CAN YOU GET?

The law presumes all records are public, including:

- Emails, letters and memos created in the course of public business



- Budgets, contracts, invoices and receipts
- Meeting materials, reports, data sets and statistics
- Police logs and arrest records (with some limitations)

### WHAT AGENCIES CAN WITHHOLD

Certain categories of records may be withheld under exemptions, such as:

- Personnel files (to protect privacy)
- Investigatory records in active law enforcement cases
- Attorney-client-privileged documents or attorney work product
- Drafts and notes that are not considered final records
- Trade secrets or sensitive financial information submitted by contractors
- Security-sensitive information (such as

building blueprints or cybersecurity systems) Even when exemptions apply, agencies must release any reasonably segregable portions of the record — meaning they can redact sensitive parts but must still provide the rest.

### TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

**Be precise:** Agencies are not required to create new records, only to produce existing ones.

**Track your request:** Most agencies assign a tracking number through their PRA portal.

**Appeal or narrow:** If you're denied, ask the agency to cite the specific exemption. You can narrow your request or appeal if needed.


**Use publicly available tools first:**

City Council agendas, budget books and meeting recordings are often online and can save you time.



# THE GRASSROOTS



**L**ong Beach has a long tradition of neighborhood activism, service clubs and nonprofit organizations that help residents connect and shape the future of the city. Whether you want to improve your block, volunteer your time or build business connections, there are plenty of ways to get started. 

## FIND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

The city recognizes dozens of neighborhood associations

across Long Beach. These are resident-led groups that meet regularly to talk about local concerns such as traffic, crime, beautification and development. They also often work directly with City Council offices and the police department.

To see if your area has a group, visit the city's **Neighborhood Services Bureau** web page ([longbeach.gov/lbcd/hn/resource-center/neighborhood-groups](http://longbeach.gov/lbcd/hn/resource-center/neighborhood-groups)) or call 562-570-6866.

If you can't find a neighbor-

hood association in your area — or if one doesn't yet exist — form one of your own by contacting the Neighborhood Resource Center at 562-570-1010 or email [nsb@longbeach.gov](mailto:nsb@longbeach.gov).

## NONPROFITS THAT PROMOTE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Several Long Beach organizations focus on leadership training, volunteerism and civic education.

### Leadership Long Beach:

Runs programs for adults and youth to learn about city gov-





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ernment, history and leadership while connecting with civic leaders. ([leadershiplb.org](http://leadershiplb.org))

## **Long Beach Forward:**

Works with community groups to strengthen grass-roots leadership, with an emphasis on equity and inclusion. ([lbforward.org](http://lbforward.org))

## **Long Beach Community Action Partnership:**

Offers youth programs, volunteer opportunities and community projects aimed at building civic pride. ([lbcap.org](http://lbcap.org))

## **SERVICE CLUBS**

Long Beach is home to a vibrant service club community that supports schools, literacy, the arts and more.

**Rotary Club of Long Beach:** Founded in 1917, it's the city's largest service club, with more than 300 members. Known for its Reading by 9 literacy initiative and global service projects. ([rotarylongbeach.org](http://rotarylongbeach.org))

**Assistance League of Long Beach:** Operates philanthropic programs such as Operation School Bell, which provides uniforms and supplies to thousands of LBUSD students each year. ([allb.org](http://allb.org))

**Kiwanis, Lions and Soroptimists:** Smaller but active chapters focusing on youth development, health, scholarships and community service.

## **BUSINESS GROUPS**

If your interest is civic engagement through business and commerce, there are several places to plug in.



**Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce:** The city's largest business advocacy group, offering networking, training and government affairs programs. ([lbchamber.com](http://lbchamber.com))

**Business Improvement Districts:** These are member-based organizations funded by assessments on local property or business owners, and they provide services such as cleaning,





safety, marketing and events to improve their commercial corridors. To see if you live or work in one of these districts, visit [tinyurl.com/lbbid](https://tinyurl.com/lbbid).

#### **VOLUNTEER FOR A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION**

Long Beach has more than 35 city boards and commissions covering everything from planning and water to ethics and libraries. Most are

advisory, but some — like the Planning, Harbor and Water Commissions — have real decision-making power.

Appointments are made by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Find more information and applications at [longbeach.gov/mayor/administration/commissions-boards-committees](https://longbeach.gov/mayor/administration/commissions-boards-committees)



## GET INVOLVED THROUGH SCHOOLS

For many, the first step into civic involvement comes through their local schools. These groups not only support students but also give parents and community members a direct role in shaping education policy and priorities.

### PTAs and PTOs (Parent Teacher Associations/Organizations)

These groups organize fundraisers, family nights and volunteer activities. They often raise money for field trips, classroom supplies, tech-

nology and after-school programs. They also serve as a bridge between parents and school administrators.

### School site councils

Required at every public school in California, these elected bodies of parents, teachers, staff and sometimes students review and approve school plans and budgets. They decide how certain state and federal funds are spent, such as Title I funding for schools serving low-income communities.



## Education foundations

Many districts and even individual schools have nonprofit foundations that raise larger sums to support enrichment programs — music, arts, STEM labs, athletics and more. These foundations can play a key role in local bond campaigns or districtwide initiatives. In Long Beach, for example, the Long Beach Education Foundation supports scholarships, grants for teachers and special projects in Long Beach Unified.

## ORGANIZE YOUR OWN EFFORT

There's plenty to do across the city and in your neighborhood:

- Start a neighborhood cleanup or community garden.
- Create block clubs focused on safety.
- Launch mutual aid networks for food, rent support or child care.

## Getting involved in focus areas

### HOMELESSNESS

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#### *Help and advocacy organizations*

##### **Long Beach Rescue Mission**

Provides meals, emergency shelter, case management and long-term support.

Website: [lbrm.org](http://lbrm.org)

Phone: 562-591-1292

Email: [info@lbrm.org](mailto:info@lbrm.org)

##### **Care Closet LBC**

Daily cleanups, essential supplies and volunteer

opportunities to build structure and dignity.

Website: [careclosetlbc.org](http://careclosetlbc.org)

Phone: 562-760-7447

Email: [careclosetlbc@gmail.com](mailto:careclosetlbc@gmail.com)

#### *Volunteer support and community engagement*

##### **Christian Outreach in Action (COA)**

Provides hot meals, hygiene kits, clothing and support services.

Website: [coalongbeach.org](http://coalongbeach.org)

Phone: 562-432-1440

Email: [admin@coalongbeach.org](mailto:admin@coalongbeach.org)

#### *Policy advocacy and civic engagement*

##### **Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC)**

A citizen-led advisory body influencing policy and program decisions for homelessness services.

Contact: Long Beach City Clerk's office (details via City of Long Beach)

### IMMIGRATION

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*Immigration policy is set at the federal level, but there are a number of ways to get involved locally.*

#### *Immigration and immigrant rights support in Long Beach*

##### **Immigrant Defenders Law Center**

Provides free deportation defense and rapid-response legal support to immigrants across Southern California.

Website: [immdef.org](http://immdef.org)

Phone (rapid-response hotline): 213-634-0999

Email: [info@immdef.org](mailto:info@immdef.org)

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## **Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project (Catholic Charities)**

Offers legal education, deportation defense and advocacy for vulnerable immigrants.

Website: [esperanza-la.org](http://esperanza-la.org)

Phone: 213-251-3505

Email: [eirp@ccharities.org](mailto:eirp@ccharities.org)

## **Filipino Migrant Center**

A Filipino immigrant-led nonprofit providing education, advocacy and community support.

Website: [filipinomigrantcenter.org](http://filipinomigrantcenter.org)

Phone: 562-676-4414

Email: [info@filipinomigrantcenter.org](mailto:info@filipinomigrantcenter.org)

## **United Cambodian Community**

Offers legal aid, translation, health navigation and social services to the Cambodian community.

Website: [ucclb.org](http://ucclb.org)

Phone: 562-433-2490

Email: [info@ucclb.org](mailto:info@ucclb.org)

## **Centro CHA**

Provides immigrant integration services including DACA and naturalization support.

Website: [centrocha.org](http://centrocha.org)

Phone: 562-612-4180

Email: [info@centrocha.org](mailto:info@centrocha.org)

## **ÓRALE**

An immigrant-led movement focused on empowering the Latinx community and securing immigrant justice.

Website: [orale.org](http://orale.org)

Phone: 562-204-6333

Email (DA/donations): [dani@lbirc.org](mailto:dani@lbirc.org)





## HOUSING RIGHTS AND SUPPORT IN LONG BEACH

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### **Fair Housing Foundation**

Provides counseling, mediation and outreach about fair housing laws for tenants, landlords, realtors, nonprofits and others. Handles issues like discrimination, eviction defense and habitability.

Website: [fhfca.org](http://fhfca.org)

Phone (intake): 800-399-4529

Email: [info@fhfca.org](mailto:info@fhfca.org)

### **Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach (HACLB)**

Offers rental assistance and support to individuals and families to expand access to affordable, safe housing through community partnerships.

Website: [longbeach.gov/haclb](http://longbeach.gov/haclb)

Phone: 562-570-6985

Email: [haclb@longbeach.gov](mailto:haclb@longbeach.gov)

### **Long Beach Self-Help Center (legal aid support)**

A self-help legal resource center that assists both tenants and landlords with court forms and legal guidance — especially useful for people representing themselves.

Website: [lawhelpca.org](http://lawhelpca.org)

Phone: 213-830-0845

### ***Tenant-specific resources***

### **Long Beach Residents Empowered (LiBRE)**

A grassroots group defending tenant rights, promoting affordable housing and organizing renters. Works with Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles to host legal clinics and offer tenant counseling.

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Website: [wearelbre.org](http://wearelbre.org)

Phone: 562-570-4500 (multiservice center)

Email: [contact.lbre@gmail.com](mailto:contact.lbre@gmail.com)

## **Tenants Together, Housing Long Beach**

A statewide advocacy organization offering policy support, local advocacy and organizing for housing rights, including efforts specific to Long Beach.

Website: [tenantstogether.org/resources/housing-long-beach](http://tenantstogether.org/resources/housing-long-beach)

Phone: 562-436-8592

Email: [info@tenantstogether.org](mailto:info@tenantstogether.org)

## ***Landlord-specific resources***

### **Apartment Owners Association (Long Beach branch)**

A local chapter of the Apartment Owners Association of California. Provides low-cost landlording resources, rental forms, tenant screening, property management advice and hosts seminars and trade shows.

Website: [aoausa.com](http://aoausa.com)

Phone: 562-597-2422 ext. 248

Email: [info@aoausa.com](mailto:info@aoausa.com)

### **California Apartment Association (CAA)**

The largest statewide trade group representing rental housing owners and managers. Offers legal forms, education (including the "Landlord 101" webinar), advocacy and industry updates.

Website: [caanet.org](http://caanet.org)

Phone: 916-656-5959

Email: [info@cal-rha.org](mailto:info@cal-rha.org)

(via CalRHA, CAA's official email)



## Connect within your neighborhood

Long Beach has more than 100 neighborhood groups — you can find a full list at [longbeach.gov/lbcd/hn](http://longbeach.gov/lbcd/hn) — but it's difficult to know which ones are active, so we contacted all of them. Here's who got back to us with their current meeting times and locations. [!\[\]\(1f99bf65f43889da445ecc1fe8d9504f\_img.jpg\)](#)

## ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

### **Willmore City Community Association**

Meets: Third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m.





Where: 953 N. Park Circle  
Contact: [willmorecity@gmail.com](mailto:willmorecity@gmail.com)  
Website: [willmorecity.org](http://willmorecity.org)

#### **Promenade Area Residents Association**

Meets: Quarterly  
Where: Online, email [info@paralongbeach.org](mailto:info@paralongbeach.org)  
for link  
Contact: [info@paralongbeach.org](mailto:info@paralongbeach.org)  
Website: [paralongbeach.org](http://paralongbeach.org)

#### **Ocean Residents Community Association**

Meets: Fourth Monday of most months  
Where: Various community rooms along  
Ocean Blvd.

Contact: [mike@mikedunfeegroup.com](mailto:mike@mikedunfeegroup.com)  
Website: [facebook.com/ORCAOceanResi-  
dentsCommunityAssociation](https://facebook.com/ORCAOceanResidentsCommunityAssociation)

#### **Rose Park Neighborhood Association**

Meets: Twice a year  
Where: Locations vary  
Contact: [info@rpna.org](mailto:info@rpna.org)  
Website: [instagram.com/roseparklb](https://instagram.com/roseparklb)

#### **DeForest Park Neighborhood Association**

Meets: Third Thursday of every month  
(except December), 7 p.m.  
Where: DeForest Park Clubhouse  
(6255 DeForest Ave.)

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Contact: [info@deforestpark.org](mailto:info@deforestpark.org)

Website: [deforestpark.org](http://deforestpark.org)

## **Belmont Heights Community Association**

Meets: Second Wednesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Belmont Heights United Methodist Church (317 Termino Ave.) in Wesley Hall

Contact: [bhcalb@gmail.com](mailto:bhcalb@gmail.com)

Website: [mybelmonthheights.org/events](http://mybelmonthheights.org/events)

## **South of Conant Neighborhood Watch**

Meets: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.

Where: St. Luke's Church (5633 E. Wardlow Road)

Contact: [jlshultz64@gmail.com](mailto:jlshultz64@gmail.com)

Website: [nextdoor.com/neighborhood/southofconant--long-beach--ca](http://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/southofconant--long-beach--ca)

## **Friends of Bixby Park**

Meets: First Saturday of every month (park cleanup)

Where: Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.)

Contact: [friendsofbixbypark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbixbypark@gmail.com)

Website: [sites.google.com/view/friendsofbixbypark](https://sites.google.com/view/friendsofbixbypark)

## **Nehyam Neighborhood Association**

Meets: Second Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.

Where: Teriyaki Grill (1231 Artesia Blvd.)

Contact: [jfrowe@rocketmail.com](mailto:jfrowe@rocketmail.com),

562-343-3834

Website: [facebook.com/NehyamNeighborhood](https://facebook.com/NehyamNeighborhood)

## **Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association**

Meets: General public meetings once a year, board meetings monthly

Where: Locations vary

Contact: [info@loscerritosna.org](mailto:info@loscerritosna.org)

Website: [loscerritosna.org](http://loscerritosna.org)

## **El Dorado Park Estates**

### **Neighborhood Association**

Meets: Second Thursday of every month

Where: One of the board member's homes, rotating

Contact: [eldoestatesassociation@gmail.com](mailto:eldoestatesassociation@gmail.com)

Website: [eldoestatesassociation.com](http://eldoestatesassociation.com)

## **Bluff Park Neighborhood Association**

Meets: Quarterly, email [president@bluffpark.org](mailto:president@bluffpark.org) for info

Where: Email for info

Contact: [preservation@bluffpark.org](mailto:preservation@bluffpark.org)

Website: [bluffpark.org/events](http://bluffpark.org/events)

## **Wrigley Neighborhood Association**

Meets: First non-holiday Monday of every month, 7 p.m.

Where: Veterans Park Social Hall (101 E. 28th St.)

Contact: [wrigleyassociation@gmail.com](mailto:wrigleyassociation@gmail.com)

Website: [wrigleylb.com](http://wrigleylb.com)







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