

LONG BEACH PROGRESSIVE VOTERS GUIDE

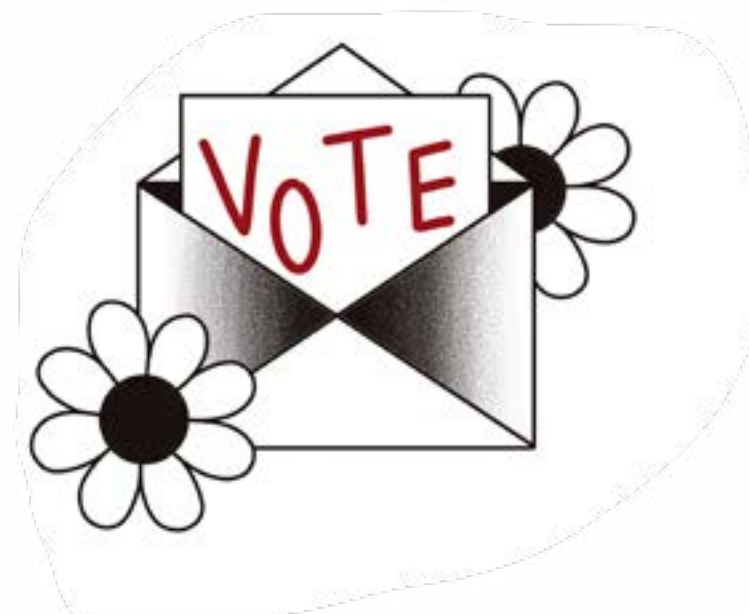
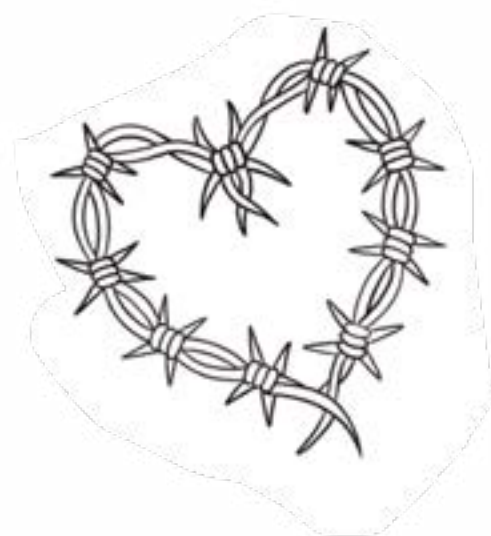
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WHO WE ARE

CARE CULTURE COLLABORATIVE IS A LONG BEACH LOCAL ANARCHIST & ABOLITIONIST GROUP. OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE THE WORLD WE WANT TO LIVE IN, STARTING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. OPERATING THROUGH COMPASSION, CONNECTION AND UNDERSTANDING, WE SEEK TO ERADICATE DIVIDES CREATED BY CAPITALISM. BY CHALLENGING POWER STRUCTURES WE WORK AGAINST SYSTEMS IN PLACE THAT CREATE AN UNJUST AND UNEQUAL SOCIETY.

WE MEET AS A BOOK CLUB WEEKLY, AND OPERATE WITH A NON-HIERARCHICAL, HORIZONTAL STRUCTURE. FOLLOW @CARECULTURECOLLAB_LB ON INSTAGRAM TO JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB OR FOR GENERAL UPDATES ON ALL UPCOMING EVENTS.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT,

YOUR VOTE DOES MATTER!

EVEN THOUGH POLITICS IN GENERAL CAN FEEL DISCOURAGING AND A BIT HELPLESS, YOU CAN ABSOLUTELY MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY VOTING LOCALLY. WE DID THE RESEARCH IN HOPES OF MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU TO MAKE AN IMPACT.

VOTE IN-PERSON, OR BY MAIL BY MARCH 5, 2024!

CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 2 - KETTY CITERRO

Ketty Citterio is an active member of the District 2 community as President of organization Friends of Bixby Park who is campaigning on anti-establishment values. She advocates for inclusion of all community members, the environment, and assistance to the unhoused.

Cindy Allen, Vice-mayor, has been in her current position on city council since 2020 after a career as a police officer. She is endorsed by the Long Beach Police Officers Association and Mayor Rex Richardson, and the LA County Democratic Party.

Gerrie Schipske has worked for the City of Long Beach as a Public Information Officer and as Citizen Participation Coordinator. Her platform emphasizes public safety by police funding and the need for government transparency and accountability on finances and other decisions that affect the public. Gerrie Schipske is not seeking the endorsement of any political party or special interest.

DISTRICT 4 - GERRIE SCHIPSKE

Daryl Supernaw is the current incumbent of this City Council seat and recently voted against the ceasefire resolution over the Israel-Palestine conflict that the Long Beach City Council recently passed. He is endorsed by the Long Beach Firefighters' and Police Officers' Associations.

Herlinda Chico's platform emphasizes prioritizing public safety and challenging the growth of homelessness to protect and activate open spaces in Long Beach. Endorsed by the Long Beach Democratic Club and former city council member Jeannine Pearce.

Amrit Singh states his priorities include protecting small businesses, public safety, funding the police, and bolstering mental health and preventative health care.

DISTRICT 6 - SUELY SARO

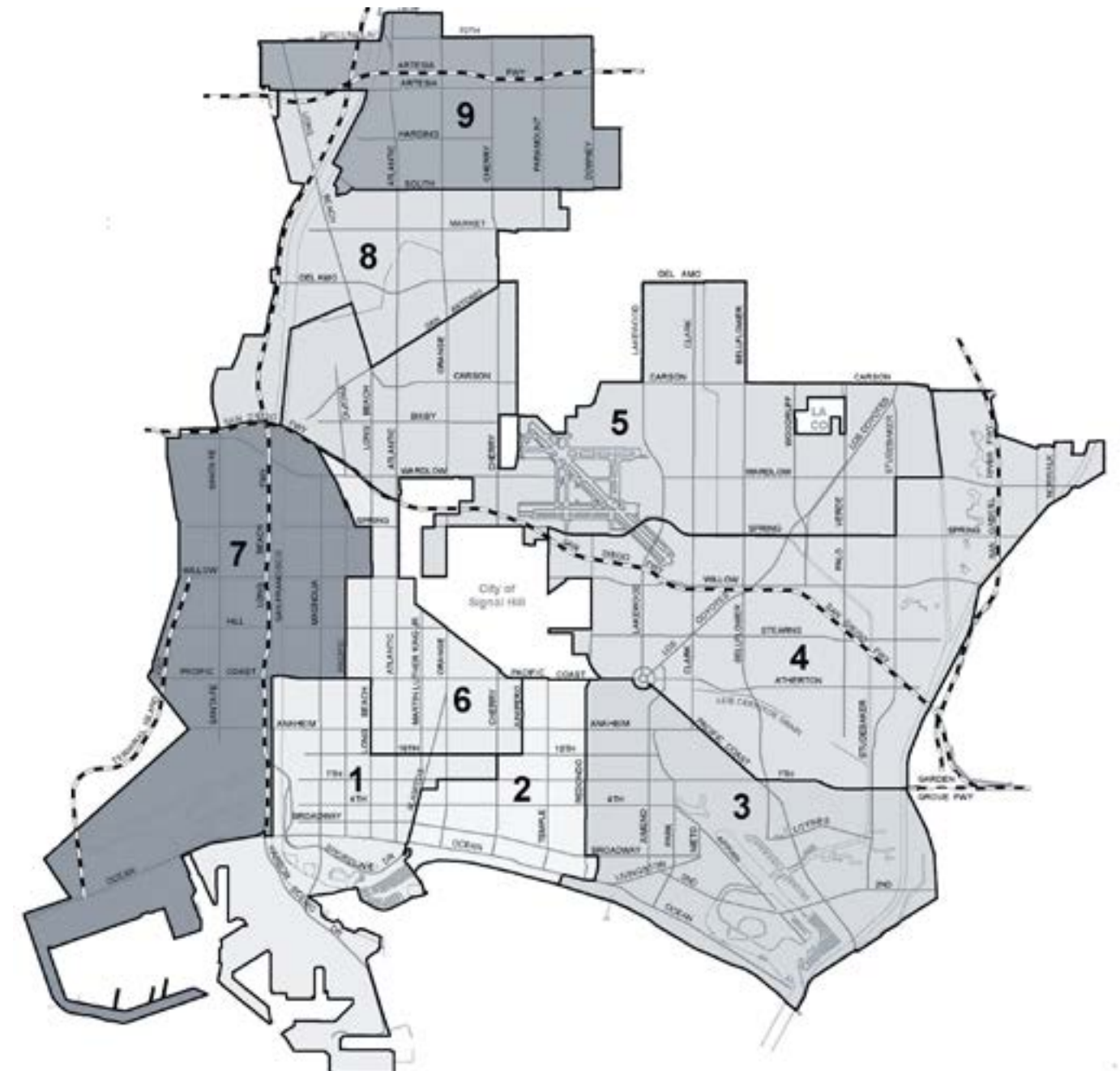
Suely Saro, current city council member, unseated incumbent in 2020 on the platform of bringing attention and revitalization to her "neglected" district. She is endorsed by Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson, Congressman Robert Garcia, Asian Democrats of Los Angeles County, the Long Beach Democratic Club, and the Long Beach Black Democratic Club.

Cristino Pinto is running on the platform that District 6 has been neglected as a community and hopes to prioritize its needs.

DISTRICT 8 - TUNUA THRASH-NTUK

Tunua Thrash-Ntuk's platform emphasizes supporting local business and protecting public safety. She has been endorsed by LA League of Conservation Voters for her environmental platform and experience on the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors with decades working with Greenlining Institute on environmental justice issues. Endorsed by the the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, Senator Bernie Sanders, Mayor Rex Richardson and Congress Member Robert Garcia.

Sharifa Batts emphasizes increasing public safety, reducing street homelessness, attracting small businesses, creating good-paying jobs, and repairing streets and sidewalks in her platform. She is endorsed by the MLK Jr. Democratic Club, the Center for Biological Diversity Action Fund, and the National Women's Political Caucus California.





MEASURES & PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1, spearheaded by Gavin Newsom, aims to increase resources for the state of California to support mental health and substance abuse resources and infrastructure. It is endorsed by a number of large insurance providers and institutions, though opponents are concerned that it was “rushed through the Legislature” with last-minute amendments and without substantial debate’. **Due to its financial funding model based on drawing from locally based organizations and removing agency from community efforts with similar focuses, we do not endorse this proposition.**

Measure RW aim is to increase Hotel Worker Minimum wage to \$23 an hour, eventually growing to \$29.50 by July 2028. Opponents’ primary concerns are the ability for the businesses to support these labor costs as well as the impact on the local economy. **We say YES on Measure RW**, increase the minimum wage for hospitality workers, especially with the 2028 Olympics coming up.

LBUSD DISTRICT 2 BOARD

Erik Miller is the current incumbent of this role who has been vocal about prioritizing investment in communities for equitable education across the city. Still, his absence at local forums for debate has caused concern. **We endorse Erik Miller.**

Jerlene Tatum seeks to facilitate change by increasing the number of counselors and improving safety on campuses in Long Beach.

LA DISTRICT ATTORNEY

George Gascon is the incumbent of this position, having gained a reputation of reforming police procedure, decriminalizing cannabis, supporting law enforcement accountability, and representing the diverse voices of Los Angeles county. He is endorsed by the LA County Federation of Labor, Planned Parenthood, California Working Families Party, and many other organizations.

SENATE - 6 YEAR TERM

Representative **Barbara Lee** was one of the first representatives in Los Angeles to support Palestinian rights, becoming a co-signer of the ceasefire resolution proposed in the House of Representatives.

Incumbent **Alex Padilla** was appointed to this position by Governor Gavin Newsom when the position became vacant due to Kamala Harris' departure to become Vice President of the United States. Hailed as the first Latino person to hold this position, his platform is predominately moderate and hasn't supported the rights of Palestinian people.

Barbara Lee (D) has our endorsement

SPECIAL ELECTION SEAT

Previous senator Dianne Feinstein passed away in 2023, making her the longest serving senator - having been elected in 1992. This special election is for her open seat, which will last until January 2025.

Katie Porter, current representative of Orange County, has been a vocal member of the Progressive Caucus advocating for corporate oversight and working families. Her stance on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict calls for a bilateral ceasefire and has supported increased action against Iran.

CA STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 69 2 YEAR TERM

Josh Lowenthal is the current assemblymember elected in 2022. He is running for re-election and the only democrat on the ballot. Growing up and working in Long Beach, he is focused on improving the community we live in through alleviating homelessness, helping at-risk children and creating "good 21st century jobs."

CA STATE SENATE

Lena Gonzalez (D) is the incumbent for the 33rd District (Long Beach, Signal Hill, Paramount, and South Gate) and the majority leader for the California Senate. She is the only democrat running and has advocated for clean air initiatives, big oil regulation, and other progressive measures.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 44

Nanette Barragán is the current incumbent, who is the only person running for this position.

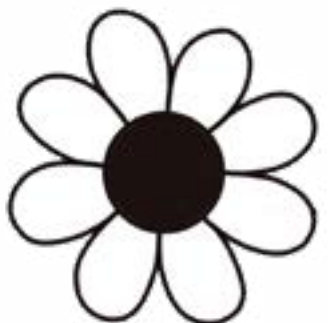
DISTRICT 42

Robert Garcia (D) is the current incumbent for district 42 who has been vocal about his support for President Biden's policies and his opposition to right-wing Trump politics in the capitol. His prioritization of political theater and significant PAC funding seems to interfere with his ability to represent his constituents on leading issues such as the Israel-Palestine conflict, was previously registered as a Republican, and recently booted out of Baby Gee's bar.

Joaquín Beltrán (D) is running on a platform that "Congress should be funding food, gas, rent and health care instead of financing overseas conflicts". He has worked with organizing community level grassroots efforts such as Action Care Equity and is vocal about his support for Palestinian lives.

Nicole López's (D) platform emphasizes the need for Medicare for all, the Green New Deal, Immigration reform as well as the liberation of Palestine. Endorsed by LA DSA.

We endorse Nicole Lopez in solidarity with the LA DSA.



LOCAL UPDATES

POLICING

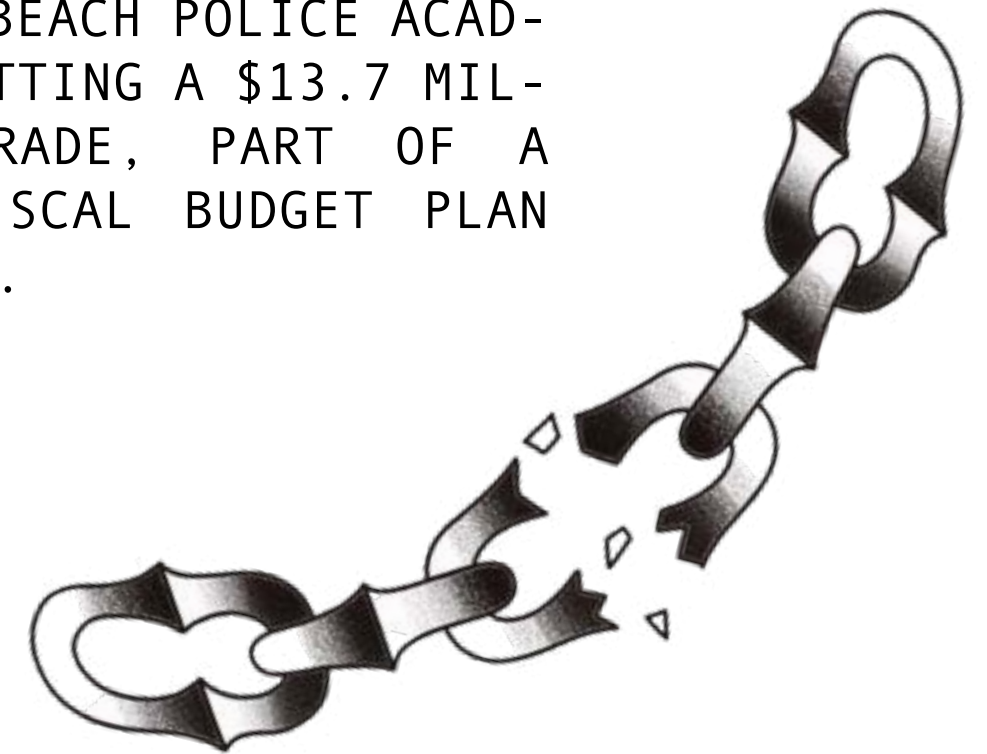
2028 OLYMPICS

THE 2028 OLYMPICS ARE COMING TO LONG BEACH, AND THE CITY IS PREPARING WITH THE "ELEVATE 28" PLAN. HOMELESS SWEEPS WILL BE HAPPENING TO PREPARE, WITHOUT ANYWHERE IN PLACE FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS TO GO. THE BELMONT PIER & POOL WILL BE GETTING REDONE TO HOST THE SWIM EVENTS, ALREADY CAUSING ISSUES FOR THE CITY BUDGETS-THE CITY IS NOW SHORT \$8.7 MILLION FOR A SCALED-BACK DESIGN THAT STILL TOTALS \$75 MILLION (ORIGINALLY \$100 MILLION).

THE OLYMPICS PROVE TO BE HARMFUL FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES GLOBALLY, FAVORING TOURISM OVER THE LOCALS AND THOSE IN NEED. YOU CANNOT SWEEP COMMUNITIES UNDER THE RUG. GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT ARE ALREADY ISSUES IN LONG BEACH, AND THE 2028 OLYMPICS WILL ONLY EXASERBATE THE PROBLEM.

FIRST DIRECTOR OF POLICE OVERSIGHT-FRANCINE KERRIDGE. KERRIDGE SERVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR OVER 19 YEARS AND MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO. SHE AUDITED OVER 3,500 MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL. AS DIRECTOR OF POLICE OVERSIGHT SHE WILL OVERSEE SYSTEMIC REVIEWS AND AUDITS OF POLICE TRAINING, POLICIES, COMPLAINTS AND USE OF FORCE AS WELL AS AUDITING PRIORITIES OF THE POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

THE LONG BEACH POLICE ACADEMY IS GETTING A \$13.7 MILLION UPGRADE, PART OF A 5-YEAR FISCAL BUDGET PLAN FROM 2023.



VOTING LOCATIONS

VOTE CENTERS THAT ARE OPEN 11 DAYS

February 24 - March 4: 10AM - 7PM | March 5: 7AM - 8PM

Houghton Park Community Center - Social Hall
6301 Myrtle Ave, Long Beach 90805

International City Masonic Center - Hall
5155 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach 90804

Long Beach City College - Multi-Purpose Room - T1200
4901 E Carson St, Long Beach 90808

Long Beach City College - Pacific Coast
Room GG238
1305 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach 90806

Long Beach Senior Center - Auditorium
1150 E 4th St, Long Beach 90802

United With Hope - Social Hall
5600 Linden Ave Long Beach, CA 90805

VOTE CENTERS THAT ARE OPEN 4 DAYS

March 2 - March 4: 10AM - 7PM | March 5: 7AM - 8PM

Bay Shore Community Congregational Church - Gymnasium
5100 E The Toledo, Long Beach 90803

Billie Jean King Main Library - Meeting Room A
200 W Broadway, Long Beach 90802

Bixby Park
Social Hall 1
130 Cherry Ave, Long Beach 90802

Cambodian-American Utd Methodist Church - Fellowship Hall & Sunday Classroom
1700 Temple Ave, Long Beach 90804

Carmelitos Community Center - Multi-Purpose Room
851 E Via Carmelitos, Long Beach 90805

Century Villages at Cabrillo - Social Hall
2001 River Ave, Long Beach 90810

Cesar E Chavez Park - Social Hall
401 Golden Ave, Long Beach 90802

CSU Long Beach - Walter Pyramid
The Pointe - Sunset Rooms A and B
1250 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach 90840

Goodwill SoLAC - Event Space
800 W Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach 90806

Grace Samoan Church of the Nazarene - Fellowship Hall
24 E 53rd St, Long Beach 90805

Jordan Plus
Building D Multi-Purpose Room
171 W Bort St, Long Beach 90805

Long Beach Sportsman's Club - Hall
3623 Santa Fe Ave, Long Beach 90810

MacArthur Park - Social Hall
1321 E Anaheim St, Long Beach 90813

New Philadelphia AME Church - Butler Hall
6380 Orange Ave, Long Beach 90805

Pan American Park - Gymnasium
5157 E Centralia St, Long Beach 90808

St. Matthew Catholic Church - Hall
672 Temple Ave, Long Beach 90814

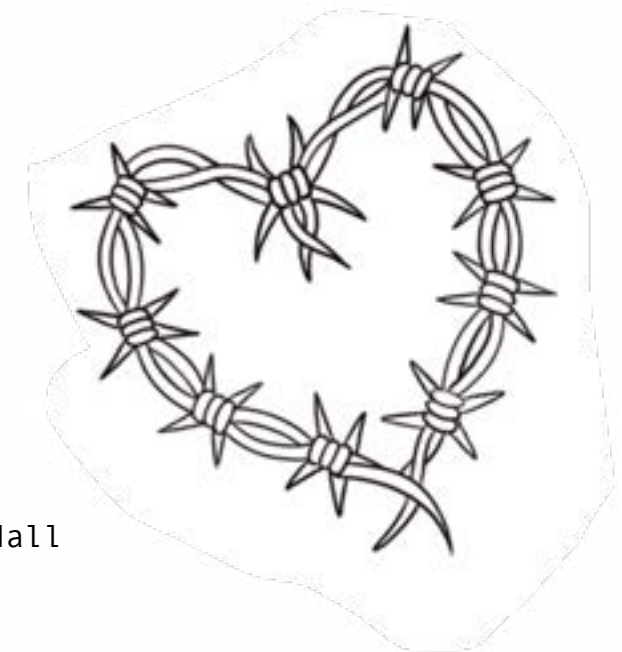
Sato Academy - Meeting Room 104
1100 Iroquois Ave, Long Beach 90815

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church - Fellowship Hall
6201 E Willow St, Long Beach 90815

Stricklin-Snively Mortuary - Reception Room
1952 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach 90806

Veterans Park - Social Hall
101 E 28th St, Long Beach 90806

Wardlow Park Community Center - Social Hall
3457 Stanbridge Ave, 90808



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