



Date: July 23, 2018
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*
From: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator /s/
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Ranchos Walk – September 8, 2018**

The Office of Sustainability and the Departments of Public Works and Health and Human Services have partnered with the City of Signal Hill and *Walk Long Beach* to host an “urban hike” event on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. The event coincides with California Pedestrian Safety Month and seeks to create a fun way to exercise while discovering neighborhoods, historic landmarks, and vista points.

The approximately ten-mile hike will go from Rancho Los Alamitos to Rancho Los Cerritos, along the crest of the Signal Hill uplift. The route is primarily located on public sidewalks and uses signalized crossings at major roadway intersections. There will be no street closures. The route passes through the three highest points along the ridgeline: Reservoir Hill, Hilltop Park on Signal Hill, and Longview Point at Willow Springs Park, while also passing by numerous other points of interest. Rest stops will be set up at each hilltop location with water stations, portable toilets, first aid supplies and sunscreen, and interpretive displays. Rancho Los Cerritos will welcome participants as they complete the hike.

The planned start time is 8:00 a.m., near the northwest corner of Palo Verde Avenue and State University Drive East on the campus of CSULB, a short distance from Rancho Los Alamitos. Participant parking will be available, for a fee, in a nearby CSULB lot. Carpooling and alternative transportation is encouraged. Long Beach Transit will operate a grant-funded shuttle service to return participants to the starting point, connect them to rest stops (to allow participants to walk shorter segments of the route), and/or shuttle them car-free to the beginning of the walk. Participants will be requested to pre-register online and submit a signed liability waiver to receive a participant wristband, but there will be no registration fee. Event sponsorships are being pursued by *Walk Long Beach*, which has already secured sponsorships from the Port of Long Beach and AARP.

An event webpage is being developed to provide additional details and a link to the registration portal. In the meantime, if you would like any further information, please contact Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, at (562) 570-5839 or via email at larry.rich@longbeach.gov.

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