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# Building A Better Long Beach



*Long Beach Development Services projects*



# Message from the Director

Dear Community Partner,

As the new Director of Long Beach Development Services (LBDS), I am excited to have the honor to lead this organization and build on the strong foundation and good work we have achieved over the years. This is an exciting time for the Department and I thank you for your continued support.

The mission of LBDS is to make a difference in our community by building a dynamic, safe and sustainable city that honors its past and embraces the future, and I am committed to doing what it takes to support this mission.

LBDS is a strong organization of tremendously talented people, and I look forward to leveraging its strengths to continue to provide the high-level of customer service and program delivery that is the foundation of the department.

Among my primary goals is to enhance the department's outreach to improve on our communications and make ourselves more accessible to the residents and stakeholders that we serve.

Over the next several months, the LBDS staff will be reviewing and evaluating the way we do business. We will look into ways to improve efficiency and integrate the flow of communications, service and program delivery, and our face in the community.

We have a tremendous opportunity to focus on the details that characterize a neighborhood – focusing on the neighborhood level and building a showcase city, block by block. The consolidation of the Housing Services and Neighborhood Services Bureaus into the department will help to do just that. These two bureaus are vital to the physical development and revitalization of the city. Together, we can create an organization that is stronger than the sum of its parts and better positioned to help build a better Long Beach.

I look forward to the opportunities ahead and to a partnership that will benefit the community in which we serve.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Bodek  
Director

In August, LBDS staff provided:

- 2,715 building inspections
- 625 electrical inspections
- 343 plumbing inspections
- 259 mechanical inspections
- 114 misc. inspections
- Total inspections provided: 4,056
- 99% of inspections were provided within 24 hours of request

Permit Center staff:

- Assisted 4,316 customers
- Issued 438 building permits
- Reviewed 170 plans

## LBDS News & Updates

Have a question or comment about our department?

We want to hear from you.

Call us at  
(562) 570-LBDS

or

Email us at  
LBDS@longbeach.gov



**INSIDE LONG BEACH INVITES YOU TO A RED CARPET PREMIERE EVENT**

**SATURDAY OCT 9**  
**SECOND SATURDAY ART WALK**  
**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**EAST VILLAGE ARTS DISTRICT**  
**FIRST STREET BETWEEN ELM AND LINDEN AVES**

Join Inside Long Beach hosts Nautica de la Cruz and Faruq Tauheed when they roll out the red carpet for the third season premiere of the award-winning TV series that stars, "Our Town and Our Stories."

Don't miss the fun, festivities and celebration! There'll be food, drink, music and art. Watch clips from previous shows and red carpet interviews on a giant, inflatable movie screen. Explore the East Village's galleries, restaurants and unique shops.

Presented to you by The Long Beach Housing Development Company (LBHDC) and the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) in collaboration with Long Beach TV.



**INSIDE LONG BEACH HOSTS 3RD SEASON RED CARPET PREMIERE**

Join hosts Nautica de la Cruz and Faruq Taheed on the red carpet for the third season premiere of *Inside Long Beach*, the award-winning TV show that stars "Our Town and Our Stories." Created in 2008 by the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency and The Long Beach Housing Development Company in collaboration with Long Beach Television, *Inside Long Beach* educates residents about the benefits of redevelopment and housing and highlights the partnerships that bring these projects to fruition. The premiere will be Saturday, October 9, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., in conjunction with the East Village Arts District's 2nd Saturday Art Walk, on First Street between Elm and Linden Avenues. Come out for the fun and festivities! Watch live red carpet interviews and clips from previous episodes on a

giant inflatable screen, while exploring the East Village's art galleries, restaurants, and shops.



### ZOPPÉ FAMILY CIRCUS COMES TO DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH

The Zoppé Family Circus comes to Downtown Long Beach from October 7-10 at the corner of Broadway and Long Beach Boulevard. The Zoppe Family Circus will welcome guests into its intimate 500-seat tent for a one-ring circus that honors the best history of the Old-World Italian tradition. The circus is propelled by a central story starring Nino the Clown that features acrobatic feats, equestrian showmanship, canine capers, clowning and plenty of audience participation. The Zoppé

Family Circus began more than 160 years ago to become one of the legendary circuses in all of Europe. Bleacher tickets are \$20, and Family 4-packs are available for \$70. A select number of Ring-Side tickets are available for \$25. For more information on show times and tickets, visit <http://www.carpenterarts.org/>, or call the CSULB Arts Ticket Office at 562-985-7000. Two-hours of free parking will be available at City Place parking structure on 3rd Street, west of Long Beach Boulevard. Come experience the history of the Zoppé Family Circus!

# Building A Better Long Beach: Two Bureaus Join LBDS



In 2008, the Long Beach Development Services Department consolidated the Redevelopment Agency with the Planning and Building Department to create one entity to oversee development and revitalization processes throughout the city. Starting this month, LBDS will be expanding again to include two additional bureaus: Housing Services and Neighborhood Services.

The mission of LBDS is to provide exceptional service to our community while working together to successfully build a dynamic, safe and sustainable city that honors its past while advancing toward the future. The work of the Housing Services and Neighborhood Services bureaus serves a similar purpose, as it contributes to the enhancement of the city, making it a better place to live, work and play.

During this transition, LBDS staff remains committed to maintaining the highest degree of professionalism and customer service in our interactions with the public, and will continue working together in a team-oriented approach.

LBDS strives to continue our positive impact on the lives of Long Beach residents, while building a sustainable and environmentally responsible city that sets the standard for other cities to follow. Over the coming months, LBDS staff will also reevaluate



how we reach out to our customers and the messages we put forth about the work we are doing to implement the community's vision for our city. Together, we are truly building a better Long Beach, and LBDS will work to ensure that residents and other stakeholders are informed and engaged in the many projects and partnerships that are moving our great city forward.

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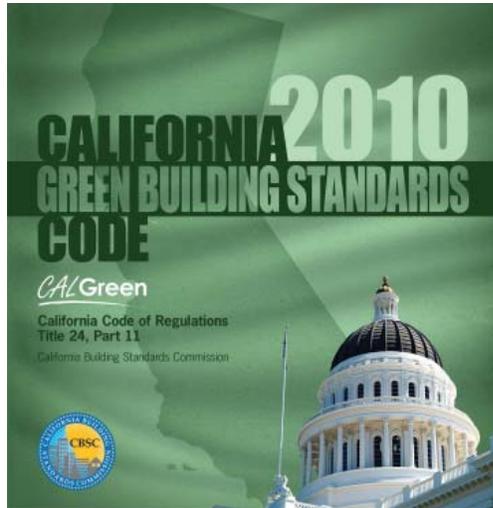
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# Building Code Changes Effective January 1, 2011

California Building Standards Code changes for 2011 will include:

- Introduction of the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)
- Introduction of the California Residential Code
- Requirements for new buildings to be built using sustainable construction practices
- Standards for one- and two-family dwellings and town homes including new requirements for residential fire sprinklers



All projects in the City of Long Beach submitted on or after January 1, 2011 must comply with the 2010 California Building Standards Code.

The main changes are the introduction of the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) and the California Residential Code. CALGreen will require new buildings to be built using sustainable construction practices, and the Residential Code will outline standards for one- and two-family dwellings and town homes including new requirements for residential fire sprinklers.

Locally, the City of Long Beach will continue to implement the city's approved sustainability policies already outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, including local green building standards, the Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling program, and bike parking standards. Long Beach is also adopting a new model landscape ordinance to comply with state requirements.

For more information, visit <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/>. Plan review and permit applications submitted by December 31, 2010 will not be required to comply with the updated codes.

## Community Workshops Being Offered on New Building Code Changes



The City of Long Beach is hosting community workshops to provide more information about upcoming building code changes.

Wednesday, October 27, 5:30 pm  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
333 West Ocean Boulevard

Thursday, November 11, 3:30 pm  
Long Beach City College  
4900 E. Conant Street, Building 2, Room 234

All projects in the City of Long Beach submitted on or after January 1, 2011 must comply with the 2010 California Building Standards Code.

Workshops are free. To register for the workshop, please RSVP to (562) 570.7636 or email [LBDS@longbeach.gov](mailto:LBDS@longbeach.gov). Information about additional workshops in December will be posted online at <http://www.lbds.info>.

# Project Planning

## New Applications Filed in September

### 1st District

#### **335 Lime Avenue**

A Condominium Conversion Exemption request in conjunction with the conversion of an existing 11-unit community apartment building into condominiums.

#### **Administrative Review**

Contact: Lynette Ferenczy

### 2nd District

#### **1013 E. Appleton Street**

A Condominium Conversion Exemption request in conjunction with the conversion of an existing five-unit community apartment building into condominiums.

#### **Administrative Review**

Contact: Lynette Ferenczy

#### **200 Pine Avenue**

A Site Plan Review in conjunction with a 10-year review of an existing rooftop wireless telecommunications facility.

#### **Staff Site Plan Review**

Contact: Steve Valdez

### 5th District

#### **5950 E. Willow Street**

A Conditional Use Permit request in conjunction with a new 65-foot-tall wireless telecommunications facility disguised as a pine tree.

#### **Planning Commission Public Hearing**

Contact: Scott Kinsey

Note: The subject property is zoned Institutional (I) and thus subject to the current wireless telecommunication facilities moratorium.

#### **3655 Norwalk Boulevard**

A Site Plan Review Modification in conjunction with antenna additions

to an existing 65-foot-tall wireless telecommunications facility disguised as a pine tree.

#### **Staff Site Plan Review**

Contact: Cuentin Jackson

Note: The subject property is zoned Institutional (I) and thus subject to the current wireless telecommunication facilities moratorium.

#### **5500 Wardlow Road**

A Site Plan Review in conjunction with the installation of a new rooftop wireless telecommunications facility.

#### **Staff Site Plan Review**

Contact: Jorge Ramirez

Note: The subject property is zoned Institutional (I) and thus subject to the current wireless telecommunication facilities moratorium.

### 7th District

#### **3636 Lewis Avenue**

A Standards Variance request for the allowance of substandard usable open space area in conjunction with the legalization of an unpermitted accessory structure.

#### **Zoning Administrator Public Hearing**

Contact: Angie Zetterquist

#### **4400 Cherry Avenue**

A Site Plan Review Modification in conjunction with antenna additions to an existing 70-foot-tall wireless telecommunications facility disguised as a pine tree.

#### **Staff Site Plan Review**

Contact: Scott Kinsey

Note: The subject property is zoned Institutional (I) and thus subject to the current wireless telecommunication facilities moratorium.

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# Public Meetings in October

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

The RDA Board meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Zoning Administrative Hearings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall in the 7th Floor Large Conference Room.

Cultural Heritage Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

*\*Agendas subject to change. For more information about agenda items, please call Long Beach Development Services at (562) 570-LBDS, or visit us online at [lbsds.longbeach.gov](http://lbsds.longbeach.gov)*

## ***Redevelopment Agency Board - Monday, October 4, 2010***

- Introduction of James Johnson, Councilmember, 7th District
- Presentation: Downtown Long Beach Associates Quarterly Update
- Presentation: Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Area Quarterly Update
- Approve a first amendment to the contracts with David Volz Design; Hirsch & Associates, Inc.; Katherine Spitz Associates, Inc.; Melendrez.; and RJM Design Group, Inc., to extend the terms for three years
- Approve an Agreement for Funding with the West Long Beach Industrial Redevelopment Project Area Committee for October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011
- Approve a contract with Mackone Development, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,409,900 for construction of the Orizaba Park Expansion Project
- Approve Resolution No. RA 21-95 to reflect the amended termination date of the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area
- Authorize the repayment of \$1,000,000 of the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area debt owed to the City of Long Beach

***Next meeting Monday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m.***

## ***Planning Commission - Thursday, October 7, 2010***

***Citywide - Long Beach 2030:*** A Study Session discussion on updates to the Land Use and Transportation Elements of the Long Beach General Plan. *Contact: Steve Gerhardt*

***3rd District - Colorado Lagoon:*** A Conditional Use Permit in conjunction with the establishment of a CNP Zoning District discretionary use (counseling service) in a residential zoning district. *Contact: Craig Chalfant*

***6th District - 1732 E. 15th Street:*** A Conditional Use Permit request to legally establish a check cashing use within an existing market. *Contact: Steve Valdez*

***Next meeting Thursday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m.***

## ***Zoning Administrator - Monday, October 11, 2010***

***6th District - 1090 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard:*** Standards Variance requests for reduced front and rear yard setbacks in conjunction with a new single-family dwelling. *Contact: Monica DerGevorgian*

***Next meeting Monday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m.***

## ***Cultural Heritage Commission - Monday, October 11, 2010***

***Citywide:*** Election of the commission's Chair and Vice Chair positions, and the election of a commission representative to the Naval Trust Board.

***2nd District - American Hotel - 224 E. Broadway (Landmark Building):*** A Study Session to discuss the potential reuse and renovation of the landmark-designated structure. *Contact: Angie Zetterquist*

***Next meeting Monday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m.***



## LBDS Upcoming Meetings & Events October 2010

<u>Monday, October 4</u> 9:00 a.m.	Redevelopment Agency Board City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Thursday, October 7</u> 5:00 p.m.	Planning Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.	Central Project Area Committee 1900 Atlantic Avenue, 2nd Floor
<u>Saturday, October 9</u> 5:30 p.m.	<i>Inside Long Beach</i> Season 3 Premiere First Street between Elm and Linden Avenues
<u>Monday, October 11</u> 2:00 p.m.	Zoning Administrative Hearing City Hall, 7th Floor Large Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	Cultural Heritage Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Wednesday, October 13</u> 5:00 p.m.	West Project Area Committee LBPD West Substation, 1835 Santa Fe Avenue
<u>Monday, October 18</u> 9:00 a.m.	Redevelopment Agency Board City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Thursday, October 21</u> 5:00 p.m.	Planning Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
<u>Wednesday, October 25</u> 2:00 p.m.	Zoning Administrative Hearing City Hall, 7th Floor Large Conference Room
<u>Wednesday, October 27</u> 5:30 p.m.	Community Workshop on Building Code Changes City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard
<u>Thursday, October 28</u> 6:30 p.m.	North Project Area Committee LBPD North Substation, 4891 Atlantic Avenue

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