

Date: March 30, 2022

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Grand Opening Ceremony for the Ronald R. Arias Health Equity Center**

Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and the Departments of Health and Human Services and Public Works, invite you and your staff to attend the grand opening ceremony of the **Ronald R. Arias Health Equity Center, located at 6335 Myrtle Avenue**. The ceremony will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

The Ronald R. Arias Health Equity Center (RAHEC) was made possible with funding from Measure A, AB32, and General Capital funds, totaling \$4.95 million. Renovations included tenant improvements and significant energy facility upgrades, as well as a new roof, improved HVAC system, modern lighting, and a more welcoming layout for both City of Long Beach (City) staff and the community to navigate.

The RAHEC will house several department services to enable local area residents to access services more readily and demonstrates the City's commitment to equity by bringing services directly into the communities most impacted by poverty, chronic health conditions, structural racism, housing access, and violence. All programming at the RAHEC is family-centered and focused on a two-generational approach to uplift families and strengthen their social and economic mobility. This beautiful, trauma informed space houses the Health Department's violence prevention and human dignity initiatives, the Office of Youth Development, The Fundamentals of Fatherhood Program, and Family Preservation. These programs and initiatives are geared towards increasing peace, unity, and strengthening family protective factors. In addition, the Health Department has opened a health clinic focused on family planning, HIV/STD prevention, testing and treatment, and TB clinical services. Other important services include reentry employment services offered by the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network and access to rental assistance every other Wednesday of the month through appointments made possible by Development Services.

For more information regarding the event, please contact Jennifer Rice-Epstein, Public Affairs Officer at jennifer.riceepstein@longbeach.gov, or at (562) 441-3590.

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event!

Attachment

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney
Laura Doud, City Auditor
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April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager
Monique DeLaGarza, City Clerk
Department Heads

GRAND OPENING

JOIN CITY OFFICIALS AND VICE MAYOR REX
RICHARDSON FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE
RONALD R. ARIAS HEALTH EQUITY CENTER



**Monday, April 4
10 a.m.**

The Ronald R. Arias
Health Equity Center
6335 Myrtle Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90805



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