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CITY COUNCIL SWORN IN - LONG BEACH CONTINUES ALONG THE COMEBACK TRAIL

Long Beach residents showed overwhelming support for the current administration's rebuilding efforts as they came out on election day to provide a landslide victory for the team that is rebuilding stronger, smarter, and safer. Three City Council members were sworn in at an induction ceremony on Sunday, January 1 to a standing-room-only crowd.

Hon. Scott J. Mandel was again named Council President, and both Anthony Eramo and Eileen J. Goggin were sworn

in as Council Members. They join Council Vice President Fran Adelson and Council Member Len Torres to comprise the five-person governing body. Hon. Roy Tepper was also again sworn in as City Court Judge. Special guests included City, State, and County officials, as well as religious leaders and other members of the community. 🗳️

Council President Scott J. Mandel's remarks from the Induction Ceremony are on page 2 of this newsletter



City Council Member Anthony Eramo, City Council Member Eileen J. Goggin, City Council President Scott J. Mandel, City Council Vice President Fran Adelson, and City Council Member Len Torres

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCOTT J. MANDEL: FIGHTING FOR LONG BEACH

Two years ago, I was honored to be elected to the City Council for the first time alongside Fran Adelson and, of course, Len Torres, who at that time was re-elected.

This administration's first term was truly eventful and action packed. We were tested. Our administration was full of reforms, initiatives and bookended by two unprecedented crises; one of which was avoidable in the form of inherited fiscal disaster, the other unavoidable in the form of a Superstorm, the likes of which we have never seen before and hopefully will never be seen again. We immediately hit the ground running. We never stopped.

It's been my honor and privilege to serve on this council working as a part of a unified group with the goal of rebuilding our City and rebuilding the relationships with all levels of government. Proudly, this council has partnered with our colleagues: Governor Cuomo, Senator Schumer, and Assemblyman Weisenberg, who has always been here as well as serving as our voice in Albany. This has never been as evident as through the storm and through the rebuilding process. Thank you so much for everything you have done.



City Council President Scott J. Mandel was re-elected to a four-year term of the City Council in November 2013, and he was again sworn in on January 1, 2014

I think people have seen how we've worked to build back Long Beach - not to the point of where it was before the storm, but we're making it even better. **We've worked hard on the City's fiscal and physical recovery to ensure that we can reach our potential -- not just as Seaside City, but as the Shining City by the Sea, a leader and model of resiliency, sustainability, and innovation that constantly works to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.** To reach these goals, we evaluated what was working and what was not working to meet our high demands, and we simply refused to accept the status quo.

We rebuilt our landmark boardwalk from rubble to ensure that it will be here for generations. We brought in food trucks to broaden our services beachside; we took to the air to explore our inner Cirque du Soleil, with a trapeze school. We embarked on the Long Beach marketing campaign, promoting the City of Long Beach on TV, with billboards, on radio, featuring Long Beach's favorite son, Billy Crystal. We even had holiday lights on the boardwalk.

Our vision for the future is to continue this positive momentum, working together - not to just restore our City that we have all come to know and love, but to move it forward to show everyone outside that Long Beach is the true seaside treasure we know it to be.

Long Beach is truly a unique place. We have a genuine sense of community here and that bond has only been strengthened after Sandy. **As we begin 2014, this City Council's New Year's resolution is to continue to stand united, side-by-side with the residents and businesses of Long Beach as we continue to rebuild stronger, smarter, and safer.** We have so much more to do, and together, we are not going to stop until we bring everyone home.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott J. Mandel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott J. Mandel
City Council President

RECREATION PROGRAMS GALORE!

We had a snowy and successful winter at the Rec, including programs and events such as the Children's Holiday Show, skating and hockey lessons, basketball, wrestling, adult indoor volleyball, boot camp, and the popular GaGa program. The Snowflake Run saw almost 500 runners and Teen Night drew hundreds to the arena.

In the spring, children are welcome to join boys or girls lacrosse, indoor or outdoor soccer, little yoga, toddler yoga, running club, swim club, swim team, and swimming lessons. We are also working with outside businesses to provide affordable opportunities in the areas of taekwon do and creative arts.

Adult programming, as always, is busy as well with an adult fitness class, arthritis exercise program, men's softball, women's softball, lifeguard training, yoga, swimnastics, and more. Additionally, our cardio and weight rooms are open 7 days a week, along with our newly refurbished pool and steam rooms. Please visit www.longbeachny.org/rec or call 431-3890 for applications and up to date recreation information.



City officials met with federal officials from President Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force on Friday, discussing how to take a regional approach to building a more resilient Long Beach. The meeting focused on protection of the City's bayfront property.

(Pictured from Left to Right: Senior Advisor to HUD Secretary Donovan, Henk WJ Ovink, City Manager Jack Schnirman, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Infrastructure Resilience Josh Sawislak, DPW Commissioner Jim LaCarrubba, Rebuild by Design Project Manager, Interboro Partners Principal Georgen Theodore, and Economic Development Director Patricia Bourne)



The City's new Clean Air Diesel Bus is on the road! This ADA-compliant vehicle was funded through the Federal Transit Administration Emergency Relief Fund.

NEWLY ELECTED ANTHONY ERAMO JOINS THE CITY COUNCIL

Anthony Eramo was born and raised in Nassau County. He and his wife Jennifer raise their two children, both whom attend Long Beach public schools, in their West End home. He works full-time as a Field Technician for the telephone company, volunteers as a Long Beach Little League Coach, and will soon complete his Master's Degree in Labor Relations.

Anthony Eramo is a proud member of the Communications Workers of America Local 1106. He served CWA Local 1104 for ten years as Shop Steward and Political Coordinator. His work at CWA led him to the Working Families Party and from



City Councilman Anthony Eramo addresses the audience after being sworn in by Judge Roy Tepper at the induction ceremony on January 1st

2009 till 2012; he was elected Co-Chair of the Nassau County Chapter. Throughout his political tenure, Anthony has had the opportunity to collaborate with elected officials at all levels of government, fostering many productive relationships. In

Washington D.C., Albany and Town Halls across Long Island, Anthony has fought to pass legislation that protects working families and the environment. Anthony is committed to the hard working families of Long Beach.

After Super Storm Sandy, everything changed. He was inspired to use the skills he's acquired as an advocate and organizer here

at home in our City by the Sea. His home, like so many, sustained heavy damage, forcing his family's ongoing relocation while they navigate the complicated process of lifting their house to the new FEMA code.

In his own words, "Every resident of our City was affected in ways many of us still cannot comprehend. The good that came out in our neighbors was amazing. We all want our City back, our neighbors back and for many of us, our home back. I ran for Long Beach City Council to be part of a team that will not rest until Long Beach is back stronger, smarter and safer than ever. We chose to raise our kids here; I will work hard to make it the great place I want them to grow up in."

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LBDP KEEPING LONG BEACH SAFE AND TAKING AIM AT DRUG ABUSE

The Long Beach Police Department is partnering up with the Long Beach School District and various community organizations to educate children about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. "We will be taking a three-pronged approach that focuses on prevention, redirection, and enforcement," said **Police Commissioner Michael Tangney**. "In addition to being in contact with police agencies throughout the region to prevent drugs from even getting into the City, the Long Beach Police Department, we will be hosting community forums and offering counseling sessions."

Additionally, in an effort to continue to provide the residents of the City of Long Beach with the best possible police services, the City of Long Beach has sent four of its 9-1-1 dispatchers to an intensive training course for handling suicide intervention. These dispatchers, both full-time and part-time, attending the training course hosted at the Floral Park Police Department.

Dispatchers learned the psychological factors behind most suicides, how to interpret key warning signs from suicidal callers, and how to successfully deal with depressed, schizophrenic, and paranoid callers.

"As many victims of suicidal thoughts call 9-1-1 as a last resort, the City felt that having its dispatchers prepared to guide a suicidal caller to safety was imperative," said **City Councilwoman Eileen J. Goggin**. "This is especially essential in our community in light of the lingering psychological impact of Hurricane Sandy."

Additionally, the course was of no cost to taxpayers; all funding for the class was provided by the Civil Service Employees Association. 

NEW EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT HELPS LBFD SAVE LIVES

The City has purchased a new Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor and defibrillator for the Long Beach Fire Department. This unit will be placed on the ambulance the City recently acquired, and it will join the other two other Lifepak 15 sets the Department already has in service.

"Protecting our residents' health and safety is always our foremost priority," said **City Councilman**

Len Torres. "When we came in almost \$30,000 under budget on the purchase of our new ambulance, the decision was made to allocate the remaining funds for this purpose. The cost of this unit with the accessories is \$25,731.10."

"Two years ago, we purchased Lifepak 15s for our emergency services," said **City Council Vice President Fran Adelson**. "This purchase adds an additional heart

monitor and defibrillator for our new advanced life support ambulance which is manned by both our volunteer and career firefighters."

"Lifepak 15s are state-of-the-art units, giving our ambulance 12-lead ECG capability," said **Fire Commissioner Scott Kemins**. "This purchase enabled us to replace one of our outdated units that does not have this capability." 

Innovative Partnership Creates Residential Rebuilding Assistance Program

Are you still struggling to obtain the funding you need to rebuild? Have you had difficulty communicating with New York State concerning the NY Rising program? City officials are looking to do anything they can to help facilitate this process! **For more information, please call 705-7222 or email rrc@longbeachny.gov.**