



# The Los Al Loop



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Good Evening, Los Al Showcases Community Pride, What's Next



The drone show at Good Evening, Los Alamitos showing the American Flag, a fire truck, a patrol vehicle, and the City's slogan, "Best City Ever" pictured above.

If you happened to glance up at the sky on Tuesday evening, December 9, 2025, and noticed glowing shapes dancing overhead, you were not imagining things. Good Evening, Los Alamitos was back, and it brought the community together for a memorable night filled with celebration, connection, and a look toward the future. From 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the Los Alamitos Community Center buzzed with energy as residents, neighbors, and guests gathered to enjoy a festive evening focused on the City's accomplishments and what lies ahead. The event captured the spirit of Los Alamitos by blending innovation with a strong sense of hometown pride, reminding everyone why this community continues to stand out.

The Community Center, located at 10911 Oak Street, served as the perfect setting for the evening's activities. With free admission, local food, giveaways, and welcoming displays, guests were encouraged to stroll, mingle, and engage with one another. City Council Members, Los Alamitos Unified School District representatives, Commissioners, local business owners, representatives from neighboring cities, and residents of all ages filled the space, creating a warm and

inclusive atmosphere that reflected the City's close-knit character. One of the evening's most anticipated moments was the unveiling of the Los Al Link, a new citywide electric vehicle transportation program designed to make getting around Los Alamitos easier and more accessible. The program features a fleet of 100 percent electric vehicles that can take riders anywhere in the City. Rides can be requested through the Circuit app or by phone and are available Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The service is fully ADA accessible, free for riders age 50 and over, and available to others for a low cost of \$2.50 per ride, offering a convenient and friendly transportation option for the community.

The event also marked the official launch of Recreation Bucks, an economic development initiative that connects local shopping with City recreation programs. By supporting participating Los Alamitos businesses, shoppers can earn rewards that translate into discounted rates for recreation classes and programs offered by the Recreation and Community Services Department during the Winter 2025 and Spring 2026 seasons. Participating businesses include

a diverse range of restaurants, retail shops, skin care providers, sports nutrition stores, dental offices, and more, each proudly displaying a storefront decal to showcase their involvement. Throughout the evening, attendees had the chance to connect with representatives from the Orange County Fire Department, the Circuit crew, and City departments, including Police, Administration, Finance, Recreation, and Development Services. These conversations provided insight into City services, upcoming projects, and the individuals who keep Los Alamitos running smoothly every day.

As the night sky darkened, the crowd turned its attention upward for the grand finale. From 7:15 to 7:45 p.m., a dazzling drone show lit up the sky above the Community Center, drawing gasps, smiles, and applause. The glowing display served as a fitting symbol of innovation, creativity, and forward momentum.

Good Evening, Los Alamitos once again brought the community together to reflect, connect, and look ahead. With initiatives like Los Al Link and Recreation Bucks leading the way, Los Alamitos continues its journey toward becoming "The Best City Ever"

## Upcoming Events Calendar

### City Meetings

City Council Meeting

Date: January 20, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts

Commission Meeting

Date: February 4, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting

Date: January 28, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Traffic Commission Meeting

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

### City Events

Race on the Base

Date: February 28, 2026

Location: JFTB - 11206

Lexington Dr.

Time: 7:00 AM

Weekend of Art

Date: March 27, 2026

Location: Los Alamitos Community

Center - 10911 Oak St.

Times: All day

More events can be found on the City website: [cityoflosalamitos.org](http://cityoflosalamitos.org)

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The City of Los Alamitos website [www.cityoflosalamitos.org](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org) is full of valuable information to keep you informed all year long. You can find everything from City Council and Commission Agendas, to City Employment Opportunities, the Municipal Code, Department information from Administration including City Clerk, Finance, Human Resources, Development Services, Police, and Recreation and Community Services. You can find links to services including Fire, Animal Control, Mosquito and Vector Control, Street Sweeping, Trash Collection Services, and Golden State Water. Business information is also listed including Bid Opportunities, Building and Safety, a Business Directory, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, and Planning. Featured News information is also listed on the homepage and press releases under "Your City."



## City Events & Meetings, Community Events Calendar

A City Events & Meetings calendar can be found on the City's website on the homepage and the Community Events can be found on the Recreation & Community Services page at [www.cityoflosalamitos.org](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org). Update your social calendar with City events such as Race on the Base, Weekend of Art, Elevate Teen Expo, Spring Carnival, Senior Prom, 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular, Summer Concert Series, Elevate Senior Expo, Celebrate Los Al, Elevate Women's Conference, Trunk or Treat, Winter Wonderland, Decorating Contests, Good Morning or Good Evening Los Al, Coffee With a Cop, City meetings, and local Los Alamitos-based service non-profit community events for the coming year of 2026.



## Weekly E-Newsletter and Social Media

Sign up for our weekly E-Newsletter on the City's website and receive emails with important information about upcoming Los Alamitos events, programs, and services. Follow us on social media @cityoflosal and @losalamitos\_spd on Instagram and Facebook for the latest updates and happenings in the City of Los Alamitos.



## My Los Al App

Need to submit a Service Request or report an issue? Download and use the My Los Al app for easy access and to receive the latest updates on your request. My Los Al is your easy and convenient way to report an issue, and submit a concern for topics including animals, building-related issues, City or Public Property, health and safety, landscaping, property maintenance, public nuisance, public right-of-way, short-term rental violations, streets & traffic (i.e. potholes), and zoning violations or issues.



## My Los Al Engage

A citizen engagement platform [mylosalengage.com](http://mylosalengage.com) is available for you to sign up and receive notifications regarding significant development projects as an important part of our efforts to improve inclusion and transparency. Our goal is to ensure our community is aware of projects occurring in the City and know where to look for information and be able to participate as an active citizen in the public input process.



## Monthly Newsletter

Stay informed about all the latest happenings in Los Alamitos with The Local Loop! The Local Loop is a monthly newsletter that will provide residents with up-to-date information on City events, programs, and services. From community festivals and recreational activities to City

Council meetings and essential updates, The Local Loop ensures that you're always in the loop. Whether it's about upcoming holiday celebrations, workshops, or public service announcements, this newsletter is your go-to source for staying connected with the City of Los Alamitos.

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# Los Alamitos Griffins Honor First Responders



The coin toss for the Los Alamitos v. St. Paul game including participation from the first responders in attendance.

Los Alamitos High School Football capped off an outstanding season marked by determination, teamwork, and community pride, giving fans plenty to cheer about both on and off the field. Throughout the year, the Griffins demonstrated resilience and excellence, building momentum with strong performances and a commitment to representing their school and city with pride.

One of the season's most memorable highlights came during the inaugural Military/First Responders Game, a special event made possible through a partnership between the City of Los Alamitos, the Los Alamitos Police Department, and the Los Alamitos Unified School District. The game honored local military personnel and first responders, recognizing their service and dedication to keeping the community safe.

The Griffins delivered a commanding performance that night, defeating St. Paul High School with an impressive 48–14 victory. The win energized the home crowd and served as a fitting tribute during an evening centered on gratitude, unity, and community support. Players, coaches, first responders, families, and residents came together to celebrate not only the game, but the strong relationship between the school district and the City.

Beyond the scoreboard, the First Responders Game reflected the shared

values of teamwork, service, and leadership that define both Los Alamitos High School athletics and the City's public safety professionals. The collaboration underscored the City's ongoing commitment to supporting youth programs and fostering positive connections between students and first responders.

As the season came to a close, the Griffins' accomplishments stood out as a testament to the program's continued excellence. Los Alamitos High School's varsity football team finished the 2025 season with an impressive 12–3 overall record and an 11–3 mark in CIF Southern Section play. The team captured the CIF Southern Section Division 2 championship before falling in a hard-fought regional matchup, further solidifying Los Alamitos High School's reputation as one of California's premier football programs. The 2025 championship adds to the program's storied legacy, joining previous CIF Southern Section titles earned in 1991, 1992, 1993, and 2002. The Griffins also opened the season with a dominant 7–0 start, building early momentum that carried them through the playoffs and into the Southern Section title game. This remarkable run capped a season defined by preparation, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence—on the field and throughout Los Alamitos.



All of the military/first responders who attended the Los Alamitos Inagural Military/First Responders Game.

# 14th Annual Winter Wonderland 2025 Brings Holiday Magic to the Los Alamitos Community

The City of Los Alamitos welcomed the holiday season in festive style with the 14th annual MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach Winter Wonderland, presented by Universal Waste Systems (UWS), on Saturday, December 6, 2025. The free, family-friendly celebration took place from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. along Pine Street between Katella Avenue and Florista Street, with additional activities hosted in the neighboring U.S. Bank and CIF parking lots and at St. Isidore Historical Plaza.

Guests of all ages enjoyed a wide array of attractions, including live stage performances, a free snow play area sponsored by UWS, an ice-skating rink, a beverage garden benefiting the Los Alamitos Community Foundation, inflatables, a train ride, festive photo backdrops, informational booths, and the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Families also explored Santa's Village, sponsored by Financial Partners, which featured visits with Santa and the Grinch, while a dedicated Sensory Calming Activity Area provided crafts and quieter spaces for children needing a low-stimulation environment.

This year's event was made possible through the support of community sponsors. MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach served as the Title Sponsor,



Families ice skating on the rink provided by the City of Los Alamitos during the 14th Annual MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach Winter Wonderland

with Universal Waste Systems as the Presenting Sponsor of the Free Snow Play Area. Platinum Sponsors included Financial Partners Credit Union and Prologis. Silver Sponsors were U.S. Bank, Southland Credit Union, and Sea Air Federal Credit Union. Community and in-kind sponsors included Aqua Tots Swim School, Kaeo Marketing, Wicorek Family Dentistry, UCI Health – Los Alamitos, and St. Isidore Historical Plaza. More than 35 vendor booths lined Pine Street, showcasing local businesses, non-profit organizations, and community resources, along with

seven food vendors offering a variety of seasonal favorites. The vibrant vendor area encouraged attendees to shop local, learn about community services, and enjoy festive treats throughout the evening.

At the center of the event, a towering "Winter Wonderland" light display served as a popular photo backdrop, while the free ice-skating rink offered timed reservations every 20 minutes. Nearby, the snow play area delighted children as they built snowmen and sledded on real snow—creating a truly memorable winter experience.

Entertainment filled the evening with

continuous performances from local schools and dance groups, including the Lil' Oak Preschool Program, Impact Dance Center, Lee Elementary School Choir, McAuliffe Choir, Rossmoor Royal Choir, Onstage Dance Center, Hopkinson Elementary Choir, MyArt's Showcase Troupe, Weaver Wailers, Soca Arts, The Company Kids Orange County Song and Dance, and the Oak Middle School Jazz Band.

Winter Wonderland 2025 once again proved to be a cornerstone holiday tradition, bringing families together and strengthening community connections during the season of giving. The City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department extends its sincere thanks to all sponsors, performers, vendors, volunteers, and attendees for making this year's event a joyful and successful celebration.



Children playing in the snow at Winter Wonderland.

## Grand Opening of Los Alamitos Soroptimist Park & Laurel Park - Dog Park



Kids playing on the new play equipment and surfacing at the newly reopened Soroptimist Park.

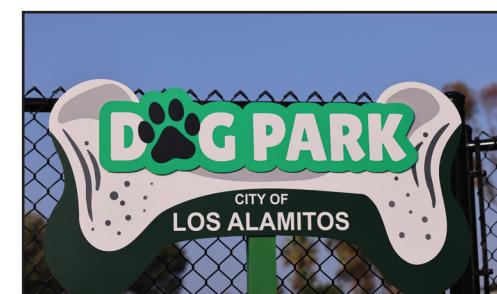
The City of Los Alamitos completed four park improvement projects this year, marking a significant milestone in its ongoing effort to enhance public spaces and quality of life while efficiently managing capital improvements. Among the projects were the renovation of Soroptimist Park and the opening of the Laurel Park Dog Park, both of which were recently celebrated with ribbon-cutting ceremonies recognizing their completion.

Soroptimist Park, a beloved and long-standing neighborhood park, has officially reopened after undergoing a comprehensive renovation aimed at revitalizing its role in the community. The renovation project of the park was approved by the Los Alamitos City Council. The project was funded through a combination of

the City's General Fund and a Proposition 68 state grant, which supports the development and rehabilitation of parks across California. Hirsch and Associates, Inc. partnered with the City to design the renovated park, with a focus on long-term usability. The updated Soroptimist Park features a modern playground designed to serve children of multiple age groups, replacing aging equipment that had reached the end of its useful life. Improved pathways throughout the park now meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, expanding access for residents of all abilities. The renovation also included the installation of rubberized safety surfacing in play areas, replacing traditional wood chips with a more durable material. In addition to playground and path-

way upgrades, the project introduced new landscaping and an improved irrigation system to enhance the park's appearance and support sustainable maintenance. These improvements were designed to refresh and revive a neighborhood park gathering space. Laurel Park, situated in the heart of the City, also reached completion this year with the opening of a new dog park designed to serve residents across Los Alamitos. The Laurel Park Dog Park was designed with separate areas for large and small dogs, allowing for safer interaction and improved circulation within the space. A thoughtfully designed amenity created to meet the growing demand for pet-friendly spaces in the community. The centrally located facility provides an additional option for dog owners beyond the City's existing dog park at Arbor Park, which is located near Seal Beach, adjacent to the Joint Forces Training Base. The addition of the Laurel Park Dog Park expands recreational offerings while responding to community interest in pet-friendly amenities. Its location within an existing neighborhood park allows residents to access the facility without having to travel outside the City.

The completion of Soroptimist Park, Laurel Park Dog Park, and the previously reported Stern's and Labourdette Park projects within a single year reflects the City's ability to advance multiple capital improvement efforts on accelerated timelines. Each project



moved from approval to construction and completion in a relatively short period, supported by detailed planning and coordinated execution.

Oversight into the projects was provided by the City's Development Services team, which is responsible for managing capital improvement initiatives throughout Los Alamitos. Their role goes beyond simple supervision—the department's approach emphasizes careful project planning, cost control, and efficient coordination with consultants and contractors. This approach has enabled the City to deliver community improvements while maintaining fiscal discipline and maximizing the use of available funding. The City is determined to deliver high-quality improvements without compromising efficiency.

Together, the park projects demonstrate Los Alamitos' continued investment in maintaining and improving public spaces that support recreation, accessibility, and community connection. With four park projects completed last year, the City continues to enhance neighborhood amenities while balancing quality and responsible stewardship of public resources.

# Los Alamitos Police Department Launches Police Reserve Program, Seeks Quality Applicants

The Los Alamitos Police Department is launching its Police Reserve Program this year, offering an opportunity for experienced, POST-certified Level I reserve officers to serve the community while supporting the department's public safety mission.

The new program is designed to strengthen law enforcement services in Los Alamitos by expanding the department's operational capacity with highly trained reserve officers who meet California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Level I certification requirements. These reserve officers will work alongside full-time sworn personnel, providing support while maintaining professional standards of career officers.

Police reserves play an important role in modern law enforcement, assisting with patrol operations, special events, traffic enforcement, community policing initiatives, and emergency response. By drawing from a pool of already trained and certified officers, the Los Alamitos Police Department aims to enhance public safety while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

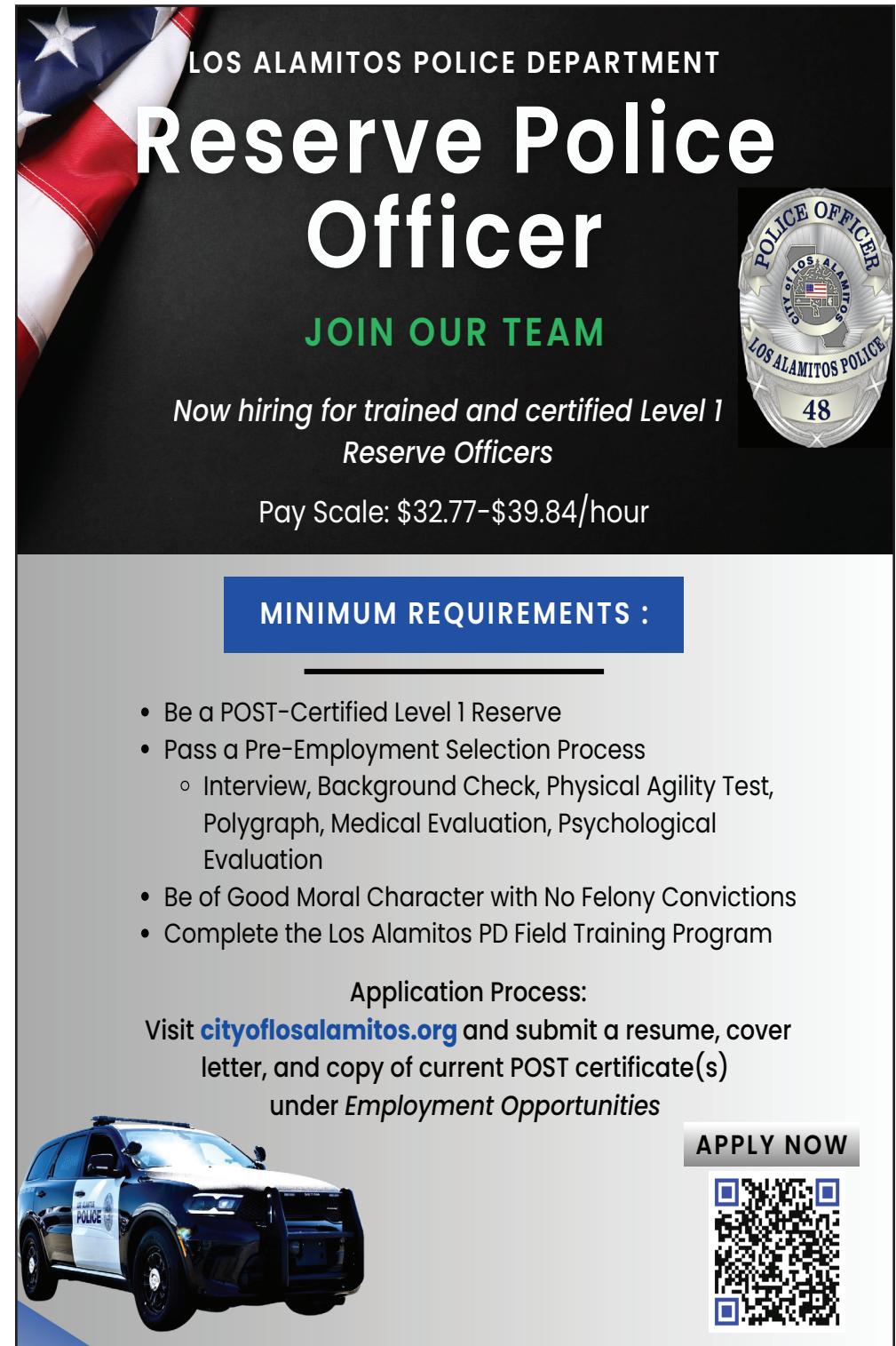
Officials emphasized that the program is intended for individuals who have already completed Level I POST reserve training and are certified to perform the full range of peace officer duties. Reserve officers in the program will have the same authority as full-time officers while on duty and will be expected to adhere to all department policies, training requirements, and professional standards.

The launch of the Reserve Program reflects the City's continued commitment to innovative and cost-effective public safety solutions. By utilizing certified reserve officers, the department can increase visibility in the community, improve response capabilities during peak periods, and provide additional staffing without costs associated with full-time positions. Los Alamitos Police Department leaders also highlighted the program's benefits for reserve officers, including the opportunity to maintain certifications, gain additional field experience, serve the community, and work in a professional law enforcement environment focused on community engagement and accountability.

The Reserve Program will prioritize candidates who demonstrate strong decision-making skills, professionalism, and a commitment to community-oriented policing. Candidates will undergo a thorough background investigation and onboarding process before being assigned to duty.

Interested Level I POST-certified reserve officers are encouraged to contact the Los Alamitos Police Department for additional information regarding qualifications, expectations, and the application process.

With the launch of the Police Reserve Program, Los Alamitos continues to invest in public safety and community partnerships—ensuring high-quality law enforcement services while preserving the City's reputation as "The Best City Ever."



LOS ALAMITOS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Los Alamitos Offers New Initiative in Transparency with the "Los Alamitos Local Stage"



Long Beach Animal Care Services Volunteer Matt Yniguez speaking with Management Analyst Megan Shimada about Long Beach Animal Care Service's work in Los Alamitos.

The Los Alamitos Local Stage debuts in Los Alamitos to highlight City services and partnerships.

City officials in Los Alamitos are utilizing a new public outreach program to shed light on local government operations, providing residents with a clearer understanding of how decisions are made, services are delivered, and partnerships are formed. The City recently launched The Local Stage, a bi-monthly interview-style program produced by City staff to inform the public about municipal pro-

grams, regional collaborations, and community priorities. City leaders say the program reflects a commitment to transparency and accessibility that is uncommon among cities of similar size.

Hosted by City staff, the inaugural episode featured representatives from Long Beach Animal Care Services, Police Chief Michael Claborn, and Director of Recreation and Community Services/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Emeline Noda. Guests discussed public safety, animal ser-

vices, senior programs, economic development, and community events. Communication is especially important in a small city where residents expect to understand how their government operates.

A subject discussed in the inaugural episode was the City's reliance on partnerships to provide services typically associated with larger municipalities. Los Alamitos works closely with the Orange County Fire Authority for fire control, Long Beach Animal Care Services for animal control, and the Joint Forces Training Base is an integral part of the City's footprint since it occupies roughly half of the City's land area.

Police Chief Michael Claborn said transparency and stability have helped the department strengthen recruitment and retention as law enforcement agencies nationwide face staffing challenges. The Los Alamitos Police Department has 23 of its 25 funded positions filled and has reintroduced specialized roles, including a school resource officer, a K-9 unit, and a motorcycle officer.

"When people see what we do and how we operate, it builds trust," Chief Claborn said. "That trust translates into officers wanting to work here and stay here."

Director Emeline Noda said the City's

communication efforts extend beyond the Local Stage. Residents are encouraged to stay informed through the City website, e-newsletters, social media, press releases, and a monthly community newspaper.

Director Noda also outlined the City's expanding slate of programs, including community events, adaptive recreation offerings, and an increased focus on senior services guided by a recently adopted Senior Services Master Plan. New initiatives include expanded fitness classes, caregiver workshops, grocery assistance, and a citywide, door-to-door electric transportation program scheduled to launch in early 2026.

Animal services were also highlighted as an example of regional cooperation. Long Beach Animal Care Services volunteer coordinator Matt Yniguez discussed adoption and foster opportunities serving Los Alamitos and neighboring cities.

City officials say The Local Stage is intended to demystify government operations and spotlight the people behind City services, reinforcing the City's commitment to openness and public engagement.

Episodes of The Local Stage are distributed through the City's communication channels, with future programs planned every other month.