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Los Alamitos City Council Approves Local Art Program, Policy



American Legion Post 716 Mural depicting service members across from the Los Alamitos Community Center at 3252 Florista St.

The City Council approved the Los Alamitos Public Art Program and Policy during the meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. The program is designed to guide how public art is proposed, reviewed, approved, installed, and maintained in the City. Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Ron Noda said, “This new program reflects the City’s ongoing commitment to its core themes of being ‘The Best City Ever’ and continuing to enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.”

Los Alamitos is known for its small but mighty presence in Orange County due to its charm, strong community connections, and rich local history. The Public Art Program seeks to celebrate those qualities by integrating artistic expression into public spaces in ways that reflect the values, culture, and identity of the community.

The program creates a clear and transparent framework for future public art projects while ensuring ADA accessibility, legal compliance, and long-term sustainability.

Three primary forms of public art identified as both feasible and impactful for Los Alamitos are murals, sculptures, and artistic utility cabinet wraps. These art forms were selected based on the City’s scale, available resources, and ability to create mean-

ingful visual enhancements throughout the community. Several public art concepts are already under consideration at the City. This includes decorative murals, sculpture installations, artistic utility box wraps, and a decorative memorial project along Pine Street. Pine Street is expected to serve as a starting point for many future art projects, helping to create a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere while supporting local identity and community.

Beyond beautification, City Manager Chet Simmons emphasized, “Public art plays an important role in strengthening community engagement and creating memorable experiences for residents of all ages.” The goals of the new program include celebrating the

history and cultural identity of Los Alamitos, enhancing the beauty and livability of public spaces, supporting artistic diversity and inclusivity, and creating lasting cultural value for future generations.

To ensure fairness and artistic quality, artists will be selected through several proposed methods, including open calls for artists, invitational opportunities for artists with relevant experience and familiarity with the community, and direct selection for specialized projects.

As Los Alamitos continues to evolve into the future, the Public Art Program represents an investment not only in aesthetics, but also in community identity, connection, and quality of life of “The Best City Ever.”



Local artist’s work from the most recent “Weekend of Art” held at the Los Alamitos Community Center.

Upcoming Events Calendar

City Meetings

City Council Meeting
Date: June 15, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
Date: August 5, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
Date: June 24, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

City Events

Summer Concerts on Pine St.
Dates: June 11, 18, 25, and July 9, 2026
Location: Pine St.
Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

3rd of July
Dates: July 3, 2026
Location: Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base
Time: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Summer Concerts in the Park
Dates: July 16, 23, 30, and August 6, 2026
Location: Little Cottonwood Park and Orville R. Lewis
Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

More events can be found on the City website: cityoflosalamitos.org

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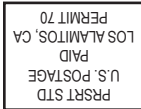
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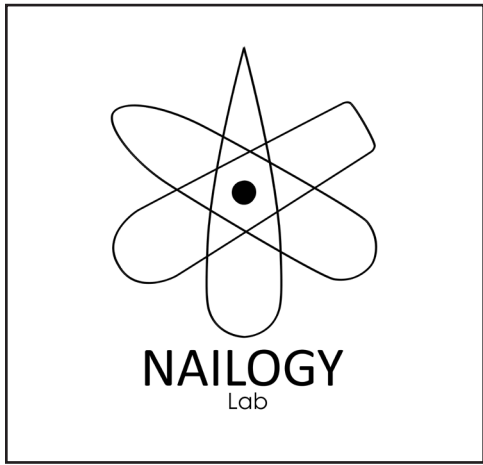
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Mayor's Business Spotlight: Nailogy Lab - Los Alamitos



Los Alamitos' May Mayor's Business Spotlight recognizes Nailogy Lab, a local business bringing beauty, wellness, and relaxation together in the heart of the community.

Since opening in Los Alamitos, Nailogy Lab has built a strong reputation for its commitment to cleanliness, quality service, and talented technicians who truly care about their craft. The salon's bright and spotless environment immediately creates a sense of comfort, while the team's attention to detail helps customers feel cared for from the moment they walk through the door.

Nailogy Lab stands out for combining beauty services with wellness-focused treatments using natural ingredients. The salon carefully selects products that not only help nails look beautiful but also provide real benefits for overall self-care experience.

Customers can enjoy treatments featuring mineral masks designed to improve skin vitality and help protect against oxidative stress, aloe gel masks that replenish moisture, avocado butter treatments, hemp balm, turbinado sugar scrubs, and Epsom milk soaks that cleanse and soften the skin. Nailogy Lab also uses premium nail products, including brands trusted such as O.P.I, Presto, and Après, to ensure long-lasting and high-quality results. Their experienced nail technicians specialize in a variety of styles

and techniques, allowing customers to express their personality and creativity through custom nail designs.

For residents looking for detailed nail art or unique designs, Nailogy Lab encourages customers to send inspiration photos before their appointment. This allows the salon to pair each customer with the nail technician whose artistic specialty best matches the requested style, helping create the best possible experience and final result.

The salon offers a variety of services for all ages, including Classic Manicures, Gel Services, Gel-X Extensions, and Kid Services. Making it a perfect way to spend some quality time with the family. If a gel polish lift, pop, or chip occurs within seven days of service, Nailogy Lab will fix the nails free of charge using the same polish color. Customers simply need to call ahead for scheduling accommodations.

Nailogy Lab is located at 10960 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. The salon is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The salon is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Appointments can be booked online at www.nailogylab.com. Residents can also contact the salon at 714-900-2171, email nailogylab@gmail.com, or follow @nailogylab on Instagram for updates and inspiration.

The Mayor's Business Spotlight is a free economic development program designed for local businesses in Los Alamitos to be featured and recognized for their outstanding work. The program is designed to promote the local economy their shopping and services providers in "The Best City Ever." For more information about the program and other economic development initiatives in Los Alamitos, please visit <https://cityofflosalamitos.org/187/Economic-Development>.

Clerks Recognized, Commission Restructure



From left to right: Clerical Assistant Katherine Preciado, City Clerk/Director of Communications Windmera Quintanar, and Deputy City Clerk Eleanor Granflor receiving certificates of recognition for Clerks Week.

The City Clerk's Office plays a vital role in local government by providing administrative, legislative, and records management support to ensure transparent and efficient City operations. Working closely with the City Council, the Office coordinates legislative processes, administers elections, maintains official records, and facilitates public participation.

City Clerk/ Director of Communications Windmera Quintanar mused, "The Clerk's Office is the cornerstone of local government in that we are the record holders of every action the City does and document those records for the historical record."

A core responsibility of the Clerk's Office is legislative support. This includes preparing and processing Council agenda reports, managing ordinances and resolutions, and overseeing the logistics of Council meetings. Ordinances establish local laws affecting areas such as zoning, traffic, and the municipal code, while resolutions set policy direction. The Office also works to modernize outdated procedures that could otherwise hinder the City's growth, ensuring that processes reflect current best practices.

As part of ongoing efforts to streamline City operations, the Los Alamitos City Council advanced a proposal to

consolidate several advisory bodies into an expanded Planning Commission. The restructuring aims to reduce redundancy, shorten project timelines, and create a single, unified forum for land use and transportation. The City's Traffic Commission and Architectural Review Committee shifts their responsibilities to the Planning Commission through this update.

The Traffic Commission had historically been responsible for reviewing traffic safety concerns, signage requests, and on-street parking issues. Whereas the Architectural Review Committee advised on new construction and exterior modification standards set by the City. Both organizations would be absorbed by the Planning Commission.

Under the plan, Section 2.38.060 of the Municipal Code would be amended to expand the Planning Commission's powers and duties. The updated language reaffirms the Commission's statutory authority and explicitly allows the City Council to assign additional responsibilities through ordinance. It also integrates traffic-related functions previously overseen by the Traffic Commission, formally positioning the Planning Commission as the City's central advisory body for land use, mobility, and development.

Los Alamitos Recognizes the Sacrifice, Efforts of the Public Works Department for PW Week

The Los Alamitos City Council recognized the Public Works Division and presented each team member with a Certificate of Recognition in honor of National Public Works Week. The recognition celebrated the dedication, hard work, and service the team provides to the community.

National Public Works Week, observed this year from May 17 through May 23, is celebrated annually during the third full week of May. Established by the American Public Works Association in 1960, the week highlights the essential professionals who plan, build, maintain, and improve the infrastructure communities rely on every day.

Their day-to-day duties include maintaining city streets, roadway signage, landscaping, and drainage systems. They help keep parks clean and safe, maintain city-owned traffic signals,



From left to right: Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Ron Noda, Interim PW Superintendent Lorry Hempe, PW Supervisor Rene Carmody, Maintenance Worker Jose Mendoza, Sr. Maintenance Worker Paul Mackinen, Maintenance Worker Brett Clark, Sr. Maintenance Worker Miguel De la Torre, Lead Foreman Luis Reyes, and Maintenance Worker Albert Diaz.

repair raised sidewalks, fill potholes, and perform graffiti abatement at public facilities. These are the tasks that often go unnoticed until something needs fixing — and that is exactly what makes their work so important. Public Works employees are the unsung first responders when disas-

ter strikes. They are the ones on the front line repairing infrastructure after a disaster just as Fire and Police respond to major events. They assist with shutting off broken water lines, block unsafe roads, respond during storms, and help protect the community during emergencies. Assistant

City Manager/ Development Services Director Ron Noda stated, "Public Works crewmembers are critical in helping the City recover quickly and safely when unexpected situations arise."

They make sacrifices that many residents never see. Crew members are often on call after regular working hours and must be able to respond quickly, regardless of the time of day. Whether it is responding to storm damage, infrastructure issues, or safety concerns, Public Works remains committed to serving Los Alamitos in any situation.

Their work directly contributes to the quality of life and safety residents enjoy in Los Alamitos. The clean parks, maintained streets, safe public spaces, and reliable infrastructure throughout the City are all made possible through the dedication of Public Works staff.

Second Annual Citizen Academy Graduates

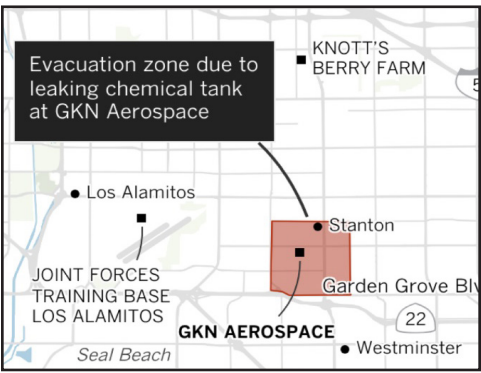


Chief Michael Claborn and the Second Los Alamitos Citizen Academy graduates pictured in the Council Chamber.

Los Alamitos proudly recognized the newest graduates of its Citizen Academy, an eight week program that gives residents an in depth, hands-on look at the inner workings of the Los Alamitos Police Department. The academy, offered periodically throughout the year, provides participants with hands-on experience across various aspects of policing, from patrol procedures to investigations. Chief Michael Claborn stated, “The goal of the program is to break down misconceptions, open lines of communication, and help residents better understand the challenges of modern police work.” One of the most popular components of the academy is the opportunity to observe or participate in realistic scenarios that simulate the split-second decision-making officers face daily. These exercises, often facilitated by trained personnel, allow residents to step into a police officer’s role during tense or unpredictable situations. Instructors walk participants through each step, explaining how officers assess threats, gather information, and make decisions under pressure. These activities help participants understand the complexities of law

enforcement and the wide range of skills required on the job. They also give residents a fresh perspective on the level of preparation and training involved. In addition to hands-on activities, the academy includes opportunities for participants to ask questions, share concerns, and learn more about ongoing community safety initiatives. Chief Claborn mused, “That the open dialogue helps dispel myths and encourages honest discussions about local issues.” The program also highlights the variety of roles within the department, illustrating that police work extends far beyond patrol duties. Attendees meet dispatchers, administrative staff, traffic investigators, detectives, and members of specialized teams, gaining insight into the collaborative efforts that keep the City running smoothly. Graduates of the Citizens’ Academy often become ambassadors for the department, sharing their experiences with neighbors, coworkers, and community groups. Many go on to volunteer with the department or become involved in neighborhood watch programs and other civic efforts.

Los Alamitos Provides Regional Support During Hazardous Materials Incident



Evacuation area close to Los Alamitos city limits.

The City of Los Alamitos played a key role in the regional emergency response to a hazardous materials incident in neighboring Garden Grove, demonstrating the strength of inter-agency cooperation and community partnerships during a time of need. As the incident unfolded, the City immediately engaged in coordinated communications with emergency management partners and participated in Unified Command discussions to assess potential impacts on Los Alamitos residents and businesses. To ensure preparedness, the City activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at a minimal level, allowing staff to closely monitor the situation and coordinate with the Incident Command Post. On Sunday, May 24, the City received a request from the Care and Shelter Division of the Orange County Emergency Operations Center, working in coordination with the American Red Cross, to establish an evacuation shelter for residents displaced by the hazardous materials incident. The Los Alamitos Unified School District responded immediately, making Los Alamitos High School

available as an emergency evacuation shelter. Through a collaborative regional effort, the City of Los Alamitos, Los Alamitos Unified School District, American Red Cross, West County CERT Team, and Team Rubicon quickly mobilized resources to establish and operate a shelter capable of accommodating up to 100 evacuees and their pets. The shelter remained operational until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. Operations were conducted successfully while ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of both shelter occupants and students attending Los Alamitos High School. “We are extremely proud of the partnerships that made this response possible,” said Nicole Saiz, Emergency Services Coordinator. “This success would not have been achieved without the willingness, dedication, and compassion demonstrated by every organization and volunteer who stepped forward to help others in their time of need.” The Orange County Fire Authority’s (OCFA) swift and effective actions contained the hazardous materials incident safely mitigating conditions allowing evacuated residents to ultimately return home safely. The incident served as a reminder of the importance of emergency preparedness and regional collaboration, highlighting how Los Alamitos, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and educational institutions can work together to protect and support communities during emergencies.

Los Alamitos Police Promote Two Officers to Corporal Emphasizing Department Growth



From left to right: Corporal Smith, Chief Michael Claborn, and Corporal Mirzadeh after swearing in ceremony

The Police Department proudly celebrated a major milestone with the promotion and swearing in of two new corporals, Corporal Smith and Corporal Mirzadeh. Their advancement represents an important investment in both leadership development and the city’s continued dedication to delivering exceptional public safety services. Chief Michael Claborn stated, “Corporals Smith and Mirzadeh fill the growing needs of the department and bring a strong sense of duty and ample amounts of experience to this key supervisory role.” Within the structure of the police department, the rank of Corporal holds significant responsibility. Corporals serve in a mid-level leadership posi-

tion, operating as a vital link between patrol officers and Sergeants. In this role, they provide day-to-day direction in the field, assist with decision making during critical incidents, and help maintain uniformity in operational standards. Corporals also mentor newer officers, reinforce department policies, and offer guidance that supports both safety and efficiency during routine and high risk situations. Their presence helps ensure that patrol teams are well supported, well supervised, and prepared to uphold the department’s mission. Promoting experienced officers to the rank of Corporal reinforces the department’s commitment to building strong front line leadership. Both new

Corporals bring impressive backgrounds, a dedication to service, and a demonstrated ability to lead with professionalism and integrity. Their experience and character enhance the level of service provided to the community and strengthen the department’s readiness to meet new challenges of public service. Corporal Smith joined the Los Alamitos Police Department in 2022. Since then, Corporal Smith has become deeply involved in departmental initiatives, taking on roles with the employee wellness peer support team and serving as a field training officer. Corporal Smith is also a certified de-

fensive tactics instructor and a use of force instructor. In 2023, he was promoted to detective, and in 2024 earned the Officer of the Year award. Corporal Mirzadeh joined the Los Alamitos Police Department in 2022 as well. Since then, Corporal Mirzadeh has developed extensive experience in patrol operations, traffic enforcement, and working closely with the City’s homeless population. Corporal Mirzadeh’s efforts in these areas have contributed to safer streets and improved outreach strategies. He currently serves as both a field training officer and the department’s Homelessness Liaison Officer.



The Los Alamitos Police Department taking a few minutes to support the two newest Corporals for Los Alamitos.

Los Al Expands Public Access under SB707

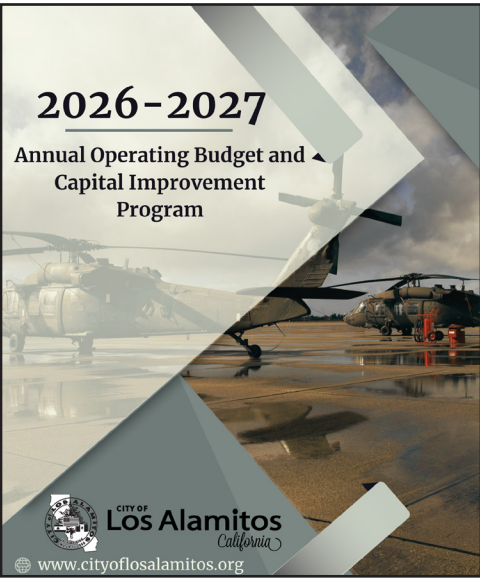


The City of Los Alamitos is moving forward with a series of new public transparency and accessibility measures required under California Senate Bill 707 (SB707). The Los Alamitos City Council adopted Resolutions 2026-04 and 2026-05, which are designed to enhance public engagement, expand access to meetings, and ensure that meeting participation can be in person or remotely. City Clerk/Director of Communications Windmera Quintanar stated, “The City emphasizes its commitment to transparency and accessibility through the implementation of these Resolutions.” Although, the requirements also highlight a growing challenge faced by local governments throughout California: the State increasingly imposes operational requirements on cities without providing the funding or staffing necessary to carry them out. Even before SB 707 was adopted, Los Alamitos had already prioritized open

government practices and public engagement. City agendas, meeting materials, public comment procedures, and accessibility accommodations were already publicly available and regularly maintained by staff. Under SB707, Los Alamitos is now required to provide members of the public with remote access to City Council meetings through two-way telephonic or audiovisual platforms. The City must also adopt procedures for handling technical failures during meetings, including internet outages. To comply, the City Council adopted a new Technology Disruption Policy establishing clear procedures staff must follow if remote meeting services fail. The policy requires City staff to immediately notify the public of any disruption, pause meetings, attempt to restore service, and document all corrective actions taken. Los Alamitos continues to reflect a broad focus on transparency and communicating with residents. The City website, mailers, door hangers, the quarterly brochure, and the Los Al Loop are only a few ways that staff directly communicate the City’s efforts to the public. City Clerk/Director of Communications Quintanar commented, “This publication and every other form of City communication is just another avenue for Los Alamitos to communicate with the public in a transparent way.”

Los Al Adopts 7th Balanced Budget in a Row

Los Alamitos has adopted a balanced budget for the seventh year in a row with the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget. The budget emphasizes long-term financial planning, expanded community services, and continued investment in public safety despite ongoing economic uncertainty. The proposed operating and capital improvement budget, adopted by the City Council, outlines approximately \$30.8 million in projected revenues and \$30.3 million in projected expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026-27. The City also provided preliminary projections for Fiscal Year 2027-28 as part of its ongoing two-year budget cycle designed to strengthen long-term planning and fiscal forecasting. Administrative Services Director Craig Koehler stated, “The City remains financially stable with the seventh year in a row of a balanced budget. However, global economic instability and regional issues remain a concern for fiscal planning.” Despite those challenges, Director Koehler noted that the City remains vigilant and ready to continue to steward the people’s money that allows City to provide services to at the highest level. The proposed budget reflects continued investment in City programs and services that have expanded significantly in recent years. According



to the report, expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026-27 are approximately \$2.5 million higher than the current adopted budget due to rising operational costs, labor agreements, expanded recreation programming, and new capital improvement investments. The now adopted budget was made available for public review ahead of the hearing, with copies accessible through the City Clerk’s Office and on the City’s website. Department directors also previously presented detailed budget overviews to the City Council at the previous meeting. The budget emphasizes maintaining fiscal responsibility while continuing to expand programs, maintain public safety services, and invest in infrastructure that supports Los Alamitos.



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Citywide online residential parking permit renewals will begin on May 1, 2026. Residents residing in the permit zones have until June 30, 2026, to create an account and apply for their permits. After that time, parking enforcement takes effect for the 2026-2027 permit cycle. Each household may request up to three free residential permits and two visitor permits. Permits will be valid from July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

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- Proof of residency or business license will be required at account activation
- Valid vehicle registration for each residential parking permit requested must be provided. The vehicle registration(s) must match the applicant's qualifying address.

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