

CACoD March 2023 Meeting

Staff Report

1. As part of the City of Long Beach's mission to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach, the City has launched a donation drive to collect a variety of essential physical items to provide to residents who are unhoused. Community members are encouraged to join the effort by donating items in need. For more information on the City's efforts to reduce homelessness in Long Beach, people may visit longbeach.gov/homelessness and follow @lbhealthdept and @longbeachcity on social media.
2. In alignment with the State of California, and amid a robust vaccine, testing and treatment infrastructure for COVID-19, the Long Beach City Council approved with an 8 to 0 vote to end the City's local COVID-19 emergency proclamation during the Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, Council meeting, effective immediately. The City's Health Department will continue to manage the necessary resources to address this ongoing public health burden. The City has memorialized some of the residents whose lives were lost to COVID-19 via its digital memorial with plans for a physical memorial in progress. Stay up to date with the latest information and resources by visiting longbeach.gov/covid19 or following @LongBeachCity and @LBHealthDept on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
3. Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth introduced the bill known as the Prioritizing Accountability and Accessibility for Aviation Consumers Act of 2023 with Sen. Deb Fischer. Read more about the proposed bill [HERE](#).
4. Two weeks ago, Long Beach Airport (LGB)'s Historic Terminal will temporarily close for a year-long renovation that will include a seismic retrofit and restoration of many of its classic 1941 design elements. Expected to re-open in early 2024, the \$17.8 million renovation of the Historic Terminal is the fourth project in the \$110

million Phase II -- Terminal Area Improvement Program. As part of that effort, two major components were completed in the spring of 2022, including the new Ticketing Lobby and Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) facility. A new Baggage Claim is currently under construction and scheduled to open in the coming months. Long Beach Airport will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Nov. 26, 2023. To learn more about the history of the oldest municipal airport in California, check out the new [Long Beach Aviation History webpage](#).

5. The 16th Annual "VIRTUAL" California Disability Advocacy Conference inspires, educates, and empowers attendees to become advocates for Californians with developmental disabilities. The conference is presented by The Arc of California, Easterseals and United Cerebral Palsy. Each year, the conference features nationally known speakers who have been trailblazers for promoting policies that improve the disability system, enabling people with IDD to live inclusively in their communities. The conference is April 25th – 27th. To learn more, please visit <https://thearcca.org/conference/>.