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Q&A: Mayor Robert Garcia Delves Into City's Momentum As Well As It's Challenges

On Seeking A Third Term If Charter Amendment Passes:
'I Think It's More Likely Not Than Yes, But I Would Never Rule It Out.'

■ By **SAMANTHA MEHLINGER**
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Now in the first year of his second term, Mayor Robert Garcia continues to lead Long Beach through a period of growth and change. Private and public investments are flow-

ing into the city, creating a host of new developments. New housing and a new civic center are altering the downtown skyline, Long Beach Exchange and the upcoming 2nd & PCH center are creating new retail options for residents, and planned

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Mayor Robert Garcia and his staff on the top floor of the new 11-story city hall, which they expect to occupy by the spring of 2019. The floor will serve as the city's legislative department, which includes the mayor, city councilmember offices and the office of the city clerk. Pictured from left, front row: Randy Rawlings – intern; Veronica Quezada, communications deputy; Sharon Weissman, senior transportation advisor; and Isaac Romero, scheduler. Center row: Tim Patton, senior administrative deputy; Abigail Mejia, senior field deputy; Kenneth Phin, intern; Mayor Garcia; Justin Ramirez, legislative director; and Maria Banegas, administrative aide. Back row: Lauren Vargas, director of innovation delivery & special projects; Tyler Curley, legislative deputy; Mark Taylor, chief of staff; and Luke Klipp, special projects officer. (Business Journal photograph by Matt Fukushima Photography)

November 6 Ballot – Local, County And State Measures

Local: Term Limits

County: Parcel Tax

State: Rent Control

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The ability to run as a write-in candidate for elected office has become more restricted through the years but, according to legal experts, the option to run as a write-in is not a protected right under U.S. or California

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While environmental organizations express strong support for the Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W), a proposed parcel tax to fund projects to increase stormwater capture, organizations representing

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On November 6, California voters will cast their ballots for or against Proposition 10, which would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act. Marcus & Millichap's National Multi Housing Group

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MILLENNIAL PULSE

By Editor Samantha Mehlinger

The Independents Of The 9/11 Generation

Last year I wrote of my experience as part of what some call the 9/11 Generation. I don't think there's any way around it: that's what we Millennials are. You can argue about whether or not we're lazy, or that we waste our money on frivolities like

avocado toast instead of saving, or that we are all "Me, Me, Me," as TIME famously put it. Those things are debatable because they're opinions. What we all are, whether we like it or not, is a product of our time. And

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