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Helping Prepare The Workforce Of The Future

The Port Of Long Beach Becomes College Promise Program Partner

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At its September 10 meeting, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the port becoming the fifth partner in the Long

Beach College Promise, joining Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Long Beach City College (LBCC), California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and the city itself in providing more accessibility to higher education.

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The Port of Long Beach has joined the city's three educational institutions as a partner in the Long Beach College Promise. This formalizes the port's current efforts to advance education and awareness of the maritime industry, which includes operating the Academy of Global Logistics at Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School. Pictured from left is Harbor Commissioner Lou Anne Bynum, Academy Career Technical Education Teacher Jim Dowding, Academy of Global Logistics Lead Teacher Kim Oliver, Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero and Cabrillo High School Pathways Coordinator Aline Maestas. (Photograph by the Business Journal's Brandon Richardson)

ANNUAL FOCUS ON THE ARTS IN LONG BEACH

Elevating The Museum Of Latin American Art: CEO Plans To Grow The Institution's Facilities And Clout

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Dr. Lourdes Ramos-Rivas, the first Latina president and CEO of Long Beach's Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), has ambitious plans to grow the museum into a first-class institution with international clout.

A museum professional with 20 years of experience, Ramos-Rivas has spent her career immersed in Latino art. Prior to being recruited by MOLAA's board and taking over leadership of the museum in May 2017, Ramos-Rivas served for 13 years as executive director of the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico and as the director and curator of the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture's national collection. The Puerto Rican native also completed a fellowship at the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina

Sofia in Madrid, Spain. In addition to her role at MOLAA, she is one of seven commissioners for the American Alliance of Museums

tasked with accrediting museums throughout the United States.

Ramos-Rivas is spearheading a
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Dr. Lourdes Ramos-Rivas became president and CEO of the Museum of Latin American Art in May 2017 after being recruited by the board. She has plans to create new centers of study at the museum and to lift the institution to international prominence. (Photograph by the Business Journal's Brandon Richardson)

Hotel Ballot Measure WW

After Council Passes Panic Button Ordinance, Dividing Lines Intensify

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The issue of how to address worker safety at local hotels has been a divisive one for the Long Beach City Council, most recently resulting in a split room in which four councilmembers left chambers during a vote to require worker panic buttons at all area hotels. At issue that night was that the council had already voted to place another proposal meant to address hotel safety and work requirements, most commonly referred to as Claudia's Law, on the November 6 ballot. That initiative would require hotels with 50 rooms or more to provide panic buttons to employees, but it would also create various workload restrictions at those hotels.

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Recognizing Their Legacy

Historic Long Beach Businesses And Organizations – Part II

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Too often, a city's roots are lost in time, as most city leaders and successful businesspeople prefer to look to the future rather than the past.

When the Business Journal staff brainstormed editorial focus ideas in 2016 for the 2017 calendar year, we kept returning to words like "history" and "legacy." We rattled
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Millennial Icons

By Editor Samantha Mehlinger

Perhaps the most Millennial thing to happen all year occurred last week, when it was announced that Millennial sports icon LeBron James would star in the sequel to the Millennial childhood classic, "Space Jam," which originally featured

Michael Jordan and Millennials' unofficial favorite old guy, Bill Murray.

Which got me thinking. Who can we count amongst those who are inarguably icons of, or to, the Millennial genera-
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