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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
3:00 PM

DTLB Alliance Conference Room
100 W. Broadway Suite 235
Long Beach, CA 90802

Present: Antonio Gallardo, Paul Boyd-Batstone, Paul Hargis, James Turner, Lauren Esqueda, Nicole Moonier

Absent: Teri Tan, Allison Kripp, Clare Le Bras

DTLB Alliance Staff: Juan Torres, Sara Payne, Kelsey Ruiz

Guests: Sgt. Lisa McCourt

1. Call to Order – Antonio Gallardo, Chair
[Meeting Presentation](#). Called to order at 3:02PM.
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION: Approval of [Minutes from December 18, 2025](#), Public Safety Committee Meeting.**
MOTION: 1st: Turner; 2nd: Esqueda.
VOTE: None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes.
4. Staff Report
 - a. Clean and Safe Update
 - i. DTLB Alliance
 - I. Homelessness
 - a. Jan. 22 – Homeless Count; Alliance staff, city officials, and dozens of volunteers walked around the streets of Long Beach counting and surveying unhoused individuals.
 - b. Feb. 4 – Homeless Services Advisory; Torres will be attending to see how city funding is being allocated to helping the unhoused population.
 - c. The Alliance plans to conduct its own early-morning visual homeless count in the downtown area because the City of Long Beach only releases citywide data, allowing the Alliance to track local trends more specifically; date TBD.
 2. Upcoming Events
 - a. Feb. 1 – Warped Tour Pop-up
 - b. Feb. 14 – Art & Design Walk
 - c. Feb. 21 – DTLB Live!
 - d. Mar. 10-12 – California Downtown Association conference
 - ii. Block by Block
 - I. Uniforms: Safety Ambassadors will soon wear updated uniforms (black tactical pants and two-tone red polos) to look more official and clearly distinguish them from the clean team.



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2. Staffing for CDA: Payne emphasized ensuring the district is clean, safe, and well-staffed, as the organization expects heightened visibility and scrutiny during the CDA conference.
3. Clean and Safe Services Provided in 2025
 - a. 8,033 Safe Team business contacts
 - b. 474 directional assistances given
 - c. 7,774 graffiti/stickers removed
 - d. 3,815 homeless outreach contacts made
 - e. 1,379 items of hygiene/food/clothes provided
 - f. 766,870 pieces of trash collected
5. 2025-2026 Committee Projects Discussion
 - a. Safety Walk Audits – Paul Boyd-Batstone
 - i. [2026 Schedule](#) sent to committee members
 - ii. Report trip and fall hazards, vandalism, lights, and trees
 - iii. Jan. 31 – Walk and Roll Long Beach, a collaboration between the Alliance and the Department of Health and Human Services
 - iv. Feb. 25 – Light Audit, a collaboration between the Alliance’s Public Safety committee and Placemaking committee
 - b. Fresh Start
 - i. Discussions about donations for service providers, finalizing members, creating the subcommittee, and scheduling the first meeting to be held at the next committee meeting due to absences.
 - c. Presentations and Trainings (Safety and Security Readiness) for Businesses and Residents – Rev. Antonio Gallardo, Nicole Moonier, and James Turner
 - i. 602 No Trespassing
 1. The Alliance is planning a training/sign-up event on Feb. 25 to help businesses enroll in the 602 No Trespassing program, including notarization support and outreach via flyers, in collaboration with LBPD and the City Prosecutor's Office.
 2. The session will highlight program benefits, clarify that annual registration is required under state, and encourage wider participation.
 3. Staff are also exploring reminder systems, possible venue partners, and sponsorships (e.g., outreach to Ace Hardware) to improve participation and ongoing compliance.
 - ii. Health and Human Services
 1. The committee discussed hosting a fall presentation with the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) to provide de-escalation-style training for businesses and residents, with more details to follow at a future meeting.
6. Public Safety Partners Report
 - a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division
 - i. Downtown’s LBPD commander, Commander Fernandez, has been moved to the chief’s office, and a new commander will be chosen soon.
 - ii. Collaborations between LBPD’s bike team and Block by Block Safety Ambassadors are still ongoing.



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iii. The next big events on LBPD's radar are the Acura Grand Prix in April and FIFA World Cup Week on Pine Ave in June.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Two new committee members are joining the committee, Allison Kripp and Clare Le Bras.
- b. The committee discussed potentially developing general safety guidelines for downtown businesses on how to respond if an ICE enforcement action occurs nearby, focusing on business safety and preparedness, with further consideration needed.

9. Public Comment (three minutes on all non-agenda items)

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:52PM.

NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 3:00PM

Location: DTLB Alliance Conference Room (100 W. Broadway, Suite 235)

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