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Manager

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Administrative Services  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 26, 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, Teri Tan, Nicole Moonier

**Absent:** Lauren Esqueda, Allison Kripp, Clare Le Bras

**DTLB Alliance Staff:** Juan Torres, Sara Payne, Koda Strider

**Guests:** Sgt. Lisa McCourt, James Young

1. Call to Order – Rev. Antonio Gallardo  
[Meeting Presentation](#). Called to order at 3:02PM.
2. Roll Call
3. **ACTION: Approval of [Minutes from February 25, 2026](#), Public Safety Committee Meeting.**  
**MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup>: Hargis; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Boyd-Batstone.**  
**VOTE: None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes.**
4. Staff Report
  - a. Clean and Safe Update
    - i. DTLB Alliance
      1. California Downtown Association – Mar. 10-12
        - a. Staff participated in and helped host the IDA + CDA conference, bringing together BIDs and downtown professionals from multiple cities on the west coast.
        - b. The Alliance team led an operations tour and hosted collaborative sessions highlighting day-to-day operations, partnerships with Long Beach PD, and shared best practices, which received strong positive feedback from visiting organizations.
      2. Homelessness
        - a. Staff conducted an independent Downtown-specific homeless count on March 20, resulting in a total count of 162 individuals, an increase from the prior year but generally consistent with longer-term fluctuations.
        - b. Committee discussed factors influencing visibility and movement of individuals (including seasonal shifts, Grand Prix-related displacement, and broader regional inflow), as well as the difference between perceived conditions and actual data, reinforcing the value of a localized count to supplement citywide reporting.
3. Safety



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- a. Mar. 19 – Coffee with a Cop at Panama International Restaurant
4. Upcoming DTLB Events
  - a. Apr 11 – Art + Design Walk
  - b. Apr. 11 – Lincoln Park Clean Up
  - c. Apr. 18 – DTLB Live! on the Promenade on the third Saturday of every month
- ii. Block by Block
  1. The Clean & Safe vehicles have been wrapped to help them stand out and be more recognizable.
  2. Clean and Safe Services Provided so far in 2026
    - a. 1,892 Safe Team business contacts
    - b. 158 directional assistances given
    - c. 3,501 graffiti/stickers removed
    - d. 1,014 homeless outreach contacts made
    - e. 253 items of hygiene/food/clothes provided
    - f. 139,700 pounds of trash collected
- iii. Other events
  1. Apr. 1 – LYPD South Division Commander’s Forum
5. 2025-2026 Committee Projects Discussion
  - a. Safety Walk Audits – Paul Boyd-Batstone
    - i. Feb. 25 - Light Audit: 12 lights reported, 5 closed, 7 in progress
    - ii. Mar. 31 - Light Audit upcoming
    - iii. Apr. 8 - Walk and Roll Long Beach, from Ocean Ave. to 8<sup>th</sup> Street
    - iv. Safety vests have been acquired to increase visibility of volunteers conducting these audits.
  - b. Fresh Start
    - i. Campaign planning is underway with no major updates to program structure; collection drive is scheduled for May-June, and committee members are compiling a list of participating host locations for donation boxes.
    - ii. Committee members brainstormed collection sites (including Long Beach City College, Long Beach State, and additional office locations), with collected supplies designated for distribution to partner organizations including Mental Health America, Long Beach Rescue Mission, and other local service providers.
  - 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 program was supported through collaboration with the Council Office’s 602 workshop, where staff assisted outreach efforts alongside LAPD, the City Prosecutor’s Office, and other departments; approximately 9 businesses attended.
      2. Follow-up work will focus on assisting enrolled businesses with completing requirements (posting signage, submitting photos to LAPD, and maintaining annual renewals), with additional outreach planned to ensure compliance and improve program awareness among local businesses.
6. Public Safety Partners Report



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- a. Long Beach Police Department – South Division – Sgt. Lisa McCourt
  - i. The new LBPD Commander has been selected as Justin Krueger, and he will be holding a Commander’s Forum on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ii. Currently focusing on addressing the unhoused population of Downtown, helping many of them find shelter or resources that can help.
- b. Long Beach City Prosecutor – James Young
  - i. Young reported on recent collaboration between the City Prosecutor’s Office, Alliance staff, and community partners, including a public safety forum and training sessions for Block by Block Safety Ambassadors on how to properly complete police reports and support documentation for quality-of-life and petty theft incidents.
  - ii. He highlighted progress on business outreach and prosecution support tools and noted an ongoing effort to improve coordination with businesses and law enforcement to address repeat offenders and nuisance crime more efficiently.
  - iii. Young also announced his upcoming retirement, while noting continued interest in supporting victims’ rights work and community safety efforts in a volunteer capacity following his departure.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Rev. Gallardo announced this would be his final Public Safety Committee meeting as he transitions from his role at the church after being elected Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, where he will oversee 133 churches across a multi-county region. He reflected on his time with the committee and emphasized the importance of continued cross-sector collaboration (city, business, faith-based, and community partners) to address complex issues such as homelessness and public safety, while noting ongoing church initiatives related to affordable housing and community support.

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

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:57PM.

**NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 3:00PM**

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

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