

Election Safety - Businesses



The City of Long Beach is working to ensure that election-related activity occurs with no disruption. We encourage everyone to report suspicious or criminal activity by calling 9-1-1 or LBPD's non-emergency line at (562) 435-6711.

Is the City going to close streets?

At this time, there are no credible threats that would necessitate street closures. In some areas, barricades may be pre-staged at strategic locations so they are readily available to restrict street access if needed. Equipment, including barricades, may be moved to new areas of the city as the information and our response changes.

What is the City doing to keep businesses safe?

The Police Department has brought in additional staffing and resources to maintain a visible presence throughout the city and provide increased engagement with businesses and community members.

Should businesses be closing? Should I board up my business?

Whether or not to close, secure or board up a building is an individual business decision. We encourage property owners to contact their insurance carrier for advice.

What is the City doing to prevent criminal activity in business corridors? Are all available police officers working?

All available officers are currently working and engaging with our community. Plans are being made to maximize the number of officers available over the course of the next several days.

What are the lessons learned from May 31 and what are you doing differently?

We absolutely value and protect the First Amendment right to peaceful protest, and we are here to ensure the safety of both protestors and the community. Violence and criminal activity will not be tolerated, and the City will contact business owners and the community if there is a credible cause for concern to protect people and property.

It is important to remember that the protests of May 31, and the more than 131 protests that followed, were overwhelmingly peaceful.

How can I sign up to get updates on current events?

The best way to stay up-to-date on election impacts and other emergencies is to sign up for Alert Long Beach at <http://longbeach.gov/disasterpreparedness/alert-long-beach/> and follow the City on social media.

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