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**Preferred method of contact**

- Text
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**Please check one**

- I own a business in the Downtown Parking Improvement Area (DPIA)

**Years as a stakeholder in Downtown Long Beach**

5 years or more

**If you are a business owner, please provide the name and mailing address of your business and a brief description**

The Pie Bar  
450 Pine Avenue

**If you are a property owner, please provide the name and mailing address of your property and a brief description**

n/a

**Have you served on the Board of Directors in the past?**

Yes

**List any Board or Organization you are affiliated with**

YMCA of Greater Long Beach

**What DLBA Committees would you be interested in serving on?**

- Marketing and Communications
- Special Events and Development
- Public Realm

**What would you like to achieve as a director?**

To help Downtown Long Beach recover and grow to be one of the top Southern California destinations.

**Tell us about yourself by providing a short bio:**

- [Laurie-Gray-bio.docx](#)



## Laurie Gray Bio April 2021

Born and raised in Seattle, I relocated to Long Beach in July of 2010.

I spent 17 years working for Rainier Pacific Bank, located in Tacoma, WA, in a variety of positions including Loan Officer, Branch Manager and Marketing Manager. After leaving the bank I then went on to a career in nonprofit management and development, as National Walk Manager for several nonprofit organizations including Autism Speaks and The Lupus Foundation of America.

In the fall of 2014, I had an opportunity to leave the corporate world and pursue a dream of owning my own business. I started The Pie Bar as a one-person operation out of my home kitchen and grew it to a successful, growing business serving freshly made sweet and savory pies located in Downtown Long Beach. The Pie Bar is celebrating its five-year anniversary on Pine Avenue this June.

I have also served on the Board of Directors for the YMCA of Greater Long Beach since 2019. I have two adult children and currently reside in South Orange County.