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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:

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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.