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Economic Inclusion**

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**The Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion Launches
Search for New Executive Director**

Long Beach, CA - Today, the Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion (LBCEI) announced its search for a new Executive Director (ED). LBCEI is a new nonprofit Community Development Corporation (CDC) with a mission to expand inclusive economic opportunities to build and sustain wealth for all communities in Long Beach.

Launched in March, 2020, the Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion quickly adapted and responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by directing more than \$1 Million in funding and resources into the community in the areas of small business support, digital technology, food security and housing support services. As Long Beach begins Economic Recovery, the Director will build partnerships that will expand and ensure equitable economic opportunities across the city.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for LBCEI staff, strategic partnerships and their associated programs, organizational development & expansion, and execution of LBCEI's mission. LBCEI envisions a Long Beach where entrepreneurs, youth, workers, and individuals have the tools and opportunities to successfully build vibrant neighborhoods, successful businesses, and healthy, resilient families. LBCEI will seek out organizations (nonprofits and small businesses) in the community that support economic opportunities and connect them to resources to help them expand or grow the work they are doing in underserved communities.

The Executive Director acts as chief spokesperson and advocate for LBCEI and is a key interface with community partners and financial supporters including corporations, foundations, and public agencies. The focus is on entrepreneurship and small business support; workforce and youth development; affordable housing and homeownership; and economic resiliency. The responsibilities and duties of the Executive Director are varied and may change at any time based upon the needs of the community and directive of the Board of Directors.

"The board is excited to find a great fit for the next phase for the Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion," said Board Chairman Bob Cabeza, "and continue the work to expand economic opportunities for families and small businesses in our community."

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The Board has retained the services of The Hawkins Company, a Los Angeles-based executive search firm, to lead the executive director search process.

The position is open until filled. First consideration will be given to applications received by April 2, 2021. Confidential inquiries are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Yonnine Hawkins Garr or Mr. Todd Hawkins of The Hawkins Company.

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For additional information, view the full profile at www.thehawkinscompany.com.

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Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion (LBCEI) is a 501(c)3 Community Development Corporation that expands inclusive economic opportunities to build and sustain wealth for all communities in Long Beach.

LBCEI values include:

- *BRINGING EVERYONE IN*
- *AN ECONOMY FOR ALL*
- *ACCESS TO CAPITAL*
- *INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY*

LBCEI History: Establishing a Community Development Corporation (CDC) was an objective of the 'Everyone In' Economic Inclusion Initiative and an undertaking of a core group of community partners: Long Beach City Councilmember Rex Richardson, the 'Everyone In' Implementation Committee, Long Beach Community Action Partnership, Wells Fargo, and the City of Long Beach. In June 2019, the Long Beach City Council unanimously approved the 'Everyone In' Implementation Plan, a comprehensive outline of five key recommendations that would help expand access to economic opportunity in the areas of Small Business and Diverse Entrepreneurship, Procurement, Workforce and Youth Development, Connectedness (Economic Resiliency), Housing and Homeownership. The recommendation to support the establishment of a Community Development Corporation (CDC) that facilitates economic development at the neighborhood-level was included in this package of economic inclusion recommendations. Following its approval, Wells Fargo provided a seed grant that was matched by the City of Long Beach to support the CDC's startup process.



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