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Dear Center Family,

**Please join The Center for a Community Conversation!** The Center is seeking feedback and guidance from LGBTQ community members on existing and future resources and programs available. We are excited to hear from as many people as possible to learn more about how we can best meet your needs. Please join us for one of the following four community conversations!

\* **Trans & Gender Nonconforming Community**  
December 16th, 7pm at The Center

\* **North Long Beach LGBTQ Community**  
December 19th: 7pm at Office of Vice Mayor Rex Richardson

\* **LGBTQ All Ages**  
December 20th, 7pm at The Center

\* **LGBTQ Senior Community Members**  
December 21st, 7pm at The Center

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### **Free Self Defense & Personal Safety Classes**

**Saturday, December 17**

**Groundwork Fitness**



As a result of demand from our community, The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach, Groundwork Fitness, and instructor Gisele Fong will be hosting three free self defense courses

Two classes are remaining and will be held this Saturday:

**11:30am-1:00pm:** For Trans and Gender Nonconforming Individuals

**1:00-2:30pm:** For People of color

### **Legal Name and Gender Marker Change Clinic**

**Saturday, December 17, 1:00-4:00pm**

**The Center**



Join The Center for a free legal name and gender marker change clinic. Volunteer attorneys will provide guidance in filling out California court paperwork for name and/or gender change and fee waivers. Paperwork will be pre-printed for you to fill out! Just bring yourself and your questions. Additional information will be provided about changing state and federal identity documents.

Please register at <https://goo.gl/forms/LifC2zGZJumJQhcF2> so that we may get an accurate headcount. Walk-ins welcome!

### **20-Somethings Holiday Potluck**

**Wednesday, December 21, 7:00-9:00pm**

**The Center**

Join 20Somethings at The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach for our annual Holiday Potluck! Chow down and mingle with the gorgeous young folks of Long Beach and its surrounding areas. Bring a delish

dish to share, if you can, and hang out with our LGBTQ+ family.



Questions or concerns? Contact Mariel Fiedler at [MFiedler@centerlb.org](mailto:MFiedler@centerlb.org) or 562-434-4455 ext. 225

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### **Holidays at The Center**

**Sunday, December 25, 3:00-6:00pm**

**The Center**



Join our Center staff, community, and volunteers for a Winter and Christmas Day event to enjoy a meal together, play board games and share in fun times with our community. A wonderful holiday meal and drinks will be provided to all who attend this event.

Call Deena at (562) 434-4455 ext. 244 or email at [dabuyounes@centerlb.org](mailto:dabuyounes@centerlb.org) for more information.

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### **QTPOC Open Space**

**Tuesday, December 27, 7:00-9:00pm**

**The Center**



A safe(r) space for all Queer and Trans People of Color. Centering Queer and Trans Femmes of Color. The intention of this monthly group is to provide a space to build QTPOC community in Long Beach, by engaging in discussion and celebrating queer art and literature, having skill shares, offering healing & self-care practices, as well as other topics that specifically relate to our QTPOC experience and identity.

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### **Winter Swap**

**Saturday, January 7, 12:00-4:00pm**



Summer is over and winter is here! Are there any gently used items in your closet that are no longer your style or that you'd like to get rid of to switch out for the season and to make room for some new goodies?

If so, we'd love to have them and YOU at the Winter Swap!

FREE EVENT  
Swapping starts at 12:30pm

### LGBTQ Young Professionals Kickoff Mixer

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00-9:00pm

#### Padre



Are you looking for a networking opportunity within the LGBTQ community?

Interested in connecting with other business owners and LGBTQ Young Professionals in Long Beach?

Join us for our kick off event on Padre's beautiful rooftop. Absolutely FREE with food and drink specials!

## DONATE

Did you know that 70% of every dollar donated goes directly into our programs and services? Individual contributions are what keep our Center going! Will you please consider becoming a part of The Center's mission and vision? Please support us and your local LGBT community.

On behalf of our clients, the staff, and our community, thank you so much for your generosity.

**Center Hours: M-F 10AM - 9 PM, Sat 10 AM - 4 PM. Help Desk: 562.434.4455**

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