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## **Long Beach Transit and the Arts Council for Long Beach Dedicate DETERMINATION LB Mural Project**

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (January 30, 2020) – Long Beach Transit has partnered with The Arts Council for Long Beach, artist David Velasquez “Big Sleeps” and Centro Cha for DETERMINATION LB, a mural project and youth workshop series. The project was made possible by grants provided by the California Arts Council and Munzer Foundation with support from Long Beach Transit. DETERMINATION LB is an arts education and public art project composed of both art and wellness workshops for youth ages 16-24. Led by artist Big Sleeps, youth participants at Centro CHA learned artistic skills and created deep community connections. This project lifted art as a medium to engage residents in sharing their stories of hope, the search for identity, and alternatives to violence. The Determination LB mural dedication and culmination event will take place on Saturday, February 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Determination LB is an inspiring project. We are so grateful to partner once again with Centro CHA and that Long Beach Transit joined the project. It is LBT's commitment to not only providing art space but also supporting artists of all ages working together to create a mural that uplifts the community.”

The event is free and open to the public. There will be a meet and greet with Big Sleeps along with live painting, music performers, food and community information booths. An art gallery of the participants art created during the workshops will be on display alongside non-profit Long Beach Por Vida pop up shop, which operates out of Centro Cha.

“The DETERMINATION mural on Cherry Ave. is another example of LBT's commitment to the communities we serve,” said Board Chair Colleen Bentley. “Our close partnership with the Arts Council of Long Beach has yielded numerous public art projects throughout Long Beach, and the latest mural supports and also beautifies the neighborhood.”

**[Dedication Event Saturday, February 1, 2020](#)**

Time: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Location: Long Beach Transit Parking Lot (1340 Cherry Ave.)

RSVP through [Eventbrite](#)

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