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## **3,000 Long Beach Resident Voices Heard**

*Around the Table Event Results Released Today*

April 17, 2018, LONG BEACH — The most pressing issues in Long Beach are homelessness and housing, according to approximately 3,000 Long Beach residents who participated in Around the Table, an all-day community-wide dialogue that took place in September 2017. Results from the event were released today and a full copy of the impact report, a video summary, and interactive data are available at [www.aroundthetablelb.com](http://www.aroundthetablelb.com).

“The positive connection residents have with our city resonated throughout the hundreds of conversations that took place,” said Marcelle Epley, President & CEO of the Long Beach Community Foundation. “When talking about how they can make our city better, resident’s primary issue of concern centered on homelessness & housing.”

Residents who are not already involved with local charitable causes reported that they would like to help make their city better, but are not quite sure how – an opportunity seen by the Long Beach Community Foundation to engage a captive group and inspire meaningful change. As a next step, the Long Beach Community Foundation will research the best way to engage residents around how they can be part of the solution. LBCF has also established a special fund for Homelessness and Housing that residents can contribute to at [www.longbeachcf.org/donate](http://www.longbeachcf.org/donate). This fund will support Long Beach homelessness and housing issues.

### **About Around the Table**

The [Long Beach Community Foundation](http://www.longbeachcf.org) (LBCF) hosted Around the Table, a national initiative replicated in 10 United States cities in 2017, in partnership with organizers [We Love Long Beach](#) and sponsors the [John S. and James L. Knight Foundation](#). The city-wide event resulted in 3,000 Long Beach residents gathering around tables in homes, coffee shops, libraries and other locations to discuss how we can make our city even better.

### **About the Long Beach Community Foundation**

*The Long Beach Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public organization with more than \$37 million in assets and 158 charitable funds. It was established in 1996 to make strategic grants to nonprofits, and assist individual donors with their philanthropic goals today and through planned giving. Fees charged to manage funds at the Foundation are invested directly back into the community in the form of*

*discretionary grants. LBCF's mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship, and strategic grant making with a vision of being the preeminent steward of endowments serving the needs of Long Beach in perpetuity.*

*LBCF operations are led by President & CEO Marcelle Epley and oversight is provided by Board Chair Gary DeLong, Vice Chair Robert Stemler, and Board members Blake Christian, Michele Dobson, Bob Foster, Tony Gales, Mark Guillen, Randal Hernandez, Donita Joseph, Annette Kashiwabara, Steve Keesal, Frank Newell, Judy Ross and Judy Vander Lans.*

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