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Complimentary Long Beach Seminars on Wills and Trusts Sponsored by the Long Beach Community Foundation

8 Scheduled Events in Long Beach, October 1- 5, 2018

September 17, 2018, LONG BEACH — During the first week of October, The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) is providing eight free public information sessions throughout Long Beach to help educate the community on the importance of establishing a will or trust. The sessions will be led by local estate planning attorneys and are designed to help individuals learn how to protect and provide for loved ones upon death, update or create estate plans, and learn general information about wills, trusts, estate taxes, probate expenses, guardianship of minor children, selection of personal representatives and designating charitable beneficiaries.

According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), only 4 in 10 American adults have a will or living trust. Upon the death of iconic superstars like Prince and Aretha Franklin, the public learned that even these high-profile individuals died without a will in place, which can result in an extended probate process and an uncertain outcome.

“People don’t like to think or talk about their own mortality,” said LBCF President & CEO Marcelle Epley. “Unfortunately, this often leads to avoidance of important matters like creating a plan for your family after you’re gone. Far too often we have seen this avoidance lead to financial complications and additional heartache for those who are left behind.”

“Most people wait until their 60’s to start looking into estate-planning documents,” said LBCF Board Chair Gary DeLong. “But the reality is, all adults should have a plan, whether it be outlining guardianship for minors or how financial assets should be distributed upon death. Our hope is that these community events help spur the process.”

Wills and Trusts Week Schedule

The eight available city-wide sessions are scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 1

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Lakewood YMCA (5835 E. Carson St, Lakewood)

Tuesday, October 2

9:30 am - 11:30 am and 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach)

Wednesday, October 3

9:30 am - 11:30 am and 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Virginia Country Club (4602 N. Virginia Rd, Long Beach)

Thursday, October 4

9:30 am - 11:30 am and 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Long Beach Yacht Club (6201 Appian Way, Long Beach)

Friday, October 5

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Lakewood YMCA (5835 E. Carson St, Lakewood)

Participating local estate planning attorneys include: Jon Alban, Laura Bromlow, Greg Burnight, Misty Colwell, Philip Cox, Paul Kelly, Scott Magee, Jennifer Sawday, Sindee Smolowitz, and Davis Zellmer.

More information is available at <https://longbeachcf.org/news-events/> or by calling (562) 435-9033.

About the Long Beach Community Foundation

The Long Beach Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public organization with more than \$52 million in assets and 162 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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