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### Bring Your Child to the City Work Day

On a warm, late summer day at the Long Beach Terrace Theater, City of Long Beach employees and children buzzed with excitement as the City hosted its first Bring Your Child To Work Day. The purpose of the event was to give children a glimpse into the valuable work of their parent or mentor along with other government career paths throughout the City's 23 departments.

Mayor Rex Richardson kicked off the fun-filled day with a warm welcome emphasizing the importance of engaging with employees' families and giving children a chance to learn about day-to-day work at the City. Then children had the opportunity to explore interactive exhibits from each department. This sparked their curiosity and provided an opportunity to learn more about each unique department operation.

Each amazing exhibit had department displays and educational games. For example,



Long Beach Utilities showcased how they provide clean water while also promoting sustainability with their dunk tank game. Police officers demonstrated how they keep the community safe with the help of their K9 unit while the firefighters let children try on their protective gear and showed them how to use the fire truck hose. Animal Care Services brought out their cute cats to explain how their dedicated team prioritizes the well-being of animals through care and adoption services. Library Services promoted their reading programs. And our City Auditor's Office tested children's knowledge of City fraud with a spin wheel trivia game.

Children were able to take away an understanding of all the hard work that goes into running the City. For instance, when I asked the sons of Richard Ko, a Senior Performance Auditor in my Office, what impressed them at the event, 9-year-old Warren shared how he learned all about the "crime fighting equipment like fingerprinting that was at the Police Department Forensic Science Services Division booth". Posing with the question if they would like to work for the City one day, 8-year-old Isaac exclaimed he would be interested in Fleet Services "maybe as a mechanical technician fixing City police cruisers, fire trucks, and electric cars."

Ultimately, the City created a memorable, enriching experience for City employees and the children. This day exhibited the incredible work City employees do day in and day out and the many job opportunities that align with varied interests inspiring future generations in attendance to one day work for the City.