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Find Your Dream Career in Local Government

What do you want to be? This is a common question that we're asked from childhood on and that we think about over years of schooling and professional development. When thinking of exciting and fulfilling careers, a government job may not be top of mind. However, there are many incredible jobs in government as you can pursue and build a dream career while making a positive impact serving the public.

There are amazing opportunities to work for government, including local government and our wonderful City of Long Beach, that align with varied interests and skill-sets. For instance, there are many job opportunities in the health and safety field. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted just how critical and life-saving our City's own Health Department is in keeping our citizens safe and healthy. Employees including doctors, nurses, and clinicians work to address the public health and human services needs through medical care and outreach programs. Additionally, Fire Department employees on the frontline respond to life and disaster emergencies. And, Animal Care Services employees include veterinarians, vet techs, and animal care officers who are dedicated to the well-being of our animals through care, outreach, and adoption services.

If you are interested in careers related to math and engineering, there are job opportunities at the Port of Long Beach and City. The Port is the second busiest in our country and is working to become the world's first zero-emissions port. Jobs related to goods movement, international trade, and infrastructure require math and engineering knowledge. For students interested in these studies and careers, the Port offers scholarships, and more information can be found at www.polb.com.

Does Criminal Justice pique your interest? There are a variety of opportunities in this area including in the Police Department which protects our community and works on detective and crime prevention tasks. In addition, the City Prosecutor's Office and City Attorney's Office include lawyers, paralegals, and administrators who provide legal services for the City.

If education sparks your passion, there are opportunities in Library Services where employees promote literacy development, educational activities, and digital skills. Our Parks, Recreation and Marine Department also has a variety of positions to teach, lead classes and sporting activities and care for community members of all ages.

I could not be happier with the decision I made to pursue a career in public service and to work towards making positive changes in Long Beach. We need great future leaders to continue moving our City forward. So, when thinking about a dream career that is dynamic and impactful, please keep the City of Long Beach top of mind.