

WELCOME ABOARD!



It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Jacob Varela, as Supervisor, Fleet Maintenance, reporting directly to Sergio Ortiz and Branden Spalding, Managers, Fleet Maintenance. Jacob assumed his new position on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Jacob will be responsible for supervising mechanics and utility workers in the maintenance and repair of Long Beach Transit (LBT) buses. Jacob will also diagnose vehicle and equipment failures, and train new mechanics in proper repair procedures.

Jacob comes to LBT with over 5 years of experience in fleet maintenance management. Most recently, he served as an Assistant Fleet Maintenance Manager at Warner Brothers, where he collaborated with the Fleet Manager to ensure smooth operations and compliance with regulations. He also managed a team of technicians, created work schedules, provided training, and monitored maintenance costs and repairs. Jacob also worked as an Automotive Fleet Supervisor at UPS. In this role, he conducted audits, managed the budget for the automotive department, collaborated with unions to ensure safety, and supervised a fleet of over 300 vehicles operating on diesel, gas and propane.

Jacob can be reached at extension 1020 or by email at jvarela@lbtransit.com. He is located at the LBT2 Maintenance Supervisor Office.

Please join the President and CEO, as well as the Executive Leadership Team, in welcoming Jacob to LBT!

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Elizabeth Brown

Executive Director/VP, Organizational Development and Administration



**JACOB
VARELA**

Supervisor, Fleet Maintenance
Maintenance and Infrastructure

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It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Keyona Montgomery as Administrative Assistant, Organizational Development and Administration (ODA), reporting directly to Elizabeth Brown, Executive Director/Vice President, ODA. Keyona assumed her new position on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Keyona will be responsible for providing administrative support to the Executive Director/Vice President, ODA, in managing the department's initiatives, priorities and goals. Keyona will also be a member of the cross-departmental Administrative Coordinating Team (ACT), which is made of executive assistants and administrative professionals, to improve efficiency and communication at Long Beach Transit (LBT).

Keyona comes to LBT with over eight years of experience with assisting executives, project management and client engagement. Most recently, she served as an Executive Assistant for RevHub in Irvine, California. In that role, she coordinated leadership meetings and corporate events. In other past roles, she also supported CEOs and executive teams, managing both day-to-day operations and long-term strategic projects.

Keyona can be reached at extension 8515 or by email at kmontgomery@lbtransit.com. She is located at LBTCO at workstation 786.

Please join the President and CEO, as well as the Executive Leadership Team, in welcoming Keyona to LBT!

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Elizabeth Brown

Executive Director/VP, Organizational Development and Administration



KEYONA MONTGOMERY

Administrative Assistant,
Organizational Development and
Administration