

## Long Beach Origin Story Interview Assignment

### Directions:

1. Interview an older family member or community member by asking them about how they came to be a part of the Long Beach community/what their origin story is. There are questions that you *can* ask below, but by no means are required to ask; they're provided as a guide.
2. After your interview, write a 3+ sentence (minimum) reflection on what you learned and how this connects to how you became a part of the Long Beach community/what your origin story is.

### Interview steps

#### Before the interview:

- Decide whom to interview
- Keep questions short and avoid any that can be answered with a “yes” or “no.”

#### During the interview:

- Ask your questions and encourage the interviewee without interrupting
- Take notes and record if you can
- When the interview is over, review your questions to ensure that all questions have been asked and answered
- Thank them for their time

#### After-Interview Reflection:

In at least 3 sentences (*minimum*) written summary, reflect on how this source/interview helps you understand your origin story and/or your place in Long Beach history. Use the following questions to drive your post-interview reflection.

- What did you learn about your interviewee or your family that you did not know before? What did you learn about the historical events they experienced?
- In what ways does their origin story relate to yours?
- How does *Born on the Water* and your interview help you understand Long Beach's history and your origin story?

#### Example Questions:

- Describe the neighborhood or community you grew up in. How has it changed?
- Do you have stories about how your/our family came to Long Beach? What are they?
- How has the Long Beach community changed since when you/we first arrived?
- What does it mean to you to be a Long Beacher, and how do you fit into this larger community?
- What historic events (marches, protests, performances, etc.) have you experienced in Long Beach?
- Have you experienced or observed prejudice or racism during your life?
- What would you say are the greatest challenges you've faced in your life?
- What is your favorite Long Beach memory?