



CERRITOS CONTINUES SOLID ECONOMIC GROWTH

By Brian Hews

The Winter 2017-2018 Cerritos Quarterly Economic Profile, an exhaustive study by Cerritos' Advanced Planning Department, reports that the City continues to show substantial economic growth, reporting just over \$7 million in sales tax revenue in the third-quarter, the first time in history that the quarter exceeded \$7 million.

The statistical data behind the report is compiled from a wide variety of sources, including Cerritos' Finance Division, the California Employment Development Department, and several real estate publications.

Overall from 2013 to 2016, total annual sales tax revenue has grown \$4.7 million, an impressive 20.43%, from \$23 million to \$27.7 million.

For the third-quarter 2017, the Cerritos Auto Square (CAS) generated the greatest

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ON A 4-0 VOTE, ARTESIA COUNCIL APPROVES ARTESIA LIVE II

Mayor Flowers recused herself due to proximity of property she owns.

By Brian Hews

The Artesia Council, on 4-0 vote, approved Artesia Live II, the seven-story mixed-use development to be built across from the Los Cerritos Center Mall at 18600 Gridley Rd.

The project will bring much needed revenue into the City, with Cornerstone, the developer of the project, paying a City Development Fee of \$3 million.

The company will also invest \$1.5 million to upgrade Artesia's Public Utility System.

Ongoing revenue to the City will be generated by sales tax, commercial fees, residential fees and is estimated to be over \$500,000 annually. Cornerstone will even make a one-time donation of \$500,000 to the ABCUSD.

Mayor pro tem Tony Lima, and Council-members Miguel Canales, Victor Manalo, and Ali Taj all voted to approve

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CERRITOS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM CAPS OFF UNDEFEATED SEASON

By Loren Kopff



The Cerritos High girls basketball team defeated Mayfair High 56-46 last Thursday to win the Suburban League title in its final season as a member of that league. The Lady Dons also went undefeated in league (12-0) for the first time since the 1997-1998 season and overall were an impressive 22-4. The Lady Dons are also currently on a 15-game winning streak.

Cerritos High girls basketball head coach Marcus Chinen couldn't think of one word right off the bat to describe the 22-4 regular season campaign his team just had, which included a 12-0 mark in the Suburban League. And now, the program leaves the Suburban League the same way it entered the circuit in the 1998-1999 season-league champions.

"It was these girls that actually did it and if it's their dream season, then it's their dream season," he said. "Because they came out working hard. They've had people say, 'oh, you may not be that good next year' or 'you probably won't win league because you lost X amount of players or whatnot'. I think in the back of their minds, they felt that it wasn't going to happen. By going 12-0, I think it's really, really, really made them feel that they've accomplished a lot this season."

The Lady Dons left the Mission Valley League following the 1997-1998 season as undefeated league champions and made their presence known early with back to back shared Suburban League titles. Since then, Cerritos had won three league crowns before this season, going 11-1 each time and sharing it with Mayfair High last season. Now, Cerritos embarks on the new 605 League next season while Mayfair stays in the Suburban League.

During the past 20 seasons, the Lady Dons went 179-61 in league action and finished below third place only once. They had a winning mark against every league team except Mayfair, which won 22 of 40 games against Cerritos. However, since 2014, Cerritos had six league losses, all to Mayfair and by an average of 3.3 points a game.

"Mayfair is athletic," Chinen said. "They have some really good players; they bring in good players almost every single year. They're coached well and I think when they look at it, they don't want to lose to teams they're not supposed to lose to. There's something about Mayfair that brings out the best in us and we bring out the best in them. I think we bring out the best in each other."

Chinen said he would like to play Mayfair in a single game in the future. But back to this season, which is one of the finest Cerritos has ever seen. Of the four losses, three came by eight points or less and the other one was by 11

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CRISTINA GARCIA ACCUSED OF DRINKING, HAVING SEX IN ASSEMBLY OFFICE BY FOUR FORMER STAFFERS

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has obtained a letter from San Diego-based Gilleon Law Firm to the California State Assembly Rules Committee outlining graphic and explicit sexual harassment allegations against Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia from four former employees.



CRISTINA GARCIA

The letter, dated Feb. 14, 2018, is addressed to Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) and Assembly Member Jordan Cunningham (D-San Luis Obispo).

In the letter, attorney Daniel M. Gilleon writes, "I represent four former State employees who wish to remain anonymous out of fear of reprisal for speaking

out against a powerful woman, Assembly Member Cristina Garcia. [The four] and have decided to speak out against the abuse they faced while under [Garcia's] supervision. Specifically, my clients have asked me to forward a letter they wrote to you explaining their experiences.

The four indicated they worked in Garcia's office over various times since she was elected in 2012 and had been following the recent events around allegations of misconduct her.

"We believe that we have additional information....we hope that our insights will contribute to making the Assembly a better place for people to work."

Their letter went on to say that the Assembly bears responsibility as well.

"As an institution, the Assembly makes it clear to the staff that its role is to protect the members. Even with the credible allegations leveled against Ms. Garcia by then staffer Daniel Fierro, the response has been a disappointing double

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CERRITOS COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPEAL OF JULIET PROJECT

Staff Report

The Cerritos City Council will consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to deny the Juliet residential project at the Cerritos City Council meeting on Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos. The appeal was submitted by MLC Holdings, the applicant of the Juliet project. The proposed housing project would be located on the northeast corner of Artesia Boulevard and Shoemaker Avenue.

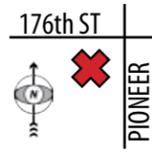
Last week, the Planning Commission denied the project on a 4-1 vote, MLC appealed the decision at Cerritos City Hall the following day. The controversial project has generated debate over density and construction from neighbors behind the complex who want to nix the entire project. Also a small group of residents who do not live near the project are voicing their concerns, although it is unclear what concerns they have other than the density argument.



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NORWALK WELCOMES NEW CITY MANAGER



Norwalk Mayor Luigi Vernola introduces Norwalk City Manager Jesus Gomez. Gomez went on to say that he was humbled to be given the opportunity and said that he will be saving some of the upcoming changes for the State of the City luncheon in March. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

Norwalk gave a huge welcome to new city manager Jesus Gomez with a city-wide barbeque on the steps of City Hall, Tuesday February 13th.

Hews Media Group reported a few weeks back that the Norwalk City Council unanimously appointed Jesus Gomez as the new City Manager for the City of Norwalk following a five month recruitment process. At the January 16, 2018 meeting, the City Council finalized his employment contract with Gomez assuming full duties as City Manager February 1st. The City also brought back Kevin Gano as Deputy City Manager.

With an attendance of almost 400 people, Gomez addressed his friends, colleagues and residents, "As I look out among you, I am even more excited to back in the city of Norwalk. I was here from 1989 to 1999. And it is even more exciting the second time around, because

I come back with much more experience and knowledge," said Gomez. He thanked the Council for allowing him to help with their vision, "The vision is complex," he said, "We have lots to do ahead of us and I am very glad to see all the partners here today that are going to help us attain that vision."

Gomez went on to say that he was humbled to be given this opportunity and said that he will be saving some of the upcoming changes for the State of the City luncheon in March. He is meeting with city directors to outline the direction that needs to be taken, and align their goals with that of the City Council, "I graduated from Norwalk High and attended Cerritos College, so there is that need to deliver. My parents live in Norwalk as well as my in-laws and they are expecting a lot from me."

"I am very, very happy that he is back here, to lead us into the future," said Mayor Luigi Vernola.

BELFLOWER SEEKS TO AMEND CANNABIS APPLICATION PROCESS

By Tammye McDuff

In December of 2017, the Bellflower City Council approved a total of ten medical Cannabis Business Permits [MCBP] and nine Conditional Use Permits [CUP] for those seeking to operate commercial medical cannabis facilities within the City. Four of the MCBP were dispensaries permits.

Upon processing the 2017 MCBP / CUP applications, it was realized that amendments needed to be made to the City's regulations. The Council previously approved a permit application fee of \$28,500 and an annual permit fee of \$25,000. If Council chooses to move forward a public hearing should be scheduled to consider fees for processing MCBP transfer requests, draft an Ordinance with the public hearing notice for the February 26, 2018 meeting.

The Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act [The Act] became effective during the 2017 application process. Various definitions within the regulations needed to be updated. A review of the tax regulations also showed that voters approved an annual cannabis tax, but did not include

a definition of 'cannabis transportation business'. The definition of such transportation business is "a cannabis business delivering cannabis from licensed facilities outside the City's jurisdiction to a person inside the City's jurisdiction".

There are a number of loopholes that are proposed to be closed.

Current cannabis regulations only uncover criminal activities committed by applicants. The new proposed regulations would also allow the City to review applicant's violations of the law that may have been prosecuted in civil proceedings.

Regulations also provide a general direction for the City Council in determining the location, whether the facility is aesthetically pleasing and if the project removes or encourages blight upon the City.

Several applicants which obtained a CUP were denied MCBP's due to distance limitations. Existing regulations state a license cannot be issued to applicants that are located within 1,000 feet of an existing cannabis business. This prevents a 'clustering of cannabis dispensaries'.

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BELFLOWER'S 24TH ANNUAL BRAVO AWARDS

By Tammye McDuff

The Bravo Awards are Bellflower's way of recognizing acts of valor or outstanding service to the community. This year ten individuals were honored who made a significant impact on the lives of residents and business.

Neighborhood Watch co-captains of the year were Jeff and Karen Martel. The Martel's host monthly meetings often with special speakers and they are always available to listen to the concerns of residents.

The City commended the couple for their dedication and participation in the Bellflower neighborhood Watch program.

The Award of Valor was given to Deputy Karla Farias of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department for responding to a call regarding an unlawful shooting and a man with a gun. Numerous deputies responded to the area and surrounded the suspect; Farias recalls "There was a lot of gun fire, very quickly." Farias deployed the use of a stun bag shotgun causing the suspect to drop his six-shot 22. Through the course of her action Farias displayed a reverence for human life.

Citizen Volunteer, Mike Herda received his award for Outstanding Service. Herda has been an active member of the LA County Sheriff's Department for over 20 years and has served 2,300 volunteer hours. He was honored for his commitment and assistance to local law enforcement.

In the summer of 2017 Jonathan Gonzales was making a routine trip to the local 7-11 store when he encountered a deputy struggling to apprehend and uncooperative suspect. Without hesitation Gonzales took hold of the suspects' legs, preventing him



AWARD WINNERS: Neighborhood Watch co-captains of the year were Jeff and Karen Martel; the Award of Valor was given to Deputy Karla Farias of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department for responding to a call regarding an unlawful shooting and a man with a gun; Citizen Volunteer, Mike Herda received his award for Outstanding Service; Jonathan Gonzales received the Citizen Award of Valor; Deputy District Attorney Michael Enomoto, Jr for Outstanding Service; Sandra Espinoza-Perry received Outstanding Service; Deputy Brent Parriott serves with Outstanding Service as a resource for Community Safety Officers; Murchison was awarded Bellflowers Distinguished Service Award for unparalleled service and dedication; Student Essay Winners were Mayfair High School seniors, Sonny Tan and Jennifer Martinez for their dissertations on community safety and citizen involvement.

from resisting until further deputies could arrive, for this he received the Citizen Award of Valor.

For more than 21 years Michael Enomoto, Jr has performed Outstanding Service as Deputy District Attorney. Enomoto has successfully tried nearly three dozen gang related cases to verdict and in 2005 joined a task force that specifically targets the Varrio Hawaiian Gardens gang. Enomoto single handedly obtained felony convictions against 167 documented members with a 99.4% conviction rate.

On July 12, 2017 Sandra Espinoza-Perry was driving on Trabuco Street when she noticed a work truck speeding down the

road in front of her dragging a man. The truck had been stolen and when the owner attempted to stop the thief, he was dragged 100 feet. Perry contacted law enforcement, and held the victims hand until the ambulance arrived. Her Outstanding Service was a selfless act of concern.

Deputy Brent Parriott serves with Outstanding Service as a resource for Community Safety Officers. He takes exceptional pride the delivery of service to the Bellflower Community and consistently demonstrates leadership. Receiving an Award of Valor, John Arredondo apprehended a man wielding a shotgun in a public restaurant. Arredondo approached the suspect, tackled

him and pulled the gun away. The suspect was detained until deputies arrived.

Captain Dan Murchison is a 33 year veteran of the LA County Fire Department and has served as Captain for 23 years. He was part of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team and was deployed to Hawaii for Hurricane Ineki and Hurricane Katrina. Murchison was awarded Bellflowers Distinguished Service Award for unparalleled service and dedication.

Student Essay Winners were Mayfair High School seniors, Sonny Tan and Jennifer Martinez for their dissertations on community safety and citizen involvement.

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NEW MOBILE STROKE UNIT SERVES CERRITOS

By Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn launched a new Mobile Stroke Unit last month that will respond to stroke-related emergency calls in Cerritos as well as Artesia, Bellflower, Lakewood, Paramount, Signal Hill, Hawaiian Gardens, Norwalk, La Mirada and the area of unincorporated Whittier.



Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu

A Mobile Stroke Unit is a specialized ambulance equipped with a portable CT scanner that allows medical professionals to diagnose and treat strokes in the field. By eliminating debilitating delays in treatment, mobile stroke units can save lives and prevent or reduce the long-term brain damage and disability associated with strokes.

The region where the Mobile Stroke Unit will operate has one of the county's highest levels of stroke-related incidents. In the past year, Los Angeles County Fire has responded to 818 stroke-related calls in the nine cities where the unit will operate,



The Mobile Stroke Unit allows medical professionals to diagnose and treat strokes in the field.

with 221 of those calls coming from Cerritos alone.

The Mobile Stroke Unit is part of a pilot program launched by UCLA Health and funded by the Arlene and Henry Gluck Foundation and the County of Los Angeles.

We are grateful to Supervisor Hahn and UCLA Health for bringing this life-saving service to our community. With this new technology and the skill and expertise of those who operate it, precious time and lives will be saved.

The City of Cerritos has produced a short video about the new Mobile Stroke

Unit. The video includes footage from the special launch event in January, interviews with medical and law enforcement personnel regarding the benefits of this unit, and a look at the unit itself. The video can be viewed on Cerritos TV3 on the following dates and times in March: Friday, March 2 at 5 p.m.; Monday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 15 at 9 a.m.; Sunday, March 18 at 6 p.m.; Monday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 21 at 5 p.m.; and Saturday, March 24 at 6 p.m. The video also is available for viewing on the City of Cerritos website and on the City's YouTube channel.

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the project. Mayor Sally Flowers recused herself due to the fact that she owned property close to the project.

A small vocal group of detractors let their feelings, some at times extremely disrespectful, be known during the entire meeting when speakers talked in support of approving the project.

The detractors were joined by disgruntled former Commissioner Rene Trevino, newsletter publisher Melinda Kimsey, and a few vocal residents who boast a Facebook page named for their protest.

ABC Board member Chris Apodaca, who spoke in favor of the project and the benefits to the ABCUSD, was booed and hissed by the detractors as he spoke.

Several people told HMG-CN said that Trevino confronted Apodaca after he spoke but that Apodaca, "put Trevino in his place" and the confrontation soon broke up.

Lynda Johnson, the former ABC Board member and now representative for L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, filled out a speakers card, but she later left and did

not comment.

The process of approval was marked by petty politics, and outright lies by certain residents.

A small group of Cerritos residents even joined the fray, trying to get traction for the development they are fighting, the Juliet project here in Cerritos.

Trevino took the unusual step of sending a petition to sign via email. As of Feb. 15, the petition garnered only 13 signatures.

Reflecting the vitriol of the detractors, the petition contained lies and the unauthorized use of trademarked property owned by Cornerstone.

The petition stated, "Artesia is a small town ...all that will change if the mixed-use, high-density developments slated for our city are actually built."

The presumed author who signed the petition, resident Tia Hanson-Dealy, subsequently defamed the developers of Artesia Live II.

Dealy wrote, "The Artesia City Council, working with foreign investors, want to build massive complexes that will increase traffic, impede parking, and invade privacy in surrounding neighborhoods."

All of Cornerstone's investors were born in the United States according to Cor-

nerstone officials.

In addition, exhaustive studies commissioned by Cornerstone indicated that the traffic increase would be negligible and that ample parking was set aside for the project.

Finally, according to officials, Cornerstone talked to the homeowners directly behind the project and all were in support. The only remaining housing were apartments that are across and farther down the street from the project.

Many local residents and elected officials agree that Artesia needs to act now to stem the outflow of shopping dollars to areas such as the Los Cerritos Center and Plaza 183, which is in walking distance for many Artesia residents.

Councilman Victor Manalo told HMG-CN, "The Artesia City Council's decision to give its approval to the Artesia Live II project sends a clear message to the residents of the city: Artesia is moving in the direction of growth, and we want all who live, work, and play in our city to engage with the city to create an Artesia that improves the quality of life for all Artesians present and future. It is no longer a question of whether or not we want to grow--the city must grow, and we all must embrace our exciting future."

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LOCAL YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO RUN FOR BUENA PARK CITY COUNCIL

By Larry Caballero
On Politics

Many young people are still deciding what they want to do with their lives, but not Centralia School District Trustee Connor Traut. At age twenty-three, this prodigy has decided to run for the Buena Park City Council, District 5 election in November.

Traut has been encouraged to run by many city commissioners, school board members, legislators and countless residents who expressed their support at a Feb. 10 barbecue and kick-off at his home.

Orange County Firefighters President Emeritus Joe Kerr said, "We support Connor because we know that he will step up and fight for the tough stuff."

Kerr became a strong supporter when Traut worked tirelessly to support the building of a new fire station when it was burned down. "I know that public safety is always a number one priority with Connor," said Kerr.

Centralia School Board Vice-President Elizabeth Gonzales was also impressed with Traut, especially when he showed up in her driveway soon after being elected. He was there to ask her for her list of needs for the District. "And with Connor's support, changes were made and improvements were evident."

She is confident that Traut "is a man of his word and will be a wonderful role model for our children."

Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva said, "Residents will have a lot to look forward to with Connor. As a classroom teacher, I know how important decisions on a school board can affect everyone for years to come, and Connor will take his experience to the next step as your councilmember."

As a school board member for the last four years, Traut worked to develop sum-



Centralia School Board member Connor Traut (l) was honored to hear praises from Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva (r) as well as several community leaders at a Feb. 10 kick-off event in Buena Park. Photo by Lou Delgado.

mer food service programs, expand early childhood education, approved a balanced budget every year, implement local hire agreements to keep jobs in the community, and author policies that combat sexual harassment.

"I have been your champion on our school board," said Traut, "and I am ready to bring a my people-first vision to City Hall."

"I am running for City Council because I believe that every Buena Park resident should live in a safe neighborhood where streets are smooth, trees are abundant, power lines are underground and homes and apartments are affordable," said Traut.

He plans to work with his fellow councilmembers to protect residents from slumlords, increasing utility rates and homelessness. He also wants to work to enhance the

local business climate, preserve historical homes and partner with the local schools to encourage and increase youth participation in City Hall.

As a former Orange County Juvenile Justice Commissioner, he has fought against local gangs, and he has served the most vulnerable in the community as a current board member with the Boys and Girls Club, Cops for Kids and the Eli Home Shelters for Abused Children.

Traut plans to focus on not only homeowners, but also renters and workers. "About fifty per cent of Buena Park residents are renters," said Traut.

He also wants to improve the quality of life for all the residents including young families and seniors "who have supported us for so long. Everyone should be proud of their city," said Traut.

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points to North Torrance High, coached by former Cerritos standout Lauren Kamiyama. All three of single-digit losses came in the opening game of the Torrance, Chino and Dan Wiley/Larry Doyle Tournaments. The Lady Dons are also currently on a 15-game winning streak. Chinen believes the team must have some losses to learn and having those four losses really helped the team.

But even more remarkable is the fact that this has been a complete team effort instead of a standout or two or three. Fifteen to 16 players have seen action in every game and the team's leading scorer is a sophomore, Minh-Thy Vo, who wasn't a starter until the second half of league action. The team has four seniors, three of whom are starters, which means the Lady Dons are primed for another great season or two, or three moving forward in the new league.

"Every single year that I've been here, we've lost two or three key players," Chinen said. "This year was pretty much my team. These are the girls I started with when they were freshmen. I believe we had eight or nine that started with us and only four survived going through the program."

During its time in the Suburban League, Cerritos has won at least 20 games five times, advanced to the quarterfinals twice and the semifinals once. This season is set up for another deep run as the Lady Dons, ranked fifth in Division 3A, hosted Eisenhower High on Feb. 15 in a first round game and will host 12th ranked Hemet High or travel to Shadow Hills High on Saturday. Cerritos could see fourth ranked Flintridge Prep

High in the quarterfinals or even top-ranked Oxford Academy in the semifinals.

No matter what happens, Cerritos is ready for a new chapter in its new league next season and will cherish these final days as a Suburban League member.

"It's kind of sad leaving the Suburban League, not seeing Mayfair, La Mirada, Norwalk and Bellflower," Chinen said. "But I think by closing this chapter and opening a new one kind of gives us new life; something new to look forward to."

"I think it has meant a lot," he added. "I really believe the Suburban League really helps all the teams as far as going to the playoffs. That's one of the key things. I know I've said this many times this year, people look at the Suburban League as not a very good league. But they can't look at it that way. I think that we have very competitive teams in the league and I just wish that some of those people who keep saying that go and maybe now play a single game against those teams and see how they play."

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The Cake Korner, located on Pioneer Boulevard in Artesia, was host to the February mixer for the Artesia Chamber of Commerce. Cake Korner hosted the evening mixer spearheaded by the Artesia Chamber of Commerce. In this photo is the Artesia City Mayor Sally Flowers, the owners of Cake Korner - Rupa and Paul Nayak and Artesia Chamber members.

STEVE SOTO APPOINTED TO LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION

Staff Report

The City Council recently appointed Steve Soto to the Planning Commission. Mr. Soto has been a La Mirada resident since 1991, and has dedicated his time to serve the community. He served on the Public Safety Commission from June 1999 to January 2001. He also served on the Planning Commission from January 2000 to January 2001 and the Community Services Commission since October 2015. Mr. Soto has held Economic Development Manager positions with the cities of Westminster, Orange and Norco. He has also served as a baseball coach at Norwalk High School.

The City's advisory members serve as an important part of the City's policy-making process. They are appointed by the City Council and are responsible for performing studies on municipal issues and rendering opinions and advice to the City Council, as well as providing input on community goals. La Mirada has seven advisory bodies including the Community Services Commission, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, Historical Preservation Advisory Council, Senior Council, Youth Council, and the La Mirada Community Foundation.

For more information on the City's advisory bodies and how to join, contact City Hall at (562) 943-0131.

GAVIN NEWSOME & XAVIER BECERRA ENERGIZE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ACTIVISTS

By Larry Caballero
On Politics

It was a standing room only group of Democratic Party activists who attend the Feb. 13 Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP) meeting at the United Teachers Los Angeles building to hear rousing speeches from several California leaders including Lt. Governor and former San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General and former Congressman Xavier Becerra and Secretary of State and former state senator Alex Padilla.

Newsom thanked them for "stepping in and stepping up" to fight the agenda coming out of Washington. "You don't have to be something to do something," said Newsom.

"We have an obligation as Californians to recognize that Los Angeles is the most diverse city and county in the nation, and we don't have to tolerate diversity—we celebrate it."

Newsom said, "We do pluralism better than anybody, and we will continue to advance our values despite the headwinds coming from D. C."

Newsom talked about an important issue—income and wealth inequality. "We're the richest and the poorest state in the nation where millions live in poverty, including many children. We can no longer put up with slogans, but begin to commit to change including single payer universal health care."

Newsom reported that today more than three million Californians have no health care, twelve million are under insured, and many have experienced double-digit premium increases.

Becerra is proud to be a strong advocate for DACA and protecting the Dreamers from being deported. He has also sued the Trump administration over the construction of the border wall because he believes the money could be spent more wisely.

"We need to put people to work, but not by building a wall," said Becerra.

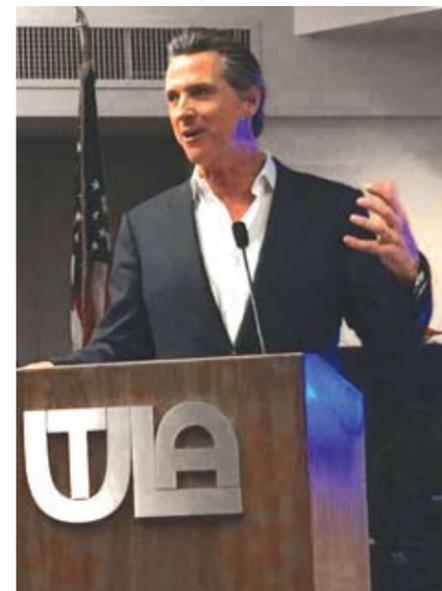
So far he has filed twenty-eight lawsuits against Trump "and still counting."

He also has been investigating the San Francisco Police Department to ensure that the 272 reforms, dealing with communities of color, are being implemented.

"We need to work together to keep California not only golden and blue, but the state of resistance and persistence. Let's bring justice in November and don't look back—move forward!"

Padilla constantly reminds people that since he became Secretary of State, more than two million voters have been added, automatic registration has been launched, and the Governor has signed the Voters Choice Act that includes early and flexibility in voting.

He disagrees with the Trump administration that voter fraud is a problem. When a commission on voter fraud was imple-



Gavin Newsome (above) and Xavier Becerra spoke at LACDP meeting on Feb. 13. Photos courtesy Larry Caballero.



mented, California resisted.

"We said hell no, and we won!" said Padilla.

"It's not true, and when he tweets, we fight back. When he attacks us, we punch back!"

He is now defending the integrity of the census scheduled for 2020.

"As the Trump administration has tried to defund it and discourage non-citizens and people of color from participating, we will resist since the more people who participate, the more funding will come to our state for needed programs and services."

Other speakers included Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, Assemblyman and California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and numerous candidates seeking endorsement for the June primary.

The main topic of conversation among the attendees was the California Democratic Party State Convention Feb. 23-25 in San Diego where delegates will also be endorsing candidates for Governor, U.S. Senate and many state offices.

SEN. MENDOZA FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST SENATE

Senator Tony Mendoza and his constituent Roger Bagne filed a lawsuit Feb. 15 against the CA State Senate, and the Senate Rules Committee, in order to protect Mendoza's constitutional rights and, more importantly, the rights of his nearly one-million constituents.

"The Senate's disparate treatment of its own members and their constituents, along with its constantly-evolving and secretive investigative process is wrong and deeply troubling," said Mendoza.

Mr. Bagne is a long-time resident of and voted for Mendoza in the last election. "What's happening now does not bol-

ster the public's confidence in the integrity of the system," said Mr. Bagne. "I'm frustrated that my fellow neighbors and I have been left without representation."

The Senate has never given Mendoza any information regarding the scope of its investigation. Although Mendoza has steadfastly denied any wrongdoing, members of the Rules Committee have already prejudged him and publicly claimed that Mendoza has "no decency."

Yet, the Rules Committee itself already determined in 2017 that allegations made by a former employee against Senator Mendoza were unsubstantiated.




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IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR LA MIRADA'S CREEK PARK



Plans to enhance Creek Park were presented at the February 13 Study Session meeting, and will now proceed to a regular City Council meeting in the near future for approval of the final Creek Park Master Plan.

Staff Report

The City of La Mirada is working on a Master Plan to improve Creek Park. The popular community park sits on about 11 acres along La Mirada Creek. Walking, jogging and relaxing on the grassy banks are favorite visitor activities. Built in the 1970's, the park is in need of renovations to improve bridge structures, enhance accessibility, and increase lighting. Other opportunities to improve the restrooms and re-naturalize the creek are also being considered.

During a Study Session meeting held on February 13, La Mirada Councilmembers reviewed a draft of the Creek Park Master Plan presented by RRM Design Group, which was contracted for the project.

RRM Design Group developed feasibility studies for the removal of check

dams and concrete channels by use of more natural methods to control storm water flow and proposed design concepts for new bridge improvements. The firm continues to prepare environmental reports for the proposed concept.

Having received input from the City Council and the Community Services Commission, the project will proceed to a regular City Council meeting in the near future for approval of the final Master Plan.

"Parks, trails, and open space add to the quality of life in La Mirada," says City Manager Jeff Boynton. "Creek Park is an exceptional amenity and we want to ensure it remains a quality park for residents to enjoy."

For additional information on the Creek Park Master Plan, call the Public Works Department at (562) 902-2385.

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BOSTYX Blows the Roof Off the Cerritos Center

By Brian Creason, Music Critic

My two favorite bands growing up in the 70's and 80's was Styx and Boston.

Styx mega albums Grand Illusion, followed by Paradise Theater, contained some of my favorite songs that, to this day, I still love to hear.

Although recording less albums, Boston favorites were the self-titled 1976 album Boston followed two years later by Don't Look Back.

That's why I became intrigued when I heard of the band called the BOSTYX, who play both Boston and Styx songs, playing at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts last Saturday; and I was not disappointed.

The band blew the lid off the famed and beautiful venue playing an eclectic list of songs from both bands that had the whole house dancing in the aisles.

The band is led by former Boston star David Victor, who handled the vocals of Boston's Brad Delp and Styx' Tommy Shaw. In for Dennis De Young vocals was multi-talented drummer and lead vocalist, Glenn Jost. Roby Duron was on lead guitar and on bass was Manny Aguirre. The incredible Victor Bender, who glided between the keyboard and the guitar, did great impressions of Dennis DeYoung on the keyboards.

The show lasted over two hours, with

an intermission, and featured two encore songs.

For those interested here is what they played in order: Rock 'n' Roll Band, Rocking the Paradise, Blue-Collar Man, Fooling Yourself, and a smoking hot Smokin.

Glenn Jost then launched into a great rendition of Lady, while playing the drums no less, followed by More Than a Feeling, Best of Times, Don't Look Back, Grand Illusion, Feeling Satisfied, Heaven on Earth, Too Much and Time on my Hands.

Victor then jokingly said, "you might know this song" and broke into a rock-solid Amanda followed by Miss America, Mr. Roboto, Something About You, Lorelie, Renegade, Piece of Mind, and rousing rendition of one of my favorites Come Sail Away.

Technically these guys were fantastic remaking the timeless songs of Boston and Styx while embodying the energy the two bands had on stage.

As a huge classic rock fan, watching one band perform songs of Styx and Boston was extremely exciting; being at the Cerritos Center made it all the better.

Even Victor was impressed with the CCPA saying, "man this place is gorgeous, I have to come back to the Cerritos Center."

Indeed, and I will most certainly be there.



BOSTYX: (l-r) Victor Bender, Roby Duron, Boston star David Victor, Manny Aguirre and Glenn Jost. Courtesy BOSTYX.

ABC ADULT SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS FEATURED AT BOWERS MUSEUM



Pictured at Bowers Museum with part of their exhibits were ABC Adult School instructor, Barbara Close (4th right), Diane Jhun (1st right), and Calligraphy students.

ABC Adult School Calligraphy Instructor Barbara Close and some of her students were recently part of an exhibit at the Bowers Museum entitled "East Meets West: An Expression of Culture." Their art was featured among over 50 calligraphic works from the members of the Southern California Society for Calligraphy, (SCC). The exhibit ran from

January 30 - February 4 with a hands-on workshop on western brush calligraphy, presented by ABC Adult School instructor Barbara Close, on February 1st. Visit <https://classes.abcadulthoodschool.edu/programs/community-education/> for more information on Calligraphy and other great Adult School classes.

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The Sheriff's will also have members from LASD's Recruitment Unit, as well

as the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Recruitment Unit in attendance. The community event will also feature a BMX stunt show, demonstrations by the Fire Department and Narcotics K-9 Unit. The event is for all ages.

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SUBURBAN LEAGUE GIRLS BASKETBALL

CERRITOS GETS RARE SEASON SWEEP OVER MAYFAIR TO COMPLETE FIRST UNDEFEATED LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

LAKEWOOD—People can no longer doubt the Cerritos High girls basketball team for the 2017-2018 season. The Lady Dons came, they saw, and they conquered their six league opponents not once, but twice and for the first time since the 1997-1998 season, went unblemished in league competition.

The Lady Dons kept Mayfair High at bay for virtually the entire game and made sure that the Suburban League crown would be all to themselves as they held off the pesky Monsoons 56-46 last Thursday at Mayfair. Cerritos, ranked fifth in

the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 3A poll, ended the regular season at 22-4 overall, winners of 15 straight games and all 12 in league action.

“It’s really exciting,” said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen, who was nearly speechless. “It’s exciting for myself; it’s exciting for the girls. Without their hard work throughout the season...I don’t know if they had a mission or if it was something in the back of their mind, but a lot of people kind of doubted this team.”

“Going out undefeated was the goal this year because a lot of people thought we weren’t going to go undefeated,” said



The Cerritos High girls basketball team defeated Mayfair High 56-46 last Thursday to win the Suburban League title in its final season as a member of that league. The Lady Dons also went undefeated in league for the first time since the 1997-1998 season.

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senior Tracey Nakamura.

Fifteen seconds into the contest, Sarah Clausen scored to give Mayfair its only lead of the game. After that, Cerritos had to endure poor shooting from the field and from the free throw line as well as defend against Clausen, Ayah League and Brianna Thompson, the top threats all season for the defending two-time league titlists.

Cerritos led 9-7 after the first quarter, then scored the first seven points of the second quarter en route to a dominating second eight minutes of the game. Cerritos outscored Mayfair 15-8 in the stanza despite shooting three of 14 from the field. Mayfair’s only baskets came in succession on two occasions, the first within 29 seconds of each other making it 16-11, and the second in the final 16.3 seconds of the half. Meanwhile, only five players had scored for Cerritos in the first half, led by sophomore Minh-Thy Vo (seven points) and Nakamura (six points).

“I believe the girls came out looking to prove everyone out there that they’re able to hang with Mayfair throughout the whole game and/or lead the entire game,” Chinen said. “We wanted to go quarter by quarter and as long as we beat them quarter by quarter, we knew we were going to come out on top.”

Cerritos went up 28-17 less than a minute into the second half before the Monsoons had their biggest, and only major charge of the game. Clausen scored five of her team-high 11 points as part of an 11-0 run that tied the game with 3:42 left in the stanza. Chinen had called a timeout with the score 28-26 but whatever he said seemed to reenergize the Lady Dons because they responded by going on a 9-0 run and never looked back. Five different players scored in that run, a common theme all season with everyone getting into the action one way or another in virtually every game.

“Basically, I told the girls they needed to calm down, stop rushing and play our game,” Chinen said. “I think we were rushing a lot in that little span right there because they started seeing them chipping away at the lead and catching up to us.”

The Monsoons tried to stay within a possession or two in the middle portion of the fourth quarter, trailing 42-36 after a three-pointer from Thompson with 4:34 left in the game and 44-41 following a tri-fecta from Brianna Portillo with 3:05 re-

maining. But Cerritos held on to its lead and put the game away with four straight free throws from junior Alyxe Tamaki. The Lady Dons were still able to win by 10 points despite missing 20 free throws in 44 attempts, something uncommon by any Cerritos team.

“Shooting that many free throws and missing that many free throws, yes, it’s in the back of their minds,” Chinen said. “I think seeing their teammates missing the free throws kind of affects the individual going to the line. But yes, it was our defense. We tried to throw a few things at them, which we did. We’re usually a man team; we threw some zones out there and we saw that the zones were working. The majority of the second half we kind of went to the zone.”

Tamaki led Cerritos with 12 points while Vo added another 11. But the story of the game was the job put in from sophomore Kamsi Okere, who came off the bench to score seven points, grab 21 rebounds, 11 on the offensive end, and have three steals.

“She was really nervous during the day and I told her, ‘whatever you can give us, we’ll take’,” Chinen said. “We did tell out team through the whole week that it’s going to be based upon who has the least turnovers and who has the most rebounds and who can control the boards. Kamsi is huge for us; 21 rebounds...I wasn’t aware of that, but that’s huge for us.”

In addition, the Lady Dons defense held Thompson to a mere nine points and League to nothing in three attempts. Chinen said the key was not letting Thompson get second shot opportunities as was the case in the first meeting, which Cerritos won 61-48 on Jan. 12.

“We really stressed that tonight’s the night and we were trying to encourage everybody,” said senior Kalea Trias. “We walked in with a bunch of balloons; one of the moms gave that to us during school with an encouraging message [on the balloon].”

Cerritos hosted Eisenhower High, an at-large representative from the Citrus Belt League, on Feb. 15 in a Division 3A first round game. A win would set up a matchup against either Hemet High or Shadow Hills High in the second round on Saturday.

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SUBURBAN LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL

CERRITOS BLOWN OUT IN SECOND HALF, FALL TO CHRISTOPHER, MAYFAIR IN REGULAR SEASON FINALE

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

LAKEWOOD-The Cerritos High boys basketball team had a tall task in front of them on the final day of the regular season. Tough, but not impossible, was the task of knocking off Suburban League-leading Mayfair High, on its home court and on senior night.

The Dons were up to the challenge in the first half, leading multiple times in the first quarter and rallying from a nine-point deficit in the second quarter. But the third quarter belonged to the Monsoons, who outscored Cerritos 21-10 and powered their way to an 86-62 victory last Thursday.

Cerritos, which drew Santa Fe High in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 3AA playoffs this past Wednesday, ended the regular season at 19-7 overall and 9-3 in the Suburban League, good for second place, two games behind Mayfair.

"They're okay," said Cerritos head coach Jonathan Watanabe. "They have Josh Christopher; they have one guy. That's what it comes down to. They have one player. When he went out of the game, you saw the difference. But they are based on one really good player, and when you take him out, they're pretty average."

Christopher has been Mayfair's bread and butter all season long and his presence was immediately noticed when he scored 11 of Mayfair's 23 points in the first quarter. But Cerritos countered with senior Destin Flucas, who was four of

seven from the field in the opening quarter and scored nine points. Three other players combined for nine points as the Dons saw Mayfair score the final seven points of the stanza to take a 23-18 lead.

Then down by nine points 80 seconds into the second quarter, Cerritos made a huge dent in Mayfair's lead and got it to 29-27 after a Flucas basket with 4:24 remaining in the half. But that's as close as the Dons would get as the Monsoons went on a 10-6 run before halftime, then put the game away with an 11-0 run in the fourth quarter with Christopher getting four more points. He ended the game with 37 points on 15 of 21 shooting from the field and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"When he's going like that, he's tough," Watanabe said. "He's a really good player; he's probably going to be a pro one day. And we've seen a lot of them in this league. He's right there with all those other guys that we've played against. Our guys battled; we made a few runs. Even when we were down, didn't fold it in.

"In that third quarter, we kind of got a little stagnant," he later added. "We weren't attacking like we were in the first half."

Flucas was relegated to doing most of the work because senior Vincent Biscoe, who finished with eight points, two rebounds and two steals, was saddled with three fouls in the first half. Seniors Dorian Harris and Jyvonnte Moore had nine and eight points respectively and combined for nine rebounds and three steals. Flucas

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CERRITOS GIRLS, VALLEY CHRISTIAN BOYS SOCCER SQUADS FALL IN EXTRA SESSION OF WILD CARD GAMES

By Loren Kopff
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LA PALMA-For a change, a Cerritos High girls soccer team had a lead in a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoff game. In fact, the Lady Dons, who had lost 15 straight playoff games and not won a postseason game since 1997, had a two-goal lead.

But Cerritos was the victim of poor officiating and surrendered a last-minute goal in regulation to Kennedy High, then another one three minutes into overtime to fall to the Fighting Irish 3-2 this past Tuesday in a Division 4 wild card game. Cerritos is now 11-24 in playoff games.

"We executed really well," said Cerritos head coach Robert Adams. "We just weren't able to hold off the multiple chances. Kennedy definitely has a method that they use to be effective and it's not one that we handle particularly well."

Cerritos grabbed a 1-0 lead five minutes in when senior forward Kavitha George scored on a pass from sophomore midfielder Cassidy Valtiera on the game's first shot. It would be one of two shots for the Lady Dons (11-10-2) in the first half. George would put her team up 2-0 in the 53rd minute when she found the left side of the net wide open. After that, it was all Kennedy, and some help from the officials.

Halfway through the second half, Hailey Jamir connected on a penalty kick that went just to the right of Cerritos sophomore goalkeeper Shelby Dykes.



HMG-CN Sports Editor
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Then the Lady Dons thought they had clinched the game in the 70th minute when junior forward Erika Rizal's follow-up on a miss from Valtiera at the left post was waived off because the linesman on the Cerritos side ruled Rizal was offside.

"When a shot goes all the way to the goalkeeper, it's impossible for anybody to be offside if the goalkeeper is on their own line," Adams said. "When the center referee made his claim, he flat told me that there was no way he was going to overrule his lineman even if he understood the rule, which clearly the side lineman did not."

Then, in the final minute of regulation, Shareen Singh tied the contest on a header from a corner kick that should not have been a corner, according to video footage from a Cerritos spectator. The Irish kept the pressure going in overtime as one minute in, Vanessa Preciado's shot hit the crossbar. Two minutes later, she would net the game-winner on a pass from Jamir.

"I don't think it's fair to judge the referees based on what they think they see," Adams said. "Where I'm very

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led Cerritos with 22 points and attempted 23 shots from the field

"It's huge," Watanabe said of Biscoe. "When you miss anybody, it's tough. You could see it. When Josh goes out in the second half, they can't function anymore. You are a team and when one of your cogs is missing, regardless of which cog that is, it's going to make a difference."

Cerritos was hoping to win its first and only Suburban League title and a win would have caught Mayfair for that honor. Cerritos joined the league for the 1998-1999 season and will move into the new 605 League next season. As a member of the Suburban League, the Dons finished in second place four times and third place another six times. The best league mark was 10-2, which was accomplished three seasons ago, and the 19 overall wins are the most in over 20 seasons.

"We've seen a lot of pros come from this league," Watanabe said. "If you compare us to any leagues around, I think we even top out the Moore League and Trinity League. I think we have more NBA players and we're going up against the likes of a guy who may be the MVP of the league in James Harden. It makes it where you kind of understand okay, maybe that's why it was so tough. We've had Josh Childress, Josh Christopher, James Harden, Derrick Williams, Jason Kapon. It doesn't make it impossible, but it does make it tough."

This past Wednesday, Cerritos defeated Santa Fe 66-49 and will host Crean Lutheran High tonight in a second round game. Crean Lutheran, the Academy League champions, enter tonight's contest at 19-10.

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disappointed in the referees and where I think soccer falls far behind the other sports in officiating is that the manner in which that team did not work together. So, they're not a unit that works together; they don't converse the way basketball referees do or the way that football referees do."

**Division 6 Boys Soccer Wild Card
South Pasadena 2,
Valley Christian 1 (PK)**

The host Crusaders had a first half lead before the Tigers got the equalizer early in the second half. Then a second chance in the final round of penalty kicks didn't go V.C.'s way.

The Crusaders had four shots on goal the entire game with the first coming six minutes in when junior forward Kurtis Vander Muelen saw an opening only to have South Pasadena goalie Jack Gallagher punched it away.

"The boys stepped up and brought it," said V.C. head coach Andy Anderson. "I believe they're able to play the game depending on what the other team brings. [South Pasadena] brought the physicality and I think we matched it."

Following an 11-minute delay due to an injury to a South Pasadena player junior midfielder Derek Murray scored his first goal of the season on a header to give the hosts the early lead. It stayed that way until the 50th minute when Tianho Wei tied the game.

"He sits in the six for us and is probably the best guy in the air for us defensively," Anderson said of Murray. "We use him for corners and throw-ins to get his head on the ball as well. He's gotten

his head on a couple of them all year, but this one was obviously his biggest one."

V.C. got one shot in the second half and another in overtime but in penalty kicks, tied it at 1-1 on Murray's tally in the middle of the net. But the Tigers scored on their first three attempts and were looking for the win until freshman defender Brendan Fletchall kept V. C. with a goal to the left

After Jeff Donlevy's attempt in the fourth round was blocked away at the right post by freshman goalkeeper Trevor Hayes, junior midfielder Greg Pappachristos had a second chance on his attempt when Gallagher moved off the line early on the first try. But the second attempt of saved, which ended the game.

The Crusaders end the season at 8-8-4 but began the campaign at 2-5-1 before turning it around in the last month and a half to finish in second place in the Olympic League.

"Preseason is a time for growth for us; it is every year," Anderson said. "Most of our preseason standings are never that great. We try to be patient and take it game by game, step by step to build our team."

Three other area schools get set to begin their playoff treks. The Artesia High boys team, which finished in a tie for second place in the Suburban League with Norwalk High, hosts Rio Mesa High today in Division 3 action. The Pioneers went 16-8-1 in the regular season and are ranked ninth in the division.

Norwalk, which advanced to last season's Division 4 semifinals, hosts La Serna High today in a first round contest. Norwalk went 14-6 in the regular, has won five in a row and seven of its last eight games and are ranked 10th in Division 4.

The V.C. girls team goes for a second straight divisional championship as it

hosted Highland High on Feb. 15. The Lady Crusaders, ranked third in Division 4, won last season's Division 6 title and wrapped up the regular season at 19-3-1, Olympic League champions and winners of 12 straight games. In addition, V.C. has 15 shutouts and has yielded four goals during the winning streak.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Artesia saw its season come to an end with a narrow 50-48 loss at Segerstrom High this past Wednesday night in a Division 4AA first round game. The Pioneers, who trailed 42-31 entering the fourth quarter, finishes the season at 16-11.

V.C. also fell in its first round road game. The Crusaders fell to La Serna High 54-30 this past Wednesday night in a Division 2A contest and finished the season at 17-11.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Norwalk, the third place representative out of the Suburban League, visited Arroyo High on Feb. 15 in a Division 4A first round contest. The Lady Lancers went 13-11 in the regular season.

In Division 4AA action, Whitney High travelled to Don Lugo High on Feb. 15 for a first round game. The Lady Wildcats entered the contest at 17-10 and finished in third place in the Academy League.

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amount of sales tax at \$3.8 million, followed by the Los Cerritos Center (LCC) which generated nearly \$1 million.

In the fourth quarter, the CAS sold a total of 14,088 cars which was actually a decrease of 913 cars, or 6.1%, from last year's all-time high for the same quarter. It is anticipated that the sales tax revenue will be higher due to the increased price of automobiles.

Cerritos homeowners will be happy to know that the fourth quarter average for single-family three and four bedroom dwellings in the City was over \$740,000, 10% higher than comparable cities in the area.

The continued growth in sales tax revenue "can be attributed to an increase in consumer confidence which resulted in increased shopping activity at all the major shopping areas and the auto square in Cerritos."

The Cerritos Industrial Park was the third highest sales tax generator, contributing over \$780,000 in revenue which was a \$140,000 increase, a healthy 21.9%, over last year.

The fourth quarter TOT, which is 12% of the room rate charged by a hotel operator in the City, generated almost \$300,000, a 9.5% increase from the same quarter last year.

Other sectors not including the industrial park generated nearly \$543,000 in sales tax revenue. These businesses include retail sales, machine shops, wholesaling, and warehousing.

There was a bit of bad economic news in the report that should draw the attention of City staff.

In a trend that could reflect the increase in online sales, the LCC sales tax revenue declined by over \$136,000. This was the

first decline in sales tax revenue from the LCC since 2014.

Also, the city issued 878 new and renewal business licenses generating over \$256,000 in fees for the general fund, a decrease of 9.4%. Given the average license fee is \$291 (\$256,000/878), that drop represented a loss of over \$23,000.

Housing prices increased dramatically in 2017 logging a 5.6% climb in October 2017, 6.1% in November, and 6.6% in December, with values now standing at over \$740,000.

The one-year trend that shows an average increase of \$47,000 from December 2016 to December 2017. Comparing houses housing prices regionally, Cerritos homeowners enjoy a substantial positive gap from comparable cities such as Cypress, Glendora, Lakewood, and Downey.

Cypress values sit at \$673,000, Glendora \$610,000, Lakewood \$569,000, Downey \$585,000. Condominiums were hotter than single-family homes, with values increasing by 9.2% in October 2017, 9% in November 2017, and 9.5% in December 2017.

"The City is pleased with the data presented in the Winter 2017-2018 Cerritos Economic Profile," stated Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. "According to the report, the City is experiencing positive results in increased sales tax revenue, lower unemployment and an increase in residential property values. All signs point to Cerritos continuing to see an increase in the local economy."

"You can't argue with facts, and the facts show that Cerritos remains a great place to do business," said Scott Smith, President/CEO of the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce. "The strong local economy is a reflection of the great mix of retail, restaurants, entertainment, and industrial businesses."

DA' HAWAII SENIORS CLUB CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY



Pictured at the February 8, 2018 meeting of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club are Queen Bennie Cabalona and King John Yanagihara as they sat in front of a poster board decorated for the Valentine's Day celebration. Photo by Edna Ethington.

By Edna Ethington

Da' Hawaii Seniors Club's Program Co-Chairs Aida Kull and Glenda Ujii prepared another fun-filled meeting which included dancing at their Valentine Swing on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the Cerritos Senior Center. Their early Valentine's Day celebration also honored the club's first president, Bennie Cabalona, by crowning her Queen of Hearts for February. Bennie is also one of the founding members of the club that was founded in 1998. This is the 20th Anniversary of the club and it will be celebrated throughout the year with more interesting programs and activities.

The next meeting of Da' Hawaii

Seniors Club's next meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2018, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. Guest speaker for the evening will be Lee Kull on the topic of Earthquake Preparedness. Mr. Kull is a certified member of the Emergency Response Team of the city of Cerritos.

Residents of the city of Cerritos who are interested in joining Da'Hawaii Seniors Club can contact Membership Co-Chairs Janie Aguirre at 562-868-3931, or Myrna Matsuno at 310-538-2148. People who do not live in Cerritos can be placed on a waiting list if openings are not available.

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DISTRICT: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Unified School District, acting by and through its Board of Education, hereinafter the "District" will receive up to, but not later than the stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **BID NO. 21 (17-18) Fire Alarm System Upgrade to the Entire Site at Bella Vista Elementary School**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: March 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Facilities Development Department, 500 N. Hendricks Street, Montebello, CA 90640, ATTENTION: Jeff Woods, Acting Director Maintenance, Operations & Facilities Development.

PLACE FOR OBTAINING BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: ONLINE ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

1. **Licenses.** Contractors are required to have a **Class: B** license and/or specialized license or certification at the time of bid submission.
2. **Prequalification.** N/A
3. **Registration with DIR.** Pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5, all bidders and their subcontractors of any tier must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in order to submit a bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of this contract.
4. **Bid Security.** Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the Bid Proposal, inclusive of any additive Bid Alternates. Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.
5. **No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals.** Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.
6. **Job-Walk.** The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on February 20, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Bidder's attendance to the Job Walk is mandatory.** Job walk location **2410 Findlay Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.** The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.
7. **Contract Time.** The date(s) for completion of Milestones and for achieving Substantial Completion of the Work shall be as set forth in the Special Conditions. Failure to complete designated portions of the Work, including Milestones, within the time(s) established in the Special Conditions and/or failure to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time shall subject the Contractor to Liquidated Damages as set forth in the Special Conditions.
8. **Payment and Performance Bonds.** A Labor and Materials Payment Bond and Performance Bond are required in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount.
9. **Prevailing Wage Rates.** The Contractor and all Subcontractors performing any portion of the Work shall pay not less than the applicable prevailing wage rate for the classification of labor provide by their respective workers in prosecution and execution of the Work. Pursuant to Labor Code §1773, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the generally prevailing rates of wages in the locality in which the Work is to be performed. Copies of these determinations, entitled "PREVAILING WAGE SCALE" are available on the Internet at www.dir.ca.gov/dir/S&R/statistics_research.html. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall post a copy of all applicable prevailing wage rates for the Work at conspicuous locations at the Site of the Work.
10. **Substitute Security.** Substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor and in conformity with Public Contract Code §22300. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following award of the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under Public Contract Code §22300.
11. **Award of Contract.** The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest priced responsive Bid Proposal.

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**CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 70/30 BLEND POLYORTHOPHOSPHATE
IN 55 GALLON DRUM**

BID NO. 1334-18

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, until **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018**, for the supply and delivery of 70/30 blend Polyorthophosphate in 55 gallon drum.

Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018.** Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **"Bid for Supply and Delivery of 70/30 blend Polyorthophosphate in 55 gallon drum, Bid No. 1334-18"**.

No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label.

The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law.

Bid specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php

For additional questions please contact Support Services at (562) 916-1318.

Dated/Posted/Published: **February 16, 2018**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF BARBARA RAE PRESLEY
COUNTY OF Los Angeles**

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Trustee and mail a copy to Cathy Kelley, Trustee, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of notice to creditors or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Cathy E. Kelley
15133 W. Boca Raton Rd.
Surprise, AZ 85379

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 28 (2017-2018) Resolution to Increase Level 1 Developer Fees

Notice is hereby given that the Montebello Unified School District will hold a duly noticed public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 123 S. Montebello Blvd., Montebello, California, 90640 to receive comments on the District's proposal to increase the imposition of Level 1 Developer Fees to the current amounts of \$3.79 per square foot of residential construction and \$0.61 per square foot of commercial/industrial construction, all as established by the State Allocation Board. Fees are imposed pursuant to applicable law under California Government Code §65995 et seq. and Education Code §17620.

All interested persons wishing to comment on this matter are invited to attend this hearing and be heard at the time and place specified above.

Questions and/or comments should be directed to Mr. Jeff Woods, Acting Director of Maintenance & Operations and Facilities Development at (323) 887-7900 extension 6711.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

PEGGY J. VANDERPOOL
CASE NO. 18STPB01117

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PEGGY J. VANDERPOOL.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KENNETH VANDERPOOL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KENNETH VANDERPOOL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/07/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA - SBN 065868
LAW OFFICE OF PAUL JAY FUKUSHIMA
12749 NORWALK BL #111
NORWALK CA 90650
2/9, 2/16, 2/23/18
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standard and a “circling of the wagons.... being an Assembly staffer is by its very nature a disempowered position. We are given virtually no voice and have no bargaining power over the terms or culture of our employment. We all hope that this letter is a step forward in changing that dynamic.”

The letter then outlined the extremely explicit and graphic behavior alleged by the employees.

The allegations included Garcia drinking in her office while on official business, bragging about her sexual activity while describing various sex acts in detail, stating she had sex in her office with other elected officials, using vulgar language, harassing employees, and disparaging other high-level elected officials.

In addition, they allege Garcia asked the staffers to fundraise and ask for donations during regular working hours.

The letter from the staffers is below, **WARNING** the descriptions are graphic.

“We were witness to the following while employees of Ms. Garcia and the California State Assembly:

1. Alcohol was often in Ms. Garcia’s Assembly office and she drank alcohol when in her office while doing official Assembly business.

2. This alcohol that was either purchased by herself, or her senior staff was made available to Assembly staff. Oftentimes Ms. Garcia pressured staff to join her in drinking alcoholic beverages both at the office and at local bars, including events she was hosting.

3. We are unsure if this alcohol was in fact purchased with Assembly, personal or campaign funds.

4. Ms. Garcia often spoke, if not bragged, about her sexual activity. She

would describe various sex acts in uncomfortable detail. She commonly had these conversations in front of staff members. She seemed to like to make her staff uncomfortable with this type of content. In fact, this content did make us uncomfortable.

5. Ms. Garcia also spoke of her sexual activities with other elected officials including other members of the Assembly who we will not name in respect for their privacy. She spoke graphically about their sexual activity and stated as fact that they were sexually active in Assembly offices.

6. Ms. Garcia said that having sex with other elected officials was a good way of getting information; she claimed that she received a lot of information during post-coital (or, in her words, “after they come”) conversations.

7. Ms. Garcia commonly and pervasively used vulgar language with, to, at and around staff. For example, she frequently used the “C word” while referring to other women.

8. Ms. Garcia told the staff all the time that we were “replaceable”. She liked to constantly remind the staff that we were all “at will employees.” She often said to us “The State of California might sign your check, but I am the boss.” We constantly felt like we could be fired at anytime, for any reason without recourse or due process from the Assembly.

9. Ms. Garcia would often turn on members of the staff. Singling them out for seemingly no reason. She would belittle them in front of others and invent reasons to criticize their job performance.

10. Staff was often asked to run personal errands for Ms. Garcia including taking care of her dogs among other things. We were often asked to drive Ms. Garcia around even when Ms. Garcia was on personal business including when she

was returning from the airport from personal vacations.

11. Sometimes we were asked to perform campaign activities in the Assembly office including fundraising and donation request calls. In addition, there were Assembly staff members that were also campaign staff and they would be on Assembly time but performing campaign activities. There were not strict lines between Assembly resources and campaign resources.

12. Ms. Garcia and her senior staff also pressured us, to assist other local and statewide candidates and we were reprimanded if we did not take part. Additionally, some members of the staff were directed to help plan Mayor Crespo’s memorial activities along with other assignments that had no legislative purpose.

13. Beyond belittling members of the staff, Ms. Garcia spent a lot of time inappropriately disparaging other elected officials, including Speaker Rendon, Speaker Emeritus Perez, Senator Mendoza, Senator Lara, Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez and Assembly Member Isadore Hall III as well as many local elected officials. Ms. Garcia did not encourage an environment of collegiality and she seemed intent on disparaging any other officials who drew positive attention. We are unsure if this environment of bullying might be pervasive in the Assembly, but it makes for a difficult environment to work in.

14. Ms. Garcia showed herself to be very retaliatory in nature. We all bore witness to her vindictive nature. We witnessed firsthand her volatile response to any sort of conflict or criticism. We also have concerns about the Assembly’s willingness to either protect or certainly advocate for former or current staff. This was our experience and in light of Mr.

Fierro’s experience, we have no reason to think that this had changed. It is for these reasons that we feel we need to remain anonymous.

In conclusion, all of us spent years working in the employment of Cristina Garcia and the California State Assembly. Ms. Garcia’s Assembly office was a difficult place to work. It was a toxic environment. If you have additional questions for us, please direct them to our attorney.”

Gilleon concluded with a warning shot across the bow of the Rules Committee, “The above were my clients’ own words. These are not mere allegations. My clients will vigorously defend what they have said, but I will insist that the Assembly take serious steps to ensure their protection against reprisal. Please take notice: should my clients ever face any retaliation for speaking out, you can be assured swift legal action will be taken against the State of California and any responsible persons.”

Garcia responded on her Facebook page saying, “In response to today’s allegations I will add that in order for legislators to accomplish all we want for the people of our districts and the people of California, we need talented staff who feel empowered to do their work. That is the environment I strive for in my office and I am confident I have consistently treated my staff fairly and respectfully. In a fast-paced legislative office, not everyone is the right fit for every position, and I do understand how a normal employment decision could be misinterpreted by the individual involved in that decision. In any case, anyone on my staff should always feel absolutely free to bring up any issue surrounding our office environment so we can address the situation and move forward.”

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 13878-JP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: DENISE GUJARDO, 10735 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703
Doing Business as: HART’S GROOMING
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: ZAZZY CATS KITTY RESCUE, INC., 10735 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 10735 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACT ONE ESCROW, 17918 PIONEER BLVD, STE 202, ARTESIA, CA 90701 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 7, 2018
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ACT ONE ESCROW, 17918 PIONEER BLVD, STE 202, ARTESIA, CA 90701 and the last date for filing claims shall be MARCH 6, 2018, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: 2-14-2018
BUYER: ZAZZY CATS KITTY RESCUE INC.
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T.S. No.: 9551-3631 TSG Order No.: 160305290-CA-VOI A.P.N.: 8061-025-005 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/01/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 03/16/2007 as Document No.: 20070592853, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: MARIA ANTONIETTA LINKEVITCH, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier’s check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/26/2018 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14522 SAN DIEGUITO DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638-4326 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an “AS IS” condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$488,680.32 (Estimated) as of 02/02/2018. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee’s sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9551-3631. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 833-290-7452 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. Affinia Default Services, LLC, Omar Solorzano, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0324137 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 02/02/2018, 02/09/2018, 02/16/2018

City of La Mirada Financial Transaction Report Fiscal Year 2016-17		Governmental Funds
REVENUES		
TAXES		29,866,496
LICENSES AND PERMITS		1,606,646
FINES AND FORFEITURES AND USE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY		1,212,223
INTERGOVERNMENTAL		10,671,627
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES		9,707,253
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		109,932
		<u>53,174,177</u>
EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		3,403,925
PUBLIC SAFETY		8,450,901
TRANSPORTATION		7,049,687
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		1,209,563
CULTURE AND LEISURE		11,506,685
DEBT SERVICE		841,875
CAPITAL OUTLAY		10,855,245
		<u>43,317,881</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		9,856,296
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(1,144,890)
PROPRIETARY FUND TRANSFERS IN (OUT)		-
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION		<u>8,711,406</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (DEFICIT), BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR		102,063,864
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION (DEFICIT), END OF FISCAL YEAR		<u>110,775,270</u>
APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO THE LIMIT		



Athens Services is a local, family-owned waste collection and recycling company that has been a fixture in the greater Los Angeles community for the past 60 years. We provide innovative, consistent and quality environmental services to our more than 200,000 customers in the 50+ communities we serve. Through reuse, recycling and composting, Athens diverts valuable resources from landfills.

Athens is the right choice for Norwalk. The "Athens Advantage" includes rate stability, high landfill diversion, outstanding community partnerships and discounts for seniors, Norwalk Sheriff first responders and LA County firefighters. We will work with your community to improve quality of life by targeting abandoned waste and partnering with law enforcement to eliminate scavenging. Our staff also understands the community intimately, as 10 Athens employees are Norwalk residents.

We pride ourselves on being a family-owned company. After immigrating to the United States from Armenia and settling in the San Gabriel Valley, Athens Services founder Jack Arakelian began waste hauling in the Athens district of Los Angeles – inspiring the name "Athens Services." Arakelian passed down his legacy to his son Ron Sr., grandsons Ron Jr. and Michael, and great grandsons Ron III and Adam, who run Athens today.

As the largest independent recycling and solid waste services company in Los Angeles County, Athens is responsible for exclusive recycling, solid waste, green waste and organics services for residential, multi-family and commercial customers in 23 local municipalities, and is active in 27 cities in open franchise markets. We have never lost a municipal franchise once service has begun, a record that remains unmatched in the industry. Athens' combination of experience and infrastructure allows us to provide both source separation and processing of recyclable material. Our two Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) are some of the few operating within the Los Angeles area; our MRF in Sun Valley, CA is the most innovative mixed-waste processing facility in California.

Athens is committed to protecting the environment. We are always looking for ways to advance our recycling programs, save precious resources and create a better environment for current and future generations. One of the ways we promote this goal is by operating clean fuel vehicles. Over 75% of our fleet is powered by alternative fuels. Our Southern California focus also translates into a labor force with personal involvement in local neighborhoods. We consistently support various nonprofits and organizations in the communities we serve.

We look forward to the opportunity to service Norwalk as your community's zero waste partner, and thank the City for their consideration.

CITIES WE SERVICE

- Azusa
- Bell Gardens
- Burbank
- Covina
- Glendale
- Glendora
- Long Beach
- Monrovia
- Montebello
- Monterey Park
- Palos Verdes Estates
- Pasadena
- Pomona
- Redondo Beach
- Riverside
- San Gabriel
- San Marino
- Sierra Madre
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