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DOWNEY POLICE AND FIRE HOLD PARADE IN HONOR OF FRONT-LINE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS



Courtesy Downey Chamber of Commerce

FRONTLINE WORKERS at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Downey watch as Downey Police and Fire Departments honor them for their services during the pandemic. The departments also honored workers at PIH Health in Downey.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

On Monday, April 13 the City of Downey Police and Fire personnel, as well as representatives from the city of Downey, drove by PIH Health Downey Hospital and Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center with lights flashing and sirens screaming - not for an emergency - but as heroes saluting heroes.

Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco and Mayor pro tem Claudia Frometa accompanied the police and fire department personnel in a parade of emergency vehicles as a thank you to the healthcare providers who are working tirelessly helping patients who have been infected with COVID-19.

Frometa, from a safe distance, said, "to our police and fire fighters, we thank you for protecting our communities during these difficult times. Thank you for paying tribute to all of our unsung heroes who are working to fight this battle."

PIH Health staff also saluted the emergency personnel during this "Heroes Saluting Heroes" drive.

Richard Trogman, PIH Health Downey Hospital President remarked, "we are always appreciative of the great partnership that we have with the City of Downey and its emergency personnel, and we thank them for their efforts during this pandemic and beyond—its all teamwork in caring for the community. We are in this together and together we will get through this."

COVID-19 TEST CENTER OPENS IN BELLFLOWER



Photo by Tammye McDuff

DRIVE-UP TESTING center for COVID-19 at the Bellflower Civic Center, testing is by appointment only at lacovidprod.service-now.com/rrs

BY BRIAN HEWS

The new drive-up COVID-19 testing site opened Wednesday April 15 in Bellflower. Any resident of Los Angeles County who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 is eligible for testing and can make an appointment through the website.

"This new drive-up site in Bellflower will improve access to testing for residents in southeast LA County and give us a better understanding of the spread

of this virus in these communities," said L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn. "I want to thank Mayor Juan Garza for his leadership as well as the southeast city leaders who have been advocating for a local testing site and helped us get it done. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you can make an appointment online for this new site in Bellflower or at any of the 27 testing sites established across LA County."

The testing site is located at the park-

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EXCLUSIVE: LAWSUIT ALLEGES WRONGFUL TERMINATION OF MUSD PERSONNEL COMMISSION EMPLOYEE BY SUPERINTENDENT

BY BRIAN HEWS

Hews Media Group-Los Cerritos Community News has obtained a complaint filed against the Montebello Unified School District by its own MUSD Personnel Commission outlining the unlawful termination by Superintendent Anthony Martinez of the commission's Director of Classified Human Resources Pierre N. Demian.

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JOHN LEWIS APPOINTED AS MAYOR IN LA MIRADA

The ceremony was calm compared to Cerritos' transition.

BY BRIAN HEWS

The La Mirada City Council reorganized at their regular meeting this past Tuesday, April 14.



JOHN LEWIS

Anthony Otero was administered the Oath of Office after being elected to serve as Councilmember representing La Mirada's Fifth Council District.

He replaces Lawrence P. Mowles, who retired from the City Council following nine years of service, including two terms as Mayor (2014-15 and 2018-19).

Ed Eng and Steve De Ruse were also elected for additional four-year terms representing Council Districts 3 and 4, respectively.

This is Councilmember De Ruse's third term and Councilmember Eng's second term serving on the Council.

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SBA CANNOT LOAN TO CASINOS, THE GARDENS CASINO IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT

BY BRIAN HEWS

The Gardens Casino in Hawaiian Gardens, which voluntarily shut down in March, provides 70% of the revenue to this tiny city in Southwest Los Angeles County.

City Manager Ernie Hernandez indicated to HMG-LCCN at the time of closing that they would lose a staggering \$1-\$1.5 million per month due to the closure.

“Everyone is concerned,” said Hernandez, “if this continues were talking severe cuts, furloughs, and cuts in city and youth services, it will be a severe impact on the quality of life in our city

And there is a glitch in the SBA system for casinos applying for loans that might make it harder for the City.

The Small Business Administration has a long-standing rule that doesn't allow loans for gambling businesses which has a wide-ranging effect not only in Hawaiian Gardens but across the state and the country.

In the SBA's guidelines, they cite a 1996 federal regulation outlining what businesses cannot apply for a loan from the agency. “Businesses deriving more than one-third of gross annual revenue from legal gambling activities,” are among the ineligible.

Seeking SBA help

Keith Sharp, the Gardens Casino's general counsel, remains hopeful that they can still receive SBA funding.

In an interview Sharp stated, “We are battling for change, but it's hard right now. We remain optimistic that they will loosen the reins on the stimulus package. It's hard, many of our employees work just above minimum wage and rely heavily on tips.”

“We are asking the administration to inform the SBA that the stimulus monies were meant for all businesses and to cut through the usual red tape and conditions so that our casinos will be able to weather this crisis and recall our employees as soon as possible once public health officials give the green light.”

“We are asking the Governor, Legislature and Attorney General to return to the Cardroom industry the \$97M surplus of our money that they are holding. The return of those funds would be a tremendous help to our businesses, employees and communities.”

In a letter sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom, Hawaiian Gardens officials said the closure of The Gardens Casino is having a major effect on the city and echoed Sharp's requests.

“The [pandemic] closure has the most significant financial impact to any city with a casino in the state of California, the [tax revenue from The Gardens Casino] has played a critical

role in the city's ability to fight crime and roll back major gang issues.”

The City can't estimate how many employees will be furloughed, but officials have issued advance notices to all city workers so when the reduction takes place, everyone will be “prepared.”

City officials asked Newsom to:

Tap the \$97 million surplus in California's gambling control fund to help The Gardens Casino re-open when it is safe, while helping

employees and the community during the crisis

Clarify the policy regarding the casino's ability to tap state and federal relief funds, including un-collateralized fast-track loans.

There is hope. On the national level, American Gaming Association President/CEO Bill Miller said Friday that he wants the SBA to review the guidelines it established for the PPP.

Miller said the agency used a regulation that will keep many small gaming businesses from getting funds. The funds are needed to keep their employees on the books while the coronavirus pandemic has brought nearly all gaming activity to a standstill.

“Unless amended, these initial guidelines will irreparably harm one-third of the US casino industry and the hundreds of thousands of Americans that rely on gaming businesses for their livelihood,” Miller said in his statement.

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INSURERS ORDERED TO GIVE REFUNDS

Stay-home mandates reduce risk of loss and accidents, state says.

BY BRIAN HEWS

The state insurance commissioner's office ordered Monday that California drivers and business owners should get partial refunds on at least two months of insurance premiums because of the coronavirus that has slashed commutes and shut non-essential company doors.

Former Bell Gardens Councilman now Commissioner Ricardo Lara ordered insurance companies to adjust premiums covering March and April; Lara indicated if the lock down goes into May he might implement a similar order.

“With Californians driving fewer miles and many businesses closed due to the COVID-19 emergency, consumers need relief from premiums that no longer reflect their present-day risk of accident or loss,” Lara said in a statement . “Today's mandatory action will put money back in people's pockets when they need it most.”

The order applies to the following coverage areas, which could ne expanded: private passenger and commercial auto insurance; workers' compensation; medical malpractice; commercial multi-peril and commercial liability.

Refunds are also required in “any other insurance line where the risk of loss has fallen substantially as a result of the

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ARTESIA MAYOR PRO TEM Rene Trevino (2nd from right) gathering food items with (l-r) Jonny Gutierrez, Anthony Gonzales, and Linda Gonzales. With them is David Godinez Stater Brothers Store Manager. For more information on the program contact Rene Trevino at 562.842.7310 or email him at rtrevino@scchioffice.com.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Artesia Mayor pro tem Rene Trevino and Linda Gonzalez have organized a small food giveaway for Artesia residents who may be experiencing food insecurities, as well as delivering food to the elderly during these exceptional times.

The first delivery was held on April 4th and then again on Saturday, April 11th. The group has received donations from Artesia Business Owner Pravin Patel; Frank Bellospirito, Artesia Chamber of Commerce; California Dairies; Driftwood Dairies in El Monte; Kenny Gonzalez and South Coast Commercial Interiors [SCCI].

“What we were not able to receive from donations, was purchased with private funds. We wanted to make sure that the food baskets were complete, offering two or three meals and essentials, such as toilet paper,” said Trevino.

Another food delivery for Artesia residents has been scheduled for Saturday, April 18.

“Linda and I decided to step up and do something very personal for the residents of our city that were in need of a little bit of extra assistance,” remarked Trevino, “in the last two weeks we have been able to deliver food to over 80 families. These are families that are in need due to the stay at home order or are elderly and cannot go out shopping.”

The group will continue the food giveaway as long as there is a stay-at-home initiative in place. A drive through system has been established at the offices of a drive-through system located at the office of SCCI in Artesia. This process allows social distancing while continuing to serve the city.

For more information or to contribute contact Rene Trevino at 562.842.7310 or email him at rtrevino@scchioffice.com

SENIOR HELPERS OPENS IN ARTESIA

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

More than ever our senior citizens need assistance as do their families, that is what Senior Helpers is all about.

As an ABCUSD graduate, Darshana Bhakta could not have asked for a better service territory, “The city of Cerritos is my hometown; I played AYSO soccer at Don Knabe Regional Park and attended Gahr High School. There is no other job that could be better than assisting senior citizens here in the Artesia / Cerritos area.

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teract as well as planning out the best care for individuals on a short and long term basis.

“Our number one priority is to ensure that all caregivers and clients remain safe amid the current global pandemic,” states Bhakta, “During the crisis we completely screen every employee in our pandemic preparedness training. Senior Helpers also provides each franchise owner with Personal Protection Equipment so that our caregivers can deliver services safely and effectively.”

In-home care is beneficial for many reasons both to the senior and their families. It is an affordable option that enables seniors the ability to age in the comfort of their homes. In-home care helps seniors live independently for a longer period of time with Senior Helpers caregivers providing the day to day support with cooking, grooming, ordering groceries among other actions. “In today’s ever changing environment, in-home care is crucial as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reported that our elderly community is exceptionally vulnerable to the Coronavirus,” said Bhakta, “This makes in-home care one of the safest options available.”

Senior Helpers is located at 17510 Pioneer Boulevard, Suite 205 in Artesia.

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LAKWOOD SWEARS IN NEW CITY COUNCILMEMBER, WOOD IS MAYOR ONCE AGAIN

Ariel Pe sworn in as new councilmember.

STAFF REPORT

At their Tuesday meeting, the Lakewood City Council adopted a resolution accepting the results of the March 3 municipal election.

The City Clerk then swore in the two winning council candidates: re-elected Vice Mayor Jeff Wood and newly elected Council Member Ariel Pe.

Ballots were cast by 22,932 Lakewood residents.

The council began the meeting by giving fond farewell comments to retir-

ing Council Member Ron Piazza, who served for seven years starting in early 2013.

Piazza was presented with a framed poster highlighting the "I Made A Difference" initiative he undertook during his term as mayor in 2016-17 when he presented pins with that motto to over 2,000 Lakewood residents for their contributions to the community.

Tuesday's agenda included a report from City Manager Thaddeus McCormack on the latest coronavirus news affecting Lakewood.

McCormack mentioned the latest L.A. County health rules on wearing face coverings when entering essential businesses or potentially in close contact with those outside one's

immediate family; the newest drive-up coronavirus testing facility, which is in Bellflower; and the number of residents in the Lakewood area who have been identified as having the coronavirus, which is 46 as of April 16.

The L.A. County Department of Public Health notes that the number of positive cases is likely significantly higher in every community because some people are infected (and contagious) but do not realize it or have not yet been tested.

For more Lakewood-specific information on the coronavirus, including ways to protect yourself and services available to help seniors and others with food and groceries, go to www.lakewoodcity.org/COVID19.

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BY CHRIS ORESTIS

Retirement and the effects of aging come with a lot of changes, but at least one thing remains constant.

Every year, Uncle Sam wants to make sure you're paying any taxes you might owe him, and that's true whether you are retired or not. That said, though, there are tax rules that are specific to older Americans, so it's important to be aware of the different ways you might be able to reduce your tax bill that weren't available to you when you were younger.

Normally, of course, April 15 is the deadline to file your tax returns. But this year, because of the disruption caused by the coronavirus, the deadline has been extended to July 15. Remember also, if you currently receive Social Security and don't file taxes anymore, you will receive a government stimulus check (or auto-deposit) of \$1,200 automatically without filing any additional paperwork.

Meanwhile, that tax deadline extension means you've got extra time to explore some of those rules that seniors can take advantage of. A few to be mindful of include:

You may qualify for a larger standard deduction. For many Americans, including many seniors, there's no reason to itemize your deductions anymore because the standard deduction is so high – \$12,200 for a single person and \$24,400 for a married couple filing jointly. But you can get an even higher standard deduction if either you or your spouse is 65 or older, and a still higher deduction if either of you is blind. If

Tax Time During Coronavirus: What Retirees Need To Know

you aren't itemizing, then you want to make sure you're getting the maximum standard deduction that you are allowed because that's going to impact how much of your income is taxed.

Yes, your Social Security benefit may be taxed. The rules for how much – if any – of your Social Security benefit is taxed can be tricky, so you want to be extra careful with that. According to the Social Security Administration, if you're filing as an individual, and your Social Security benefit plus any other taxable income you have is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may be taxed up to 50 percent of your benefit. If your combined income is more than \$34,000 then up to 85 percent of the benefit may be taxable. For married couples filing jointly, if the combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your income is more than \$44,000 then up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

You may be able to deduct long-term care insurance premiums. Owners of long-term care insurance policies

can take tax deductions on premiums they pay for qualified plans – as well as other reimbursed medical expenses such as Medicare premiums – as long as the premiums are greater than 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income.

Selling your life insurance policy has advantages. There can be significant tax benefits for people who sell their life insurance policy through what is called a "life settlement." Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the proceeds from a life settlement are fully exempt from federal taxes if the policy owner is terminally or chronically ill. Those who are not terminally or chronically ill do pay capital-gain taxes on the proceeds from the sale, minus the amount in premiums the policyholder paid over the life of the policy.

You may want to increase contributions to your retirement accounts. Of course, many seniors aren't adding anything to their IRAs or 401(k)s. Instead, they are regularly withdrawing money to pay for monthly living expenses. But if you're still working, you can increase your contributions, which can both reduce your tax bill now and give you an even larger nest egg when you do retire. The IRS limits how much you can contribute each year, but that limit increases once you turn 50.

The important thing to remember is that you may have options at tax time that you hadn't thought about. Knowing the tax rules and how they apply to your personal situation, and seeking professional advice, can make a huge difference.

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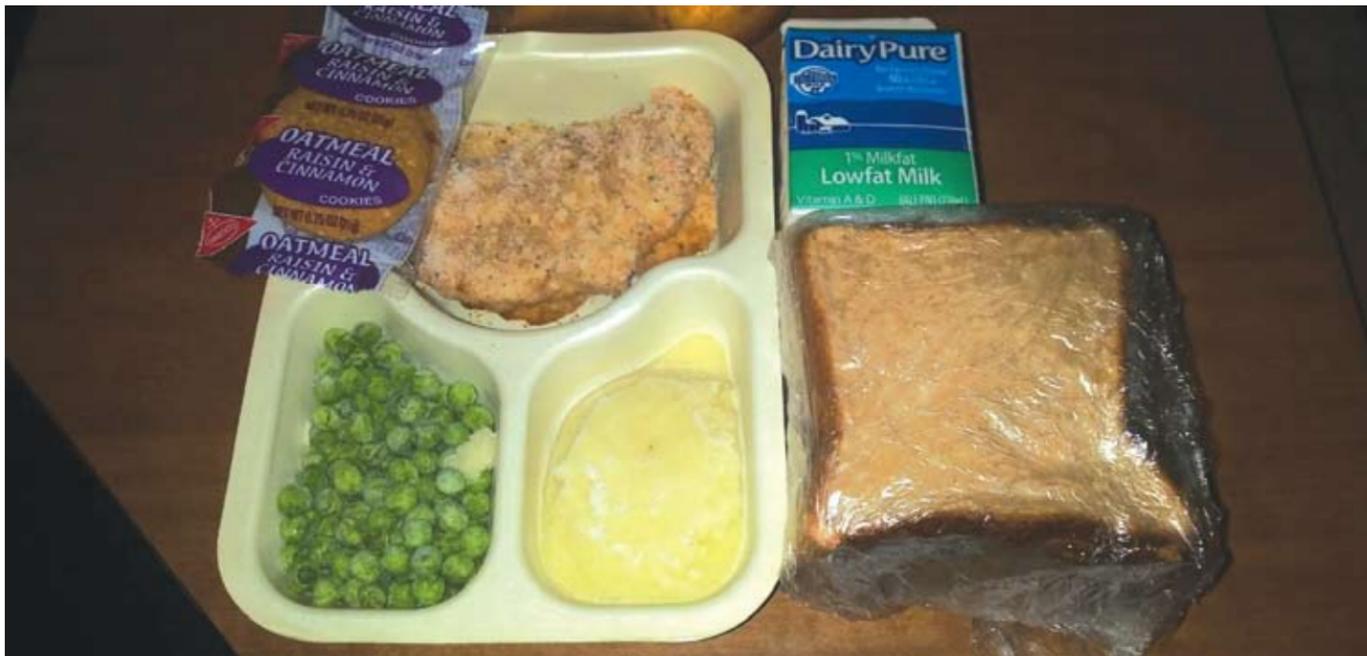
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Residents Complain About Food Offered At Cerritos Senior Center

BY BRIAN HEWS



ONE OF THE MEALS offered at the Cerritos Senior Center, everything in the serving platter was frozen. "We are not expecting lobster," said one resident, "I took it to two doctors and they said it was very poor quality."

For over a month now, meals have been offered to seniors 50 and over at the Cerritos Senior Center on Tuesday and Wednesday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

But some residents are not happy with the quality of the meals.

The meals are provided by the Human Services Association (HSA) and partly subsidized by the City. City staff assists with the distribution of the meals and the suggested donation is \$2.25 per meal and typically distributed in packages of 5 meals.

One resident listed the content with comments: 1 pear, hard and turning discolored, teeth breaker; 2- package cookies, hard as concrete- teeth breaker; 1- slice of wheat bread- thin as silver dollar, possibly run over by road-range car tires; 1- instant potatoes water down and transparent and diluted with water; 1-rubbery/dehydrated meat patty, would not even cut; 1-serving discolored green peas. Sorry peas have no vitamins. No dessert!

L.A. METRO CHANGES TO SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULES

In efforts to adjust transit services to meet the on-street realities resulting from the COVID-19 public health crisis, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has revised its transit service schedules and will begin running a modified Sunday service seven days a week starting Sunday, April 19.

The modified schedule is intended to provide an efficient and predictable level of service for riders making essential trips on the Metro bus and rail system.

Because of the ongoing public health crisis, countywide ridership has fallen 64 percent on Metro buses and 76 percent on rail.

On weekdays, Metro will run its usual Sunday bus service plus some Rapid, Express and Local bus lines that normally do not run on Sundays. On weekdays, most trains will run every 12 minutes between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and every 20 minutes at other times. Last trains will leave terminal stations around midnight. On weekends, Metro will run its regular Sunday service on bus and rail lines.

Metro adjusted service levels by 20 percent in mid-March in response to local and state safer-at-home orders to help

prevent spread of the Coronavirus. The transition to Sunday service at this time is intended to have as little impact as possible to riders who depend on Metro services while helping preserve operational resources.

Metro will also be exploring closing some entrances to rail stations that have multiple entrances to reduce the number of "touchpoints" that must be frequently cleaned. This will allow Metro to focus on keeping the rest of the system as clean as possible. ADA access will be maintained at all stations. For a list of all Metro bus and rail timetables, visit <https://www.metro.net/riding/maps/> and scroll down each timetable to view the page for 'Sunday' service.

TRUMP WANTS NAME ON STIMULUS CHECKS

The Treasury Department has ordered President Trump's name printed on stimulus checks, a process that could slow their delivery by a few days, senior IRS officials said.

So when recipients open the \$1,200 paper checks "President Donald J. Trump" will appear on the left side of the payment.

It will be the first time a president's name appears on an IRS disbursement.

Treasury officials disputed that the checks would be delayed.

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BY BRIAN HEWS

In an effort to relieve pressure on overflowing local hospitals, the former St. Vincent's Hospital has opened its doors again as the Los Angeles Surge Hospital (LASH), the LASH has the ability to accommodate 266 CoVID-19 only patients.

The LASH is located on 201 S. Alvarado, just south of the 101 freeway, just a few blocks from Staples Center.

The hospital is a partnership between the state of California, Los Angeles County, Dignity Health and Kaiser Permanente, two of the state's largest nonprofit healthcare systems. They will oversee day-to-day operations and management of the surge hospital.

"Beating this pandemic requires all of us to work together nimbly and creatively," Kaiser Chairman and CEO Greg Adams told Los Cerritos Community News, "and there is no better proof of that than our collective work to stand up this surge hospital in a matter of days."

Area hospitals will contact LASH and speak "physician to physician" to arrange a safe transfer of patients from one hospital to another. LASH will receive patients from hospitals around the community who have reached surge capacity. The entire program is being coordinated by the Los Angeles County Medical Alert Center.

LASH staff has received electronic health record, equipment, and procedural training to ensure safety for their patients and for themselves, as concerns about medical workers contracting the virus continue to rise.

"What we are opening is unique in Los Angeles," says Julie Sprengel, acting CEO and president of Dignity Health's

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Southwest Division, "we have no emergency room, we do not allow walk-ins and our patients will be received from community hospitals who are reaching their capacity."

Amanda Magrum, Surge Education Team Director discussed the training procedures and protocols, "We are training all of our staff on electronic health records [EHR] and equipment use to ensure staff and patients stay as safe as possible. Everyone knows that health care workers are being pushed to their limit. They are in personal protective equipment [PPE] for twelve hours a day, sometimes longer, and their stress levels are very high."

"This temporary hospital will add much needed resources to help us safely meet the needs of an expected surge of

patients affected by this pandemic," said Adams, "Kaiser Permanente is proud to be able to help launch it, and appreciate California's leadership and collaboration as we look to leverage every resource available to fight COVID-19."

"The Los Angeles Surge Hospital, located in the heart of my Supervisorial First District, will address our urgent health care needs through this unique public-private partnership among the State of California, L.A. County, Kaiser Permanente, and Dignity Health," Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis wrote in a statement on her website, "no one stands alone in this critical moment, and I thank each partner for coming together to treat COVID-19 patients and for ensuring our communities remain safe and healthy."

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SUPERVISORS PASS COUNTY RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This week, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a proposal by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis to create an Emergency Rent Assistance Program during the COVID-19 crisis. When it is created, the program could provide up to \$1,000 per month for three months to renters who have lost income due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"As we fight the spread of this virus and do everything we can to save lives, this crisis has devastated families who were already living on the brink of poverty," said Supervisor Janice Hahn.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has implemented a rent freeze and eviction moratorium to prevent families from losing their homes during this epidemic. However, renters will still

need to pay back rent owed in the months after the crisis. Rent assistance would not need to be paid back and could prevent families from falling into even worse economic hardship.

The number of families that will be helped by the program will depend on the level of funding. Funding for the program would come from the second round of the CARES Act.

"Housing stability is crucial for residents both during and after the COVID-19 crisis. We know the County's eviction moratorium helps protect renters against homelessness now, but it won't help them once past-due rent needs to be paid back," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, co-author of this motion.

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ABCUSD'S LEARNING AT HOME PROGRAM GETTING GOOD GRADES

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

As many students, parents and school districts adjust to a new way of teaching and learning, the ABC Unified School District, almost seamlessly, made the transition to on line learning at home.

Teachers have prepared themselves to deliver instruction in a variety of models that best fit the needs of the classrooms. Back in March when most school districts were struggling to ensure that students continued learning, ABC put their Online Learning at Home program (OLAH) into full operation.

OLAH is a 'fully online classroom model' utilizing Google Classroom and the Google Ecosystem, as well as blended models that involve physical, hands-on resources distributed by teachers that will supplement online learning in Google Classroom.

"We had our IT team working on getting everything put together, it looked like the inside of Apollo 13. It was pretty incredible. You can't just move everything to online. You have to have the curriculum set up, train teachers how to use the program properly, have the right computers and hot spots set up ... it was a fascinating process," admits Scott Smith, Communications Officer for ABC, "we closed the schools on March 13th and by the following Thursday, we were ready to go."

This OLAH program was developed by the ABC district. Not even LAUSD has this advantage. HMG was told that

the State basically told all school districts to close, but continue to educate the children and 'you figure out how to do it'.

Because the district had already integrated the use of the Technology Integration Project (TIP), to give a one-to-one student to device ratio, the district was able to loan out 4,000 chrome books to students who needed them. For those students who did not have internet access, the district was able to provide almost 1,000 internet hot spots.

TIP teachers integrate mobile devices into daily teaching and learning using appropriate technology resources to enhance workflow, productivity and communications. Integration includes the use of Project Based Learning (PBL) tools that supports the California State Standards.

In October 2015, the ABC Technology Board Advisory Hoc Committee submitted recommendations to the Board of Education that identified six elements required for successful implementation: devices, software, infrastructure, technical support, professional development and 21st century classrooms.

By the second semester of 2016, 29 schools had commenced their TIP projects.

"Because we had already integrated TIP, we were able to move ahead quickly to institute online learning," added Smith. "It has been super impressive how the district was able to organize and implement each grade level objectives for the end of this school year." He added that the district wants to be able to promote everyone, but more than that, students need to be ready to go on to the next grade level.

As far as graduations are concerned, HMG was told that there are several committees that are looking at graduation situations, and ideas will be submitted to the Board of Trustees next month.

INSURANCE

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COVID-19 pandemic," Lara's office said in the statement.

Lara said that customers should receive the refunds no later than August and could come in the form of a premium credit, reduction, return or some other form of adjustment.

The size of the will vary based on several factors including type of policy and insurer.

The American Property Casualty Insurance Assn. expressed dissatisfaction about Lara's order.

It noted that some insurers, such as State Farm, had already committed to issuing refunds.

"Now is not the time for arbitrary calls for rate decisions," David A. Sampson, the group's chief executive, said in the statement.

Under the terms, each insurance company will create a plan for refunds — which could include giving the same adjustment to all its policyholders or looking at policies on a case-by-case basis.

The plans will then be examined to make sure the refund amounts are adequate when compared with projections.

Policyholders are to get an explanation of the adjustment from their insurer, as well as any changes to what's known as classification or exposure basis.

For example, a car used by someone who now doesn't drive to work may be reclassified from commuter use to pleasure use, which can have a cheaper premium.

Policyholders don't need to take action to get the refund, the department spokesman said. Insurance companies should respond to the commissioner's order and then contact policyholders.

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The election, held on March 3, was not without controversy.

Two Andrew Sarega backed candidates emerged this year, District 5 candidate Matt Morse and District 4 candidate Jackie Fowler.

One resident remarked, "seems as if Tony Aiello wasn't available."

Sources around the city told the Lamplighter that it was an effort by Sarega to gain the majority on the City Council.

Fowler did not try to hide her allegiance to the Saregas.

According to recently filed campaign finance reports, Fowler took \$1,450 in campaign advertising materials as a donation from the Saregas.

Bucking FPPC recommendations, Morse chose not to print the "paid for by" campaign disclaimer on his door hanger.

Morse's doorhanger looked identical to Fowler's and closely resemble the website that was used for an unsuccessful congressional campaign Sarega managed.

Following the certification of election results, the Council voted John Lewis to serve as Mayor and Ed Eng to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

In beginning his term as Mayor, John Lewis stated:

"It is an honor and a privilege to be selected by my colleagues as the Mayor of this great City, to serve during these challenging times we are facing."

"The current COVID-19 crisis has revealed the spirit of La Mirada by bringing out the best in all of us, by

helping our neighbors in this community. I have seen numerous individuals, churches, and local businesses step-up to the plate and help other residents in this community. This is the spirit of La Mirada! Let's keep it going all year long. Let's also continue to visit our local restaurants for drive-thru and take out, to make sure we have a strong economy when this pandemic is over - #Shop-LaMirada #DineinLaMirada - Stay La Mirada Strong."

Due to State and County Orders prohibiting large gatherings and encouraging social distancing, several Councilmembers and the public participated in the April 14th City Council meeting, via teleconference.

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LUSH PEONIES ADD BEAUTY AND FRAGRANCE TO EARLY SUMMER GARDENS

BY MELINDA MYERS

Set aside a sunny spot in your garden or landscape for a few easy-care, herbaceous peonies. These traditional favorites are treasured for their bountiful early summer flowers, vigorous, shrub-like habit and amazing longevity. Peonies blend nicely with other perennials and are a good addition to both formal and informal garden designs.

The peony's sumptuous flowers and captivating fragrance have been admired by generations of gardeners. While many other plants come and go, peonies have staying power. The variety 'Sarah Bernhardt' was introduced in 1906 and has been popular ever since. Its plush, pale pink flowers have silvery tips and open late in the peony season.

To maximize your enjoyment, extend the peony season by growing an assortment of early, mid and late-blooming varieties. Choose wisely and it's possible to have peonies in bloom for a month or more. If you live in an area with relatively warm weather, plant more of the early and midseason varieties so the plants have plenty of time to display their blossoms before the weather gets hot.

Add variety to your peony display by including plants with different flower styles. Options include single, anemone, semi-double, double and bomb types. Herbaceous peonies also come in many beautiful colors, including white, cream, coral, pink, rose and dark red.

Start the season off with a few of the earlier bloomers such as Coral Charm, Buckeye Belle, Festiva Maxima, Bowl of Beauty, Black Beauty, Purple Spider

and Red Charm (longfield-gardens.com). Coral Charm's lightly fragrant flowers are a unique blend of coral and cream. This semi double peony is the recipient of the American Peony Society Gold Medal.

The large double ruby red flowers of Buckeye Belle are displayed on compact plants that are the perfect size for perennial gardens. Pairing this peony with the snowy-white flowers of Festiva Maxima is a striking combination.

Transition into mid-season with the heirloom variety Red Charm. Its long stems have few side buds, which makes it great for cutting. And the rose-like fragrance perfumes gardens and bouquets. For a completely different look, consider the fragrant, double bomb flowers of Lady Liberty. Its frilly inner petals are cream and apricot, and form a tight ball resting on a double row of flamingo pink petals.

Anemone-style peonies have frilly centers surrounded by a single or double row of larger petals. The variety Sorbet features layers of candy pink and cream petals. It is deliciously fragrant, with sturdy stems that are excellent for cutting. Don't overlook other classic, mid-season bloomers like Duchess de Nemours, Celebrity and Red Supreme.

Close out the peony season with the large, raspberry-red blossoms of the classic French double peony Felix Crousse, and other time-tested favorites such as Lady Alexandria Duff and the beloved Sarah Bernhardt.

Peonies are known for their extravagant flowers, but the plants themselves are almost as impressive. Leaves emerge in spring with a tinge of red and reach a height of 3 feet within less than a month. By the



SARAH BERNHARDT PEONY, introduced in 1906, is one of the world's most popular peonies. Photo courtesy of Longfield-Gardens.com

time the flower buds appear, the plants are the size of a small shrub. After the flowers fade, the peony's lush, deep green leaves remain all season, providing a nice backdrop for nearby blooms. As temperatures cool in fall, the foliage often displays a nice reddish fall color.

Bare root peonies may be planted in spring or fall. After planting, they will take some time to settle in. Young plants need 3 years or more to reach full size, but after that, they will flower every year for de-

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cades to come.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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BEST Play IN L.A.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Years ago, Steve Cisneros formed an organization that has inspired nearly 500,000 teens in Southern California, by using theatre as a teaching tool. Phantom Project Theater Group brings literary classics to students all across the nation with home being the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts.

Phantom Projects is the only theatre troupe to present an entire season of theatre aimed specifically at teen audiences at a professional performing arts venue. In addition to touring shows, the troupe produces fully staged productions presenting historical based works, literary based works, and message-based shows for teens who are bused in for field trips and the troupe also performs for the general public during evening performances.

Phantom Projects is a peer-to-peer based performing troupe, supporting and teaching for 23 years. Now they need our help. "March through June is our busiest time of the year and it is about a third of our income," Cisneros told Hews Media Group, "We have school tours, and our La Mirada field trip show and we traditionally have our gala this time of year which is our biggest fundraiser, and now we can't do any of it." This time of year Phantom also begins selling tickets for the coming season, "Schools are not spending money on these types of things, because they just don't know what is going to happen."

"It is a giant unknown," comments Cisneros. At the time of this interview the troupe would have been getting ready to start the Teens on Tour program, "We can't have our field trips, because school is not in session until next year. I have

been in contact, almost daily, with the kids and they really miss touring the schools."

Every school that has to rescind the invitation is not just a cancellation; put an actual loss of revenue. "We are beginning to maneuver classes to online, but it is a process. We have talked to some of the school districts to see how we can offer the programs digitally, but they aren't sure how to get it out to all the students that are at home."

Phantom Projects is working on a virtual performance, but they need to get the word out to the communities that they are still ready, willing and able to perform even though it may be on a virtual platform. Cisneros added "Without an income these next few months, it erases our seed money that we would normally use to build our next season and growth on."

As one form of bringing in much needed seed money, the troupe is trying to raise \$20,000. In a moment of levity Cisneros told them that if they could raise \$10,000 he would shave his head. Apparently that is all it took to get the teens in money making mode, and within a 24 hour period have brought in quite a bit. Hews Media Group jumped on that band wagon and will be present to film and document in photographs, that most auspicious day when Cisneros, who says his hair has grown quite long [even sporting some curly front locks], will have his head shaved.

"We would greatly appreciate the financial support of all the communities that we have had the pleasure of serving these many years," added Cisneros.

If you would like to contribute and see Phantom Projects continue to thrive, please go to Venmo @phantomprojects

LA MIRADA'S PHANTOM PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP



STEVE CISNEROS with members of his Phantom Troupe. Phantom, which presents an entire season of theatre aimed specifically at teen audiences, has lost all revenue due to the pandemic.




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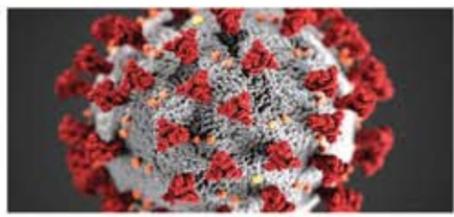
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**BY LOREN KOPFF
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While the world is going through a global pandemic right now, there's a very good reason why Dwayne Washington is all smiles. The former Gahr High wide receiver and University of Washington running back recently signed a free agent contract to remain with the New Orleans Saints.

Washington's previous two-year contract expired immediately after the 2019 season had ended and two weeks after he was offered a new contract, he re-signed a one-year contract for \$1.3 million to stay with New Orleans on April 9. Washington also had talks with a couple of organizations to see what the best offer was for he and his family. San Francisco and Tennessee were among the organizations he had spoken with and had made offers. But in the end, he knew the Crescent City was the right fit.

"It came down to a decision that was best for me and my family," Washington said. "It's always nice to be back with the same organization. That's a great organization. It was the perfect choice to come back [to the Saints]; I thought it was the right situation and I feel that we're on the verge of taking it all the way. I want to be a part of that, which is another reason why I made that decision to stay with the same team that I've been with for two years."

Washington also said it was a perfect fit to stay in New Orleans because it is his comfort zone right now and that the Saints are a Super Bowl caliber team. He added that he would always keep in touch with his running backs coach during the offseason as well as his agent, Carter Chow.

Last season, Washington gained 60 yards on eight carries with a season-high three rushes against Arizona on Oct. 27 and again on Dec. 16 against Indianapolis. He also caught one pass for six yards, which came at Chicago on Oct. 20. In his first season with the Saints, Washington gained 154 yards on 27 carries. Washington was drafted by Detroit in 2016 and in two seasons with the Lions, he played in 17 games, starting two of them, rushed for 309 yards on 110 carries and scored his lone touchdown against at Indianapolis on Sept. 11, 2016. Washington also caught 12 passes for 76 yards with Detroit. Following his second season in the NFL, the Lions released Washington and he signed a two-year contract with the Saints for \$1.3 million.

"It's just a new start somewhere

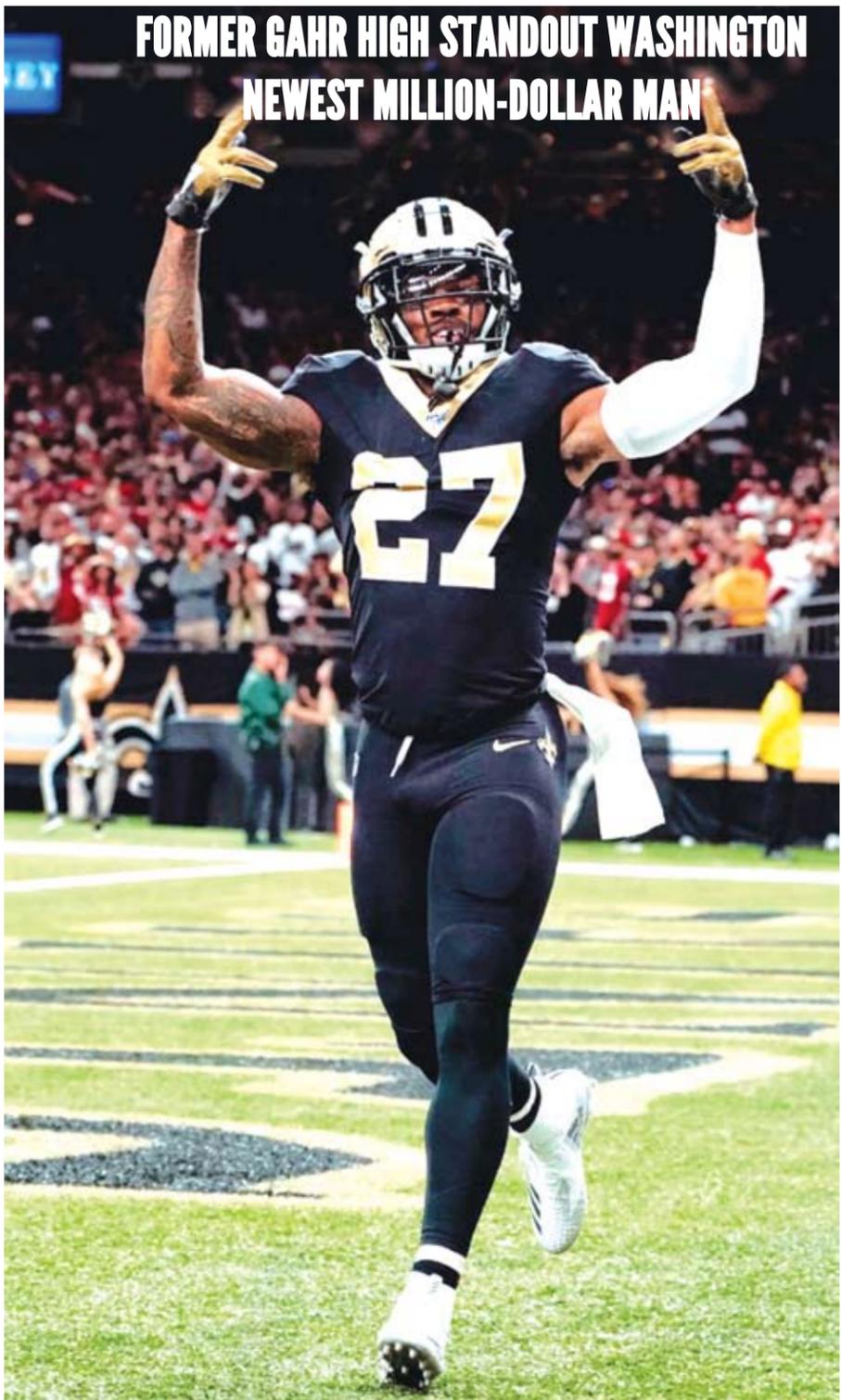


Photo New Orleans Saints

GAHR HIGH standout Dwayne Washington recently signed a lucrative contract with the New Orleans Saints.

else," Washington thought about changing teams. "I always knew the door would be open somewhere else. I just give that to the man upstairs for always keeping me on my feet and having me stay positive through times like that. When they didn't re-sign me, I knew there was another opportunity somewhere else.

"Every organization is just a little bit different," Washington later added. "But I just felt like I stepped into a new organization that wanted to use me on special teams and as a third back. Every team is different...but it's a business at

the end of the day." And it's a business that has given Washington a smile up to now because of the organization he is with. He comments on quarterback Drew Brees, whom he says is somebody you look up to on the football field and try to mimic his game a little bit.

"I think it just comes back to bringing more joy for the game," Washington said. "You actually know that with the team you're with, that you have a high chance of taking it all the way and become a Super Bowl champion. Just

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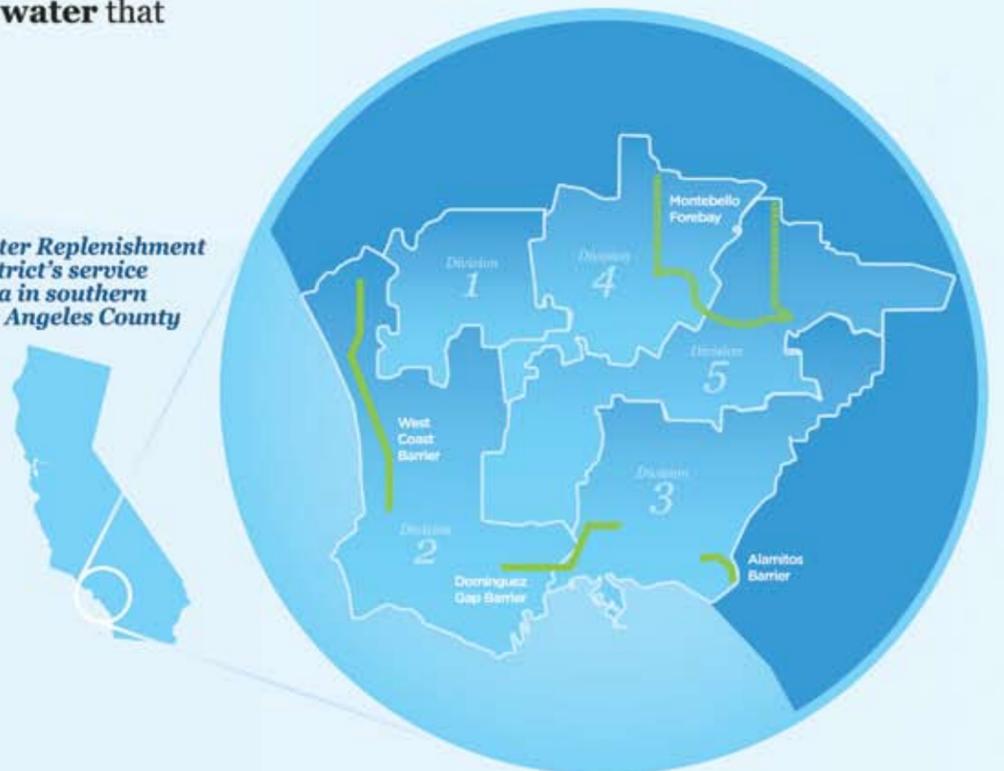
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**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 3.22 TO TITLE 3 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A 3/4 percent (3/4%) GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX, SAID TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.22 is hereby added to Title 3 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code to read as follows:

"TITLE 3 – REVENUE AND FINANCE

Chapter 3.22 – LOCAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX.

3.22.010. – Title. This Part shall be known as the Hawaiian Gardens Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The City of Hawaiian Gardens hereinafter shall be called "City." This Part shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

3.22.020. – Operative Date. "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the effective date of this Part, the effective date being as set forth below.

3.22.030. – Purpose. This Part is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code and § 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this tax chapter which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

3.22.040. – Contract with State. Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

3.22.050. – Transactions Tax Rate. For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 3/4 percent (3/4%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

3.22.060. – Place of Sale. For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

3.22.070. – Use Tax Rate. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 3/4 percent (3/4%) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

3.22.080. – Adoption of Provisions of State Law. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein.

3.22.090. – Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this chapter.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In §§ 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in § 6203 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code and in the definition of that phrase in § 6203.

3.22.100. – Permit Not Required. If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under § 6067 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this

ordinance.

3.22.110. – Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this section, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with § 4000) of Division 3 of the Cal. Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with § 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with § 9840) of the Cal. Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of paragraphs (B)(3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in §§ 6366 and 6366.1 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of paragraphs (C)(3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in paragraph (C)(7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with § 4000) of Division 3 of the Cal. Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with § 21411 of the Cal. Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with § 9840) of the Cal. Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

3.22.120. – Annual Audit. By no later than December 31 of each year, the City shall cause an independent auditor to complete a "Hawaiian Gardens Transactions and Use Tax Report." Such report shall review whether the tax revenues collected pursuant to this ordinance are collected, managed and expended in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

3.22.130. – Amendments. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this chapter.

3.22.140. – Enjoining Collection Forbidden. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3.22.150. – Duration of Tax.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this ordinance shall continue until this ordinance is repealed."

Section 2: Pursuant to California Constitution, Article XIII, Section 2(b) and Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9, this ordinance was approved for placement on the ballot by a unanimous affirmative vote of the City Council all members of the City Council on November 19, 2019.

Section 3: Once the City Council certifies passage of this ordinance by the voters, the City Clerk shall publish the same as required by applicable law, and forward a copy of the adopted ordinance to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Section 4: If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council, and the electorate by initiative, do hereby declare that they would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one

or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, parts or portions thereof, be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5: Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, this ordinance shall be deemed adopted and become effective only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the City of Hawaiian Gardens voting thereon, at an election to be held on March 3, 2020, and shall take effect ten (10) days after the City Council has certified the results of that election by resolution.

Section 6: The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this ordinance by signing where indicated below.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2020.

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

/s/ _____
 JESSE ALVARADO
 MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
 LUCIE COLOMBO, CMC
 CITY CLERK

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
 CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
 CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS)

I, Lucie Colombo, CMC, CPMC, City Clerk of the City of Hawaiian Gardens, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 592, was ADOPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 3, 2020, as reflected and approved by Resolution No. 022-2020 reciting the facts of the Election as certified by the City and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Certificate of Canvass, and said Ordinance No. 592 (Measure HG) has been duly signed by Mayor Jesse Alvarado and attested by the City Clerk.

 LUCIE COLOMBO, CMC
 CITY CLERK/RECORDS MANAGER

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WASHINGTON
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to be on this team... I feel a Super Bowl is bound to happen."

With the NFL Draft on the horizon, this would be the time that teams would be going through organized training activities and mini camps. But the COVID-19 situation has curtailed those plans for now. The New Orleans Saints organization hasn't said much to the players other than to take care of their families. Washington, who lives in Lake Elsinore, thinks all of this will come around as soon as the draft is over.

He has a little gym set up at his house, and while no target date has been set by the Saints as to when players can head back to the Big Easy, Washington is hopeful the season will start on time. Some of his workouts have been with Philadelphia Eagles tight end Josh Perkins, a former high school and college teammate

"For me, just through all of this, I've been staying at home," Washington said. "I have two little kids of my own, so I don't want them to get sick through all of this or just bring anything into my home. So, I'm just staying home and finding ways to work out.

"Josh has been one of my workout buddies," Washington later said. "We've been seeing each other a lot nowadays, especially now that all this stuff has kind of brought us closer to find ways to working out. We went to middle school together. He's one of my best friends. We've been kind of doing this football thing for a long time. We just find ways to motivate each other or push each other. Football has brought us close."

Perkins was signed by the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent in 2016 and after one year there, the Eagles signed him before the 2018 season began.



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**DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORK PLAN
LEFIELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY
SANTA FE SPRING, CALIFORNIA 90670**

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED: DTSC is proposing to approve a draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) and a draft Negative Declaration (CEQA) prepared for the LeFiell Manufacturing Company Facility. The RAW proposes remediation of soil, soil vapor and groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to eliminate or reduce the risk to human health of site workers and the environment (groundwater). The RAW proposes to use air sparging and soil vapor extraction. The LeFiell Site is comprised of three parcels of land located at 13700, 13750, and 13770 Firestone Boulevard, in an industrial area of Santa Fe Springs, in the south portion of Los Angeles County, California. Although the entire LeFiell site covers approximately 9.5 acres, the LeFiell operations cover the northern 7.5 acres. The southeastern 2 acres are operated separately as Avis Car Rental/Budget Truck Rental facility. The LeFiell Site is bordered by Firestone Boulevard and Marquard Avenue (with Interstate Highway 5, I-5 or Santa Ana Freeway, immediately beyond) to the northeast, Alondra Boulevard to the south, and by the Union Pacific Railroad to the southwest. Since 2004, the LeFiell site has been the subject of various environmental investigations, which have identified the presence of VOCs in the soil, soil gas, and groundwater. These investigations identified two areas of concern at the site necessitating cleanup:

Building F: Tetrachloroethene (PCE) and 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA) have previously been used in the former vapor degreaser.

Building H: An area near the currently operating parts cleaner, which uses trichloroethene (TCE), and an area near the former hydraulic press (referred to as Rujak press) were investigated. Historically, PCE was also used in Building H.

How to Submit Comments: You can submit written comments during the 30-day public comment period beginning **April 28, 2020 and closing on May 28, 2020**. Please direct all written comments by mail, e-mail or fax by **no later than May 28, 2020** to:

Mr. Tajinder Gill, Project Manager, Hazardous Substances Engineer
9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311, Phone: (818) 717-6586; Fax: (818) 717-6515, Email: Tajinder.Gill@dtsc.ca.gov
Elsa Lopez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (818) 717-6566 Elsa.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? Due to the current situation regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the LeFiell Manufacturing Company RAW and other Site documents will only be available for review electronically on EnviroStor at: https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60001240
Hard copies will only be made available for review by appointment, and only at the DTSC Chatsworth Office by calling (818) 717-6500 for an appointment.

Hearing impaired individuals may use the California Relay Service at 711 or 800-735-2929 TTY/VCO/HDO to voice. Additional information on DTSC sites can be found through our EnviroStor.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FREDERICK SCHORR

Case No. 20STPB02836

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FREDERICK SCHORR

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Richard Norene in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Richard Norene be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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 on April 27, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 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.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE – CITY OF CERRITOS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted **Ordinance No. 1032, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS TO ALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERRITOS ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES WITH THE CITY'S EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CYCLE BY AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.15 AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2.16.030, 2.18.030, AND 2.22.030 AND AMENDING TITLE 6 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 6.20.050 AND REPEALING SECTIONS 6.20.050(C), 6.20.050(D), and 6.20.050(E)** WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Cerritos Ordinance No. 1019, the date of the General Municipal Election for the City of Cerritos is fixed as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each even-numbered year commencing with the March 3, 2020 California Statewide Primary; and, WHEREAS, City of Cerritos Advisory Boards, Commission, and Committee two-year terms of office are set to align with the City's General Municipal Election cycle; and, WHEREAS, the City of Cerritos Municipal Code requires amendment to reflect the new even-numbered year General Municipal Election Cycle as related to the terms of office for City of Cerritos Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees, **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1.** Title 2 of the Cerritos Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 2.15 to read as follows: 2.15 Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees 2.15.010 Terms of office (a) All City Council appointments to City of Cerritos Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees shall be for a term of two years commencing on the 1st day of the month after the Annual Mayoral Transition conducted in even-numbered years to coincide with the City's General Municipal Election cycle; or shall expire earlier if the Councilmember making the appointment ceases to hold office as a member of the Cerritos City Council. Persons appointed may be removed by action of the Councilmember making the appointment, subject to approval by the City Council or by a majority vote of the City Council. Appointments may be extended pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; (b) The term of any regular member of any City of Cerritos Advisory Board, Commission, or Committee is automatically extended for not more than ninety days pending the qualification of his or her successor; and (c) If a vacancy shall occur otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Such appointment shall be made by the Councilmember making the original appointment, with the approval of the City Council. **SECTION 2.** Section 2.16.030 of Chapter 2.16 of the Cerritos Municipal Code related to the Planning Commission is hereby repealed. **SECTION 3.** Section 2.18.030 of Chapter 2.18 of the Cerritos Municipal Code related to the Parks and Recreation Commission is hereby repealed. **SECTION 4.** Section 2.22.030 of Chapter 2.22 of the Cerritos Municipal Code related to the Economic Development Commission is hereby repealed. **SECTION 5.** Section 6.20.050 of Chapter 6.20 of the Cerritos Municipal Code related to the Property Preservation Commission is hereby amended as follows by repealing Sections 6.20.050(c), 6.20.050(d), and 6.20.050(e) and adjusting the hierarchical outline of Section 6.20.050: 6.20.050 Cerritos Property Preservation Commission (a) The Cerritos Property Preservation Commission of the City of Cerritos, California, is created and established. (b) The commission shall consist of five members who are qualified to pass on matters pertaining to substandard buildings and property. Each Councilmember shall appoint one commissioner subject to approval by the City Council. In addition to the five appointed members of the commission, the Director of Community and Safety Services or his or her designated representative shall be an ex officio nonvoting member and shall act as secretary. (c) Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this chapter, any member who absents himself from any three consecutive regular meetings of the commission, unless excused from such attendance by consent of the commission expressed by action of record in its minutes or who is absent from a total of five regular meetings of the commission in any six month period without such consent of the commission so expressed of record, shall automatically forfeit his or her position or office as a member of the commission, and the name of such person shall be automatically removed from the membership of the commission immediately after the adjournment of any such third consecutive meeting or of any such fifth meeting in any such six month period, as the case may be, at which such member has not appeared. The chairperson or the secretary of the commission shall thereupon promptly notify the city council, and any such person so ceasing to be such member of such fact; whereupon the vacancy so created shall be filled by appointment. (d) The commission shall have no power or authority to bind or obligate the city or any officer or department thereof for any money, debt, undertaking or obligation of any kind in excess of the appropriations which the city council may have made for the purpose of the commission in any fiscal year. (e) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or by law, the commission shall have power to and shall provide for its own organization; shall adopt rules and regulations for the transaction of business before it; shall keep proper records of its official acts and proceedings; and shall designate the time and place for the regular monthly meeting or meetings of the commission; provided, that regular meetings of the commission shall be held on the last Monday of each month at seven-thirty p.m. at the city hall or such other time and location as the commission may by resolution provide. (f) Members shall be paid such compensation as the city council may by resolution from time to time provide. **SECTION 6.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be posted as required. **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of April, 2020. State of California, County of Los Angeles, ss., City of Cerritos, I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 1032** was introduced for first reading on March 12, 2020. Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on April 9, 2020, by the following vote: AYES: Edwards, Hu, Yokoyama, Vo, Solanki, NOES: None, /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer, DATED: April 9, 2020

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**GENEVA BEATRICE CASH
CASE NO. 20STPB02031**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GENEVA BEATRICE CASH.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ALLEN L. PAYTON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ALLEN L. PAYTON 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. (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: 07/21/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 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.

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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.

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TESTING SITE

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ing structure of the Bellflower Civic Center located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706.

The site was developed through a joint effort between the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, and the City of Bellflower.

“It’s crucial that our region and Bellflower get a clear picture of how many people are COVID-19 positive, and peace of mind for those that are not,” said Bellflower Mayor Juan Garza. “Our City is proud to host this site in collaboration with Supervisor Janice Hahn, the LA County Fire Department and the LA County Department of Public Health in order to save lives.”

“Thank you to the City of Bellflower

and the County of Los Angeles for partnering to open this much needed testing site in Southeast Los Angeles County. The Southeast has some of the worst air quality and many environmental hazards like lead in the country. We know this is exacerbating the health problems associated with COVID-19. I’m happy that, together, we will be able to ensure that people in the Southeast have access to drive-through testing and that more facilities and resources will continue to be extending in this region,” said Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

The Bellflower drive-up testing site is one of 27 testing sites launched by the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles in recent weeks.

If you are experiencing symptoms, you can make an appointment for a test at

<https://lacovidprod.service-now.com/rrs>

MUSD

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The writ of mandate was filed by the Tafoya Law Group, Robert Tafoya and Anthony Willoughby II.

MUSD uses the Merit System which governs classified school personnel, insuring that employees are selected, promoted, and retained without favoritism or prejudice, on the basis of merit and fitness.

In California, and at the MUSD, the Merit System is administered by the Personnel Commission, an independent body composed of three persons appointed for three-year staggered terms.

The Legislature passed the merit system to prevent school boards from interfering with both the functioning of the Personnel Commission and with classified employees of the Personnel Commission as well.

Under state law, Personnel Commissions operate wholly independent and are expressly exempted from board supervision, and the supervision of personnel commission staff is expressly within the control of the personnel commission itself.

Demian was the individual tasked with carrying out the actions of the Commission, including the administrative, financial, and management accountability for classified employees.

The complaint alleges that Superintendent Martinez and the Board wanted to get rid of Demian “so that it may return to its improper practices of the past without any check or balance from the Commission.”

On January 28, 2020, the Commission appointed Demian to the position of Director of Classified Human Resources.

Within a month, Demian began to discover “issues” which required immediate attention.

Demian presented these issues by email to Superintendent Martinez on February 20, 2020 but did not receive

a response, so he went to the Board on February 24, 2020.

Among other things, Demian stated that staff members were being placed into eliminated classifications; the Commission’s Classified Human Resources was not being consulted on issues related to classified employees; and that the board had committed repeated violations of Fair Employment Standards Act as to school officers and management positions.

The retaliation started soon thereafter perpetrated by Director of Human Resources Jose Alarcon and Assistant Superintendent Allison Garland.

Only days after the presentation the two handed Demian termination papers saying he had been terminated by Superintendent Anthony Martinez.

Demian told Alarcon and Garland that he could not be fired under state law but that did not stop them. The two demanded that he immediately leave the premises and followed him into his office asking for his keys.

Demian testified that he resisted, and alleged Garland said she would call the police and have him escorted off the premises, so he left.

At the next meeting the commission attempted to reinstall Demian as Director of Classified Human Resources but when he went back to work he learned that Superintendent Martinez had taken his keys to the Commission offices.

He also discovered that he had been locked out of his email account.

Demian proceeded to draft a letter to be delivered to Garland requesting that all those involved in his illegal termination refrain and return both the keys and access to Demian’s accounts.

An hour later, the Montebello Police arrived to remove Demian from the premises.

The complaint contends that “it is well-established law that the governing school board has no authority over the personnel commission,” and cited many precedent cases and the California Education Code.

That part of the code states that “[n]o governing board shall remove a position from the classified service by title assignment or otherwise which would then require an incumbent to be credentialed if such position is not required by this code to be designated as certified.”

Tafoya and Willoughby wrote, “Despite this complete lack of authority, the MUSD has taken it upon themselves to physically and forcefully remove Demian from his position as Director of Classified Human Resources...and are attempting what can only be described as a hostile take-over of the Commission.”

The result of the retaliation has placed Demian in a precarious financial position.

“Demian has rent and other bills which remain unpaid, failure to pay will lead to his removal from his home. He also has personal health issues for which he now cannot afford to continue treatment on his own. His health insurance is directly funded by his employment at MUSD and he cannot afford health insurance otherwise.”

The writ asked for an injunction and restraining order to prevent any further actions including removing Demian from school grounds and preventing him from carrying out his duties.

It also demanded a reinstatement of Demian to his position with back pay and benefits and all applicable access to property.

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA**

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct public hearing pertaining to the item(s) listed below:

<p>HEARING BODY: DATE OF HEARING: TIME OF HEARING: LOCATION OF HEARING:</p>	<p>Hawaiian Gardens City Council April 28, 2020 6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter. City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716</p> <p>Virtual Teleconference Video Meeting Only</p>
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PUBLIC HEARING: **Cases PLNG2019-0096-Minor Use Permit (Operation of a Fitness Facility) and PLNG2020-0019-Minor Use Permit (Parking Reduction).** The City of Hawaiian Gardens City Council will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of appealing and reconsidering the Planning Commission decision of the above described entitlements. A Minor Use Permit to allow the operation of a 17,640 square foot fitness training facility and a Minor Use Permit to reduce the required on-site parking for the shopping center (from 492 to 380 spaces) in conjunction with the proposed fitness facility (MetroFlex Gym). The subject business is located at 12551 Carson Street, in the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

The proposed project is Categorically Exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities) of the CEQA guidelines. Categorical Exemptions are projects, which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and have been exempted from the requirements of the CEQA statutes. Class 1 include projects that involve no or negligible expansion of the existing structure and use. It is staff’s determination that the proposed project is occurring within an existing tenant space; thereby the project qualifies for this exemption.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD

****DUE TO THE EVOLVING SITUATION WITH THE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND HEALTH ORDERS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL MEETING SHALL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC REMOTELY****

The general public cannot attend the meeting in the Council Chambers due to various State and County orders and restrictions, including but not limited to social distancing requirements. The meeting can be viewed via various platforms as follows:

- City of Hawaiian Gardens local cable/channel:
- ATT - 99
 - FRONTIER - 16
 - SPECTRUM – 36

Live Stream via City website at: www.hgcity.org

FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, IT IS ADVISED TO SUBMIT USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- **Via E-Comment** on the City of Hawaiian Gardens website. A person may leave a written comment to be read during the Public Hearing public comment section. A person wishing to speak telephonically MUST provide a phone number and will receive a call back during the Public Hearing public comment section of the meeting E-comments are preferred.
- **Via Phone Voice Message for Call-Back:** A person may also leave a voice message and provide name and phone number to receive a call back during the Public Hearing public comment section. Contact: 562.420-2641 ext. 251.
- All E-Comments and Phone Voice Messages must be submitted by no later than **Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 5:30PM**
- **Written correspondence** may be delivered to the City Hall Drop Box and must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.
- Comments received via email prior before 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting will become part of the official meeting record. You must provide your full name, but please do not provide any other personal information (i.e. phone numbers, addresses, etc) that you do not want to be published. Please send electronic comments to knguyen@hgcity.org
- Please reference the hearing title and date of hearing in any written correspondence.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641.

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Community Development Director

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Many local eateries remain open for take-out, curbside p/u, or delivery. Support your local eatery! Also essential service co’s are still open! Remember if you must shop, necessities only. Those over 65 are advised to stay home.



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