



## La Palma Mayor Shanahan Delivers ‘State of City Address’

By Rico Dizon

La Palma Mayor Steve Shanahan delivered the communities annual “State of the City” address this past week by reminding residents, civic and business that “Building a Brighter Future for La Palma” takes effort and cooperation from everyone.

To make his point, Shanahan presented a mini flash light with a tag that read, “Here’s to your bright future.”

Shanahan began his comments by standing in front of an image of the “La Palma Eternal Flame” that sits in front of the civic center and told those in attendance that “the torch burns continuously since it was put there in 1972 and the past generations are those who sacrificed to keep La Palma the City of Vision.”

Shanahan delivered praises to “the great partnerships” between the local government and private businesses that helped the City “stand on its feet even with the recession and loss of redevelopment dollars three years ago.”

Among the partners he singled out was the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, where the location of the address took place. The mayor stressed that the CJPIA is one of the biggest sub-district

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## Gangs Out of Downey G.O.O.D. for the Community

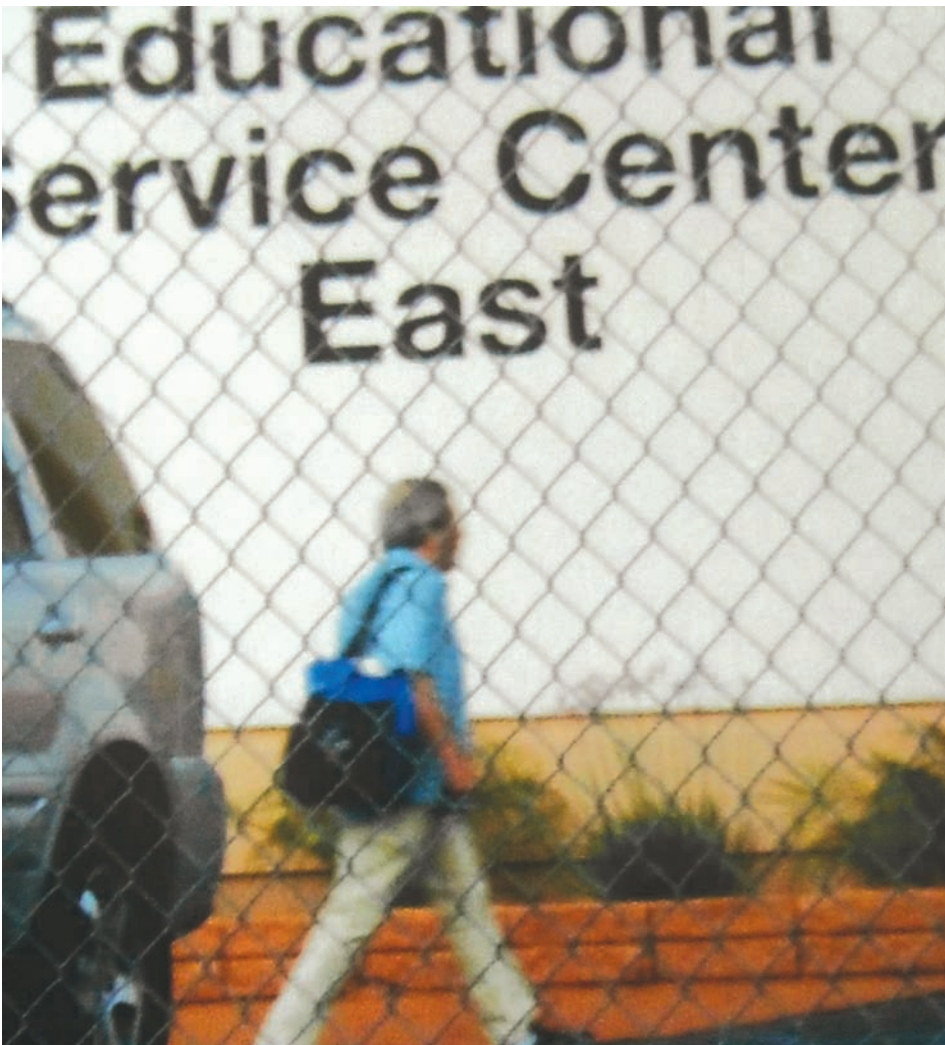
By Tammye McDuff

Gangs Out of Downey [G.O.O.D.] was created with support from Downey Unified School District and the Downey Police Department to provide ‘at risk’ youth an environment of addressing the ramifications of good and bad decisions.

In the late 1980’s, Downey began to see an increase in gang related activity. The surrounding cities were beginning to have a difficult time with gang affiliations. With the help of local businessman Phil

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## ‘Teacher Jail’ Assignment Prompts Central Basin Director Roybal to Request Change of Board Meetings



Central Basin Municipal Water Director James Roybal is seen entering the LAUSD Educational Service Center East this week, better known as “Teacher Jail.” If a teacher is in jail, they can not have a second job. HMG-CN through a public records request reported months before any other media outlet that Roybal was in teacher jail and was earning money by going to Central Basin meetings after his visit to teacher jail. The LAUSD Office of Inspector General is now investigating Roybal.

By Brian Hews and Randy Economy

**Request to move Board Meetings is attempt to finally comply with LAUSD Teacher Jail rules.**

Virtually admitting that he is in LAUSD Teacher Jail, combined with the exclusive story published by HMG-CN that he is under investigation by the Office of Inspector General of the LAUSD for violating teacher jail policy several months ago, Central Basin Director James Roybal has requested the agency move their Board Meetings to 3 p.m. from the long-time traditional 10 a.m. time period.

The move is unprecedented and an attempt by Roybal to circumvent his assignment to Teacher Jail.

Beginning in the mid 90’s, teachers accused of misconduct have been removed from their teaching assignments and held in district offices while administrators and law enforcement agencies investigate allegations.

The process typically drags on for months, with teachers collecting their full pay – an average of \$6,000 a month, plus benefits – until they’re returned to work or fired.

Under written rules, teachers in jail are to check in at a designated location every day for 2 hours and then go back to their home. They are not to seek a second job, take a day trip, or enjoy outside entertainment. Failure to follow these rules will lead to disciplinary action.

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## Hit and Run Pursuit in Cerritos Results in Arrest of Suspect

By Randy Economy

Cerritos Sheriff Deputies swung into action on Wednesday at around 12:38 p.m. after they received a call of a hit and run traffic collision that had just occurred at the intersection of 166th Street and Bloomfield Avenue.

As the deputies responded, additional information of the hit and run traffic collision indicated that a local citizen was chasing the fleeing suspect, who was running away from the scene.

Further information on the call revealed the fleeing suspect had carjacked a female adult while she sat inside her vehicle at a nearby parking lot.

Responding LASD deputies observed the vehicle traveling eastbound on Moore Street from Carmenita Road. As the sus-

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**HMG-CN Exclusive:**

## Central Basin Water Candidate Stinnett Denies Demotion

By Brian Hews and Randy Economy

Jason Stinnett, who is running for election for the Division 3 Seat on the Central Basin Municipal Water District has denied he was demoted from his Commerce city job.

Last week, Hews Media Group-Community News confirmed through a public records request that Stinnett, was demoted from the position of Public Information Officer in the City of Commerce to a Media Specialist back in November 2013.

Stinnett objected to the word “demotion.”

HMG-CN has reported in the past number of months that the controversial Stinnett has been attending Central Basin Board Meetings during regular working hours.

In light of that, HMG-CN requested the pay stubs for Stinnett from January 2013 to the present under the Freedom of Informa-

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