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NEW CENTRAL BASIN WATER BOARD OUSTS PHIL HAWKINS AS PRESIDENT

By Brian Hews



Wasting no time with their agenda, William Gedney, Mark Grajeda and John Oskoui, the three new Central Basin Water District Board members (CB) appointed last Wednesday, have sided and allied themselves with Directors Leticia Vasquez and Bob

Apodaca and have voted to throw the operations of the embattled water agency into questionable territory once again.

After only one month at the position, they removed President Phil Hawkins.

The move has many questioning the motives of Gedney, Grajeda, and Oskoui who were appointed to the Board per the "mandate" of AB 1794, authored by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Downey).

Vasquez is a "party plaintiff" in a whistleblower lawsuit against Central Basin that has cost the agency hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend. And, as documented by HMG-CN, Vasquez has a very checkered past since her election in 2012.

Apodaca recently had to settle a sexual harassment lawsuit that cost the district over \$1 million dollars after legal fees were factored in. HMG-CN also exclusively reported that Apodaca's common law wife was paid \$10,000 for "floral arrangements" provided at special events.

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Serving Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Palma, Norwalk, and Pico Rivera • 86,000 Homes Every Friday • March 3, 2017 • Vol 31, No **ST. IRENAEUS' SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE HELPS** CHILDREN IN GHANA, AFRICA



Elementary students in the tiny village of Vea received 80 boxes of school supplies from St. Irenaeus parish in Cypress. Fr. Rudy Alumam is priest from a diocese in Ghana, Africa who led the effort. Photo by Edna Ethington.

By Edna Ethington and Brian Hews

Fr. Rudy Alumam is priest from a diocese in Ghana, Africa, who is currently serving as a Parochial Vicar at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress, California.

Fr. Rudy came to St. Irenaeus in July of 2015 through a special partnership with the Diocese in Ghana and the Diocese of Orange; he will be serving parishioners of St. Irenaeus until 2019.

Fr. Rudy is from a tiny impoverished village in Ghana called Vea, with an equally impoverished school system.

The Vea school system has 100 students in pre-school, 1,000 students in two elementary schools, and 250 students in middle school.

High school students have to travel to other towns for their classes.

Most families are too poor to provide school supplies, and often the children

come to school without breakfast. Parents are mostly agriculture farmers and struggle to feed their families.

Fr. Rudy wanted to help provide students in Vea with school supplies so they would have the tools necessary to improve their education hoping that by improving the student's education, they would have better opportunities in the future.

Armed with that passion, Fr. Rudy conducted a Ghana School Supplies Drive for two weekends at St. Irenaeus.

Father Rudy's wish list was extensive; college ruled spiral bound notebooks, college ruled composition note books, pens, pencils, crayons, coloring books, backpacks, scientific calculators, lightly used or new shoes, sandals, t-shirts, summer clothes, soccer balls and monetary donations for shipment.

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HMG-CN INVESTIGATION **DARK MONEY DONATIONS AFFECTING LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL RACE**

By Brian Hews

Campaign documents obtained by Hews Media Group-La Mirada Lamplighter from the La Mirada City Clerk's office show that large sums of obscure campaign monies have been given to a questionable committee to influence the normally tranquil La Mirada City Council race.

In addition, District 1 candidate Diane Gramajo took large donations from two well-known local elected officials in the

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LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL **CAMPAIGN EMBROILED IN CONTROVERSY AND POSSIBLE ILLEGAL** COORDINATION

By Brian Hews

The normally tranquil La Mirada City Council campaign has turned into a gloves off affair and residents are not happy about

Investigations by Hews Media Group-La Mirada Lamplighter reported online Monday (in print above this story) about dark money donations to an obscure committee called Residents for a Better La Mirada (RBLM) that is attempting to

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KNABE HONORED BY GOODWILL AT ANNUAL EVENT



Former Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe (second, right) is pictured receiving his Community Leader of the Year award while standing with (from left) Janet McCarthy, Goodwill SOLAC President and CEO; Harry Saltzgaver, Goodwill SOLAC Board Chair; and event host Pat Prescott.

Staff Report

Former Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and individuals who've transformed their lives through Goodwill's job programs were honored last Wednesday at the "Celebrate the Power of Work" Awards Dinner presented by Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC).

The awards event is held each year to honor a deserving community leader as well as inspiring individuals who now lead successful careers after graduating from Goodwill job programs. In addition, Goodwill awarded its Employee of the Year at this event.

Radio personality Pat Prescott of 94.7 The Wave hosted the awards dinner, which was held at the Hyatt Long Beach Hotel in the Shoreline Village area of downtown Long Beach. The event also recognized Goodwill's Employer of the Year and Community Partner of the Year for their role in hiring Goodwill job program graduates.

Knabe received Goodwill's Community Leader of the Year award for the two decades he spent as a beloved Supervisor for the County's Fourth District that oversees more than two million constituents. Throughout his many years as a community leader, Knabe was respected for the strength of his grassroots support and considerable experience in local government that made him a highly regarded voice, not only at home in the Fourth District, but also in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. He served as a regional leader for the environment, transportation and the arts, and he was known as a national leader on the issue of child sex trafficking. In 2001, Knabe established the County's Safe Surrender Program that has saved 150 babies since its inception.

Two participants of Goodwill's job programs were honored at the awards event for turning around their lives through their transformative careers. These award recipients were: Brenda Peters, Graduate of the Year, and Jose Pulido, Achiever of the Year. Kip Sattergren was honored as Goodwill's Employee of the Year.

The Employer of the Year award was presented to SMG Long Beach for its commitment to providing hiring opportunities to students participating in Goodwill's Career Services for the Culinary Arts Program at Cerritos College and Long Beach City College. Renaissance Long Beach Hotel received the Community Partner of the Year award for its role in providing career-track opportunities to graduates of Goodwill's Loss Prevention Training Program.

The awards event received a broad level of sponsorship support from the local business and civic community. The event's Diamond Sponsors were Frank and Lisa Chapman; the Platinum Sponsor was the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; and the Gold Sponsor was Executive Control Insurance Services. These and the other event sponsors can be viewed here: www.ThinkGood.org/ PowerOfWork/

GRAND OPENING AT LA PALMA CENTERPOINTE

Vote Grace Hu Cerritos City Council

Cerritos is a great place to raise a family. We enjoy safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and reliable city services.

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Grace Hu

I bring a much needed "business perspective" to the City Council, I will balance our budget <u>without</u> raising taxes or making cuts to our Sheriff and Fire Departments. I will review city spending and advocate to eliminate government waste and inefficiencies.

My community service includes being elected to the Cerritos City Council from 1992 to 2001. I served as Cerritos Mayor in 1995 & 2000. During this time, I was a strong advocate to build a state-of-the-art Sheriff's Sub Station, approved affordable highquality and independent senior living housing developments, expanded the Cerritos Town Center, and launched many cultural initiatives.

Together, we can keep Cerritos a great place to live, work and enjoy life.

I humbly ask for your vote on April 11th to bring City finances under control and preserve our quality of life in Cerritos. Paid for by Grace Hu for Cerritos City Council 2017 P.O. Box 3901 Cerritos, CA 90703 FPPC#1393615



Dear Cerritos Residents,

With my wife Wendy Sung-Hee Ha Yokoyama and our two children, I am running so your voice will be heard by Cerritos City Hall. As your next Councilmember, I will serve and represent all of you. I promise leadership that is **transparent**, **ethical** and **fiscally responsible**.





A new Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches opened at 30 Centerpointe Drive, La Palma last week. From (I-r) La Palma City Council member Peter Kim, La Palma City Council member Marshall Goodman, General Manager Bryce Batton, Store Owner Jesse Raynes, Area manager Sharon Schifino-Gray, La Palma Mayor Michele Steggell, and La Palma City Council member Gerard Goedhart. I am a Cerritos attorney, businessman, and youth sports coach. I graduated from Harvard Law School, UC Berkeley Business School, and local ABC Schools.

I will:

- keep Cerritos safe
- protect City services and programs
- fix our City's budget
- fix our streets, sidewalks, trees and parks.

I humbly ask for your vote.

Frank Aurelio Yokoyama, Esq.

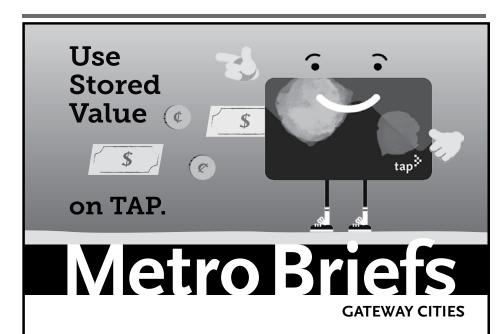
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I WILL KEEP CERRITOS SAFE.

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On Thursday, Feb. 23, Board President Chris Apodaca and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu attended the California Middle Grades Alliance's Annual Luncheon where State Superintendent Tom Torlakson recognized superintendents and board presidents of the award winning schools. Camille Lewsis, Principal of Haskell Middle School along with Jose Toreces, Dean, Eric Guiterrez and Robert Garcia were honored at the Schools to Watch Luncheon.



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Metro Seeks Input on 2018 Fiscal Year Budget

Metro's annual budget sets transportation priorities across LA County for the coming year. Metro will gather comments on the 2018 fiscal year budget at the Regional Service Council Meetings in March and May, and a public hearing on May 17th, before formal adoption by the Board of Directors. For meeting information or to provide your comments, go to *metro.net/budgetcomments*.

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ABC SCHOOLS SELECTED AS A SCHOOLS TO WATCH MODEL MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Staff Report

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced that eleven high performing California middle schools have been newly designated as model middle grades schools in the Schools to Watch-Taking Center (STW-TCS) Stage Program. Haskell Middle School in the ABC Unified School District was one of the eleven newly designated STW-TCS model middle schools. Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS are redesignated STW-TCS schools.

The Schools to Watch-Taking Center Stage program is sponsored by the California League of Middle Schools and the California Department of Education in partnership with the California Middle Grades Alliance. On Thursday, Feb. 23, Board President Chris Apodaca and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu attended the California Middle Grades Alliance's Annual Luncheon where State Superintendent Tom Torlakson recognized superintendents and board presidents of the award winning schools. Camille Lewsis, Principal of Haskell Middle School along with Jose Toreces, Dean, Eric Guiterrez and Robert Garcia were honored at the Schools to Watch Luncheon. In addition, Superintendent Torlakson also announced that the sustained progress of 19 previously Schools to Watch schools allowed them to retain their designation that included Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS.

The Haskell Team joined by President Apodaca and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu were acknowledged on the State Senate Floor by State Senator Tony Mendoza at the Capitol prior to the Luncheon. They also paid visits to the Speaker of the House Assemblymember Anthony Rendon and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia during their Capitol tour.

Haskell MS, Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS were recognized with a beautiful plaque as part of the California League of Middle Schools Conference on Friday, Feb. 24. Haskell MS Principal Camille Lewis, Carmenita MS Principal Robert Castillo, Tetzlaff MS Principal Kester Song and selected teachers from each school were recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

The Schools to Watch—Taking Center Stage grades schools are high performing model schools that demonstrate academic excellence, responsiveness to the needs of young adolescents and social equity. These schools host visitors from California and around the world who are looking to learn practices they can use to improve their middle grades schools and close the achievement gap. Schools must complete an extensive application that is reviewed by middle grades experts. A validation visit is conducted at the school site at the end of fall. In order to retain their designation, each school must be reevaluated every three years.

Haskell MS, Carmenita MS, and Tetzlaff MS will also be honored at the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades in Washington, DC at the end of June. ABCUSD is only one of two school districts in California where every middle school has been selected as a Schools to Watch. Both Fedde MS and Ross MS are also Schools to Watch/National Model Middle Schools.





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GRACE HU OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES RUN FOR CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL

By Larry Caballero

Friends and supporters continued to pour into the Shadow Park Community Center Feb. 25 to congratulate former Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu as she officially Cerritos City Council for eight years, so she won't have any learning curve. She'll be ready to hit the ground running," said Needham.

Rabbit agreed that her experience is needed more than ever on the council



Showing enthusiastic support for Grace Hu for Cerritos City Council were former Cerritos Council persons and Mayors Barry Rabbit and Diana Needham, Cerritos College Trustee Dr. Shin Liu, ABC Board Member Soo Yoo, along with over 150 other supporters. Rabbit said, "I know Grace can do the job well and will help make Cerritos an even better place to live and raise our families."

announced her candidacy for Cerritos City Council.

Former Cerritos Mayors Diana Needham and Barry Rabbit spoke of their many years of friendship with Hu, and they both agreed that she was ready for the difficult challenges that lie ahead.

"Grace has already served on the

when serious budget decisions will have to be made. "I know Grace can do the job well and will help make Cerritos an even better place to live and raise our families," said Rabbit.

Cerritos City College Trustee Dr. Shin Liu agreed. "Whenever Cerritos College needs financial assistance, Grace is always ready to support us. She is a true friend of education," said Liu.

ABC School Board member Soo Yoo agreed. "Grace does not have to do this. She could stay home and enjoy her grandchildren, but she has chosen to come back to help out her community," said Yoo.

"I love this community," said Hu, "and I am heartbroken that Cerritos is spending more money than it has. I don't want to have to make budget cuts in public safety, road repairs, or programs for seniors and our youth."

The City is currently facing a \$6.5 million budget deficit, and Hu feels she has the knowledge and experience to help balance the budget without raising taxes or making cuts to the sheriff or fire departments.

"Cerritos is a great place to live and to raise a family," said Hu, "and I will do everything I can to see that it stays that way."

Hu served as Cerritos Mayor twice and was a strong advocate for the sheriff's sub station, the Cerritos Towne Center and numerous other developments while she served Cerritos.

"Our City used to be a land of plenty," said Hu. "For many years, we enjoyed surplus revenues year after year. Now for various reasons, we are facing a budget shortfall. We can do better, and we will do better."

Hu's platform includes strengthening law enforcement and fire protection, increasing city revenues, maintaining a balanced budget and providing a quality of life for all of the residents.

GARAMENDI'S BILL TO INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) introduced H. R. 1251, the CPI-E Act of 2017. This bill would make Social Security fairer to seniors by requiring the program to use the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) to calculate cost of living adjustments for retirement benefits. This would increase benefits and better ensure that cost of living adjustments in Social Security actually reflect the real rising costs for seniors and disabled people in America. From 1982 to 2011, CPI-E rose at an annual average rate of 3.1 percent, compared with 2.9 percent for the methods that are currently used. "Our senior and disabled citizens rely on Social Security benefits for a large portion of their income, and it's about time for Social Security benefits to reflect their lifestyles, " said Garamendi. "Using a Consumer Price Index that actually reflects how retirees spend their money - especially in health care - is a nobrainer that will increase benefits and make Social Security work better for the people it serves. " The legislation has already earned broad support, with 24 original cosponsorships and key support from leading advocacy groups and labor organizations. "Social Security Works applauds Rep. Garamendi for championing Social Security and sponsoring the CPI-E Act of 2017, " said Nancy Altman, Founding Co-Director of Social Security Works. "One of the most valuable features of Social Security is its inflation protection. By more accurately accounting for the costs faced by Social Security beneficiaries, this legislation better prevents the erosion over time of modest but vital earned benefits."

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A proud wife, mother, and grandmother, Margarita Rios has been a Norwalk homeowner for over 25 years. Raised by a single mother and grandparents who lived in Norwalk for over 50 years, she worked her way through college while raising a family. Margarita earned an Associates Degree at Cerritos College and a degree in criminal justice with a minor in psychology from Long Beach State. She was honored with the Jeannie Eisentraut award for outstanding female graduate of the Criminal Justice Department. A police officer with 18 years of law enforcement experience, Margarita is a police sergeant and has spent decades volunteering in our community and our schools.

MARGARITA RIOS IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR CITY COUNCIL



PUBLIC SAFETY EXPERIENCE

Margarita's training and experience have made her an expert on public safety, at-risk youth, and safe communities. During her nearly two decades of law enforcement experience, her assignments included criminal investigations, background investigator, and school resource officer.



MAKE GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENT

Open communication and transparency are key elements in helping the city to thrive. Margarita will continue to hold coffees and town halls, and maintain an open-door policy to address the community's concerns.



Margarita will collaborate with city staff and residents to strengthen city services to ensure residents' needs are being met. Gathering input from resident's will help Norwalk identify the most pressing issues.

STRENGTHEN THE NORWALK EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Our local schools and community groups are vital to Norwalk. Margarita's relationships with the school district and her experience on the school board will be a great asset to the City Council.





Paid for by and Margarita Rios for Norwalk City Council 2017 #139273..

DOWNEY REDUCES STORM WATER POLLUTION USING BOX FILTERS AND MINI BIO-RETENTION AREAS

Staff Report

Under Proposition 84, the City of Downey will be participating in a region-wide effort to reduce storm water pollution in our local waterways. Forty-three Low Impact Development [LID] treatment systems will be installed throughout eleven cities in the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, and Los Cerritos Channel watersheds.

The City has constructed a bioswale along Firestone Boulevard and will install four tree box filter systems near the intersections of Barlin Avenue and Cheyenne Street, Bixler Avenue and Prichard Street, Faust Avenue and Foster Road, and Pangborn Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

These streets are known to have high concentrations of metals.

These projects will begin under Proposition 84 Grant - the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

Prop 84 provides funds to the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$82 million for matching grants to local public agencies for the reduction and prevention of storm water contamination of rivers, lakes, and streams.

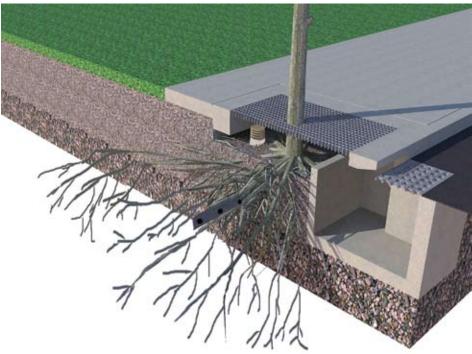
According to Urban Design Tools, the tree box filters are mini bio-retention areas installed beneath trees that control runoff.

The runoff is then directed to the tree box, where it is cleaned by vegetation and soil before entering a catch basin. The runoff collected in the tree-boxes helps irrigate the trees. The system consists of a container filled with a soil mixture, a mulch layer, under-drain system and a shrub or tree.

Storm water runoff drains directly from the surface through a filter media. Treated water flows out of the system through an under drain connected to a storm drainpipe / inlet or into the surrounding soil.

Through the \$82 million in funding through Prop 84, the Storm Water Grant Program was able to use approximately \$5.5 million [in grants] using Proposition 40 Urban Storm Water. Twenty-four implementation projects totaling approximately \$39.7 million and 18 planning and monitoring grants totaling approximately \$8.9 million were awarded during the Round 1 solicitation. Twentyseven implementation projects totaling approximately \$38.7 million were awarded during the Round 2 solicitation.

The project was awarded to John L. Hunter and Associates, an environmental consulting firm. The firm provides



Rendering of a tree box filter that reduces reduce storm water pollution in local waterways. The City will install four tree box filter systems near the intersections of Barlin Avenue and Cheyenne Street, Bixler Avenue and Prichard Street, Faust Avenue and Foster Road, and Pangborn Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

expertise to support mandated programs, which includes storm water runoff quality control, industrial wastes, used oil recycling, beverage container recycling, and water conservation.

Construction of the bioswale was completed in May 2016. Construction of the tree box filters began November 2016 and will be completed this month, March 2017. For more information about Proposition 84, please contact John L. Hunter and Associates at (562) 802 7880, Ext. 222 or email info@jlha.net



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influence the La Mirada city council race on March 7.

RBLM is located in La Mirada, its treasurer is La Mirada resident Ionel Imbre.

Campaign documents obtained by HMG-LML from the La Mirada City Clerk's office showed large donations from a shady La Habra based construction company to RBLM that was used to slam District 1 candidate John Lewis and District 2 candidate and incumbent Pauline Deal with negative direct mail advertisements.

Deal is running against incumbent Andrew Serega, while Lewis is running for the newly created District 1 against Tony Aiello, Diane Gramajo, and Jim Emmerling.

HMG-LML identified the construction company as Diamond Construction and Design, found that the company had a UPS Store PO Box in La Habra as their business address, and finally found that the mailing address is in Buena Park and the owner is Stelian Onufrie.

Diamond and presumably Onufrei donated \$6,500 to RBLM to oppose Deal and Lewis, with RBLM direct mailing "hit pieces" against the two candidates to La Mirada residents in District 1 and District

household to deliver the ballot for you. You must sign and date the envelope containing the • Familiar polling places are often changed by the city or county which is inconvenient for I firmly believe that our city needs leadership that will be insightful, innovative, and creative. Leaders who are willing to make difficult decisions and resolving issues by finding the best solution. Every tax dollar should be spent wisely with direct benefit to residents. Our residents DESERVE quality services and programs that will enhance our community. I will serve with Integrity, Honesty, This election's outcome affects OUR daily lives! We need leaders that respond to you the Commitment and Respect towards all. resident. Please give me the opportunity to work for you. Cast your vote for Jennifer Perez. Respectfully, Gennifer Perez Jennifer Perez Candidate for Norwalk City Council

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Many La Mirada residents called and emailed HMG-LML angry with the

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mailers and the content that blasted Deal and Lewis.

And those mailers could place RBLM and its treasurer Imbre in legal hot water.

They could also place Serega and Aiello in legal hot water and could severely hurt their respective campaigns.

COORDINATION?

HMG-LML has examined the campaign documents and three direct mail hit pieces sent out by RBLM against Deal and Lewis.

Also examined were the campaign documents and direct mail pieces sent out by Aiello and Serega promoting their own campaigns.

The similarities between the information on the campaign documents, the mail pieces and campaign flyers strongly indicate coordination between RBLM, Serega, and Aiello.

Coordination between an "Independent Expenditure" (IE) committee such as RBLM and candidate(s) is a violation of Fair Political Practices Commission laws under the Political Reform Act. ALL THREE USED THE SAME PRINTER IN TEXAS-

According to campaign documents, the three direct mail pieces sent out by RBLM against Deal and Lewis were printed at Print Place located at 1130 Ave. H East in Arlington, Texas.

They were mailed from zip code 76161, which is a United States Post Office in Fort Worth, Texas.

Examining District 1 candidate Tony Aiello's campaign documents show his mail pieces printed at Print Place 1130 Ave. H East in Arlington, Texas.

And, similar to RBLM's mailers, Aiello's mail pieces were postmarked and mailed from the same US Post Office in zip code 76161.

Examining all of Serega's mail and campaign flyers show printing at Print Place 1130 Ave. H East in Arlington, Texas.

In addition, all direct mailed flyers were very similar in design, indicating the same graphics designer was used for RBLM, Aiello, and Serega.

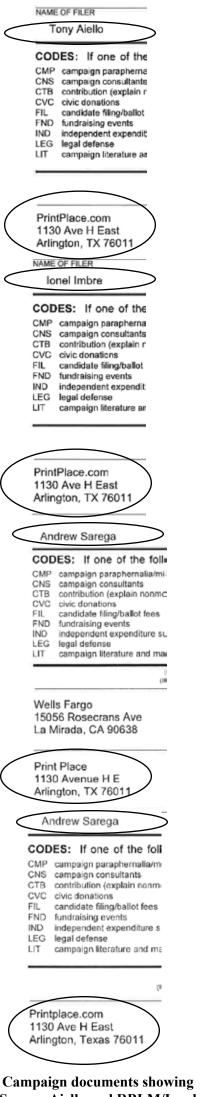
The ramifications of a candidate(s) coordinating with an IE are very onerous.

Each violation can carry a maximum fine of \$5,000 under Section 18225.7 of the Political Reform Act.

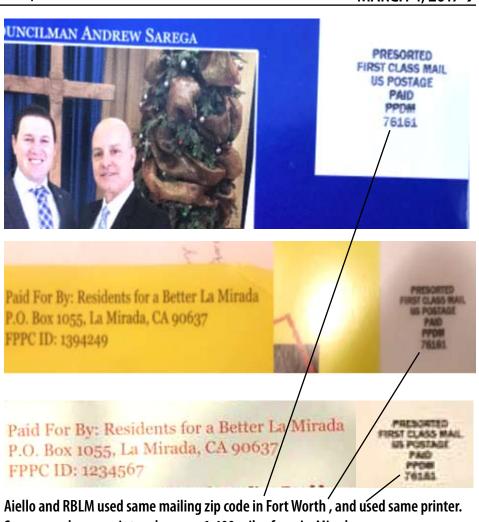
If Serega and Aiello were found to coordinate with RBLM on campaign mailers and flyers, they, along with Imbre, could be fined as much as \$25,000.

Several emails into Serega have been unreturned. Texts into Tony Aiello today were unreturned as of publication time. Supporting documents can be found online at loscerritosnews.net.

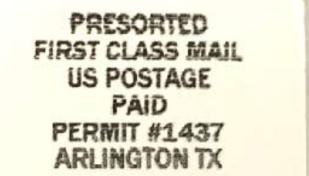
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Serega, Aiello and RBLM/Ionel Imbre using the same printer 1,400 miles from La Mirada.



Serega used same printer also, over 1,400 miles from La Mirada.



TOP THREE PICTURES:

Campaign mailers from Tony Aiello and Residents for a Better La Mirada showing Aiello and Residents for a Better La Mirada using the same zip code for mailing, 76161, located in Fort Worth Texas. Residents for a Better La Mirada and Aiello printed the mailers at the same place, Print Place, located in Arlington Texas just miles from zip code 76161.

BOTTOM PICTURE:

Mailer sent out by Andrew Serega from Arlington, Texas only 3 miles from Print Place where Serega, Aiello and Residents for a Better La Mirada printed their campaign mailers.



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And the parishioners of St. Irenaeus responded.

Over 80 large boxes were filled with donations of notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, scientific calculators, summer clothes, shoes, backpacks and soccer balls that Rudy had asked for.

But the supplies needed to be shipped from Cypress to Oakland, and finally to the village of Vea.

Parishioners Dave and Dawn Gallagher volunteered to lead the movement to get the supplies to Vea.

Weighing a total of 3,500 pounds, the supplies were loaded onto a truck with parishioners stepping up and donating funds to pay for the shipping, including 450 miles of ground transportation.

The total shipping cost was \$2,500.

It will take about six weeks for Fr. Rudy's school supplies to reach Vea; it will not be until late March before Fr. Rudy learns of the joy the supplies will no doubt bring to the village.

In February, Fr. Rudy expressed his thanks to St. Irenaeus families and individuals who responded to the Ghana School Supplies Drive.

Fr. Rudy eloquently stated, "of the great joy he experienced seeing the zeal, kindness and generosity of the St. Irenaeus parish community."

"These precious items of school supplies, clothes, shoes and money donations for the shipment of the supplies will make a difference in the lives of many families."

Finally, with Fr. Rudy, overcome by emotion, expressed his joy in his native language saying, N puse ya, Yine wa songe! Thank you, God bless you!



Fr. Rudy with Dave and Dawn Gallagher, the couple who h



Pictured second from the left is Fr. Rudy Alumam, Paroch parishioners John Lewallen, at left, and Louie and Therea supplies and/or donated funds for Fr. Rudy's Ghana Schoo

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elped truck the 80 boxes of school supplies to Oakland.



al Vicar at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress, California, with Chavez at right. Lewallen and Chavez contributed school Supplies Drive in January. Photos by Edna Ethington.

SUBMIT A CITY WIDE PRIDE NOMINATION

The City Wide Pride program recognizes superior maintenance and landscaping of homes in the City. The program has recently been revised and allows for anyone to nominate a home for acknowledgment by emailing a photo and address to the City for submission. The selected homes will be recognized at a monthly Property Preservation Commission meeting and will also be posted on the City's website.

Entries will be evaluated based on overall appearance and landscaping. To submit a nomination, take a picture of the home from the sidewalk, curb or street. Photographs should not include people or vehicles. Note the property address and email the photo and contact information to cwpride@cerritos.us. Submissions can also be made through the City's GORequest app on your smartphone. Recognized properties may not be resubmitted for one calendar year.

Prior to recognition, City staff will contact the property owner for permission to recognize the property at a Property Preservation Committee meeting and to publish the photograph on the City's website.

The City Wide Pride Beautification Program was created in 1990 by the Cerritos City Council to preserve the beautiful, park-like appearance of the City's residential neighborhoods. The program is coordinated by the Property Preservation Commission.

For more information, call (562) 916-1203.



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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION & GIRLS SOCCER PLAYOFFS POLLARD'S LATE GOAL EXTENDS VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S SEASON, LADY CRUSADERS RALLY PAST JURUPA HILLS

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

It was only a matter of time before the Valley Christian High girls soccer team would really face adversity, as in actually trailing. The Lady Crusaders had not trailed in a game since Dec. 16, which was also their last loss.

So, there was reason to be a little concerned when V.C. was down 1-0 to Jurupa Hills High in a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 6 quarterfinal playoff game last Friday night. But then came the equalizer, followed by sophomore midfielder Christina Pollard's game-



winner as time was winding down and the Lady Crusaders escaped with a hard fought 2-1 win.

How unusual were things against the Spartans? Since Dec. 29, V.C. had only yielded one goal, which game on Feb. 9 at Heritage Christian High. Also, the Lady Crusaders had not played in a scoreless first half since Jan. 4 when their game with St. Anthony finished in a scoreless tie.

"We've been trying to prepare our kids the last two weeks," said V.C. head coach Kim Looney. "This is not normal; this is not normal to win 5-0, 7-0. When you get to the quarters, it changes. We were getting ready for that. We spent a lot of time on tactical situations yesterday being down a goal, being tied, being in overtime."

"The whole last six minutes was so full of hesitation and anxiety," Pollard said. "We were really pushing and pushing 110 percent. For the last couple of minutes, I did struggle a bit. But I did redeem myself at the end and it was just full of excitement. I couldn't have done it without my teammate [freshman midfielder] Megan [Bouma]. It was just a team play and I just love my team

very much." With the score tied and six minutes remaining in regulation, Pollard received a flick off a free kick but missed an open left side of the net when her shot sailed to the left of the post. Then with a minute remaining, she took a hard shot inside the goal box, only to see it get saved by Marilu Armas. But seconds later and as stoppage time was approaching, Pollard took a pass from Bouma and connected on the biggest of her seven goals this season.

"I saw that the ball has been crossed

and Megan had the ball," Pollard said. "Then I thought to go in the box just in case she was going to cross it back. When she crossed it back, I had to focus on hitting the ball low and hard away from the goalie. Right when I did that, it just went straight in."

"Christina is a competitor by nature," Looney said. "She is very hard on herself and she expects a lot from herself and her team. There were three shots on goal. You can't yell at Christina. You just have to tell her she's there and she's going to get it in."

The first half was completely dominated by the Olympic League champion Lady Crusaders, the second ranked team in the division, as they took 11 shots on goal and nine corner kicks. In the ninth minute, junior forward Lauren Castillo saw her shot get deflected at the right post, which led to the fifth corner kick. The one and only shot the seventh ranked Spartans took in the first half came one minute before halftime. A free kick taken by Angie Dias inside the penalty arc was blocked by a V.C. wall of defenders.

"It was so frustrating because we kept on getting corners and corners; we kept getting chances after chances but we could never get our head to the ball," Pollard said. "Or when we did get to it, the goalie was right there in front of it. But we never gave up and we always kept trying."

"I'm going to commend their goalkeeper," Looney said. "We haven't seen a goalkeeper that good all season. She knew how to play everything. We were not prepared for the corner kicks not man-marking us."

The scoreless tie was broken in the 57th minute when Pamela Huaman fed a

beautiful pass to Taylor Skillern and for the first time in over 1,400 minutes, the Lady Crusaders were staring at a deficit. But that lasted three minutes because of a 'right place at the right time' situation by Bouma. In the 60th minute, a free kick from junior defender Caitlyn Wind was initially stopped by Armas. But when she couldn't completely contain the ball, it squirted away from her and there was Bouma to tap it in for the equalizer.

"We talked a lot about what does that mean," Looney said about trailing. "Get the ball out of the back of the net, settle down, listen to us as coaches. That is where I am most proud of them tonight, because they didn't stop. With 20 minutes left, down a goal, they didn't stop. They kept playing."

V.C. finished the game with 20 shots on goal to just three by the Spartans. The victory moved the Lady Crusaders into the semifinals where they visited West Valley High this past Tuesday and moved one step closer to its championship goals with a 2-0 victory It's the first time since 2009 V.C. has advanced to the semifinals, as well as the divisional finals. Pollard and sophomore forward Kennedy Wesley accounted for the two goals. The Lady Crusaders will now take on top seeded Grace Brethren High on Saturday.

"I wanted to get to [the Jurupa Hills] game with this group," Looney said. "What happened in this game tonight...I honestly just left it up to the kids and God knew what was going to happen. To now go beyond that is a gift. It's a gift for me. These guys have done far more than I could have ever asked them to do."

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 4AA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS VALLEY CHRISTIAN RALLIES IN FOURTH QUARTER TO EARN BERTH IN DIVISIONAL FINALS

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

Sometime prior to the Valley Christian High girls basketball game against Oxford Academy in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Divisional 4AA semifinals last Saturday night, former V.C. legendary head coach Eleanor Dykstra gave an inspirational speech to the team. Then the Lady Crusaders took to the court and fed off of those words in a big way.

A back and forth first half turned into a disastrous third quarter for the Lady Crusaders, who found themselves down by eight points. But senior Cheyenne McKinnie and her teammates fought back and pulled out a 40-36 victory. The Lady Crusaders, ranked third in the division, will now face Olympic League rival and top seeded Village Christian High tonight for the championship.

The win over the second ranked Patriots was especially special for V.C. head coach Dominic Freeman, who just in his third season, said he knew this day would come and is excited to see it right now. It's also extra special for McKinnie, who transferred from Long Beach Jordan High the same time Freeman took over.

"This is what I've always wanted since my sophomore year when I came here," McKinnie said. "I've always tried to work for this and now it's finally here."

"They're all over the place," Freeman said of his emotions. "This is so surreal. When I first got here, I knew about the tradition. But when you walk in, you go, 'man, you have some big shoes to fill here'. They've had a lot of success here recently with our football and volleyball...all of our teams are doing great."

With 1:01 remaining in the third quarter, Oxford Academy's Mylee Madrazo capped off a 7-0 run with her second basket of the quarter to give the Patriots a 34-26 lead. Then the game shifted in V.C.'s way and junior Jai'lynn Parham got the party going with the stanza's last basket. That was followed by an 8-0 run to begin the fourth quarter that was capped by a pair of free throws from freshman Kira Smith midway through the fourth quarter.

The only two points Oxford Academy would score in the fourth quarter came in the form of free throws from Austyn Masuno within a 21 second span. The latter free throw came with 3:04 remaining in the game. After that, the Lady Crusaders sealed the win with free throws from Parham and McKinnie.

"The will of the girls and the man upstairs," Freeman said. "We've been through some adversity this year and my young team has not handled it so well. But it was really nice to see them show up in this type of magnitude in a game. I knew they were ready because all of them were texting me this morning about coming in and getting some extra work." The first quarter was primarily dominated by the 6'2" Masuno, who scored six points and grabbed three rebounds. But V.C. wasn't about to be intimidated by her height as the quarter was tied four times and there were four lead changes with neither team leading by more than a basket.

The Lady Crusaders defense would continue to do an exceptional job on Masuno, who would be limited

to four free throws the rest of the way but still managed to pull down 11 more rebounds.

"We just tried to take away her left," McKinnie said. "We tried to force her right as much as possible because we know she loves to go left. We just tried to contain the shooters."

"We wanted to force her right; get the ball out of her hand," Freeman said. "We know she's the focal point. We're almost in the same boat with Cheyenne. But that's their heartbeat and we wanted to slow it down. We did just enough to squeak by with a win."

The second quarter would be nearly more of the same with three more lead changes and two more ties. A 7-0 V.C. run put the hosts up 20-16, which would tie for its largest lead of the game. After scoring two free throws in the opening quarter, McKinnie would come on strong and finish with a team-high 14 points. She also added eight rebounds and four steals. "The first quarter I was off and I just knew I had to be strong for my team," McKinnie said. "I knew I had to create some type of offense for them."

Smith scored seven points and had four steals while sophomore Calla Anderson scored six points and pulled 10 rebounds off the glass. V.C.'s defense still hasn't allowed more than 40 points in the playoffs.

"It's a testament to these girls," Freeman said. "We told them there are some things we can control and one is our ability to play defense and effort. The girls just did a great job. I'm just so proud of them right now. They battled."

The Lady Crusaders improved to 21-8, their best record since the 2009-2010 season when they went 24-8 and advanced to the Division V-AA championship game. The last time the program won a CIF-SS championship was 2000. In all, V.C. has won 10 championships and has advanced to the finals nine other times.

The two foes in tonight's championship game split their season series with Valley Christian winning on the road, 55-52, on Jan. 13 behind 24 points from McKinnie and a career-high 17 points from sophomore Ariel Gordon before Village Christian returned the favor two weeks later in a 44-32 triumph.

"It's funny because we had a league meeting about two weeks ago and before we left, I told the coach, 'I hope this isn't the last time I see you this year'," Freeman said. "We had a good chuckle about it and we felt confident we might meet up and now we are."

CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 4 BOYS SOCCER PLAYOFFS NORWALK FALLS TO SAUGUS IN FINAL MINUTE, THEN OVERTIME IN FIRST TRIP TO SEMIFINALS

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

LA MIRADA-Vinson Pluma has been associated with the Norwalk High boys soccer program for over 20 years, both as a head coach and as an assistant. Never had the Lancers advanced to the semifinals of the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs.

The Lancers did that this past Tuesday when they hosted Saugus at Goodman Stadium on the La Mirada High campus. One minute was what stood between Norwalk and a trip to the Division 4 finals. But with time running down in regulation, Tanner Brown silenced the home crowd with the allimportant tying goal. Then in the 93rd minute, James Johnson got loose on a mini breakaway and pushed in the game winner in a 2-1 win. "The last goal was a mistake; it was mistiming," Pluma said. "I think that's what broke them into overtime because we didn't let anybody run through our middle. For that to happen, we just lost it mentally, so we just made a mistake. We were trying to attack when we should be defending and we could have gone to PK's in that case."

Lancers to get on the board, 30 seconds to be exact, as junior forward Andrew Vasquez notched in his ninth goal of the season with the assist coming from junior forward Alejandro Amador. After that, the Lancers offense would be stymied despite many chances before halftime and even better opportunities in the second half. Norwalk outshot the Centurions 7-3 in the first half and took four corner kicks.

Midway through the second half, senior forward Rudy Cruz raced down the left sideline, fighting his way off of Jayden Willsey, who eventually fouled Cruz just outside the penalty box. That led to a free kick from 20 yards out, above junior goalkeeper Kevin Guzman, who appeared to have lost it in the sun, and into the net. The Lancers would then get one shot on goal in overtime. Guzman would make five saves, all in the second half.

"That almost takes your focus away from all of the great things that he did," Pluma said. "He wasn't sure how far the distance was and as the time was coming in.

"We had a few [shots], but then we were kind of rushing it Instead of really building up as a team," Pluma continued. "When you're rushing like that, then you lose possession of the ball."

RELAY FOR LIFE Participants sought

The American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life of Cerritos/Artesia event from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at Liberty Park to honor cancer survivors, raise money to help end cancer and promote ways to reduce cancer risk.

Cerritos residents interested in joining Relay for Life of Cerritos/Artesia can sign up at relayforlife.org/cerritosca or email emerina@cerritos.us.

The event kicks off with an Opening Ceremony at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Survivors Lap and then a Caregivers Lap. After sunset, the luminarias that have been placed around the track are lighted to honor survivors and those who have lost the fight to cancer. A Closing Ceremony concludes the event. For more information about the Relay for Life of Cerritos/Artesia, visit relayforlife. org/cerritosca or call American Cancer Society Community Manager Sarah Ambrose at (562) 304-5873.

It didn't take very long for the



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taken by senior defender Anthony Galicia, whose shot curled up and over the left corner of the net.

Six minutes later, Amador and Cruz made three beautiful passes back and forth before Amador sent a long cross pass through the box to junior forward Allen Perez. But his attempt to make it a 2-0 contest sailed too high.

"I think we scored so early that maybe we lost focus," Pluma said. "They started hitting long balls to us and we didn't keep possession of the ball. We were trying to long instead of really keep possession of the ball going forward. That was our mistake as a team."

Despite having just three shots on goal in the second half, the Lancers seemed to be sensing a victory. But with less than a minute remaining in regulation, Brown launched a free kick from over 45 yards out that bounced Norwalk, the co-champions of the Suburban League, finishes the season at 16-7-1. It entered the postseason as the 10th ranked team in the division while Saugus was unranked. Prior to the game, the Lancers were 2-3 in 1-0 decisions with the two wins coming in the second round against Glendora High and the quarterfinals against second ranked University High. Both of those wins came on the road. The Lancers had also been 5-5 in one-goal games.

"We beat some hard teams; we beat some really good ranked teams," Pluma said. "So for that to happen, it's just disappointing. We should have had [Saugus].

"I'm proud of the boys," he later added. "Things happen, so...the big picture is they should have been the winners. It just didn't go that way. For me, you just take it with a grain of salt. It's not that crushing."

RESET YOUR CLOCKS ON MARCH 12

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 12. When you set your clocks forward one hour, remember to also check the batteries in your smoke alarms. In addition, check to make sure that the smoke alarm is working. (A typical smoke alarm has a life span of approximately 10 years.) A properly functioning smoke alarm can greatly reduce your risk of dying or being injured in a fire.

DARK MONEY

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amount of \$3,000.

The obscure committee, calling itself Residents for a Better La Mirada (RBLM), received only one donation from a La Habra based construction company.

The committee used the money to slam District 1 candidate John Lewis and District 2 candidate and incumbent Pauline Deal using direct mailed "hit pieces."

RBLM lists its address on the 12800 block of Oakwood Lane in La Mirada, and its treasurer as Ionel Imbre. A search of public records show that Imbre owns the house.

Mr. Imbre's phone number is the contact number for RBLM listed on the Secretary of State's website.

It is unknown why Mr. Imbre is heavily involved with RBLM, and phone calls were met with, "I have no comment."



One-time \$6,500 donation; Who is Stelian Onufrei?

The construction company that donated money to RBLM, Diamond Construction and Design, lists its company address as 921 N Harbor Blvd. #622 in La Habra.

HMG-LML went out to the La Habra address and found it to be a PO Box in a UPS Store located in a strip mall.

Diamond donated a staggering \$6,500 to RBLM, which was the only donation listed in the documents.

The campaign documents showed that RBLM was responsible for the three political, direct-mail advertisement hit pieces against Lewis and Deal.

RBLM spent over \$2,000 on those hit pieces; logic dictates other pieces are coming

All three pieces listed RBLM as the responsible party, and, as first reported by HMG-LML on Thursday, the hit pieces were mailed from Fort Worth, Texas, a move used by other shady campaign committees to hide proponents of the committee.

Investigating further, HMG-LML was able to locate the mailing address for Diamond.

An examination using a title search company showed that the address is a 2,089 square foot single-family dwelling located in Buena Park and owned by Stelian Onufrei.

Onufrei is also listed as the registered owner of Diamond in the County of Orange's business name listing. No other information could be found about Onufrie.

HMG-LML was also able to obtain the phone number to Diamond; a call to the number was met by a voice mail that said, "you have reached Diamond Construction and Design."

Looking on the state of California contractor's license website reveals



Diamond's contractors license (521295) violated the California building permit law in 2013, but since then the license is in good standing.

Amessage was left, but as of publication time, the call had not been returned.

In other documents, District 1 candidate Diane Gramajo generated over \$2,100 in monetary contributions for the period from various sources.

\$500 was from State Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) and his Committee to Elect State Senator Tony Mendoza for 2018.

Senator Mendoza, along with State Senator Ian Calderon (D-Whittier), also gave "in-kind" donations to Gramajo in the amount of \$3,000 sending out two direct mail pieces for Gamajo.

Gramajo, HMG-LML readers will remember, was involved in the La Mirada Football Booster scandal that embroiled La Mirada High, then football coach Mike Moschetti, and Gramajo in 2014.

Gramajo and Moschetti ran the entire booster club operation, which took in over \$1 million dollars in 8 years.

The HMG-LML investigation revealed that the booster club had violated several California tax laws with no oversight on where and how hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent every year.

Even more alarming, the booster club indicated on all donation documents that it was a registered 501c3 non-profit organization, going so far as using an inactive and non-existent identification number.

This deliberate move placed anyone who donated money to the booster club into a compromising tax position.

The investigation also revealed that the organization did not have a California Franchise Tax Board number and did not remit taxable sales or report the amount of sales from the lucrative "50/50" cash fundraisers the booster club held.

Finally, no year-end or internal financial statements were ever filed since 2006, and sources told HMG-LML that there were no bank statements available from the organization.

Gramajo never commented to HMG-LML before or after the story ran, but sources say the booster club remains in disarray.

District 1 candidate John Lewis³ documents showed two small donations and a loan from Lewis to the committee for \$7,500.

District 1 candidate Tony Aiello's documents showed a \$2,500 donation from ATV in La Mirada and \$1,000 from the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union.

District 2 incumbent Pauline Deal and District 1 candidate Jim Emmerling did not open a committee to support their campaigns.

The other incumbent in District 2,

Andrew Serega, showed a \$50 contribution for the filing period, but it also showed donations totaling \$5,000 during prior filing periods.

HMG-LML has sent emails to Serega asking for comment about the mailers sent out against his only competitor, with no response. All supporting document can be found online at https://goo.gl/zqjWRz.

WATER

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The process started during the Feb. 22 meeting where the Board voted 3-2 to investigate CB GM Kevin Hunt and his "questionable and covert" actions during the selection process of Messrs. Gedney, Grajeda, and Oskoui.

President Phil Hawkins, VP Pedro Aceituno and Director Art Chacon voted yes to investigate Hunt over the selection process, with Hunt allies Vasquez and Apodaca voting no.

A little over an hour later, after most Board members had left the building, Gedney, Grajeda, and Oskoui were hastily sworn in by Hunt inside the Board room without public notice.

Two lawyers that HMG-CN contacted said Hunt's actions were a violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act open meeting law because Hunt did not properly notice (place on a future Board agenda) the appointments to give the general public a chance to comment on the proposed new Board members.

The potential violation did not matter to Hunt, as the selection process ended up placing Gedney, Grajeda, and Oskoui on the Board.

One day later, CB published an agenda online scheduling the meeting for today.

Two agenda items called for "a reorganization of the Board and a review of the investigation into GM Kevin Hunt."

The new "voting block" Board followed through with the reorganization, removing Phil Hawkins, who was appointed president only one month ago, replacing him with the controversial Apodaca.

They also removed Hawkins from his Metropolitan Water District Board seat.

Aceituno remained at VP, while Vasquez and new Director Gedney were given seats on the Metropolitan Water District Board.

And in a move that could have future repercussions, Gedney, Grajeda, and Oskoui voted with Vasquez and Apodaca to stop the investigation into Hunt and terminate the contract with attorney Anthony Willoughby, who was heading the investigation.

On all items, Hawkins and Director Art Chacon voted no. HMG-CN contacted Assemblywoman Garcia and CB for comment with no response as of publication time.

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County. STEMI Receiving Centers improve the speed and quality of lifesaving care for people experiencing heart attacks.

From the time the hospital is notified that a patient is arriving with chest pain, the coordination of resources and the STEMI team begins preparation of their cardiac catheterization lab. PIH offers percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), a lifesaving procedure to stop a heart attack in its tracks, enabling them to actually surpass the American Heart Association's 90-minute standard for opening a blockage.

One such patient to receive this life saving treatment is 65 year old Gustavo Lopez. "It was a hot, summer day and I was mowing the lawn at my home in Bell Gardens," begins Lopez. He has always been healthy and active, so when he started feeling pain and A tightness in his chest, he brushed it off as overexertion. "I decided to take a break from yard work and went inside to get a drink of water and wait for the pain to the

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pass." The symptoms did not pass, but increased, Lopez began sweating and experiencing nausea. His daughter Radai realized he needed help so she drove him to PIH Health Hospital - Downey, where the expert emergency team performed an EKG [electrocardiogram] confirming an acute heart attack.

With no time to wasted, Lopez was rushed by ambulance to PIH Health Hospital /Whittier, where the STEMI Receiving Center had recently been implemented. Having around-theclock cardiac experts on hand, STEMI Receiving Centers provide rapid and advanced care for people experiencing heart attacks. "Our EKG confirmed 100 percent blockage in one of Gustavo's arteries, which caused the heart attack," said Paresh Patel, MD, a PIH Health cardiologist working at the hospital that day. "We rushed him into the cardiac catheterization lab, where we performed percutaneous coronary intervention which is a non-surgical procedure that uses a thin, flexible tube to place a small structure called a stent to open up blood vessels. This procedure reestablished Gustavo's circulation." This life-saving procedure essentially stops a heart attack in its tracks.

"This patient's quick access to cardiac experts, and the technology available in our specialized facility enabled our team to act quickly, which salvages more heart muscle, minimizes the hospital stay and may prevent future congestive heart failure," added Dr. Patel. "We were able to exceed the American Heart Association's 90-minute standard for opening a blockage."

Lopez was released from the hospital three days later and is back to feeling well and enjoying life. "I'm extremely impressed by the STEMI Receiving Center and very grateful for PIH Health Hospital - Whittier, which provided an expert team and excellent service," said Lopez. "I'm so fortunate."

A heart attack happens when blood flow to the heart is blocked. Common symptoms of a heart attack may include chest pain or pressure in the chest [or the back, neck, jaw or shoulders], sweating, shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting, lightheadedness or sudden weakness, and a fast, irregular heartbeat. Symptoms for men and women differ. If you have symptoms of a heart attack, call 911 wait for an ambulance and don't try to drive yourself.

PIH Health is specially trained and equipped to provide state-of-the-art heart care and treatment to prevent further damage and complications. PIH also offers therapeutic hypothermia, a cooling treatment used to preserve brain cells following a cardiac arrest. Rapid response and the availability of PCI 24/7 are key to stopping a heart attack and preventing additional complications.

To learn more about heart care and treatment options at PIH Health, call 562.698.0811 Ext. 11240 to make an appointment.

ARBOR WEEK POSTER Contest Entries Sought

The City of Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme "When You Look at Trees, What Do You See?" The contest is open to City residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District or Valley Christian Schools.

Submitted entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. Include the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form (available at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall). Entries must be submitted to the Recreation Services Division at Cerritos City Hall no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12.

Winning posters and a selection from each age group will be displayed at the Community Spring Festival on Saturday, April 22 at the Cerritos Sports Complex. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

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VALLEY VIEW INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY!

What: The Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Valley View Avenue Interchange Project will widen I-5 to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane in each direction. The project extends from the Artesia Boulevard undercrossing to North Fork Coyote Creek approximately a mile and a half through the cities of Buena Park, La Mirada, Cerritos, and Santa Fe Springs.

Plan Ahead: During construction, lanes will be reduced from four lanes to two lanes (one in each direction) on the Valley View Avenue bridge over I-5 so plan ahead and leave a little early.

When: November 2016 through Late 2019

Benefits:

- Improve the overall traffic circulation along the I-5 south corridor including interchanges and ramps, as well as surface streets
- Enhance air quality and increase safety
- Accommodate future projected traffic demands and capacity
- Revitalize our I-5 community



Women in the Trades, Logistics, Manufacturing and Engineering Expo

By Tammye McDuff

Toolots held a free expo February 22, 2017 to promote the role of "Women in the

Trades, Logistics, Manufacturing and Engineering". Over 150 students from the ABC USD, Downey Unified and LAUSD were able to meet and speak with women working in these trades - a field that is growing nationally and is in need of an educated workforce to bolster U.S. manufacturing.

The event was hosted by the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board [SELACO], Cerritos College and the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning Consortium [AMETLL]. Toolots held the expo at their headquarters, located in Cerritos.

"We are happy to support SELACO and other partners in promoting the entrance of women into the trades, a career path that is in increasingly high demand," said Raymond Cheng, Toolots chief operating officer. "The event was designed to help students better understand the industry, and give them a unique opportunity to meet one-on- one and connect with women who have successfully entered the trades."

The panel was comprised of five women who serve as engineers, instructors, and designers.

Ashley Davitt, senior design engineer with ACCO Engineered Systems in Orange County, focuses on heating, ventilating and air conditioning design within commercial buildings. She oversees design, construction and commissioning of projects in offices, laboratories, schools and manufacturing centers. A graduate from California State Polytechnic University, Davitt has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and is a state-registered mechanical engineer in California. Jeanne Carnegie is a quality assurance engineer with Arconic Fastening Systems and Rings. Carnegie developed procedures for the manufacture of landing gears for planes, writing the manual for their operation.

Lisette Cruz, an instructor with the Bridging Outstanding Opportunities with Tradeswomen Skills and a member of The Sisters in the Brotherhood, works to help women enter into successful careers in the



Lisette Cruz with B.O.O.T.S program students: Marisa Godina, Carrie Mansis; Crystal Lascano; Jacyln Montoya; Deshae Craig and April Marguez. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

union carpentry trades. Through The Sisters of the Brotherhood, she conducts outreach to mentor women considering carpentry as a career, and men who have the same interest. Mary Wall, Director of Operations at JMC2, provides clients with practical, innovative solution as a civil engineer. Wall has managed numerous residential subdivision developments as a project manager for CTA Inc., Lewis Homes, and KB Home and has experience managing a special needs school in China. She received a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Science in Engineering Management from the University of Southern California. Viridiana Hernandez, is a graduate from

Cerritos College's Engineering Design and Plastic/Composite Tool Design programs, and is in her last year at California State University, earning a degree in Industrial Technology

Following the panel discussions, two representatives from Manhattan Beach-based organization 'Polishing the Professional' [PTP] lead a presentation, "Breaking Down the Barriers." Davina Douthard, Chief Executive Officer and Training Coordinator, Anais Maseda provide leadership in imaging direction and personal branding services from designing programs, hiring and evaluating staff to monitoring fiscal operations.

T. S. No.: 2014-06449-CA A. P.N.: 7006-010-019 Property Address: 16629 Laurelbrook Way, Cerritos, CA 90703			
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE	NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION		
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.		NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia is considering a recommendation that the	
NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED		project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Section 15070 of State CEQA guidelines. A copy of the MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and	
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/07/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.		supports the proposed findings are on file at the City of Artesia.	
Trustor: MI SOOK YOON, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Recorded 03/15/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0552280 in book, page and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 03/30/2017 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766	PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	The project consists of the adoption and implementation of the Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan and related	
Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$ 751,693.13		amendments to the Zoning Code, General Plan Land Use	
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE		Map and Zoning Map. Additional entitlement requests include approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Tentative	
WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:		Tract Map (74233), and Design Review applications. The Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan is a site-specific, City- initiated Specific Plan, which authorizes the development	
All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:		of an existing infill site at 18600 Gridley Road with a seven (7)-story mixed-use building containing the following	
More fully described in said Deed of Trust.		land uses: 130 residential condominiums, 23,816 square of commercial/restaurant uses and on-site	
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 16629 Laurelbrook Way, Cerritos, CA 90703 A. P.N.: 7006-010-019		parking consisting of surface parking and a two-	
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.		level subterranean parking structure for a total of 331 parking spaces (Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan). Residential	
The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 751,693.13.		amenities would include a lobby, pool, community room/ recreation facility, and a rooftop garden. Community open space amenities would include at-grade landscaped and	
If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.		hardscape open space, the community room, rooftop view decks, and balconies on all units.	
The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the line being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.		The Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan provides guidance for implementing development within the project limits. The Specific Plan provides required development standards and allowable uses for properties within the Specific Plan area. The specific plan also includes design guidelines and an implementation action plan that identifies near and	
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE		long term actions necessary to achieve the Plan's goals and objectives. The specific plan furthers the objectives of the	
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt		general plan by implementing a proposed development project that incorporates project densities, uses, and	
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866) -960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx using the file number assigned to this	PROJECT	features consistent with general plan goals for mixed-use developments within this area of Artesia.	
case 2014-06449-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.	LOCATION:	18600 Gridley Avenue, Artesia, CA. A 1.36-acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Gridley Avenue and 186th Street, Artesia, CA.	
Date: February 7, 2017 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx			
Trustee Sale Assistant	INFORMATION		
WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.	AVAILABLE:	Copies of the MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and other project information are available for your review at the Planning	

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 35406-LS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:	Mitigated Negative Declaration.
 Escrow No. 35406-LS (1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE IN CYPRESS LLC, 8271 GAY ST, CYPRESS CA 90630 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 13337 SOUTH ST PMB 409, CERRITOS CA 90703 (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: LEI HUANG AND WEN SHAO, 3452 E. FOOTHILL BLVD STE 805, PASADENA CA 91107 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 8271 GAY ST, CYPRESS CA 90630 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MARCH 21, 2017 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35406-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB (8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35406-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB (9) The last day for filing claims is: MARCH 20, 2017. (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE. Dated: FEBRUARY 17, 2017 SELLER: MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE IN CYPRESS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY BUYER: LEI HUANG & WEN SHAO 	CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT: NOTE: CITY CONTACT: CASE NUMBER: NOTICE DATE: Okina Dor Community Development	 Do you have any comments? Questions? Concerns? You are invited to attend a meeting to be held by the City of Artesia Planning Commission on April 18, 2017 and noticed in the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia. Written comments on the draft MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be received by the City from March 6, 2016 to April 4, 2017. If, in the future, you wish to challenge the MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you or someone else raised at or before the public hearing. Okina Dor, Planning/Community Development Director (562) 865-6262 ext. 227. Case No. (2016-19) March 6, 2017
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CITY OF ARTESIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a public hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 65856 on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California to consider:

Case No. 2017-01

Code Amendment City Wide

Pradeep Elayath, Interim City Clerk

Adoption of Ordinance No. 17-844, an ordinance of the City of Artesia, California, amending Titles 5 (Public Welfare) and 9 (Zoning) of the Artesia Municipal Code to prohibit commercial marijuana activity and uses, and allow indoor marijuana cultivation consistent with state law, and making a finding of exemption from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments and to attend the hearing and give testimony

Please note that if you challenge the Council's action in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City either at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)

Escrow No. 9019-AK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: JEANNES MANOPPO, 16916 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

Doing Business as: CAFÉ CAMELLIA All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: EMRAN RASHID, 16916

BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ABC LICENSE 47-ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE, 77-EVENT PERMIT, AND 58-CATERER PERMIT LICENSE #211505 and is/are located at: 16916 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

The type of license to be transferred is/are: Type: 47-ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE, 77-EVENT PERMIT, AND 58-CATERER PERMIT, License Number: 211505 now issued for the premises located at: SAME

The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13017 ARTESIA BLVD, STE D106 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 27, 2017

The Bulk sale subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$160,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$ZERO, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$100,000.00; PROMISSORY NOTE \$60,000.00; TOTAL \$160.000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/Transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERT Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions

Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer's Auctions (Bond # 5181494), on or after March 14th, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m., property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: 2 coffee tables, baby items tree stand, bag, boxes, suitcase, wheel chair, medical equipment, oxygen tank, walker, keyboard, mattress, frame, bikes, seasonal décor, day bed, chairs, boogie boards, popcorn machine, duffel bag, totes, dollie, table, golf bag, loose clothing, computer frame, chess board, ice, chest, tool box gas stove and loose toys belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT
BILLIE GREEN JR	A159
SAMANTHA ZARAGOZA	B203
SUMMER JONES	B319
GABRIELA FLORES	B796
ALICE SIQUEIROS	A137
MONIQUE NEVELS	B306

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000005133764 Title Order No.: 8534619 FHA/VA/PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/12/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 09/19/2007 as Instrument No. 20072153789 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: DIMAS ACFALLE AND MARIOUITA ACFALLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 03/27/2017 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11425 CHADWELL ST, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90715 APN#: 7059-006-019 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$420,351.37. The beneficiary unde said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000005133764. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES and POSTING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 02/20/2017 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4610134 02/24/2017, 03/03/2017, 03/10/2017

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLARENCE REED

Case No. 17STPB01025 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both. of CLARENCE REED

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

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 on March 10, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

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, 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. knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: RANDY D GRUEN ESQ SBN 105729 TROY WERNER ESO

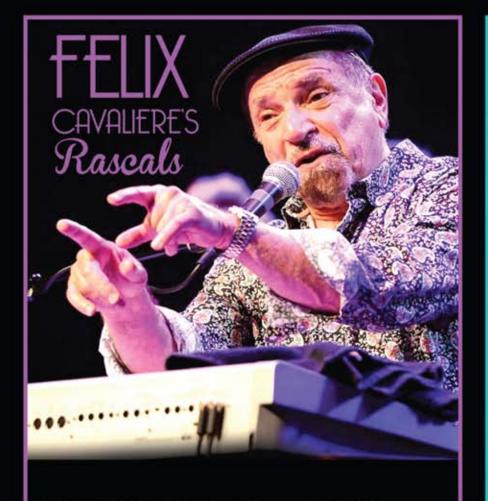
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APN: 8061-027-013 TS No: CA08002069-16-1 TO No: 8664512 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 25, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 9, 2017 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trus

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under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on October 4, 2007 as Instrument No. 20072282211, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by ALEX JIMENEZ A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor(s) in favor of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawfu money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other ommon designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14416 SAN ESTEBAN DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The indersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principa sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secural gs and expenses of the rester and of the thists created share set of the unique of the initial publication of the obligations secural gs and expenses of the rest of the obligation of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$525,232.17 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successfu bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these esources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owne The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08002069-16-1. 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