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DID GARCIA VIDEO 'I STAND
WITH CRISTINA' VIOLATE
FPPC DISCLOSURE LAWS?

BY BRIAN HEWS

This week, POLITICO reported that Cristina Garcia, the local Assembly woman who is out on leave pending a groping and sexual harassment investigation, was reprimanded by former Assembly Speaker John Perez in 2014 for making racially insensitive comments against Asians.

CRISTINA
GARCIA

It is another revelation that is adding to a growing list of allegations that could derail what was once a promising political career.

Some local politicians and activists, at the height of the groping and sexual harassment allegations against Garcia, participated in a slick two-minute video that was posted on Facebook entitled "I Stand With Cristina."

The video feature the official talking about Garcia's "accomplishments" while saying "I stand with Cristina" in at least 75 instances.

After the latest revelation of Garcia's racial slurs against Asians and her strong reprimand by then-speaker John Perez, the activists and politicians who "stand with Cristina" are now probably wishing they sat down for Cristina.

One local politician, ABC Board member Sophia Tse, should be particularly embarrassed as Tse is of Asian descent and is seen in the video proclaiming "she is a champion for education."

Local activist Jason Stinnett proclaimed Garcia "stood up against corruption at our local water district."

Garcia had nothing to do with exposing corruption at Central Basin, this newspaper along with others did that work.

But Garcia is the type to claim credit where none is due, similar to when HMG-CN exclusively reported in 2011 that Garcia lied about obtaining a Doctoral degree from the University of Southern California less than one month before voters decided her fate at the ballot box.

On her Facebook page, Garcia commented on the video saying, "Thank you so much to my constituents for putting to-

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LEMONADE STANDS HELP KIDS BATTLING CANCER



FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER – Members of the From Maddi's Closet Junior Advisory Board set up lemonade stands in the local area recently to raise funds and increase awareness of the battle against childhood cancer. From Maddi's Closet is a local non-profit organization supporting Children's Hospitals in Los Angeles and Orange County. Pictured are: (standing) Zachary Jenkins and Samantha Fuller, (kneeling front, l to r), Ryann Gonzalez, Katie Nye and Gerald Baltzer.

BY TOM ROBINSON

Lemonade stands sprouted up in the local area this past weekend as local youths raised money to help children battling cancer.

The lemonade stands were arranged by local youth volunteers and members of the From Maddi's Closet Junior Advisory Board.

"This event was a great opportunity for young people wanting to make a difference in the fight against children's cancer," says From Maddi's Closet President and Founder Donna Holmes. "We hope that many of the people who saw the positive example of these young volunteers serving lemonade will reflect on how they too can help end the horrible suffering caused by childhood cancer."

"We'd like to thank all of the young volunteers and their families who helped raise awareness of the terrible toll pediatric cancer takes on too many children," added Holmes. "Their efforts were just incredible, and the funds they raised will help us continue the fight against childhood cancer."

A primary aim of From Maddi's Clos-

et's efforts is helping children currently battling cancer. The group also supports pediatric cancer research efforts aimed at stopping the various forms of cancer afflicting children, which are being made through the research institutions at both children's hospitals.

From Maddi's Closet was started more than a decade ago after Madison Leslie Holmes lost her battle with cancer at four years of age.

Maddi's family and friends began the organization to carry on the extraordinary spirit of generosity and compassion she showed to other children fighting cancer. Maddi frequently befriended other children undergoing treatment by giving her own toys and clothing to those in need. She even asked her family members to go and sit with other children who were more sick, frightened or lonely when they had no family members at the hospital.

Since its early days, participation in From Maddi's Closet has grown, and the organization has broadened its efforts to support children with cancer. The organization offers support to ill children and their families whose special emotional

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CERRITOS MAYORAL TRANSITION

MARK PULIDO VOTED IN
AS MAYOR, SOLANKI
MAYOR PRO TEM

BY BRIAN HEWS

Cerritos held their annual Mayoral transition Wednesday, with the usually calm event turning to the dark side for a few moments during public comment.

Cerritos Mayor
Mark Pulido

Former mayor Sherman Kappe blasted the council for bypassing mayor pro tem Naresh Solanki last year. His rant was squarely aimed at Councilman Yokoyama, Mayor pro tem Pulido, and Mayor Hu.

A few minutes after his speech, Kappe left the room.

See **TRANSITION** page 13NORWALK CHOOSES
ATHENS SERVICES AS
CITY'S TRASH HAULER

BY BRIAN HEWS

After a lengthy and controversial evaluation process of over two years, Norwalk City Councilmembers selected Athens Services as its new service provider at the Special City Council Meeting of April 24.

The Council directed staff to finalize the solid waste franchise agreement with Athens, who will serve as Norwalk's single solid waste hauler beginning August 1, 2018.

The selection was marked with controversy and allegations of corrupt bidding process, and the losing bidder, CR&R, is promising a lawsuit.

The new agreement, expected to go before City Council for approval in early May, includes rate reductions for residential customers.

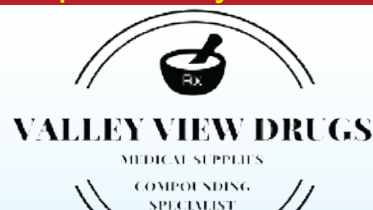
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ARTESIANS, SERVICE GROUPS VOLUNTEER AT EARTH DAY EVENT

BY ANDREW PERRY
Local 1520 Secretary

Looking up after shoveling past the roots of an agave plant, Gerardo Marquez surveyed the 30 volunteers who showed up for Artesia’s Earth Day event.

Marquez is the Union President for the City’s employee union (Local 1520 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, or AFSCME), and an administrator overseeing the volunteer program called United Artesians.

While he and a team of five other volunteers from the Artesia Sunrise Masonic Lodge were charged with moving this agave plant to a better location within the xeriscape garden in front of Albert O. Little Community Center, 25 other volunteers were roving the park picking up trash, or planting more trees and bushes to beautify Artesia Park.

“United Artesians is a non-political, non-religious program which focuses purely on community service,” said Marquez. “It is a program started by the City’s employee union to connect with the people of Artesia, and to provide an opportunity for individuals and service organizations to join together and give back to the community.”

Among the volunteers were several students from Gahr High School. Shahara Lohanee and Lily Ross had just finished picking up trash throughout the park. “We are volunteering to help out today and get some community service credits through



Photo by Andrew Perry

UNITED ARTESIANS' volunteer program members consist of Local 1520 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFSCME, and an administrator overseeing the volunteer program. Here they are seen working at Albert O. Little Community Center, 25 other volunteers were also roving the park.



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6TH ANNUAL ABC FUN RUN SAT. MAY 5TH

The 2018 ABC Fun Run moved its event to Saturday, May 5th this year to encourage more participation from students in ABCUSD schools. The move to May 5th is already showing a positive impact as over 600 runners/walkers have already registered, the Run could top 1,000 runners/walkers this year.

Sponsored by the ABC Education Foundation, this ABC Fun Run is hosted again by Los Cerritos Center (LCC) and features a 5K run/walk starting at 7:30 am; a 2K run/walk at 8:15 am and a Kids Run starting at 9:00 am. Everyone who participates will receive medals. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finishers by age/gender categories and Best Team Perpetu-

al trophies will be awarded. Fifty sponsors have already committed to support this event. This is the ABC Fun Run’s 6th year. New this year is the Fun Run 5K route.

The beginning of the run will start at LCC and runners will leave onto 183rd street, turn right onto Studebaker to Artesia, then return to the LCC for one lap around to the finish line in front of the Food Court. Partial street closures around 183rd, Studebaker, and Artesia Blvd will offer participants new scenery before they return to the mall.

Over 58 sponsors have already committed to supporting this year’s event. Major sponsors include: Title Sponsor (\$10,000+): Los Cerritos Center and Platinum Sponsor (\$7,500+) Los Cerritos Community News.

Community Expo booths and Family level sponsors from the \$100-\$499 level have also committed to support the event. The Fun Run proceeds ensure the Foundation’s annual grants for innovative teacher projects can happen each year. Over \$38,000 in grants were provided to ABCUSD schools at a January 2018 event from last year’s Fun Run proceeds and from the Foundation’s Enrichment Academy.

To register, visit the website abcfun-run.org and select Registration. You will be directed to the Racewire registration site. Creating a team is easy; just follow the online steps in the registration process. Schools are encouraged to come up with creative team names and costumes. On-line registration is open through May 2nd. After May 2nd, registration is only available on-site at the event. The Community Expo includes free health, physical and dental screenings, wellness information and fun activities.

For more information on the ABC Education Foundation, contact Heather Summers at (714) 270-2570.

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GAHR HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM



Photo by Darren Loney

THE GAHR HIGH BAND was honored by the NAMM Foundation which recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

STAFF REPORT

Gahr High School has been honored with the SupportMusic Merit Award from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The SupportMusic Merit Award recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the SupportMusic Merit Award, Gahr High School answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs.

Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

"The music students of Gahr High School represent the diversity of our nation and together they create beautiful sounds that make harmonies," said Gahr High School Principal, Dr. Crechena Wise. She went on to say, "It is this harmony from our music program that gives a perfect example to our school and our nation of what we can create by working together."

Assistant Principal, Dr. Larry Natividad, said "The impact of this designation further validates that Gahr offers quality educational programs and opportunities that match the very best in other U.S. high schools throughout our country."

This award recognizes that Gahr High School is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The legislation guides policy implementation in the states and replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) which was often criticized for an overemphasis on testing - while leaving behind subjects such as music.

ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

"Can you imagine a world without music?," asked Director of Instrumental Music, Darren Loney. He went on, "No songs on the radio in the car, no soundtracks in movies, no music to dance to, no concerts or Broadway shows. Many people do not realize it, but music is everywhere and has a huge impact on our lives. And to keep music alive, it is so important to have music education in our schools."

Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music.

A series of landmark studies by scientists and researchers at Northwestern University found a link between students in community music programs and lifelong academic success, including higher high school graduation rates and college attendance.

In another study from the University, it was discovered that the benefits of early exposure to music education improves how the brain processes and assimilates sounds, a trait that lasts well into adulthood.

Beyond the Northwestern research, other studies have indicated that music education lays the foundation for individual excellence in group settings, creative problem solving and flexibility in work situations, as well as learning how to give and receive constructive criticism to excel.

A 2015 study supported by The NAMM Foundation, "Striking A Chord," also outlines the overwhelming desire by teachers and parents for music education opportunities for all children as part of the school curriculum.

About The NAMM Foundation

The NAMM Foundation is a non-profit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,300 members around the world.

The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. For more information about the NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.

CERRITOS LIBRARY 'RFID' SYSTEM TO BE UPGRADED

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a bid for the replacement of the Cerritos Library's radio frequency identification (RFID) system in the amount of \$115,885.62 to Bibliotheca, LLC. The project includes the installation of new self-checkout stations, security gates, RFID tags, circulation desk equipment and system software. The system will allow self-checkout of materials and provide security for the collection.

The new self-checkout stations will allow patrons to check out multimedia items, such as CDs, DVDs and Blu-Ray discs, as well as books. The self-checkout stations will also allow for the payment of fines and fees by credit card. The self-checkout software is designed for fast and efficient checkout. Audible, visual, touch and text

features guide users through the self-service transaction. The self-checkout stations offer patrons the option of selecting from 50 different foreign languages for the on-screen display. The language options include Chinese (simplified and traditional), Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil and Urdu.

During the transition from the old RFID system to the new system, there will be a period of time when the self-checkout stations are not available and patrons will need to bring materials to the Circulation Desk to have items checked out by staff. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of September 2018.

The Friends of the Cerritos Library generously contributed \$15,000 toward the system replacement cost.

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In 2014 the company re-branded its retail stores from Goldilocks to "Leelin Bakery and Café" while the manufacturing facility was renamed "Goodness Corporation of California"(GCOC) and is now based in Santa Fe Springs in a sprawling 40,000 sq-ft. facility.

As a child of 5-years-of-age in the Philippines, I have sweet memories of eating their delicious bakery products every chance I got. To date, GCOC services the company’s six Leelin Bakery and Café locations in Cerritos, Eagle Rock, Panorama City, North Hills, West Covina and Vermont and to every Filipino’s mind, they are synonymous with exceptional bakery products reminiscent of sweet treats back home.

Their main market is the thousands of Filipino-American community members in Southern California and out of state visitors. For many Filipinos who want to impress their American friends with the finest Filipino cuisine, a trip to Leelin Bakery and Café is a sure bet.

I was pleasantly surprised when Goldilocks Bakeries started sprouting up all over the State. Beautiful memories of my childhood began flooding into my mind. So I ran to the nearest Goldilocks located in Artesia where I bought all the goodies I remember devouring as a child. I tasted their Halo Halo, a mixed concoction of exotic Philippine fruits like the purple Ube, (my favorite), amongst other sweet fruits, sweet condensed milk, topped with

the deliciously famous Philippine Magnolia ice cream, frothing to the brim. I would still be enjoying the famous exquisite Filipino shake were it not for an intolerance to milk. As a substitute, I reverted to the delicious Purple Ube Shake that I can enjoy until my last breath, I presume.

On my first visit, because of my excitement, I almost bought the whole house. I loaded up on Ensaymada (brioche), Buttery Mamon (Sponge Cake) and savory multi-colored cakes for all occasions.

REMEMBERING MANUEL AND
LEELIN BAKERY & CAFÉ:
A FILIPINO ICON

By Gale Stoddard

The rice cake variations were just as delicious in my younger years. My favorite is the Cassava Cake Platter, slightly higher priced than the other desert, for Cassava is a native specialty fruit. The most famous Philippine breakfast roll is the pan de sal which I used to buy as a child at 6 a.m. to insure it would be piping hot and almost burning my fingers. For my reward, I would devour six hot pan de sal in one sitting, topped with imported Australian butter. Small wonder I'm addicted to butter-laced on top of any steaming hot dinner rolls. I loved eating the delicious Pancit (Philippine noodles) Goldilocks would serve on their menu. In their extensive menu can be found all of the Filipino favorites that Leelin Bakery and Café offers and it's strictly a family affair.

The business began with grandma who was a whiz in the kitchen, hence the business was born in Manila, the capital of the Philippines. Three generations

later, the restaurant is still going strong. It's easy to say that every Filipino especially living in California has experienced a memorable dining experience once or more in their lives at the landmark eatery. It's a fact that at this Philippine Mecca, it's not unusual to spot a Philippine celebrity or two dining and talking with fans. It's a place where you feel welcome as soon as you walk in the door. There's that warm and comfortable laid-back atmosphere, yet exhilarating and exciting at the same time while the effusive friendly Filipino hospitality abounds.

The bakery and cafe is owned solely by the Leelin family comprised of three generations that includes Popsy and Momsy Leelin who were the pioneers; then came son Mendrie (who as a young teenager used to help his parents at the Artesia location cooking and working behind the counter) and his wife Cecile with younger brother Menard and wife Yojie. Michael is the third generation involved in the company’s operations. He is the handsome face you see taking care of the Leelin Bakery and Café at church festivals where the family donates proceeds from the sales.

Also, the Leelin Bakery goods are not only enjoyed in the United States but overseas where the Leelin family donates to their baked goods to war zones. A truly humanitarian effort for American heroes fighting for our freedom.

Recently, the patriarch, Manuel Leelin passed away, a memorial service was held Friday, April 13, at St. Linus Catholic Church. He will be fondly remembered for his generous contributions over the years in his hometown of Cerritos and his financial contribution to the victims of the typhoons in his native Philippines.

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BY EDNA ETHINGTON

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women held its Twenty-Fifth Annual Academic Achievement Recognition and Scholarship Awards Program on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Cerritos College Board Room.

Six outstanding Cerritos College women, who will be transferring to a four-year college or university, were invited to come with their families to receive their awards.

Dr. Jose Fierro, President and Superintendent of Cerritos College was present and thanked the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW for encouraging and supporting the educational efforts of the women students of Cerritos College for so many years.

President Solomon presented each award winner with Certificates of Recognition from the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW and the Offices of U.S. Congresswoman Linda Sanchez and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn. Each award winner also received a monetary award from the AAUW with the certificates.

Carol was very excited to report that the Academic Achievement Awards and Scholarships totaled \$7,000 this year were the largest amounts to be given to Cerritos College students. Students who were nominated for the award and scholarships had to have a GPA of 3.5 or better, and all of the students surpassed the required GPA. She announced that four students



Photo by Edna Ethington

FIVE AWARD WINNERS and their professors at the April 7, 2018, La Palma-Cerritos AAUW’s 25th Annual Academic Achievement Recognition and Scholarship Awards Program at Cerritos College Board Room. Left to right, Professor Solomon Namala, Samantha Moreno, Dr. John Hass, Lacie Gross, Professor Peter Maloney, Adela Ochoa, Professor Amy Moskuri, Chapal Barua and Saleyma Martinez.

will receive the Academic Achievement Awards of \$1,000 each. The Academic Award winners were Pottyuth ”Chapal” Barua, Samantha Moreno, Adela Ochoa, and Juliene Porciuncula.

Carol Marsh also announced that there were two very special scholarships of \$1,500 each that was being awarded this year to women students who returned to college later in their lives. The family of the late Alberta Brose donated the scholarship in honor of their mother, Alberta, who returned to college and received higher degrees including a Ph.D. in Anthropology. Carol presented the Alberta Brose Memorial Scholarship to Suleyma Martinez. Suleyma returned to study at Cerritos College while raising four children with her husband’s encouragement. She plans to major in Sociology and become a Social Worker.

Awards Co-Chair Peggy Brutsche awarded the Ollie Lee Stewart Memorial Scholarship of \$1500 to another woman who began her studies at Cerritos College late in her life. Peggy said that her mother believed in higher education for women and donated the scholarship in her honor to Lacie Gross. Lacie attends Cerritos College while raising four children as a single mother, including a son who also attends Cerritos College. She thanked Peggy and the AAUW for assisting her financially with the scholarship which will help provide some family necessities. Lacie plans to work for a degree in Psychology.

For more information about joining the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW, contact Membership Co-VP’s Joan Flax at 562-860-0642 or Dinah Grimaldi at 562-402-6454.

LA MIRADA TEEN RACING TO BECOME NASCAR CHAMPION

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Ryan Vargas, a 17 year old from La Mirada is out to change the racing world as one of the youngest NASCAR champions of all time.

“I tried other sports like baseball and football, I was never the star player that my Dad would have wanted me to be, I was good at one position only and that was at the head of the bench!” Vargas has an impressive seven year racing career includes several California State and track Bandolero Championships. He quickly continued his winning ways in the NASCAR stock and late model divisions, including the 2015 NASCAR Super Stock Rookie of the Year at the Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

“I grew up a huge monster truck fan,” Vargas and his father visited Irwindale Speedway and found out there was a lower division for kids racing called the Bandoleros, “This is where I realized that kids could race and decided that I would like to try it!” added Vargas. He began racing at the tender age of eleven and moved up through the ranks.

Using the same magic formula that made the Legends Cars the most mass-produced competition car in history, officials of US Legend Cars have created the Bandolero Car, a turnkey, spec-series racer designed for drivers as young as eight years old, a stepping stone between a 1/4 Midget or go-kart and a race car that is simple for everybody to use. However these mini cars can reach speeds of over 100 miles an hour. In his time with the Bandolero cars, Vargas enter 50 races and won 47 of them.

He is also the recipient of the 2016 / 2017 Wendell Scott Trailblazer Award. In



ENJOYING FLYOVER La Mirada's own Ryan Vargas at a recent race. Vargas is one of the youngest racers in NASCAR. Vargas currently lives in North Carolina with his father, while his Mother holds down the fort here in La Mirada. **Photo by Diego Alvarado**

2018 Vargas was selected to the NASCAR Driver for Diversity Program and will compete in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East.

"Besides racing, I definitely have taken an interest in running. It helps me build up endurance and pushes me to be better. I also have a great interest in photography and motorsports media. I love talking about racing, and that would include photo journalism and articles for the racing world. I spend a lot of time with my two Australian Shepherds named Bristol and Dega. I named them after two of my favorite race tracks."

His goal in racing would be to ‘make it to the top’, being one of the youngest NA-

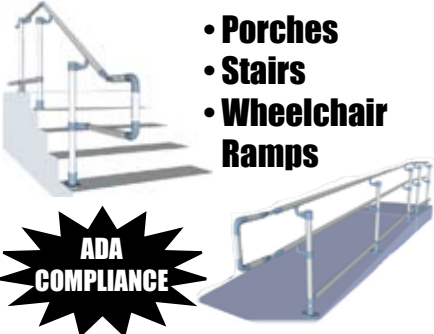
SCAR drivers, racing competitively with a big team, “I know it’s going to be a lot of work, but if I continue to work hard, it will all work out.”

His most recent accomplishment was in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Late Model Series at Langley Speedway Thursday, April 19th in the Denny Hamlin Short Track Showdown. He qualified, had a solid run before getting clipped in the rear and then hit by several cars ending his night.

Currently living in North Carolina with his father, while his Mother holds down the fort here in California, Vargas spends nine to ten months in Concord, NC, working on cars and preparing for his next race.

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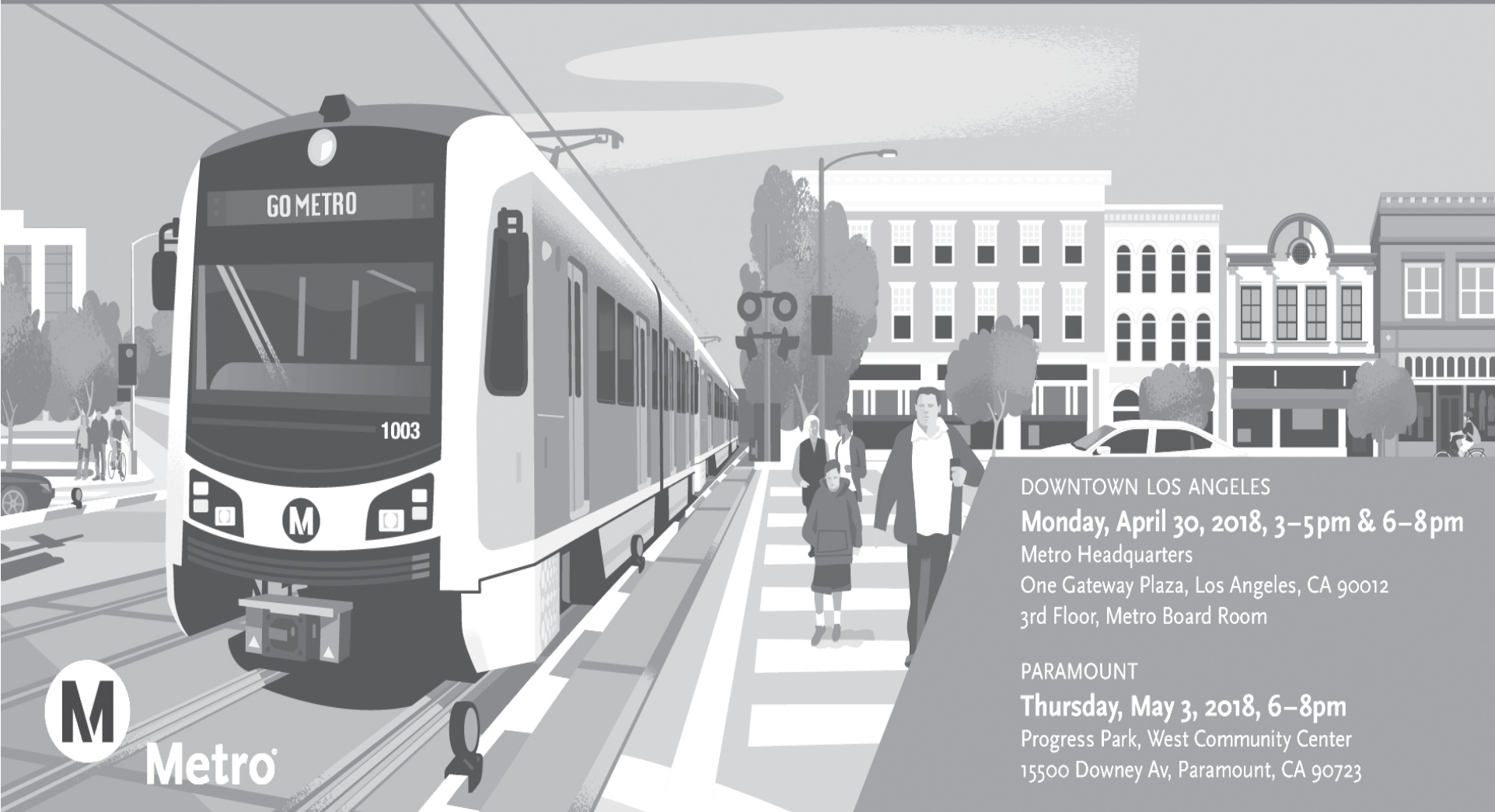


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GARCIA

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gether this video. I am humbled and honored. PLEASE LIKE & SHARE.”

The comment was followed by over 30 comments supporting Garcia.

But, what is missing from the Garcia video should catch the attention of the California Fair Political Practices Commission and trigger an investigation.

FPPC rules require a “paid for by” disclosure on anything that advertises a political campaign or promotes a politician. Somewhere on the Garcia video a paid for by disclosure should have appeared.

The public has a right to know who is paying for the advertisement, or video in this instance.

But no such paid for by disclaimer can be found on the Garcia video.

Garcia can claim, as she did on her Facebook page, that “her constituents put



TEAMCRISTINAGARCIA.COM FRONT page shows Asm. Garcia and a donate button, this was a direction from the "I Stand With Cristina" video that did not have a "paid for by" disclosure, violating FPPC laws.

the video together,” but it will be a hard argument to make.

At the end of the video is a frame with the words TeamCristinaGarcia.com.

Navigating to the website finds a splash page with a picture of Garcia and a large Donate Now button in brilliant red.

Scrolling through the website reveals Garcia accomplishments and endorsements.

The bottom of the TeamCristinaGarcia.com has the proper paid for by disclosure which reads, “Paid for by Cristina Garcia for Assembly 2016, FPPC# 1373564.

The direction to the website from the end of the video would give the casual observer the impression that Garcia was responsible for the video.

The FPPC might think so too, and start an investigation on Garcia.

Calls into the Garcia camp went unreturned, HMG-CN has sent several emails into the FPPC for comment, as of publication, no comment has been issued.

LEGENDARY VOICE BEHIND BATMAN VISITS

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LEGENDARY VOICE ACTOR Kevin Conroy, who is the iconic Batman voice, will be making an appearance May 19th at Comic Con Revolution. Conroy has voiced as Batman well over 300 times **Photos courtesy of Comic Con Revolution.**

STAFF REPORT

Comic Con Revolution, the Inland Empire’s only comic convention is pleased to announce that legendary voice actor Kevin Conroy, who is the iconic Batman voice, will be making an appearance at Comic Con Revolution on Saturday May 19th.

Conroy has been the voice of The Dark Knight since the launch of the groundbreaking debut of Batman: The Animated Series in 1992 and has gone on to record the voice of DC Comics most recognizable hero in Warner Bros. animated films, the Batman Beyond series, both Justice League animated series, and the critically acclaimed Arkham series of video games. In total, Conroy has appeared as the Batman well over 300 times and has portrayed him longer than anyone else.

“I feel so honored to have had the opportunity to play the complex character of Batman for over 27 years and to work with such a talented crew of actors, writers and producers,” said Conroy. “And behind the scenes guiding us all was the passion of renowned casting director Andrea Romano.”

Romano has well over 100 casting and voice directing credits dating back over 30 years. She is the driving force behind the voices of the animated DC Comics movies

as well as many other Warner Bros. properties.

“To me, and the vast majority of fans worldwide, Kevin Conroy is Batman. There are very few people you can undeniably associate with the character they portray,” said owner and co-founder of Comic Con Revolution Mike Scigliano. “Having him join us in Ontario this May is going to be an unforgettable experience for our attendees.”

In its second year, Comic Con Revolution is expanding for the first time to two full days of programming. The Inland Empire’s only comic convention will be held on May 19th and 20th at the Ontario Convention Center, featuring over 160 exhibitors and nearly 200 guests, including Greg Baldwin (Samurai Jack, Avatar: The Last Airbender), Ming Chen (AMC’s Comic Book Men) Chris Claremont (Uncanny X-Men), and Kevin Conroy (Batman: The Animated Series) just to mention a few. Plus dozens of writers, comic book artists and comedians will be available for lectures and to sign autographs.


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LA MIRADA

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Notable Arrests

- A suspect was arrested for reckless driving and exhibition of speed near the intersection of Alondra Blvd. and Valley View Ave.
- Eleven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- Aggravated Assault**
- A domestic incident was reported on the 1500 block of Leffingwell Rd. The suspect was treated for minor injuries.
- Pursuant to a verbal argument a victim was struck on the 15400 block of Elmbrook Dr. No major injuries were reported during incident.
- Residential Burglary**
- A daytime door smash burglary was reported on the 16300 block of Avenida San Miguel.
- A daytime door smash burglary was reported on the 13200 block of De Alcala Dr.
- Vehicle Burglary**
- A backpack was stolen during a window smash burglary on the 13800 block of Biola Ave.
- An early morning burglary was reported on the 13900 block of Ramhurst Dr.
- Grand Theft**
- A cell phone was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.

- Tools were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 14800 block of Alondra Blvd.

BELLFLOWER

Over the past two weeks there have been (72) reported Part 1 crimes .

Break-down of crimes: Aggravated Assault (4), Robbery (4), Grand Theft Auto (17), Theft from Motor Vehicle (19), Burglary (11, 5 Residential and 6 Commercial), Other thefts (16).

There were (4) robberies during this time period:

1) 15000 block of Bellflower Blvd. (4/3-Evening): The suspect approached the victim from behind and took the victim’s cell phone from his pocket, pushed him away and ran off out of view.

2) 16000 block of Clark Ave. (4/5-Evening): The victims were approached by 5 suspects whom they had seen involved in an altercation the previous week. At that time the victims tried to help the person the suspects were attacking. Due to this incident, the suspects were upset and wanted to retaliate against the victims. The suspects punched one of the victims, stole his keys and pushed the other victim out of the way. The suspects then stole the victim’s vehicle and drove off out of view.

3) 9000 block of Somerset Blvd. (4/10-Evening): The victim was pulling into his parking spot when the suspect had his property in the way, so he asked him to move his items. This upset the suspect, who yelled at the victim, punched him in the face, took his cell phone from his hand and ran off out of view.

ALI TAJ HOLDS CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF FOR 32ND SENATE



Photo by Tammye McDuff

ALI S. TAJ (center) with supporters and volunteers at his campaign headquarters in Artesia. Taj is running for the California 32nd Senate District that Tony Mendoza vacated after his resignation.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Saturday morning began the official kick-off campaign for Ali Taj and his run for the California 32nd Senate District, “This is a large area that covers many cities and it is without proper representation,” said Taj.

Dozens of volunteers gathered at Taj headquarters to sign up, pick up yard signage, canvass the neighborhoods, knock on doors and make phone calls to mail-in voters.

“The most important part of this campaign is talking to the voters,” says campaign manager Rohnda Ammouri, “We are asking everyone this morning to give us a couple hours of your time. This kick-off is not just one to get the office going and show our support for Ali, but to ac-

tually get out there and show the voters, who they should be voting for. Ali really is the only viable candidate for this race. And he is going to win.”

Taj is running on the platform of transparency and accountability in government while holding others to being honest and truthful public servants. He is a champion for those causes that make life better for Californians and he stands for the values of liberty, inclusion and diversity, “I promise to serve you with honesty and integrity. I will fight for better government that gives you value for every dollar, I am on your side. I’m running for State Senate because I believe Americans shouldn’t have to worry about the integrity or competence of their representatives,” stated Taj.

LA MIRADA RECOGNIZES ARBOR DAY



Photo courtesy city of La Mirada

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR Mark Stowell (right) was present at the city council meeting to receive the proclamation, with Stowell is Mayor Larry Mowles.

STAFF REPORT

The La Mirada City council proclaimed Friday, April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day at their regular Tuesday evening council meeting.

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. Since then, more than a million trees have been planted in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and world.

The City of La Mirada has received the Tree City USA award for over 23 years

for its efforts to renew and manage an urban forest. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Each year, thousands of cities across the United States are recognized for their contribution in protecting and maintaining our urban forests.

Public Works Director Mark Stowell was present at the city council meeting to receive the proclamation.

For additional information and resources, visit arborday.org.

LAKWOOD PURCHASES ADDITIONAL DASH VANS



A CITY EMPLOYEE shows off the new DASH bus. The City bought the two 16-passenger busses to augment their transit service in Lakewood.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The City of Lakewood recently purchased two new 16-passenger Ford buses to replace the fourteen year old vehicles in the DASH fleet. The city used \$169,822 in voter-approved Proposition A county transit funds to purchase the new buses.

The city’s transit service helps over 1,200 senior and disabled Lakewood residents safely stay mobile and active with more than 19,000 round-trips each year.

The city's DASH transit service is free to Lakewood residents 60 years of age or older without their own transportation and to disabled residents of any age. Users of the service must meet eligibility requirements.

DASH is a reservation-only service that travels within Lakewood city limits with some limited service outside of Lakewood for certain medical and educational

purposes.

Additional paratransit service is available through Access Services and Long Beach Dial-A-Lift. Pre-registration is required and eligibility requirements must be met for both programs. Access Services and Dial-A-Lift are available for longer distance trips and longer hours for a small fee.

DASH provides frequent, inexpensive and convenient bus services in downtown Los Angeles and in 27 neighborhoods all across the County of Los Angeles. Each route is designed to serve travel within that neighborhood and to connect to other regional transit services such as Metro Rapid and local routes, Metrolink and Metro rail lines.

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SUBURBAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL - ARTESIA FEELING MORE CONFIDENT AFTER PUTTING ON AN OFFENSIVE DISPLAY AGAINST NORWALK

BY LOREN KOPFF
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For those that may have written off the Artesia High softball team from making the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs for a second straight season, you can put away your crayons and scratch paper for now. The Lady Pioneers are still in the postseason hunt, especially after the work they performed on Norwalk High last Thursday.

Artesia sent 15 batters to the plate in the top of the third and fourth innings combined, pounded out 13 hits for the game and knocked out Norwalk senior pitcher Breanna Vasquez in the third inning as part of a 10-4 victory. The win allowed the Lady Pioneers to catch the host Lady Lancers for fourth place in the Suburban League. The win also avenged an earlier 6-2 home loss on Mar. 20 in which Norwalk collected 14 hits and held Artesia to just four. Finally, the 10 runs scored were the most against any Norwalk team in at least 21 seasons.

“I think our mentality was different,” said Artesia head coach Dayna Feenstra. “We came in with a little bit more confidence. I have a very young team, mostly freshmen and sophomores with two juniors playing. So, coming in there knowing we have a 17 or 18-year old pitching who’s going to a [NCAA] D-1 school was a little intimidating. Mentally, we’re getting stronger as the year goes on.”

“I’m kind of at a loss for words,” said Norwalk first-year head coach David Gonzalez. “You really didn’t expect them to come out flat this way. I have to do a better job of keeping them focused throughout the week. We’re starting to get to the end

of school and I think people are already starting to look toward summertime.”

Before Vasquez struck out the last three batters she faced in the first, Artesia sophomore center fielder Camryn Thompson reached on the first of five Norwalk errors and scored on a wild pitch. Norwalk would respond with three runs in the bottom of the first, but the visitors bounced back two innings later, and with a vengeance.

With one out and sophomore designated player Leilani Pati on first after a walk, Thompson was safe on an infield single and stole second. Vasquez then posted her sixth strikeout in 10 batters faced before junior second baseman Natalie Luna’s base hit tied the game. Junior third baseman Brenda Duran would then reach on an error and Luna would give the Lady Pioneers a 4-3 lead on sophomore first baseman Charlene Fregoso’s single to the right field gap.

The hitting continued in the next inning with the big hits coming from Thompson, whose single to right field plated a pair and Luna’s two-run home run over the left center fence which made it 8-3.

“I just told them to keep believing in themselves,” Feenstra said. “We just played Cerritos where we were down, came back, down [again] and came back [again]. We have a lot of fight. I told them to keep fighting.”

It was at that point that Gonzalez pulled Vasquez, who has signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Central Florida. Even though she struck out half a dozen batters, Vasquez gave up seven hits and only two earned runs. She was replaced by senior Angelina Perez.

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SUBURBAN LEAGUE BASEBALL : CERRITOS LACKING THAT HUNGER TO WIN, UNABLE TO RALLY AGAINST MAYFAIR

BY LOREN KOPFF

LAKEWOOD-This is about the time in any high school season that teams competing for a league title or postseason berth need to keep the foot on the gas pedal. Unfortunately for the Cerritos High baseball team, it forgot to read that memo.

The Dons are going in the opposite direction, lacking that urgency to beat the teams that had been below the Dons in the Suburban League standings. Cerritos dropped a 3-2 decision to host Mayfair High last Friday and coupled with a 7-1 setback to Woodcrest Christian this past Tuesday in a non-league affair, the Dons are sitting at 15-8 overall and 4-4 in the circuit. They have lost four of the last six games and have scored 13 runs in those six games. Throughout most of the contest against the Monsoons, Cerritos head coach Scott Parsonage kept asking his team where the urgency was.

“That’s what I’m still trying to find out and pinpoint,” Parsonage said. “I don’t know what’s happened in the last two weeks. It seems like after we played that second La Mirada game at home, it took a lot out of us. And they’ve got to understand that La Mirada is not the only team in this league. They’re the best team in this league by far and you don’t have to beat them to make the playoffs.

“You have to take care of the other teams you need to take care of and right now, it seems like we’re coming out flat, no passion, not hungry whatsoever,” he continued. “It seems like it’s a little fall league game right now in the last couple

of weeks and I don’t understand this.”

Cerritos split a home and home series with Bellflower High and had to score a run in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Mayfair 5-4 on Apr. 18 after blowing a 4-0 lead. But in the rematch last Friday, the Monsoons grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning on run-scoring singles from Noel Soto and Andrew Harlow.

The Dons had their share of chances to score in the early innings, but stranded runners at second base in three of the first four innings, each time with one out. They finally broke through in the top of the fifth when junior designated hitter Bernie DeLeon was walked and replaced by sophomore pinch runner Brenden Reyes. Sophomore catcher Jonathan O’Neill then singled to center and after an out, junior left fielder Matthew Aguinaga singled to the left field gap to put Cerritos on the board.

After the second out, Soto was replaced on the mound with Jordan Brown who intentionally walked sophomore pitcher Evan Vasquez to load the bases. But a fly-out ended an opportunity to tie, or even take the lead.

“When we come out and have selfish at-bats and we’re not playing for the guy next to us [and] we’re playing for ourselves, you’re not going to be very successful as a baseball team,” Parsonage said. “And that’s what’s going on. Guys are being selfish instead of unselfish; they’re playing for themselves.”

Mayfair scored what ended up being the game-winning run in the bottom

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GAHR BASEBALL BLASTS WARREN IN RARE ROUT AGAINST BEARS

BY LOREN KOPFF

Whenever the Gahr High baseball team faces San Gabriel Valley League rival Warren High, you can pretty much count on a close game with the winning margin by either team coming by a couple of runs. But no one expected the outcome of this past Tuesday's to be lopsided by more than 10 runs.

Gahr erupted for six runs in the bottom of the second inning and five more in the fourth and cruised to a 15-3 victory over the Bears in a battle of undefeated teams in the league. The Gladiators (14-7, 5-0) swept Warren last season with both games decided by two runs. Other than a 10-0 win against Warren in 2016, the last time the Gladiators routed the Bears came in 2011 with 29-2, 15-0 and 13-5 results.

"I will say that I feel that as a whole, we are swinging the bat better," said Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez. "Our approaches have improved, our at-bats, our plans, the combination of both...we've been maturing at the plate. I've told our team that I think we have the capability to be a good offensive team as far as hitting."

Gahr, which has won four in a row and nine out of the last 10 games, sent 12 batters to the plate in the second inning but got just three hits. A pair of Warren pitchers combined to walk four Gahr batters and hit another. Senior shortstop Michael Perez and senior third baseman

Delvan Gomez each had a run-scoring singles, junior first baseman Jayden Cruz had a sacrifice fly to bring in a run and junior center fielder Xavier Estrada was walked with the bases loaded to plate another run.

In the next inning, senior designated hitter Julian Mungarro's single brought in Cruz, who was hit by a pitch to begin the inning. Two pitches after Mungarro's hit, junior catcher Edward Morales singled to right field to make it 9-2.

Gahr put the game away in the fourth inning, sending eight to the plate and getting a run-scoring trip from Gomez and an RBI double from junior second baseman Tyrese Turner as some of the highlights.

In all, Gahr picked up 13 hits with Gomez going three for four and Turner two for three, had five batters reach on walks, four get hit by pitches and one reach on an error. Senior Anthony Diaz worked the first three innings, giving up two runs, two hits, two walks and striking out two while junior Jason Dressel worked the final four innings, retiring the final eight and 10 of the last 11 he faced to pick up the win.

"I'm very comfortable with us not hitting our stride yet," Gerardo Perez said. "But I want to see steps individually."

Gahr visited Warren on Apr. 26 to complete the home and home series and will host Paramount on Tuesday, hoping to seal down one of the top two spots in the league as the title could be decided on the final week of the regular season when



HMGCN Sports Editor
Loren Kopff

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Gahr faces Downey High, which began this week undefeated in league action as well.

"As long as kids can handle getting up after getting punched in the face and after they can get up on the horse and get back into it, I think it's a good thing," Gerardo Perez said. "We've been resilient; we have. And we've been challenged early. Early on, our strength of schedule was extremely high. I think we've found our niche."

In other baseball action, the miserable season for Artesia High continues as it was pounded by Norwalk High 23-0 this past Wednesday in Suburban League action. The host Lancers (9-9, 3-4) scored six unearned runs in the bottom of the second, then exploded for 11 more the next inning.

Senior designated hitter Isaac Aguilar went three for four, scored three runs and drove in two while senior pitcher Anthony Gonzalez went three for five, scored twice and drove in two runs. Junior right fielder Chase Baca went two for four with five RBI and three runs scored while senior shortstop Kevin Ramirez (three RBI) and senior center fielder Richard Lozano also picked up a pair of hits.

Artesia (1-21, 0-9) had six hits from six different players and has been outscored 162-1 in league competition. The two teams will meet at Artesia today before the Pioneers host Mayfair High on Wednesday while Norwalk entertains La Mirada High on Wednesday as well.

In a battle of undefeated Suburban

League teams, John Glenn High fell to La Mirada 3-1 this past Wednesday. The Eagles (16-6, 6-1), ranked third in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 4 poll, will visit the Matadores, ranked fifth in Division 1, today before visiting Cerritos High on Wednesday.

Valley Christian High dropped a 4-3 home encounter to Whittier Christian High to fall to 8-12 overall and winless in six Olympic League contests. The two teams, which faced each other on Apr. 26, will meet again today at Whittier Christian. V.C. will then travel to Maranatha on Tuesday. The Minutemen are ranked fourth in Division 3 and are on top of the league standings.

Whitney High was blanked by Crean Lutheran High 13-0 thins past Tuesday to fall to 5-8 overall and 2-5 in the Academy League. The two teams will meet today at Crean Lutheran before Whitney travels to Sage Hill on Tuesday.

SOFTBALL

The highlight of the week came from Cerritos where senior pitcher Jennifer Morinishi pitched a ho-hitter against Norwalk this past Tuesday in a 6-0 win. The Lady Dons have won 11 straight games, improving to 15-4, 8-0 while Norwalk stood at 7-9, 3-5. Cerritos visited Bellflower High on Apr. 26 and will travel to Mayfair High on Thursday while the Lady Lancers were home to La Mirada on Apr. 26 and will entertain Mayfair on Tuesday and Glenn on Thursday.

Gahr took over first place in the San Gabriel Valley League following a 7-3 win against Downey High this past Tuesday. The Lady Gladiators (17-4, 5-0) hosted last place Dominguez High on Apr. 26 and will welcome fifth place Lynwood

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The top three in Artesia's lineup-Thompson, freshman catcher Zoey Williams and Luna-went a combined six for 13 with six runs scored and six runs batted in. Navarro went three for four while Joaquin added a pair of hits in four trips to the plate and picked up the win in relief of freshman Shelby Hile, who worked only

“Now, it’s time for us to steal a win and it’s kind of hard to call it stealing a win when you have a lot of home game coming up,” Gonzalez said. “But that’s what we have to do. We have to steal a win from teams that are expected to win and I think we can.”

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“Bottom line is we need to take care of ourselves,” Parsonage said. “We can’t

watch what's going on with the other teams. We hold our own destiny. You kind of hear that a lot, but it's true. If we win, we're going to be alright. If we lose two of the last four or three of the last four, honestly I don't think we deserve to make the playoffs."

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Whitney went out of Academy League action to host winless Saddleback High this past Monday and came away with an 18-6 victory, improving to 3-8 at the time. The Lady Wildcats scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning and nine more in the next inning. Sophomore third baseman Susana Toscano went three for four and scored four runs while sophomore shortstop Gabrielle Madjus went two for four and drove in three runs. Junior pitcher Taylor Genera also had three RBI while striking out 10 batters in five innings of work. The Lady Wildcats, who would then drop a 10-0 decision to Oxford Academy this past Wednesday, will visit Calvary Chapel Downey on Tuesday



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CITY OF LA MIRADA HOST ANNUAL MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA PARTY

Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, and friends are invited to celebrate Mother’s Day with a tea party on Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the La Mirada Activity Center, 13810 La Mirada Boulevard.

Share in celebrating this special day filled with music, entertainment, crafts, and photos and enjoy a selection of teas, finger sandwiches, and pastries. Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite party attire and strike a pose on the runway in the fashion show.

“The Mother-Daughter Tea provides a fun opportunity to dress up and spend a beautiful afternoon celebrating Mother’s Day,” says Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya. “Join us to honor all of the extraordinary women in our lives.”

Guests are encouraged to bring their own teacup for a chance to win a prize for the most decorative, unique, or traditional tea seats. Tickets are \$17 for ages 3 to 11 and \$27 for ages 12 and older.

For additional information and to register, call the Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

CERRITOS CITY FACILITIES TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the Community Gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney high schools and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

Other City park facilities’ hours will not be affected, and are as follows: Community Centers: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course: 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Cerritos Sports Complex: 2 to 8 p.m.; Cerritos Olympic Swim Center recreational swim: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and adult lap swim: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be no trash collection or street sweeping on Monday, May 28, and schedules will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week through Saturday.

CITY’S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY SET FOR MAY 28

The City of Cerritos invites the community to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m. near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center.

The event honors members of the United States armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation’s freedom.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will begin with prelude music at 9:45 a.m. The ceremony will include a presentation of colors; comments by the City Council; songs by Signature A Cappella; laying of wreaths; and a moment of silence. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

For more information, contact the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.

MADDI'S CLOSET

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and financial needs are unmet by insurance and other assistance programs. The group provides many services – from an annual toy drive to events and activities geared for patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and CHOC.

Local youth also help children battling cancer through From Maddi’s Closet. A Junior Advisory Board composed of middle school and high school students attends many public events, operates public awareness booths, hosts inpatient and outpatient projects, and assists at the annual We Can Family Camp for children with cancer.

Numerous opportunities are available throughout the year for individuals, businesses and organizations to support From Maddi’s Closet activities. Additional information is available and donations can be made online at www.frommaddiscloset.org.

TRANSITION

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That was followed by an angry tirade by resident Jay Gray who continues to think that some Cerritos Facebook pages are a viable platform to hold debates, even though several past posts defamed City officials with outright lies.

Kappe was referring to last year when Hu was voted in as Mayor by Yokoyama and Pulido, bypassing Solanki.

Solanki was in the wrong place at the wrong time, the recipient of 20 years of snubs by Kappe, Barrows, Chen, Edwards, Ray, etc. of their fellow Democrats.

After the Kappe and Gray rants, Hu said, “All five of us on council respect each other, and we work together well for the betterment of all of our residents in Cerritos.”

When it was time to select the Mayor, Councilmember Yokoyama nominated Pulido while Jim Edwards nominated Solanki. Pulido, Yokoyama and Hu voted for Pulido while Solanki and Edwards voted for Solanki.

When it was time to nominate a mayor or pro-tem, in a surprise move, Councilmember Frank Yokoyama quickly nominated Solanki, with Hu seconding Yokoyama’s nomination. Solanki nominated Edwards.

The vote was taken and Solanki was voted in as Mayor pro tem, on a 4-1 vote, but not before Edwards addressed the residents saying, “only a couple of instances, in the 61 history of Cerritos, did the council not follow the traditional rotation of officers.”

The other councilmembers ignored the statement and the special meeting moved to honoring outgoing Mayor Hu.

Once Hu received several awards for her service as mayor and the councilmembers gave their comments commending the “terrific service” of Cerritos management, staff, and volunteers, the meeting was adjourned to the CCPA for the annual reception.

THE PODCAST IS COMING



TRASH

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Beginning with August service, rates for senior citizens will decrease a whopping 57% to \$4.19.

Residents living in single family homes will have the ability to pre-arrange collection of up to five oversized items such as furniture and electronics once a week, with multi-family dwellings able to call in these “bulky item pickups” once

a month.

Among the enhancements offered by Athens are \$5,000 in scholarships for Norwalk students pursuing college or university education and a 10% discount for Norwalk residents serving on active military duty, and residents who are Los Angeles County Sheriff’s deputies and firefighters assigned to Norwalk.

Athens Services, founded in 1957, is a fourth generation family-owned waste collection and recycling company employing over 1,500 Southern California residents.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Unified School District, acting by and through its Board of Education, hereinafter the “District” will receive up to, but not later than the above-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **Bid No. 27(17-18) Replacement of Playground Asphalt, Grading and Re-Stripe to Greenwood and Suva Elementary Schools.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

1.

Licenses. Contractors are required to have a **Class: A or C12** license at the time of bid submission.

2.

Prequalification. N/A

3.

Registration with DIR. Pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5, all bidders and their subcontractors of any tier must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in order to submit a bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of this contract.

4.

Bid Security. Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the maximum amount of the Bid Proposal, inclusive of any additive Bid Alternates. Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.

5.

No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **sixty (60) days** after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.

6.

Job-Walk. The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on Thursday, May 3, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bidder’s attendance to the Job Walk is mandatory.** Job walk location: **Suva Elementary School, 6740 E. Suva Street, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 at the flagpole.** Then we will all proceed to **Greenwood Elementary School, 900 S. Greenwood Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640.** The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.

7.

Contract Time. The date(s) for completion of Milestones and for achieving Substantial Completion of the Work shall be as set forth in the Special Conditions. Failure to complete designated portions of the Work, including Milestones, within the time(s) established in the Special Conditions and/or failure to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time shall subject the Contractor to Liquidated Damages as set forth in the Special Conditions.

8.

Payment and Performance Bonds. A Labor and Materials Payment Bond and Performance Bond are required in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount.

9.

Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor and all Subcontractors performing any portion of the Work shall pay not less than the applicable prevailing wage rate for the classification of labor provide by their respective workers in prosecution and execution of the Work. Pursuant to Labor Code §1773, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the generally prevailing rates of wages in the locality in which the Work is to be performed. Copies of these determinations, entitled "PREVAILING WAGE SCALE" are available on the Internet at www.dir.ca.gov/dir/S&R/statistics_research.html. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall post a copy of all applicable prevailing wage rates for the Work at conspicuous locations at the Site of the Work.

10.

Substitute Security. Substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor and in conformity with Public Contract Code §22300. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following award of the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under Public Contract Code §22300.

11.

Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District’s Board of Education to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest priced responsive Bid Proposal.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

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 **May 8th, 2018 @ 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: TV STAND, CAR PARTS, TOWEL, BOXES, REFRIGERATOR, CHAIR, DOORS, FABRIC, UMBRELLA, GLASS WARE, CART, LOOSE CLOTHING, VANITY, TOTES, SUITCASE, LAMP, STERO EQUIP., SHELF, VASES, TV TRAYS, DESK, WIRE BASKET, WALKER, IRON BOARD, WATER BOTTLE, BED FRAME, NIGHT STAND, ICE CHEST, CRIB, and TOYS belonging to the following.

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|---------------------|------------|
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| BRANDI LYNN HERRERA | A332 &A250 |
| ZEMYRA MYISHA GIBBS | B140 |
| ISABEL MAE GOMEZ | B748 |
| CHRISTINA GUTIERREZ | B672 |

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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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 580U OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933 (c), the following constitutes a summary of Ordinance No. 580U (“Ordinance”), adopted as an urgency ordinance pursuant to Government Code Section 36937 by the Hawaiian Gardens City Council on April 24, 2018, at its meeting held in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to adopt new and increased fees or changes for a variety of programs, activities, and services provided by the City to the community, specifically including the Parks and Recreational and Community Development Departments, with the revenues resulting from the fees going to reimburse the City for its costs incurred in providing the fee-related program, activity, or service.

Contemporaneously with adoption of the Ordinance, the City Council adopted a Resolution approve the same increased / new fees, and the Resolution and associated fees will take effect sixty (60) days from the City Council’s approval, as provided by law. As an urgency ordinance, the Ordinance and the fees it approves are effective immediately, and will automatically expire upon the effective date of the Resolution. The City’s Comprehensive Fee Schedule, as amended by the Ordinance / Resolution, is available for inspection in the City Clerk’s Office.

A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted an available for review in the City Clerk’s Office at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on April 24, 2018, by the following voice vote:

| | |
|----------|--|
| AYES: | Rodriguez, Bruce, Maravilla, Rios, Trimble |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

/S/_____
Suzanne Underwood, City Clerk

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE
CERTIFICATION

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

I, Suzanne Underwood, City Clerk of the City of Hawaiian Gardens, do hereby certify that **Ordinance No. 580U**, an Interim Ordinance, was duly passed at a Regular meeting of the City Council on this **24th day of APRIL 2018** by the following votes as the same appears on file and of record in the Office of the City Clerk.

| | |
|----------|--|
| AYES: | RODRIGUEZ, BRUCE, TRIMBLE, RIOS, MARAVILLA |
| NOES: | NONE |
| ABSENT: | NONE |
| ABSTAIN: | NONE |

/S/_____
SUZANNE UNDERWOOD
CITY CLERK/RECORDS MANAGER

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA

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

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| DATE OF HEARING: | TUESDAY, May 8, 2018 |
| TIME OF HEARING: | 6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter. |
| LOCATION OF HEARING: | City Council Chambers City of Hawaiian Gardens 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 |

HEARING ITEM:

ORDINANCE NO. 579

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 13.08.010 OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH THE NEW UPDATED SECTION 13.08.010 ADOPTING, BY REFERENCE, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITARY SEWER AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

The purpose of Ordinance No. 579, as introduced, is to bring the City of Hawaiian Gardens code section 13.08.010, related to Sanitary Sewer and Industrial Waste, up to date and consistent with the Los Angeles County Code and State Permit.

The Sanitary Sewer and Industrial Waste ordinance of the City, except as it is hereinafter amended, Title 20, Utilities, Division 2, of the County code of the County of Los Angeles, which may be amended from time to time by the County of Los Angeles to comply with new State permits, and which regulate the use, operation, maintenance, and repair of the City sanitary sewer system, provide for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor, is hereby adopted by reference, and conflicting ordinances are hereby repealed.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD

Those persons desiring to testify in favor of or in opposition to the proposal listed above will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing. If you challenge the subject application 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 submitted to the City Council at, or prior to the public hearing.

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

Suzanne Underwood
City Clerk

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CITY OF COMMERCE

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

SENIOR & LIBRARY PLAZA PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the City of Commerce (“City”), on behalf of the Public Works and Development Services Department, for the above stated project.

1. DATE OF THIS REQUEST: April 4, 2018

2. DUE DATE: Sealed bids shall be submitted on or before **12:00 PM, May 17, 2018.**
Late proposals will not be considered.

3. DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work to be performed and executed under these specifications consists of furnishing all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities, incidentals and all other items and facilities necessary for the acceptable completion of all work necessary to complete the project as represented on the drawings and specifications.

4. LOCATION: 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA 90040

5. BID DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents, Specifications, and Drawings are available on Planet Bids website: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=32906>.

6. BID DELIVERY: Bids must be prepared on the approved bid forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside: **“Senior & Library Plaza Project – Do Not Open with Regular Mail.”** Bids may be mailed or delivered by messenger to: City of Commerce, Attn: City Clerk, 2535 Commerce Way, City of Commerce, California 90040.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

7. PRE-BID MEETING: All bidders must attend a **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting which will be held at the **City of Commerce, Council Chambers, located at 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA. 90040** on **April 25, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.** Please RSVP through the City of Commerce Planet Bids website: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=32906>.

8. BID BOND: Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of Commerce for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount.

9. BID INQUIRIES: All questions regarding this bid shall be directed through the City of Commerce Planet Bids website: <https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=32906>, no later than **May 4, 2018 at 10:00 am.** All questions will be directed to Chidi Ugwueze, Facilities CIP Project Manager with a copy to Gina Nila, Deputy Director of Public Works Operations. **It is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm transmission of correspondence.**

10. CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE: Bidder may only bid on work for which Bidder is properly licensed by the Contractors’ State License Board. The successful bidder shall be licensed in accordance with provisions of the Business and Professions Code and shall possess a Class B license or a combination of appropriate Class licenses at the time this contract is awarded. The successful Contractor and his subcontractors will be required to possess business licenses from the City of Commerce. No contract will be awarded to a bidder who is not licensed in accordance with the law under the provisions of Division III, Chapter 9, of the California Business and Profession Code at the time of the award.

11. REQUIREMENTS: All bidders are required to comply with all applicable California competitive bidding and labor compliance laws including, but not limited to, active solicitation of subcontract bids from minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by disabled veteran’s. Compliance with California prevailing wage rates and apprenticeships employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations is required.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of thirty (30) days.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **24th day of May, 2018** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1508 LED Conversion Group 1 Schools

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the **Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents at the mandatory jobwalk on May 14, 2018 8:00 AM sharp at the Purchasing Department 16700 Norwalk Blvd, Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-10 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT


NOTICE CALLING FOR BID


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM** on the **24th day of May, 2018** Bids for:


ABC Bid # 1509 LED Conversion Group 2 Schools

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents at the mandatory jobwalk on May 15, 2018 8:00 AM sharp at the Purchasing Department 16700 Norwalk Blvd, Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-10 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Unified School District, acting by and through its Board of Education, hereinafter the “District” will receive up to, but not later than the above-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **Bid No. 29(17-18) Replacement of Playground Asphalt, Grading and Re-Stripe to Garfield and Bandini Elementary Schools.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

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

1. Licenses. Contractors are required to have a **Class: A or C12** license at the time of bid submission.

2. Prequalification. **N/A**

3. Registration with DIR. Pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5, all bidders and their subcontractors of any tier must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in order to submit a bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of this contract.

4. Bid Security. Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the maximum amount of the Bid Proposal, inclusive of any additive Bid Alternates. Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.

5. No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **sixty (60) days** after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.

6. Job-Walk. The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bidder’s attendance to the Job Walk is mandatory.** Job walk location: **Bandini Elementary School, 2318 Coutts Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040 at the flagpole.** Then we will all proceed to **Garfield Elementary School, 7425 S. Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201.** The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.

7. Contract Time. The date(s) for completion of Milestones and for achieving Substantial Completion of the Work shall be as set forth in the Special Conditions. Failure to complete designated portions of the Work, including Milestones, within the time(s) established in the Special Conditions and/or failure to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time shall subject the Contractor to Liquidated Damages as set forth in the Special Conditions.

8. Payment and Performance Bonds. A Labor and Materials Payment Bond and Performance Bond are required in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount.

9. Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor and all Subcontractors performing any portion of the Work shall pay not less than the applicable prevailing wage rate for the classification of labor provide by their respective workers in prosecution and execution of the Work. Pursuant to Labor Code §1773, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the generally prevailing rates of wages in the locality in which the Work is to be performed. Copies of these determinations, entitled "PREVAILING WAGE SCALE" are available on the Internet at www.dir.ca.gov/dir/S&R/statistics_research.html. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall post a copy of all applicable prevailing wage rates for the Work at conspicuous locations at the Site of the Work.

10. Substitute Security. Substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor and in conformity with Public Contract Code §22300. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following award of the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under Public Contract Code §22300.

11. Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District’s Board of Education to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest priced responsive Bid Proposal.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title Order No.: 8720346 Trustee Sale No.: 2017-00182 Reference No.: 700433 APN No.: 7012-004-038 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 08/13/2015. 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 05/03/2018 at 10:00AM, Bender & Associates, A Law Corporation As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 08/24/2015 as Document No. 20151037201 Book Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, property owned by: JAIME MATSUBA WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. [Make Check Payable to; Bender & Associates, Client Trust Account] At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: 7012-004-038 The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 16938 CEDARWOOD CT, CERRITOS, CA 90703 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 due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$22,230.75 Estimated. Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant, Cerritos Villas Homeowners Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment 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 and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2017-00182. 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. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR Date: 04/03/2018 Bender & Associates, A Law Corporation 29970 Technology Drive, Suite 211, Murrieta, California 92563 For Sales Information Please Call (916) 939-0772 MICHAEL BENDER, TRUSTEE NPP0329955 To: LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 04/13/2018, 04/20/2018, 04/27/2018

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
TOSHIKO FUKUSHIMA
CASE NO. 18STPB02142
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TOSHIKO FUKUSHIMA.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DAN T. FUKUSHIMA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DAN T. FUKUSHIMA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/16/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Unified School District, acting by and through its Board of Education, hereinafter the “District” will receive up to, but not later than the above-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **Bid No. 28(17-18) Replacement of Playground Asphalt, Grading and Re-Stripe to La Merced and Fremont Elementary Schools.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: **Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

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1. Licenses. Contractors are required to have a **Class: A or C12** license at the time of bid submission.

2. Prequalification. **N/A**

3. Registration with DIR. Pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5, all bidders and their subcontractors of any tier must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in order to submit a bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of this contract.

4. Bid Security. Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the maximum amount of the Bid Proposal, inclusive of any additive Bid Alternates. Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.

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6. Job-Walk. The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on Thursday, May 1, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bidder’s attendance to the Job Walk is mandatory.** Job walk location: **La Merced Elementary School, 724 N. Poplar Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640 at the flagpole.** Then we will all proceed to **Fremont Elementary School, 200 W. Madison Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640.** The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.

7. Contract Time. The date(s) for completion of Milestones and for achieving Substantial Completion of the Work shall be as set forth in the Special Conditions. Failure to complete designated portions of the Work, including Milestones, within the time(s) established in the Special Conditions and/or failure to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time shall subject the Contractor to Liquidated Damages as set forth in the Special Conditions.

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10. Substitute Security. Substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor and in conformity with Public Contract Code §22300. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following award of the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under Public Contract Code §22300.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 136998 Title No. 95518896 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/16/2008. 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. On 05/04/2018 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/24/2008, as Instrument No. 20081894107, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Steven Michael Ruiz and Consuela T. Ruiz, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8034-019-042 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12011 Stamy Road, La Mirada, CA 90638 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, if any, 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: \$232,289.10 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 4/10/2018 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27455 TIERRA ALTA WAY, STE. B, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. For information obtained may be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (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: 136998. 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. A-4653900 04/13/2018, 04/20/2018, 04/27/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-736142-AB Order No.: 160178264-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/19/2008. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. 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, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): CHAD HUSSAIN AND MUHAMMAD HUSSAIN HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 2/26/2008 as Instrument No. 20080326449 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 5/8/2018 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,522,561.75 The purported property address is: 12428 TIMBERCREEK LANE, CERRITOS, CA 90703 Assessor's Parcel No.: 7010-010-017 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. 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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 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-16-736142-AB. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-16-736142-AB IDSPub #0139086 4/13/2018 4/20/2018 4/27/2018

A black and white photograph of a construction site, showing scaffolding and structural elements. Overlaid on the image is a large, bold, red stamp with a distressed, stencil-like font. The stamp contains two lines of text: '#HYPOCRITE' on the top line and '#TIMESUP' on the bottom line. The stamp is tilted slightly to the right.



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