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## STEM FESTIVAL AT DOWNEY COLUMBIA SPACE CENTER

**BIG CHECK:** An \$800,000 check from State Senator Bob Archuleta is presented to Columbia Memorial Executive Director Ben Dickow (2nd from left) at the STEM festival. Also seen is Congresswoman Lucile Roybal-Allard (far left) Asm. Cristina Garcia, Downey Councilwoman Claudia Frometa, and Miss Los Angeles County Casie Roby.

By Tammie McDuff

City of STEM kicked off its month-long science festival at Downey's Columbia Memorial Space Center [CMSC] Saturday, April 2, celebrating seven years with the Los Angeles science community.

The month-long, community-focused celebration of science, technology, engineering,

and math [STEM] is composed of numerous events for all ages taking place throughout Los Angeles County.

The event started off with a bang when State Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) presented CMSC Executive Director Ben Dickow a \$800,000 check.

Dickow thanked Archuleta and then talked about Downey's rich aerospace history, highlight-

ing that the city is home to Space Shuttle Columbia.

Officially announcing her last year in office Roybal-Allard expressed "I will cherish our many years of friendship and support. What the Center does for our youth is incredible, and I am grateful to have been part of this journey, for Downey truly is the

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## Two Men Rob Cerritos' Goody's Donuts, Send Owner to Hospital

By Brian Hews

The popular Goody's Donuts near the corner of Artesia and Carmenita in Cerritos was robbed last Friday.

According to employees, two black men stormed the tiny shop, shot out the window, entered the store, and hit the 80-year-old owner, sending him to the hospital.

The two men then locked the other employees in the bathroom and took the money from the cash register, which was

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### THE ENTRY DOOR

to Goody's donuts was shot out by two robbers who pistol-whipped the 80 year-old owner and took \$50 in cash.



## Election 2022: Yokoyama Leads, Johnson Second, With Nearly 3K Ballots Left to Count

Ballots can arrive as late as next Tuesday, the Clerk has 2,600 ballots to count, putting the second seat up for grabs Hong is only 235 votes behind Johnson.

By Brian Hews

The turnout was predictably low in Tuesday's Cerritos Council election with the semi-official results showing incumbent Frank Yokoyama in the lead with 2,437 votes. There are two open seats.

Running second, outspending all others by a wide margin, is Lynda Johnson with 2,242.

Third is Jennifer Hong, only 235 votes behind Johnson at 2,207.

The Cerritos City Clerk said they "will continue to canvass the returns as required by the California Elections Code and post any updates to the City's website."

All Measures passed except for H, which would have limited City Council seats to two terms.

Adding intrigue to the election: the City Clerk's office indicated there are over 2600 returned ballot envelopes so far to process with more potentially arriving in the mail through Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Only ballot return envelopes which have been postmarked by April 12, 2022 and received in the office by mail by Tuesday, April 19, 2022 are eligible to be included in the final count

The clerk is currently assessing all ballot return envelopes to ensure that all eligible returns will be included and counted in the official count.

The number of outstanding ballot return envelopes to be included in the official count will change daily through Tuesday, April 19th as the office receives eligible items in the mail. A

second count is currently scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2022. The clerk will communicate "with ample notice" of the additional ballot processing and count times.

Voters whose ballot return envelopes were received in time but were unsigned or have other issues have a certain amount of time to remedy those issues. The clerk is legally required to notify those voters of the issues and assist them in resolving them. The state-mandated deadline for applicable voters to resolve their ballot return envelope issues is Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m

## Pico Rivera Proposing a Community Dog Park

By Brian Hews

Over the past year, Pico Rivera has been struggling with the realization that over 100-acres of park space will be lost due to the massive Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Modification Project.

As a result of this crisis, Pico Rivera officials have been proactively identifying opportunities to enhance existing parks and develop new parks within the city.

However, locating enough open and available land is very difficult, but things are looking up.

This past February, the city was awarded a \$1 million grant to purchase and transform the under-utilized Montebello Bus Depot into the PAD Park – the Passons Active Depot – a space dedicated to passive recreation and active transportation.

Additionally, less than a week ago, city officials celebrated the grand opening of the Roldan Futsal Pitch and Outdoor Basketball Court, con-

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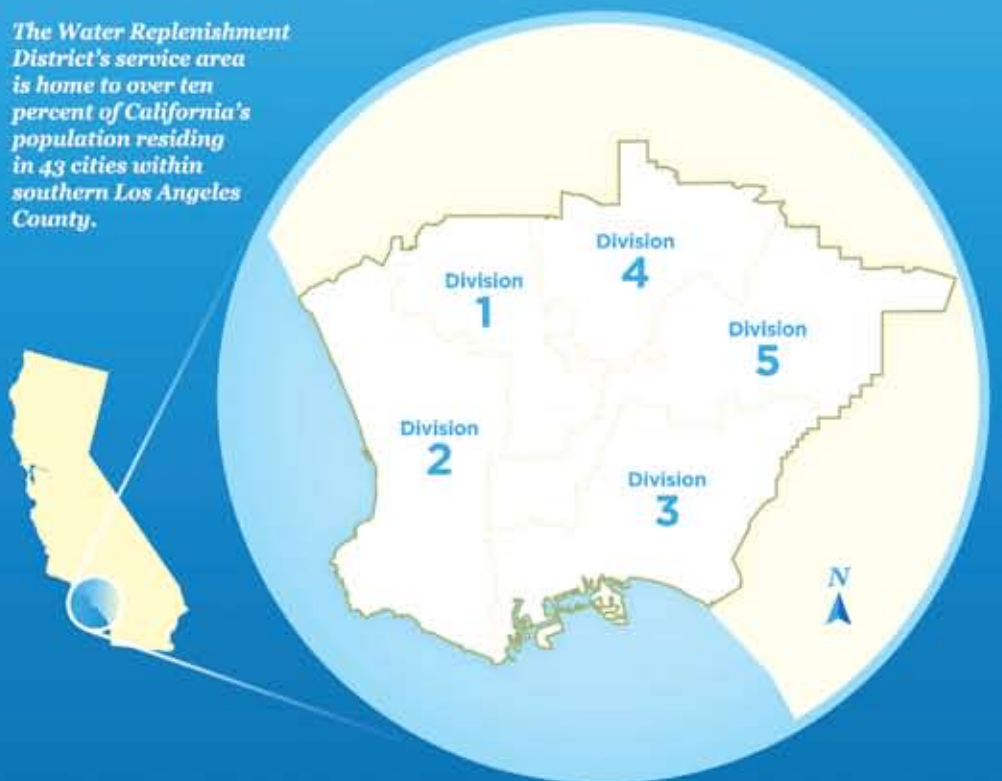


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# Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia Hold Awards Ceremony

By Tammye McDuff

Distinguished Young Women is a unique program that combines the chance to win college scholarships through a program that offers life skills training, preparing them for the world after high school.

The Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos / Artesia held their 2023 program Saturday, April 9, culminating with presentations and an award ceremony Sunday, April 10, at the Albert O. Little Community Center in Artesia.

Standards and ideals of evaluating participants are set across all levels, from local to national, characterized by scholastic achievement, community involvement, creativity and the quest for distinction in every facet of life.

Judging is done by scholastic inter-

views, talent presentations, fitness and self-expression.

The Cerritos / Artesia DYW program strives to inspire high school girls to develop their full and individual potential, develop self-confidence and affect public speaking.

They also showcase academic achievement, physical fitness and on-stage performance skills, and foster opportunities to inspire other young women in the community.

Since 1975 the Cerritos/ Artesia program has been promoted by the community.

Famous alumnae include Diane Sawyer, Deborah Norville, Kim Basinger, Debra Messing and Kathie Lee Gifford.

Each young woman received a participation certificate, with specific awards presented: for self-expression, Eileen Rodriguez Salehi; Fitness Award, Audrey Lee; Talent Award, Audrey Chang, Sprit Award Melyne Garcia and Scholastic award Makayla Cheng. Two finalists were awarded \$1500 in scholarships Alia Roman and Preethi Manne, with the alternate winner Nishita Vadela receiving \$1100.

Each year the program sends win-



**FINALISTS** Alia Roman and Preethi Manne with 2023 panel of judges. The two were each awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and now move on to the state finals.

ning recipients to participate in the California state finals in Bakersfield, where each young woman spends ten days with host families.

They spend time getting to know other outstanding girls from across the

state, working with them in community service and team development activities, and then competing for a share in more than \$40,000 in cash scholarships and the opportunity to represent California in the National finals program.

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structed on existing and unused park space at Pico Park.

While these proposed and new recreational amenities are welcomed, appreciated and needed in the community, there is one amenity that the community has been requesting for years, a park dedicated to that best of friend, the dog.

For over a decade, community members have been advocating for a dog park in the city. Feasibility studies have been conducted, but the city has had a "ruff" [pardon the pun] time finding a suitable space for a dog park; that is until now.

City officials have recently identified a few parcels of land suitable for a dog park. This specialized use will complement the city's park portfolio without

compromising existing park space for sports and other forms of recreation; the news will be welcomed by dog owners and the walking community alike.

"Our City Council has been working diligently with residents, stakeholders, and staff to get to this point," said Pico Rivera Mayor Dr. Monica Sanchez, "it's exciting to know that we're closer than ever to making a dog park in Pico Rivera a reality. We look forward to presenting conceptual designs to the community soon so we can capture and incorporate their feedback."

The name selected for this dog park will be The Pico Rivera Alebrije Dog Park, a name that pays homage to the city's strong ties, both past and present, to the Mexican-American culture.

The new park "will merge elements of a traditional dog park with the creative and artistic world of Mexican "alebrije" folklore. As the overarching theme for the dog park, alebrijes will be used as an adaptive approach to educate the public about local wildlife and natural habitats; to strengthen the bonds between humans and canines; to improve the overall physical health and mental wellness of all dogs and their owners; and lastly, to inspire the use of culturally-infused art into the next generation of dog park designs."

With over 7,500 active dog licenses in the city, the Alebrije Dog Park will be an amenity that dog owners from the city and surrounding communities will be able to enjoy.

Many dog owners will appreciate the benefits of having a local dog park, including pet socialization, and fresh air; their dogs will enjoy running with a leash.

In addition to the dog park area, a small walking path will be constructed so residents can use the space to walk safely and enjoy some outdoor exercise.

Even though the city has the double whammy of limited park space, - which will be limited even more by the Whittier Narrows Dam project - city officials say they are committed to researching new and innovative ways to provide more park space to promote healthy health lifestyles, even for pets.

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only \$50 since the store hadn't opened yet. The men apparently got in a car and drove away.

This is a very violent crime, if anybody witnessed the incident they can call the Cerritos Sheriffs at 562-860-0044 or they can send in tips anonymously to crimestoppers.com.

**Downey Unified Honors School Nurses**



**DOWNEY UNIFIED BOARD** of Education honored seven hardworking and caring Downey Unified School Nurses with a *Shared Values Award* expressing gratitude for their steadfast dedication to the health and wellbeing of over 22,000 students.

**By Tammye McDuff**

Last week, the Downey Unified Board of Education honored seven hardworking and caring Downey Unified School Nurses with a Shared Values Award expressing gratitude for their steadfast dedication to the health and wellbeing of over 22,000 students and more than 3,000 staff district-wide since the beginning of the pandemic.

In the face of adversity, faculty and staff rise above the challenges in their paths to ensure that the Downey Unified School District clings to its shared values and continues to be a leader in the highest form of education.

These past two years have tested the mettle of the nursing staff but not overwhelmed it.

DUSD presented awards for Excellence in Shared Values in recognition of these efforts.

This award honored the nursing staff whose work has exemplified and embodied the values that propel the District as 'citizens of strong character, which refers to the Character Counts program to which DUSD is committed.

The six core values are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

The nurses have gone above and beyond during the extraordinary times presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we approach the last few months of our first, fully in-person school year since 2020, we tip our hats and give enormous thanks to our School Nurses who have been as invaluable to our health and safety as ever before," Superintendent Dr. John Garcia said, "join us in thanking every one of our School Nurses for their professionalism and care!"

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city of STEM."

She thanked Dickow and awarded him congressional recognition for his work to promote S.T.E.M.

Downey Councilwoman Claudi Frometa stated, "I see all the families today cradling their little ones and I just want to say thank you for investing in their futures and encouraging their passions, I look forward to working with and seeing our future astronauts, doctors, scientists and engineers here today."

Saturday's keynote speaker was Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman to go to space. The day showcased American illusionist and world champion magician Ja-

son Latimer, who also hosts the YouTube sensation Impossible Science and a musical performance from Jimmy Pascascio and Lamar Queen of Music Notes.

"Los Angeles is an innovation incubator. A place where the world comes to develop new ideas and pioneer groundbreaking technologies.

City of STEM is an opportunity for L.A. to show off the science, technology and engineering that has created new opportunities every day, placing Los Angeles at the center of a global movement – envisioning tomorrow and building it today," said Mayor Eric Garcetti.

*For more information and a calendar of the month-long events including a live-streamed video of the festival, visit [cityofstem.org](http://cityofstem.org).*

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## Hawaiian Gardens Native Shines for Los Angeles' Professional Rugby Team

(GUARDIAN NEWS) Cristian Rodriguez found the game in Hawaiian Gardens through a city program called Alternatives to Gang Membership [ATGM].

He and his friends were your average rough-and-tumble boys, in his words "pretty attracted to tackling" life in general. The city had a problem with gangs, so as one way to stay off the streets after school, kids played football. Then they heard about rugby union.

"We saw that in rugby you don't really need pads or anything," Rodriguez said, "you just go out there and play."

Rodriguez's high-school played rugby under ATGM, run by Ernie Vargas, an oval-ball missionary of a kind found around America, from Los Angeles on the west coast to Memphis in the middle and New York away in the east.

Rodriguez has said elsewhere he was never at much risk of joining a gang himself, but nonetheless his rugby life could not have happened without Vargas.

"Ernie moved to Hawaiian Gardens in the 70s," Rodriguez says. "I think he was 11 years old. It was a different time

back then, obviously. A lot of old roads and chickens' dens.

"So he went to the city and let them know, 'Hey, I can do this for you, which is keep people out of gangs, prevent them from dying, and that's all I want to do.' So he started doing that.

Rodriguez played 'sevens' during his days in Hawaiian Gardens.

And from there, Rodriguez found Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri. Or, more accurately, Lindenwood found him.

Lindenwood is one of few college programs to have varsity status, to have become fully funded.

Rodriguez received close to a full-ride scholarship and lived the game for four years around a degree in recreation sport and tourism management.

His first step took him back to Hawaiian Gardens.

"Ernie Vargas, he wants me to take over his job. I've been working for him for the past five years as his assistant, so that's the goal."

He talks enthusiastically of ATGM work, from teaching to training, mentoring children 10 and up.

The he made it on LA's new professional rugby team, the Giltinis.

The team plays at the L.A. Memorial Coliseum and was launched during the pandemic, winning the Major League Rugby championship in its first season.

"It's amazing. It's a dream come



**HAWAIIAN GARDENS** resident Cristian Rodriguez (right) found the game through a city program called Alternatives to Gang Membership run by resident Ernie Vargas. He went on to play in college, winning several titles. Now he is on LA's professional rugby team Giltinis. The team won the league's first championship.

true. You would never imagine it. I would never have been able to guess that this would happen when I was growing up," Rodriguez said. "As an American, you don't play this game for the money, you play it because you love it."

To continue growing rugby in L.A., the Giltinis have launched an under-16 program to develop local talent through their academy.

As does Rodriguez and Vargas.

For more information, you can visit the team's website, [giltinis.com](http://giltinis.com).

## State Parks Pass Available to Cerritos Library Cardholders

### Staff Report

A California State Library Parks Pass is now available at the Cerritos Library for cardholders to check out.

The pass allows free vehicle day use entry at more than 200 participating state parks units.

The pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle at participating state park units.

The pass is a hangtag and can be checked out at the Circulation Desk for a loan period of two weeks.

As there is a very high demand for the pass, it is not available for a check-out renewal.

Library cardholders can place a hold on the pass if it is already checked out

to another patron.

Information about parks where the pass can be used is available on the California State Parks website at [checkoutcastateparks.com](http://checkoutcastateparks.com).

**Participating parks include Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington State Beach, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Chino Hills State Park, Crystal Cove State Park and Will Rogers State Beach.**

The pass will not be honored at state park units operated by federal or local government and private agencies or concessionaires.

Also, the pass is not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, camping, group use or sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.

California State Parks and the California State Library provided the pass to public libraries across the state as an additional opportunity to advance

safe and equitable outdoor access to all Californians.

The Cerritos Library has one California State Library Parks Pass hangtag and is expected to receive two more passes by the end of May.

The program is expected to be offered through June 30, 2024.

The 2021-2022 State Budget included initiatives to advance equitable access to state parks and open spaces for all Californians.

A \$9.1 million one-time General Fund investment was included in the budget to launch a state parks pilot to expand parks pass distribution, especially for youth in disadvantaged communities.

Detailed information on the new California State Library Parks Program is available online at [checkoutcastateparks.com](http://checkoutcastateparks.com).

For more information on all the new parks pass programs, visit [parks.ca.gov/californiaoutdoorsforall](http://parks.ca.gov/californiaoutdoorsforall).

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COMMUNITY NEWS

# Thieves Are Swiping Catalytic Converters All Over L.A. County

The price of the metals inside, palladium, rhodium and platinum are, 8 times, 12 times and 100 times more than gold.  
**BY BRIAN HEWS**

**S**am Kevan, a local resident, parked his 2005 Prius in his driveway one rainy evening last month. When he started the car the next day, "it sounded like a jackhammer," Kevan said. "The whole block could hear the noise."

The reason: A burglar had made off with the car's catalytic converter, a critical emissions-control device that contains precious metals more valuable than gold.

Just days later, Mr. Kevan's sister, Linda, who lives in Los Angeles, had the catalytic converter stolen from her 2003 Honda Accord LX.

Stricter car emissions rules around the world — particularly in China, have sent demand for the precious metals in catalytic converters, like palladium and rhodium, surging. That has pushed up the price the precious

**YOUTUBE VIDEOS** abound on the internet instructing robbers on how to remove the metals inside the converter

**ROBBERS HACKSAW** the converter out of the car and then sell for upwards of \$500.

metals to record highs.

The New York Times reported palladium has jumped from \$500 an ounce five years ago, to a record of \$2,875 an ounce last year, and is now hovering between \$2,000 and \$2,500 an ounce, above the price of gold.

Rhodium prices have skyrocketed more than 3,000 percent from about \$640 an ounce five years ago to a record \$21,900 an ounce this year, roughly 12 times the price of gold.

The prices are fueling a black market in stolen catalytic converters, which can be sawed off in minutes, and fetch several hundred dollars at a scrap yard

Here in Los Angeles County, police are reporting a surge in cases.

In some areas, thefts have jumped more than eightfold, from 50 in 2019 to 420 last year, with the trend gaining speed near the end of the year into early 2022.

"People are just trying to make ends meet. Then, all of a sudden, they have to pay over a thousand-dollars," said Sgt. Ted Wishton, "we've also seen this increase at a time we've seen a lot of job loss in the U.S."

The bottom line: "We have a finite number of detectives, and it appears right now we have an infinite number of cases," Sergeant McDonald said.

Installed in almost all gasoline cars and trucks sold in the United States since the mid-70's, the converters have a honeycomb-like interior — coated with precious metals like palladium, rhodium and platinum — that helps remove the worst toxic pollutants from the car's

exhaust.

Some owners are going to extremes to protect their vehicles.

After being hit with three converter thefts within a couple of months last year, a local tow shop deflates the tires of the riskiest vehicles preventing thieves from crawling underneath.

Thieves target the hybrid Prius because its gasoline engine is used less so the converter tends to retain more of the metals.

Some states have started to require scrap yards and other recyclers to clamp down, here California requires businesses to take a photo of the seller, and keep the picture for two years.

Of course there is different rules between states which makes deterrence difficult.

The Times reported that online ads abound of scrap yards willing to pay quick cash for catalytic converters. One site advertised payouts of up to \$500 for certain foreign models.

Many buyers accept old converters by mail, of course with free shipping. And YouTube tutorials are available for robbers.

Here in the area, the weekly crime reports always have several catalytic converter thefts.

The sheriff's recently wrote in their crime summary, "Catalytic converters continue to be in issue throughout the County. Sheriff Deputies are reminding residents to take precaution when leaving their vehicles unattended. The precious metals in the catalytic converters is what makes these items such a hot commodity. Please review some of the tips below to help secure your vehicle. If you have any questions, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960."

The police advise parking in secure garages, well-lit areas and even etching the vehicle ID on the converter.



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## La Mirada and 'TreePeople' Give Away Fruit Trees



**GIVING AWAY TREES** La Mirada Parks & Recreation employee Tony Moreno (left), with TreePeople representatives Gemma Lurie and Garrett Ashby.

By **Tammye McDuff**

Along with the hugely successful Farmer's Market that was held this past Saturday, a free fruit tree giveaway, hosted by TreePeople.com and the city, was also held at the La Mirada Civic Center.

"TreePeople's mission is to inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun and sustainable and to share our process as a model for the world," stated representative Garrett Ashby, "and this morning we are giving away 200 fruit trees."

Residents were able to pre-register online and by 9:30 am, there were only about 60 trees left.

Four types of trees were available from apricot, two types of peach trees and Fuji apple trees. All the trees were self-pollinating from a nursery in Calabasas.

"We want to teach people how to grow their own food. That is a major motivator. We just love trees, and they can be so inspiring. They will eventually cast a nice shade for the yard. We come out with as much information as we can about the

care of each of these trees," added Ashby.

Tree people offers free landscaping, "We are trying to help California residents be drought-tolerant while keeping the beauty of nice yard," said Ashby.

The amount of water necessary to keep an average-sized turfed yard alive for five years is 265,500 gallons. That's an enormous amount of water.

In comparison, the amount of water needed to care for one tree for five years is 1,055 gallons. That means each yard could be growing 251 trees with the same amount of water it takes to maintain turf.

"Now, 251 trees is probably a bit much for the typical yard. But what this does mean is that if we replaced all the turf throughout the city with trees and climate-appropriate plants, we would be able to conserve a tremendous amount of water and energy," he said.

Gemma Lurie, TreePeople representative added, "This has been an awesome morning! We had a line of cars ready to pick up trees before 8:00 am. We are currently developing our relationship with the city and are looking forward to planting more trees in the city."

## Artesia Council Adopts Ordinance to Deter Converter Theft

At its April 11th meeting, the Artesia City Council amended the Artesia Municipal Code to make the possession of an uninstalled catalytic converter a violation in the city. Artesia is one of the first cities to enact such a law.

Catalytic converters have become a highly sought item by thieves due to their value in metals, the ease in which the part can be removed from a car, and the difficulty in tracing a particular part back to the owner. These parts are built from platinum and palladium, which thieves sell on the recyclables market for a high dollar value, without any requirement to provide proof of rightful ownership. Additionally, there is currently no city, state, or federal legislation requiring individuals to provide proof of ownership to law enforcement, if found in possession of an uninstalled converter, even when found in possession of several. This limits the ability of Law Enforcement Officers in

confiscating suspected stolen catalytic converters, when there is no identifiable victim present, or convicting an individual of a crime. Victims of these thefts are left to suffer costly repairs, and the unease of having their property violated.

The passage of the ordinance makes the possession of any catalytic converter unlawful in Artesia. It also makes it unlawful for anyone to knowingly falsify information or documentation intended to show valid proof of ownership. Each of these will constitute as separate violations and misdemeanors subject to a punishable fine of \$1,000 dollars or by jail time for up to six months, or both. These provisions were adopted to give Artesia and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the legal authority needed to better protect its citizens. For more information, contact Artesia City Hall at 562-865-6262, Ext. 240 or the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at 562-623-3500 (for non-emergency).

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## Discover the Wonders of the Art Institute of Chicago Online

When the museum was forced to temporarily close its door in March 2020, it swiftly transitioned to fulfilling its mission through virtual channels.

BY LAURIE HANSON

Located at the start of Route 66 is one of the largest and oldest art museums in the world, the Art Institute of Chicago, home to more than 300,000 works that span some five millennia.

Founded during a critical era in Chicagoland history following the Great Fire in 1871, the Art Institute is in the heart of the city on historic Michi-

**MOST VISITED:** 1.5 million people visit the museum annually, and in 2017 it was the most-visited art museum in the world.

gan Avenue and opened to the public on Dec. 8, 1893.

Eventually, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago was created, and it remains one of only a few unified arts educational institutions in the United States today.

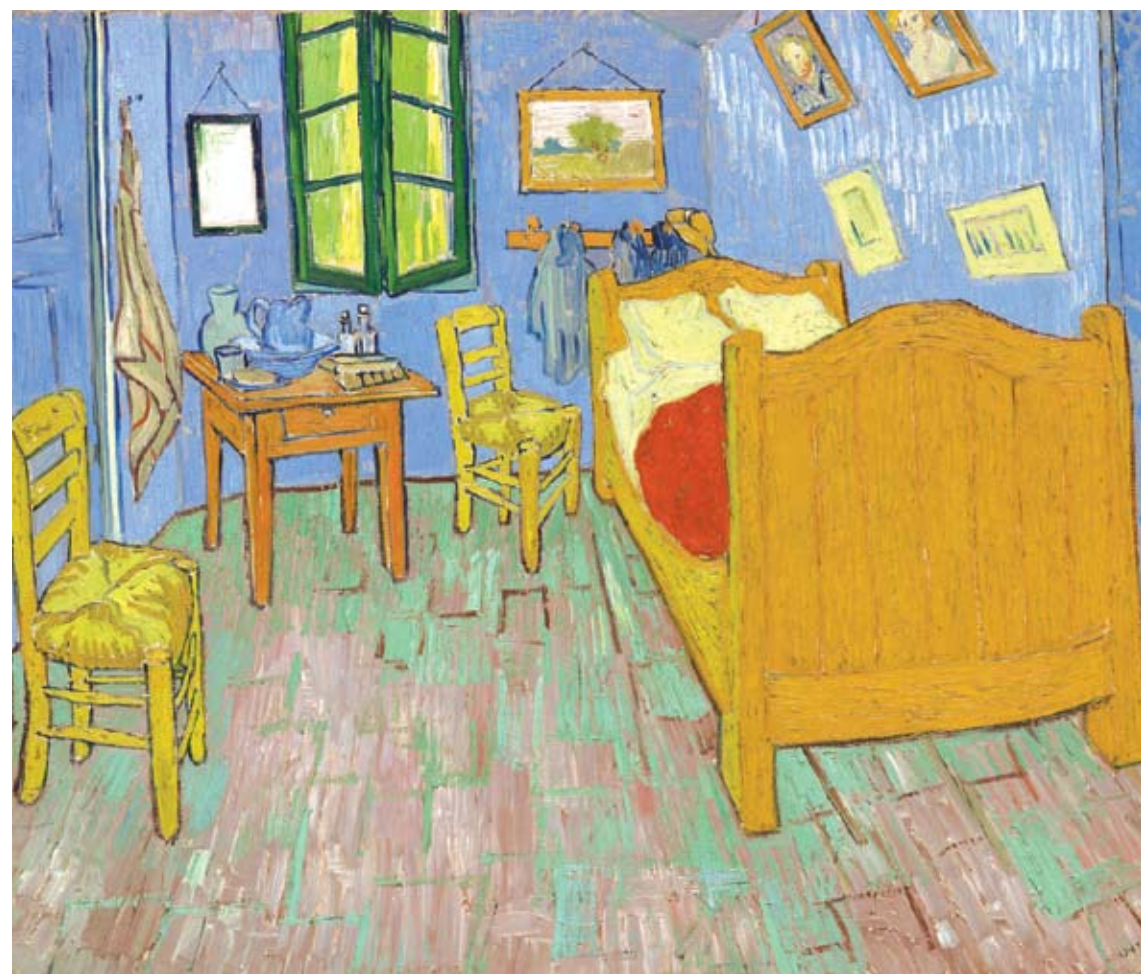
"The museum houses exceptional holdings in contemporary art, Japanese prints, Old Master drawings, and photography, but is perhaps [most] well-known for its Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collection, which is the best outside of Paris," said Vice President, Marketing and Communications Katie Rahn, who has been with the Art Institute for 15 years.

Known for its curatorial efforts, the Art Institute is also an established research institution. It has a conservation science department, five conservation laboratories and is home to the Ryerson and Burnham Libraries, one of the largest art history and architecture libraries in the country.

A popular destination, 1.5 million people visit the museum annually, and in 2017 it was the most-visited art museum in the world. But by 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance plummeted to 78 percent as they closed their doors for 169 days.

"When the museum was forced to temporarily close its door in March 2020, we swiftly transitioned to fulfilling our mission through virtual channels," Rahn explained.

"We created a variety of successful, engaging content that dramatically grew our online audiences. Some examples include videos featuring our most 'essential' works and



highlight tours that explore all corners of our collection in pictures and audio narratives."

"Now that we are open again, we are thrilled to offer in-person tours, a robust schedule of virtual and in-person events, and art-making activities in our Ryan Learning Center," she added. The Ryan Learning Center is a special drop-in place which engages visitors in experimental artistic activities with others.

Some of their most popular video narratives include Gustave Caillebotte's Paris Street; Rainy Day, Joan Mitchell's City Landscape, Pablo Picasso's The Old Guitarist, Vincent van Gogh's The Bedroom, and Marc Chagall's American Windows.

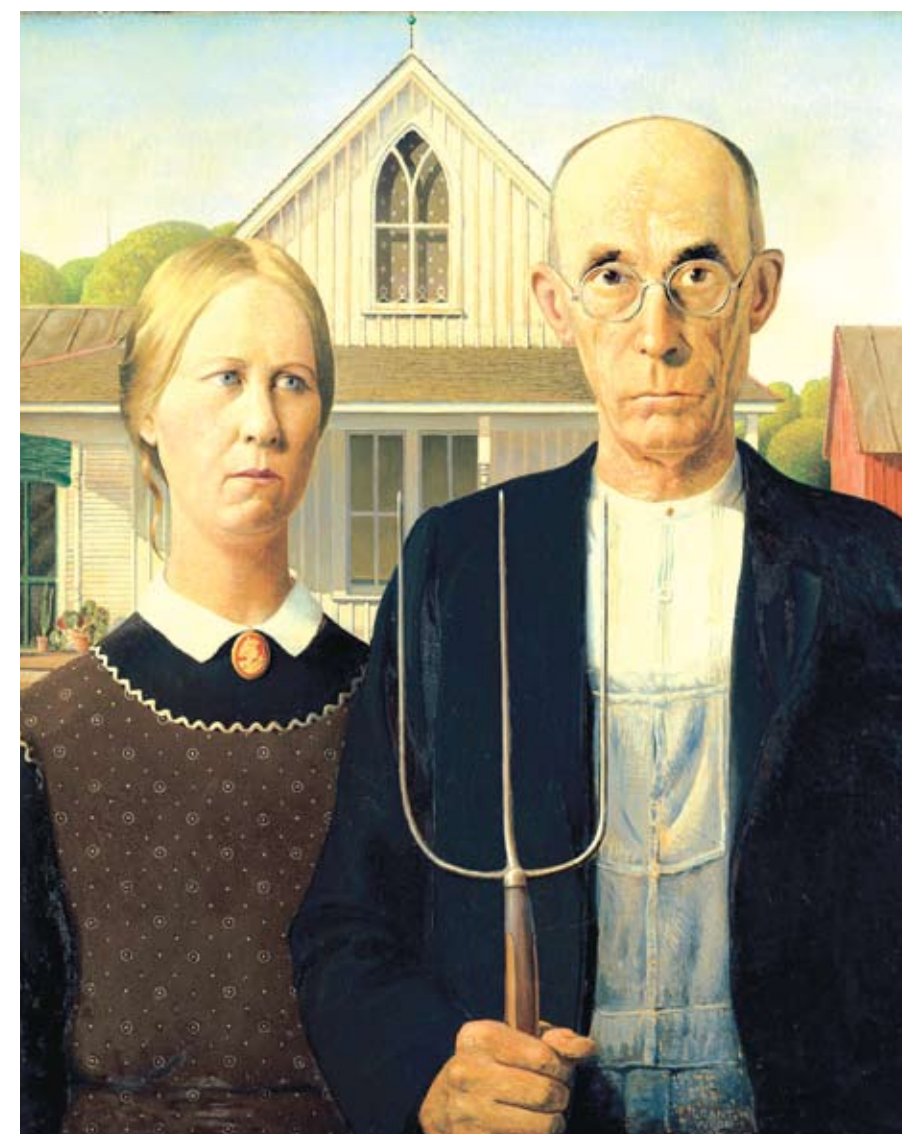
In Gustave Caillebotte's Paris Street; Raining Day, the everchanging urban milieu of Paris in modern late 19th-century is captured in a "vast and stark way" with "life-size figures strolling and wearing the latest fashions." Another urban rendering, Joan Mitchell's City Landscape, is described as "a tangle of various colors" that "spontaneously evoke the energy of a metropolis" with her "slow and deliberate process," according to www.artic.edu.

During Pablo Picasso's Blue Period (1901-04), his

**VINCENT VAN GOGH'S** *The Bedroom*, a painting that is a part of the video narratives offered online at the Art Institute of Chicago.

restriction to the use of cold, monochromatic blue colors in his works including *The Old Guitarist*, show "flattened forms with emotional, psychological themes of human misery and alienation." In this work, "a 22-year-old Picasso's personal struggle and sympathy for the plight of the downtrodden" is depicted, according to www.artic.edu.

In Vincent van Gogh's *The Bedroom*, he believed the painting of his bedroom in the 'Yellow House' in Arles, France symbolized "relaxation and peace" when to others it seemed to "embody nervous energy, instabil-



ity and turmoil". On a more celebratory note, Marc Chagall's *American Windows*, stained-glass windows pay homage to the arts of "music, painting, literature, theater, and dance and the United States as a place of cultural and religious freedom," according to www.artic.edu.

For those visiting the Art Institute in person, patrons can view three of their most popular exhibits on display including Georges Seurat's *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte*, Grant Wood's *American Gothic*, and Archibald Motley's *Nightlife*, according to Rahn.

In *American Gothic*, this double portrait by Grant Wood debuted at the Art Institute in 1930, winning the artist a \$300 prize and instant fame, according to Rahn.

"Many people think the couple are a husband and wife, but Wood meant the couple to be a father and his

**GRANT WOOD'S** *American Gothic*. Many people think the couple are a husband and wife, but Wood meant the couple to be a father and his daughter, his sister and his dentist served as his models

**GEORGES SEURAT'S** *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte* depicted Parisians enjoying all sorts of leisurely activities—strolling, lounging, sailing, and fishing—in the park called La Grande Jatte in the River Seine

**GUSTAVE CAILLEBOTTE'S** Paris Street; Raining Day, the everchanging urban milieu of Paris in modern late 19th-century is captured in a "vast and stark way" with "life-size figures strolling and wearing the latest fashions

daughter," she said. "His sister and his dentist served as his models. He intended this Depression-era canvas to be a positive statement about rural American values during a time of disillusionment."

For native Chicagoan and graduate of the School of the Art Institute Archibald Motley his art represents the vibrancy of African American culture, frequently portraying young, sophisticated city dwellers out on the town, according to Rahn.

"One of Motley's most celebrated paintings, *Nightlife* depicts a crowded cabaret in the South Side neighborhood of Bronzeville," she explained. "The dynamic composition, intense lighting, and heightened colors vividly express the liveliness of the scene."

Besides the actual works the Art Institute is proud of is

one of their new online tools called JourneyMaker.

Through this unique tool, children and their families can create their own personalized adventure with the actual works of art from the Art Institute's collection. A choice of eight different storylines is available to create a personalized family museum tour. Through innovative digital interactives, they create one-of-a-kind adventures with works of art from the Art Institute's collection.

"With thousands of possible journey combinations, the museum is never the same place twice," Rahn said. "Whether you are a first-time visitor or a frequent museum-going family, you'll discover the Art Institute afresh with JourneyMaker."

Through all that is available to them, the Art Institute of Chicago fulfills its mission and vision to share its special collections with Chicago and the world.

"We collect, care for, and interpret works of art across time, cultures, geographies, and identities, centering the vision of artists and makers," she explained. "We recognize that all art is made in a particular context, demanding continual, dynamic reconsid-

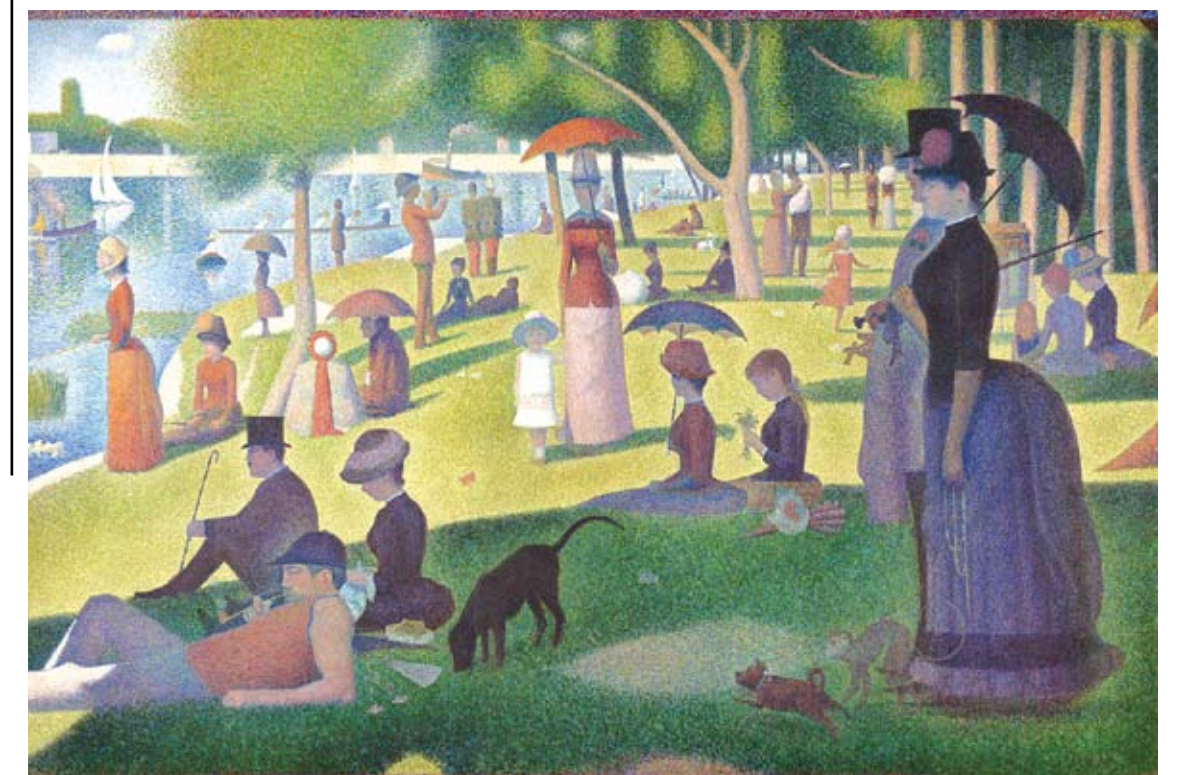
eration in the present."

"We are a place of gathering - we foster the exchange of ideas and inspire an expansive, inclusive understanding of human creativity," Rahn said. "We will increase the excellence, impact, and accessibility of our content, implement an intentionally visitor-centric campus, prioritize organizational health, and honor and embrace our civic role."

"Our vision for the Art Institute is to sustainably redefine and distinguish itself among art museums of our scale and capacity," she added. "The result will be a measurably renewed and transformed visitor and staff experience."

For more information about the Art Institute of Chicago, please visit online at www.artic.edu.

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## Lakewood Steve Croft Mayor; Ariel Pe Vice Mayor in Council Reorganization

The Lakewood City Council completed its annual reorganization on April 12, selecting Steve Croft to serve as Lakewood's mayor from April 12 through the spring of 2023, and naming Ariel Pe as vice mayor for the same time period.



Steve Croft



Ariel Pe

The tradition in Lakewood and many cities of its size is for mayoral duties to rotate annually among the five members of the city council. The mayor has the same vote as any other council member in meetings, but chairs the meetings and serves as the city's main spokesperson at public events.

This will be the fourth term as mayor for Steve Croft, who was originally elected to the city council in 2005. He is also serving his fourth term as a council member, after being re-elected in 2017. This will be Ariel Pe's first term as vice mayor. He was elected for the first time in 2020.

The council's annual reorganization night started with a "Lakewood Celebrates" community gathering where expressions of thanks and appreciation were made to Jeff Wood for his 2021-22 mayoral term. Wood will continue to

serve as a council member for the rest of his term, which runs through March 2024.

After being selected as the new mayor, Croft presented remarks to about 100 people gathered in the city council chambers.

## Supervisor Hahn Appoints Cerritos' Ricardo Mota to the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development

This week, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn appointed Cerritos resident Ricardo Mota to serve on the County's Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development, the 24-member body tasked with advising the Board of Supervisors on policy, systems, and infrastructure improvements for early care and education.



Ricardo Mota

"As a leader and advocate for our communities, I am honored to be given the opportunity to improve access to quality childcare to families in Los Angeles County," said Ricardo.

In 1994, Ricardo began his career with the Human Services Association, a non-profit care provider. He was appointed its Chief Executive Officer last summer. During his time with HSA, Ricardo has worked to strengthen the overall financial health of an organization that provides critical services to

families across the County. He holds degrees from University of California, Los Angeles and California State University, Long Beach.

"Robust networks of care for LA County's children are a top priority for me and for my colleagues on the Board," said Supervisor Hahn. "Ricardo's commitment to the wellbeing of families and children has been clear throughout his long career in the field. I'm glad to have him share his expertise with us."

The Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development brings together community leaders in the fields of early childhood, education, business, economics and research and County departments representing child welfare, mental health, probation, public health, and parks and recreation.

## Pico Rivera's Alexis Hernandez to LA County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Along with Mota, Hahn appointed Pico Rivera resident Alexis Hernandez to serve on the County's Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the 28-member body charged with assisting LA County in developing and implementing a continuum of responses to address and prevent juvenile crime.



Alexis Hernandez

"The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council plays a key role in not only preventing crime and connecting vulnerable young people

with the resources and diversion services they need," said Supervisor Hahn. "I am proud to name an experienced leader like Alexis to help the Council continue its important work and I am thankful for his willingness to step up and serve."

A lifelong resident of Pico Rivera, Alexis began his work in juvenile justice in 2014 when he became a member of the El Rancho Teen Court, which hears cases for first-time juvenile offenders, connects them to diversion programs, and then clears their records upon completion of the program. As the Teen Court Coordinator, Alexis leads a team consisting of 68 students who serve as jury members for their teen peers convicted of first-time misdemeanors using restorative justice practices. Alexis graduated from California State University Los Angeles with a degree in business administration and has plans to pursue a legal career in public interest.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Supervisor Hahn on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and I look forward to working with everyone," said Alexis.

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council consists of 28 members, including five nominated by LA County Supervisors, one for each Supervisorial District. All members are chosen based on their direct experiences with the juvenile justice system, by either work or personal/family experience.

## Illegal Fireworks Affects Vets, Pets

Lakewood, like many communities in California, allows the use of "safe-and-sane" fireworks approved by the State Fire Marshal on the day of July 4th only.

These are fireworks that do not explode or go into the air. Their sound does not travel far. And families can enjoy them responsibly as part of a fun... and safe... July 4th celebration.

Their use also benefits Lakewood community groups that sell them at stands throughout the city between July 1-4.

However, some people make the fateful decision each year to purchase and use fireworks that are illegal in California for personal use. T

hese include skyrockets and explosives...all of which are illegal in California and dangerous to use...especially in highly populated residential neighborhoods like Lakewood.

If you're thinking of using illegal fireworks...

Did you know that some combat veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can be traumatized by illegal fireworks?

The U.S. Marine Corps urges Americans to be considerate of the veterans living among us when it comes to illegal fireworks use. A Marine veteran of two tours in Iraq said he can prepare for events like the annual fireworks display that his hometown puts on at a certain time. But the sudden rat-a-tat of firecrackers set off by his neighbors throughout the night transports him back to Baghdad and sets him on edge.

Lakewood is a community that deeply respects military veterans for their service, so the City of Lakewood urges residents to be considerate of veterans...and think twice before using illegal fireworks in Lakewood.

64th State Assembly District

# CANDIDATE FORUM

Meet the candidates for the 64th State Assembly District and learn how they stand on issues affecting our community.

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Raul Ortiz Jr. (R) - LaMirada, CA  
Blanca Pacheco (D) - Downey, CA  
Ana M. Valencia (D) - Norwalk, CA  
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ST. PAUL TOURNAMENT

Geppert's Pitching Extends Cerritos' Winning Streak

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

Entering last Saturday's home contest with Venice High in the first of three pool play games of the St. Paul Tournament, the Cerritos High baseball team had outscored its opponents 33-2 in the first inning. And the Dons had allowed 16 runs through the first three innings in the 18 games prior to last Saturday.

When you have numbers like that, you're more likely to come out on the winning side and that's what happened to the Dons in a 5-2 victory. It was the eighth straight win for Cerritos, which began the week ranked ninth in the CIF-SS D-3 poll.

"Our goal is to have a boxer's come-out, a puncher's come-out," said first-year head coach Martin Rodriguez. "We want to start a game, whether we're home or away...if we're home, we want to put a zero on defense and come back and put a number on the board. And we know if we can put a number on the board, that we're going to be hard to beat. We've proven it."

Senior pitcher Evan Geppert was on fire in the early going, allowing just a one-out single to Ruben Medina in the top of the first inning through the first 10 batters he faced. Offensively, the Dons couldn't muster much but were doing the work in other ways while getting help from the Venice defense. With one out in the bottom of the first, senior catcher Owen Gott, who will be going to Concordia University in the fall, doubled down the right field line, moved to third on a groundout from junior left fielder Raymond Sierra and came home on a balk from Jordan Flores. The double would be the only hit Cerritos got through the first three innings while Flores walked three batters.

"Personally, at least in high school ball, it's really important to set the tone in the first inning," said Geppert. "That first inning...it really just shows what they're made of; what they're coming out with. That single...I kind of had to put that behind me. That inning showed that we're

going to come out on top today."

In addition to scoring in the first inning, Rodriguez and his team also takes pride in pitching and defense and the Dons had been riding a streak of 20 straight innings without allowing a run. That was snapped when Medina singled to lead off the fourth. A double play would send him to third before he tied the game on a base hit from Kevin Blake.

"Defense, efficient offense and pitching," said Rodriguez as his keys to winning. "Our pitching again...you can see Evan Geppert getting stronger as the game went on, which is something we haven't seen before. He's really taking account to his own conditioning. He's throwing more between starts. He knows he's going to get one start a week, as does [junior] Dylan Burton."

The Dons put the game away in the bottom of the fourth inning with three runs on one hit. Flores walked junior center fielder Paul Kim and sophomore first baseman Nathaniel Corrigan, recently called up from the junior varsity team, was safe on an error. Geppert sacrificed Corrigan to second before an infield single from senior third baseman Ethan Vo plated Kim.

Moments later, Vo stole second and Corrigan took advantage, scoring the team's third run. A sacrifice fly from freshman designated hitter Braxton Reed, another player called up from the lower levels prior to the game, allowed Vo to come home and in the next inning, sophomore right fielder Johan Gibbs and Kim led off with base hits to center before a sacrifice from Corrigan and a groundout from Geppert made it 5-1.

The Gondoliers would make things interesting in the last inning when Daniel Quiroz and Medina had consecutive one-out doubles, followed by a single from Colin McNeal. But a strikeout and a groundout ended the game. The Cerritos pitching staff has posted seven shutouts, a trio of one-hit games and a pair of two-hit contests. Through the first 19 games, Cerritos pitchers had allowed 41 runs.

"It's a challenge for all of them to continue to be efficient," said Rodriguez. "The limiting of runs comes with efficiency of pitches and when we're not falling behind in the count...a lot of parents have asked me this year, 'what does FPS mean'? It's first pitch strike; we are

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LEAGUE BASEBALL Stellar Start by Gahr Wins League Opener Against Downey

By Loren Kopff

With everything the Gahr High baseball team has had to deal with this season, most notably the injuries and one of the toughest non-league schedules in the CIF-Southern Section, it was gratifying to see the Gladiators begin San Gabriel Valley League action with its best pitching performance thus far. Junior pitcher Noah Andrunas was the jump start the team needed and did something no other Gahr pitcher had done through the first 18 games of the season.

Andrunas pitched a complete game against visiting Downey High this past Monday, scattering three hits, striking out six and walking one as the Gladiators edged the Vikings 2-1. In fact, both Andrunas and his counterpart, Jorge Amador, each allowed three hits.

"When it comes down to giving us innings and giving us quality pitches, he does a great job," said Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez. "Today he did it with his off-speed stuff, and then late in the game he found his fastball. He kind of went backwards. Usually it's fastball dominant early, and then start mixing it in. I'm really proud of his effort."

After allowing a one-out walk in the

first inning, Andrunas yielded the only Downey run in the next inning. On the first pitch of the second, he gave up a single to Eduardo Diaz before Aaron Torres reached on an error. Two batters later, he gave up a single to Alonso Gomez to load the bases where a groundout from Andrew Llamas plated Diaz.

Andrunas then hit Jair Quiroz to load the bases again before getting Leo Tranquilino to groundout. After that, Andrunas turned it up, retiring the next nine batters.

"The first two innings was a little rough; the fastball control was a little bit off," said Andrunas. "I threw a lot more pitches than I wanted to. But something clicked in the third inning when I went out there and I was able to be more focused. I dialed it in with my fastball and my changeup and was able to get the job done."

"He did a great job of navigating that inning," said Perez. "He's been a victim of some pretty tough losses."

After Amador worked a perfect inning, he ran into trouble in the bottom of the second inning. He walked junior first baseman Alahni Salcedo and gave up a single to junior shortstop Angel Cortez. Following a sacrifice from senior third baseman Joe Tamassi-Ortiz, senior right fielder Andrew Kirchner laced a base hit to the right field gap to bring home Salcedo and Cortez.

With the way Andrunas was pitching, that was all Gahr needed as it would get four runners on base the rest of the game on two walks, an infield single from sophomore designated hitter Jose Perez and a hit batter.

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Trio of Gahr pitchers combine to three-hit Paramount in SGVL softball action

By Loren Kopff

The San Gabriel Valley League has predominantly been divided into two halves for softball with Downey High, Gahr High and Warren High being in the upper half. Then there is Paramount High, which has had a knack of pulling off some surprises against the league powerhouses.

Gahr made sure it did not fall into the so-called 'trap' game when it hosted Paramount this past Tuesday as three pitchers survived a pesky Pirates team in posting a 12-2 decision. The Gladiators improved to 15-8 overall, but more importantly, went to 4-1 in league play and remained tied with Downey and Warren in the loss column.

"Paramount is always going to have a few players that...you never know," said Gahr head coach Rey Sanchez. "That little lefty that they threw...she made some good pitches, and she made our hitters work a little bit today."

He was referring to Vanessa Pena, who threw 84 pitches through four innings and got consecutive batters to look at a third strike in the bottom of the third inning. But before that, the Gahr batters took it to Pena for three runs in the first inning, five in the second and three in the third inning.

Junior third baseman Hayley Olivas and sophomore first baseman Marley Cortez each went three for four with Olivas scoring three times and driving in three runs. Two of those RBI came in the second inning when she blasted a home run to left field while Cortez scored twice. Senior second baseman Mika Huskey, sophomore center fielder Natalia Hill and sophomore shortstop Rio Mendez all went two for three in the hitting barrage.

In the circle, junior Jordan Cathey worked the first two innings, yielding a pair of hits and two unearned runs, both coming in the second inning, while Cortez and junior Hailey Sanchez combined to throw 30 pitches over the next three



frames, facing 10 batters, striking out four and allowing one hit.

"Sometimes kids will let down in a game, and I don't like that part," said Rey Sanchez. "Sometimes the kids get a sense of, 'it's now Warren or Downey' and they kind of give in a little bit; they're not at their best, and it's hard. I always want the girls at their best no matter what."

Gahr has five games remaining in the regular season, including the next four at home which began with an Apr. 14 encounter against Downey. That will be followed by Lynwood High on Thursday, Warren on Apr. 26 and Dominguez High on Apr. 27 before going to Paramount on Apr. 28.

"We've played in three tournaments and the tournaments are nice, but at the same time, I've got to figure out what I have," said Rey Sanchez. "I need to make sure that I have everybody on our bench have an opportunity. I need to see who can step up and who can pinch hit. Have I played strong from the get-go in every single game? No. There's a game or two that I'd like to maybe take back and say, 'man, this game could have gone this way, this game could have gone that way'."

In other softball action, Artesia High remained in second place in the 605 League and improved to 9-10, 6-2 after wins at Oxford Academy (18-4) and at Whitney High (19-4). Artesia hosted Pioneer High on Apr. 14.

Cerritos High clinched no worse than a tie for the 605 League crown with an 18-0 win against Whitney this past Wednesday.

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NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Commerce on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

**For Member of the City Council** **Vote for no more than three**

- Ivan Altamirano
- Alfonso Garate Jr.
- Mireya Garcia
- Yvette Gaytan
- Kevin Lainez
- Leonard Mendoza

Lena Shumway, City Clerk

NOTIFICACIÓN DE LOS CANDIDATOS PARA LOS CARGOS PÚBLICOS

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se han designado las siguientes personas para los cargos que han de ser cubiertos en la Elección Municipal General que se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Commerce el martes, 7 de junio, de 2022.

**Para Miembro del Concejo Municipal** **Vote por no más de tres**

- Ivan Altamirano
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IRONWOOD NINE GOLF COURSE FENCE REHABILITATION
PROJECT NO. 22103, BID NO. 1457-22

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: Project Identification: IRONWOOD NINE GOLF COURSE FENCE REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 22103, BID NO. 1457-22. Project Description: Remove and replace the existing wrought iron fence around the playground at Ironwood Nine Golf Course, match the existing fence, size, and color. Bids will be opened: Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt: The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: "IRONWOOD NINE GOLF COURSE FENCE REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 22103, BID NO. 1457-22." It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for the return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A" or "C-13". The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA
REGARDING THE

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT SELF EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Pico Rivera City Council to consider the adoption of and accept public comments on its draft American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, which was prepared by Jensen Hughes Consultants for the City of Pico Rivera, evaluating city programs and services as well as physical barriers to those with disabilities. This ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan was developed in compliance with the Federal ADA Act and with applicable sections of the Government Code of the State of California.

The information for the public hearing is as follows:

WHEN: April 26, 2022
TIME: 6:00 pm
WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers
6615 Passons Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA 90660
TELEPHONE: (562) 801-4389

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER may correspond with the City Clerk's Office by using the email address provided below. If you challenge the consideration of adoption of the proposed in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing by correspondence email that was sent to the City Clerk's Office prior to the public hearing. Copies of all relevant material are available for inspection upon request in the Office of the City Clerk in the City of Pico Rivera, City Hall at 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California.

Certain provisions of the Brown Act are temporarily waived pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-2920. City Council meetings can be attended in person or viewed live on CTV3 and the City's Website at www.pico-rivera.org. If you wish to submit a public comment on this matter, you may do so in advance by e-mail to the City Clerk's Office at publiccomments@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please provide your full name and reference this subject matter: "ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan"

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CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE SERVICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the La Mirada City Council will conduct a public hearing in order to allow comments from local residents and businesses regarding adjustment of the franchise fee for residential and commercial refuse rates and service. The City will review and discuss proposed adjustments in the City's refuse rate schedule.

Said hearing will be held on June 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. All interested persons are invited to attend and public testimony will be heard at that time.

Additional information on refuse rates and services can be obtained by calling the City's Recycling Coordinator at (562) 902-2372.

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, individuals in need of special assistance at the public hearing should contact the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131, extension 2309 three days prior to the date of the hearing.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE
STUDEBAKER ROAD REHABILITATION
PROJECT NO. 14711, BID NO. 1454-22

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: Project Identification: STUDEBAKER ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 14711, BID NO. 1454-22. Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of cold milling 3" of existing asphalt concrete (AC), and the construction of a 3" AC surface. Additional improvements also include the removal & replacement of deficient concrete curbs & gutters, sidewalk panels, driveways, and wheelchair access ramps; adjustment of utilities to grade; removal of parkway trees; installation of traffic signal loops; re-striping of lane lines, arrows, and stop bars; the installation of fiber conduit along Studebaker Road, and the addition of an irrigation line. Bids will be opened: Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt: The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: "STUDEBAKER ROAD REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. 14711, BID NO. 1454-22." It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. Obtaining Contract Documents: A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for the return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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CITY OF COMMERCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VARIANCE NO. 21-02
4468 TUTTLE STREET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing to consider a Variance request from Humberto Corona to allow for the new construction of a 1,000 square foot accessory dwelling unit that will not meet the minimum height requirement for said structure. Pursuant to Chapter 19.07.090.B.3, the maximum height of any accessory dwelling unit is 16-feet. In this case, the applicant is proposing an 18-foot 6-inch high accessory dwelling, resulting in a deviation of 2-feet 6-inches.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at which time proponents and opponents of Variance 21-02 will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928
Password: 838914

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings virtually and telephonically. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting will be telephonically accessible to the public. Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public scoping meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Jose D. Jimenez

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

KRIZEL E. TADEO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: KRIZEL E. TADEO TO KRIZEL T. ENTICO. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 05/02/22, 10:30 am, Dept C, RM 312. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1/22 Case number 22NWCPO0086.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

JEASEL ROSE E. TADEO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: JEASEL ROSE E. TADEO TO JEASEL ROSE T. ENTICO. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 05/02/22, 10:30 am, Dept C, RM 312. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1/22 Case number 22NWCPO0085.



**CITY OF PICO RIVERA NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS**

**Hearing Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Members of the public wishing to observe the meeting may do so in one of the following ways:

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;
- (2) City's website at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/admin/pio/programming.asp>;
- (3) Email public comments to [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting
- (4) Attend the Public Hearing in person

**Description:** Consider a substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan. The 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, which sets forth specific activities and expenditures using funds received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was adopted by the City Council on April 27, 2021.

When a substantial change (i.e., adding an activity, canceling an activity, or redirecting funds) is proposed to the City Action Plan, the City requires that the public be notified, and a Public Hearing be held to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed substantial changes.

**Proposed Amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan CDBG Program:**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the modification in activity funding levels for programs. The following programs may be added, increased, reduced, or eliminated:

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY FY 2021-2022 CDBG FUNDS	FY 2021- 2022 CDBG APPROVED BUDGET	PROPOSED CHANGES	PROPOSED FY 2021-2022 CDBG BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1
CDBG Available Funds	\$ 1,317,094		
Administration (20%)	\$ 114,836	\$ 0	\$ 114,836
Fair Housing	\$ 10,500	\$ 0	\$ 10,500
Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA)	\$ 44,000	\$ 0	\$ 44,000
Handyworker Grant Program	\$ 129,246	\$ 0	\$ 129,246
Senior Center ADA & Safety Improvements - Bathroom	\$ 242,920	\$ 0	\$ 242,920
Senior Center ADA & Safety Improvements – Parking Lot	\$ 166,793	\$ 200,000	\$ 366,793
City Hall ADA Restrooms, Elevators, & Ramps - Design	\$ 221,453	\$ 0	\$ 221,453
City Hall ADA Restrooms, Elevators, & Ramps - Construction	\$ 187,346	\$ 0	\$ 187,346
Teen Center Renovation & Broadband - Design	\$ 200,000	\$ (200,000)	\$ 0
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,317,094</b>		<b>\$ 1,317,094</b>

**Availability of Document for Public Comment:** The City of Pico Rivera encourages citizen participation in the planning process. A Public Hearing regarding this proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m. via Channel 3 and City's website as noted above. The public has thirty (30) days to comment on the proposed substantial amendment starting April 25, 2022.

A copy of the Plan is on file and available for public review at the City's webpage listed below.

- <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/housing/default.asp>

Members of the public wishing to make public comments may do so via email to the City Clerk at the email listed below or attend the meeting in person.

- [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org)

For more information, call Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Community & Economic Development Department at (562) 801-4447 or via e-mail at [juliagonzalez@pico-rivera.org](mailto:juliagonzalez@pico-rivera.org).

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** are invited to provide comments prior to the hearing via the email provided above or attending the meeting in person. If you challenge the above referenced materials in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA RUTH WEBSTER CASE NO. 22STPB03332**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of VIRGINIA RUTH WEBSTER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES WEBSTER JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES WEBSTER JR. 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: 05/13/2022 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner  
 MICHAEL MULLER - SBN 325214  
 BEZAIRE & LEATHERS

41 CORPORATE PARK, SUITE 320  
 IRVINE CA 92606

4/15, 4/22, 4/29/22  
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LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

**CITY OF PICO RIVERA CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION NO. 750, ZONE RECLASSIFICATION NO. 327, ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 189, MAJOR VARIANCE NO. 191 AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 60**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to consider the approval of the following: Conditional Use Permit Modification No. 750, Zone Reclassification No. 327, Zone Code Amendment No. 189 and General Plan Amendment No. 60, a request by Madison Capital Group, LLC to develop a self-storage facility located at 6605 Rosemead Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (Assessor Parcel Number 6370-013-014). The project consists of new construction of 63,466 square feet, four story (52 feet), self-storage facility on a 28,208 square foot site. The development includes seven vehicular parking spaces and three loading bays.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers  
 6615 Passons Boulevard  
 Pico Rivera, CA 90660

**MAIL:** PO Box 1016

**TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4332

Pursuant to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15063, and following an Initial Study and environmental assessment of possible adverse impacts, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of certain mitigation measures for which lessened potential adverse impacts to a level of less than significant. Therefore, the project applicant has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration with mitigation measures and monitoring program in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** wishing to observe the meeting may do so in the following ways

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3;
- (2) City's website at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/admin/pio/programming.asp>;
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- (4) Attend the Public Hearing in person

Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Additional information may be found at the City's website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/planning/projects.asp>. Please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director at 562-801-4447 for additional questions.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed applications 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 written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**CITY OF CERRITOS STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF TREE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1458-22**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: CONSTRUCTION OF TREE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1458-22. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of parkway tree removal; stump grinding; removal of all roots; and replacement of trees required for the construction of concrete improvements, which are to be completed under a separate contract. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **"CONSTRUCTION OF TREE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1458-22."**

It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for the return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A" or "C-27." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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**CITY OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

**REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING  
FOR THE  
7400 SLAUSON AVENUE PROJECT**

This Notice of Preparation was originally released on Thursday, April 7, 2022 and the Public Scoping Meeting was set for April 20, 2022. The Scoping Meeting date has since changed from April 20, 2022 to April 27, 2022.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Commerce has a Revised Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting for the following described Project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project Applicant is processing a Conditional Use Permit, Development Plan and Plot Plan Review to redevelop the Project site with a 292,029 square foot (sf) speculative warehouse/distribution facility with 15,000 sf of office, 33 dock high loading doors, 63 tuck trailer parking stalls, and 224 vehicle parking spaces. Automotive parking would be provided along the western, northern, and eastern boundaries of the Project site. Truck trailer parking would be located along the southern boundary of the Project site. The Project would require demolition of 249,579 sf of existing structures, associated on-site landscaping, and associated on-site parking. Existing structures include one primary 233,260 sf warehouse and office building, and five ancillary structures with which range from 694 sf to 6,750 sf. Access to the Project site would be provided by two driveways along Slauson Avenue to the north and two driveways along Greenwood Avenue to the east.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project site encompasses 13.94 acres of land (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 6356-016-022) -located at 7400 Slauson Avenue, at the southwest portion of the City of Commerce. The Project is south of Slauson Avenue, west of Greenwood Avenue, and north of the Pacific Electric Railroad. Local access to the site is provided via Slauson Avenue and Greenwood Avenue. Regional access to the site is provided via Interstate 5 (I-5) approximately 0.26 miles to the northeast and Interstate 710 (I-710) approximately 1.98 miles to the east.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** The City of Commerce has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the Project based on its potential to cause environmental effects. This NOP and the accompanying Initial Study evaluated the potential environmental impacts for the proposed Project. The Initial Study further describes the anticipated scope of the environmental analysis for each issue. Based on the information presented in the Initial Study, the following topics will be evaluated in further detail in the EIR:

- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils (Paleontological)
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS NOT POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** Based on the Initial Study, the following environmental factors were determined to be less than significant or to have no impact, and will not be further evaluated in the EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Biological Resources
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

**SAID SCOPING MEETING:** A virtual scoping meeting will be held via Teleconference during the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Hearing on **April 27, 2022**. The public is encouraged to view and participate in the scoping meeting. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

**Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128**  
**Access Code Number: 936 8760 5928**  
**Password: 838914**

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** This NOP and Initial Study are available for download and viewing on the City's website at: <https://www.ci.commerce.ca.us/city-hall/economic-development-and-planning/planning-environmental-documents-for-review>.

The EIR will assess the effects of the proposed Project on the environment, identify potentially significant impacts, identify feasible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potentially significant environmental impacts, and discuss potentially feasible alternatives to the Project that may accomplish basic objectives while lessening or eliminating any potentially significant Project-related impacts. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) will also be developed as required by Section 15150 of the CEQA Guidelines. This NOP, originally released on **April 7, 2022**, is subject to a minimum 30-day public review period per Public Resources Code Section 21080.4 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082. During the public review period, from **April 8, 2022 to May 9, 2022** public agencies, interested organizations, and individuals have the opportunity to comment on the Project and identify those environmental issues that have the potential to be affected by the Project and should be addressed further by the City of Commerce in the EIR.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS** must be submitted to the City of Commerce by **May 9, 2022** to be timely for consideration in the preparation of the EIR. Please direct your comments by e-mail or U.S. mail to:

Ignacio Rincon, Contract City Planner  
2535 Commerce Way,  
Commerce, California 90040  
(323) 722-4805 Ext. 2294  
E-Mail: [irincon@ci.commerce.ca.us](mailto:irincon@ci.commerce.ca.us)  
Hours: Monday – Thursday 8am to 6pm

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings telephonically. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at [www.ci.commerce.ca.us](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us) Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public scoping meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CITY OF COMMERCE  
Ignacio Rincon

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of public hearings to be held by the Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on **Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following items:

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 53: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY STANDARDS IN TITLE 21, SUBSECTION 21.20.055, OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSECTION 5.6.2 OF THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN. THE AMENDMENTS WILL ALLOW FOR DRIVE-THROUGH AISLES TO BE LOCATED DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO PUBLIC STREETS.**

At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the environmental assessment, staff report and recommendation, as well as all testimony and public input, prior to making a final decision on the items. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department office located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. Final action on the item by the City Council will occur at subsequent public hearings that will be duly noticed.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, La Mirada, California, 90637-0828.

Please notify the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131, extension 2302, at least four days prior to this hearing should you require a disability-related accommodation (e.g. sign language interpreter).

**IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Arturo Cervantes  
Associate Planner

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2021-05  
NEIGHBORHOOD SLURRY SEAL AREA 3**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2021-05. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.crplanwell.com/>. Work includes traffic control, notifications and public safety, removal and replacement of concrete curb and gutter and driveway, full depth asphalt concrete repairs, crack sealing, slurry seal, striping and markings.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on May 17, 2022. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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**CITY OF CERRITOS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS  
IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS  
PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1459-22**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project: **Project Identification: CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1459-22. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of the removal and replacement of deficient concrete curbs and gutters, sidewalk panels, driveway aprons, wheelchair access ramps, and other items identified in the bid schedule. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. Bids must be marked: **"CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1459-22."** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for the return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A" or "C-8". The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor's current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar proposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder's attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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“He seems to do a better job with people on base and with two strikes and all that stuff,” said Perez of Kirchner. “He came up clutch last year and he’s come up clutch [this year]. So, I kind of like him in that spot for us. He breaks up the monotony of all the right-handed guys. He does well; he does well for us.”

Meanwhile, Andrunas was just chugging along, throwing nine pitches in the third, 13 in the fourth and six in the fifth. However, Downey threatened to at least tie the game in the sixth inning when Kevin Ramirez reached on an error and advanced on a single from Adrian Aviles. But Diaz grounded into a double play with Aviles out at home and a fielder’s choice from Torres ended the inning. Andrunas then worked a perfect 11-pitch seventh inning. He said he felt pretty good after six innings and had a lot of adrenaline which gave him all the motivation he needed to complete the game.

“To a certain point, yes,” said Andrunas. “But I think what really gave me the motivation was my team being able to come back and score two in the bottom half of that inning. So that really helped me pick it up and get the job done.”

“Jorge did a great job; he pitched to contact,” said Perez of Downey’s hurler. “We did hit some balls pretty well; we did hit some balls pretty hard. But they were at them. We did execute some good bunts, they made some plays and they did a good job. They were ready.”

The game with the Vikings was the first of 10 games in the final three weeks of the regular season. This past Wednesday, seniors Christien Banda and Steven Thompson Jr. combined to no-hit the Vikings 2-1 this past Wednesday as the Gladiators improved to 7-13 overall on the season. Gahr scored twice in the first inning while Banda worked the first five innings, striking out 10 batters and walking two. Downey’s lone run came in the sixth when Matthew Garcia reached on

a walk, advanced on a passed ball and scored on a groundout.

Gahr will visit Lynwood High today before hosting Warren High on Tuesday in the front end of a home and home series. The second game will be on Thursday. Gahr will follow that up with a visit to Lynwood on Apr. 22 and to Paramount High on Apr. 25, before hosting Martin Luther King High, Paramount and La Mirada High from Apr. 26-28.

“We might be in a better situation to handle it now,” said Perez. “We started the year, and it was a grind. It was really tough, especially with all the injuries early and the speed bumps early. The one thing is these guys are not shying away from any tight game or inning. They’ve already been through it.

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day, improving to 12-2, 8-0. Seniors Erin Gibbs and Jady Nielsen combined on a no-hitter. The Dons hosted John Glenn High on Apr. 14 while Whitney travelled to Oxford Academy on the same day. Glenn is on target for no worse than third place following an 11-1 win against Oxford Academy this past Tuesday that sent the Eagles to 14-10, 5-3.

La Mirada High captured its own La Mirada Classic after knocking off South Hills High 8-3 and Rosary High 15-10 last Saturday to improve to 18-6. The Matadores, who are receiving votes for the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 top 10 poll, will visit Kennedy High today.

Norwalk High, ranked 10th in Division 5, hasn’t played since a 6-3 loss to Mayfair High but will host Legacy High on Monday. The Lancers are 14-7 overall, 3-3 in the Suburban League while Valley Christian High lost to Whittier Christian High 13-0 this past Tuesday. The Defenders (3-12-1, 1-2 in the Olympic League) hosted Maranatha High on Apr. 14 and will go to Bellflower High on Monday before entertaining Village Christian High on Thursday.

**BASEBALL**

Despite splitting with Oxford Academy, Artesia has all but locked up its first trip to the playoffs since 2007 as the Pioneers are sitting in second place in the 605 League. Artesia, which began the week at 11-9 overall and 3-3 in the circuit, go to Los Amigos High on Saturday for a doubleheader in its only action until Apr. 26.

Glenn was blanked by Oxford Academy 7-0 this past Tuesday to fall to 1-9, 1-4 as the Eagles hosted the Patriots on Apr. 14. Glenn will entertain St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy on Monday and go to Dominguez High on Wednesday.

La Mirada completed a sweep of Mayfair, outscoring the Monsoons 11-0 in the two games as the Matadores won another Suburban League championship. La

Mirada improved to 16-4-1, 6-0 and will begin play in the Boras Classic on Tuesday against Sierra Canyon High.

Norwalk blanked Firebaugh High 13-0 last Friday and moved to 12-8 overall, 3-3 in the Suburban League. The Lancers, who will host Salesian High on Saturday and Banning High on Monday in the St. Paul Tournament, are sitting in third place in league. With Mayfair at 3-5, the Lancers, ranked third in Division 6, are looking good in locking up the program’s first playoff trip since 2013.

V.C. was doubled up by Maranatha 10-5 this past Tuesday, falling to 11-9 overall, 3-3 in the Olympic League. The Defenders would face the Minutemen the next two nights before visiting Whittier Christian on Tuesday.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE COMMERCE ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT 6904 E. SLAUSON AVE., COMMERCE, CA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Commerce Planning Commission is considering the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Commerce Energy Storage Project. The City will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for review of environmental impacts. The Project Applicant is Commerce Energy Storage, LLC.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A Conditional Use Permit request by Commerce Energy Storage, LLC to allow for the construction of a new approximately 40,000 square foot battery energy storage system on a vacant approximate 2.6-acre site at 6904 East Slauson Avenue. The proposal would also require a license or similar agreement for the underground electric tie-line and other utilities; and a variance from parking standards. The Project is designed to receive, store, and discharge electricity conveyed from and to Southern California Edison’s high voltage electric grid. As part of the proposal, the batteries, together with related control equipment including inverters, transformers, and a small onsite substation, would connect to the existing Southern California Edison (“SCE”) Laguna Bell Substation located at 6319-6337 Garfield Ave via a new approximately 0.4-mile long underground electric tie-line to be installed along Garfield Avenue. As proposed, the facility would be unoccupied and remotely operated and available to receive, store or deliver energy as needed. The Project may include purchase of an approximately 0.08-acre vacant parcel (APN 6356-017-900) from the City subject to agreeable terms, and a Certificate of Compliance would be needed to merge the purchased parcel with APN 6356-017-028. The site is listed in the Envirostor database maintained pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and has been remediated by the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project Site is located at 6904 E. Slauson Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040 on Los Angeles County Tax Assessor’s Parcels 6356-017-028 and 6356-017-900. The underground electric tie-line would be in the Garfield Avenue right-of-way between the Site and the existing Southern California Edison Laguna Bell Substation located on the southwest corner of Garfield Avenue and Randolph Street.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** The Initial Study prepared for the project identified potentially significant impacts in the following impact categories: Cultural Resources including Tribal Cultural Resources, and Hazardous Materials. Mitigation measures have been identified to reduce each of the potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. All other impacts in the categories of Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forest Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology/soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities/Service Systems, and Mandatory Findings of Significance were found to be less than significant. Based on the Initial Study, the Planning Director has determined that preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate for the Project.

**PUBLIC REVIEW/COMMENT PERIOD:** The IS/MND is available online at: <https://www.ci.commerce.ca.us/city-hall/economic-development-and-planning/planning-environmental-documents-for-review>. Paper copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the Economic Development and Planning Department at City Hall.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, a 30-day public review period will be provided for responsible agencies and interested persons to submit comments to the IS/MND. The comment period will **start on April 15, 2022 and end at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on May 16, 2022**. Written comments should be directed by e-mail or U.S. mail to:

[kvizcarra@ci.commerce.ca.us](mailto:kvizcarra@ci.commerce.ca.us)

Knarik Vizcarra  
City of Commerce, Economic Development and Planning Department  
2535 Commerce Way  
Commerce, CA 9004

A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Hearing on **May 18, 2022**. The public is encouraged to view and participate in the meeting. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

**Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128**  
**Access Code Number: 936 8760 5928**  
**Password: 838914**

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** This NOI and Initial Study are available for download and viewing on the City’s website at: <https://www.ci.commerce.ca.us/city-hall/economic-development-and-planning/planning-environmental-documents-for-review>.

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings telephonically. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at [www.ci.commerce.ca.us](https://www.ci.commerce.ca.us). Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CITY OF COMMERCE  
Jose D. Jimenez  
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**CITY OF COMMERCE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION NO 18-028  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on April 27, 2022 before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce for the consideration of an Ordinance Approving Development Agreement [Commercial Cannabis Permit Application Non 18-028] for Commercial Cannabis Activities.

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of adopting an Ordinance to approve a Development Agreement to allow for Testing of commercial cannabis products at 5400 Jillson St, Commerce, CA 90040. A copy of the proposed Development Agreement will be available on the City’s website and with the City Clerk’s Office.

**Environmental Determination:** The request for a Development Agreement has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, § 21080, subd. (b)(9); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Ch. 3, § 15301 [Class 1, “Existing Facilities”]). This section specifically applies to small additions, expansions, or alterations to existing structures where there is negligible or no expansion of the use. In this case, the request includes a request to establish a Development Agreement.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING:** A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a Special Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Development Agreement will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

**Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128**  
**Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928**  
**Password: 838914**

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this development agreement in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the hearing.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings telephonically and/or via the internet. Said meeting will be held in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and AB 361, which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body, provided the legislative body adopts a resolution making certain findings. On December 7, 2021, and at subsequent meetings thereafter, the City Council adopted a resolution making the required findings to continue holding remote public meetings.

Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting will be telephonically accessible to the public. Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

City Manager  
Edgar Cisneros

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# Artesia Recognizes Earth Day, Autism Awareness and Other April Events

By Tammy McDuff

At the April 11 City Council meeting, the Artesia City Council presented numerous proclamations for April to raise awareness and bring recognition to organizations and honor celebrations.

Proclamations included an Earth Day presentation to encourage businesses and individuals to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, proclaiming April as Environmental Awareness Month. The theme for 2022 is "Defend our Planet," reinforcing each person's responsibility to maintain and protect the environment for the health and wellness of not just the community for the world.

"It calls each of us to do our part to enhance our beautiful planet, and to understand that our actions impact not only ourselves, but the land, air and sea," stated Mayor Melissa Ramoso, "each of us must do our part daily."

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003.

Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about organ donation and encourages Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and honor those who have saved lives through donation.

This year the theme is 'Bee A Donor!' inspired by the vital role that bees play in sustaining life. Bees are a small but powerful life force, working together with dedication, collaboration and a strong sense of community.

April is also Autism Awareness Month. In 1970, the Autism Society launched an



**EARTH DAY PRESENTATION:** Pictured with the Artesia City Council are Edith Guerra, Parks and Recreation Manager and Dan Rocha, Beautification and Maintenance Commissioner. The council, from (l-r) is Mayor pro tem Monica Manalo, Councilmen Rene Trevino, Tony Lima, Mayor Melissa Ramoso, Guerra, Rocha and Councilman Ali Taj.

ongoing nationwide effort to promote autism awareness and assure that all affected by autism can achieve the highest quality of life possible.

In 1972, the Autism Society launched the first annual National Autistic Children's week, which evolved into Autism Acceptance Month (AAM).

Ramoso added that the city will continue efforts to spread awareness, promote acceptance, ignite change and encourage residents to participate in campaigns, such as the "Light It Up Blue" crusade.

Denim Day will be recognized on April 27 for Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month.

For the past 23 years, Peace Over Violence has run an inspiring and powerful

opportunity to practice solidarity and support survivors by renewing our commitment to exposing harmful behaviors and attitudes surrounding sexual violence.

The campaign began after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent.

And lastly, to encourage residents to join in celebrating and honoring the Muslim community, Muslims worldwide celebrate April as the month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community by observing Ramadan, one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

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begging our pitchers to throw first pitch strikes because then we can start mixing in off-speed and we can kind of dictate the at-bat for the batter."

Geppert, who has won three straight games after a 9-2 loss to El Rancho High on Mar. 19, pitched five strong innings, facing 20 batters, allowing three hits, striking out four and throwing 75 pitches. Junior Max Meza worked the last two innings and struck out three.

"It was hot, so during practice it was hard for me to get into this last week," said Geppert. "I was kind of feeling a little shaky warming up today. I got on the mound and it went away."

"I have to give credit where credit is due," he said. "El Rancho is a really good hitting team. It's not my personal opinion, but they're the best hitting team we've played all season. I kind of felt I had a proving ground after that [loss]. Some doubts may have arisen, maybe in the coaching staff that I wouldn't be able to step up against good teams. I had to prove that I'm still the same guy that won that many games during the preseason."

Cerritos defeated Pioneer High 15-1 this past Tuesday to begin its third of four 605 League home and home series this season, hoping to keep its new league dynasty going. The Dons have now won 23 straight 605 League wins without a loss and a win over Pioneer on Apr. 14 would assure the team of no worse than a share of the league crown. Cerritos will host Banning High on Saturday and Paraclete High on Monday to complete pool play action in the St. Paul Tournament. Sophomore Carter Chi was expected to start the second game against Pioneer with Geppert slated to start against Banning and Burton against Paraclete.

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