



"The President was really concerned about the crowd not being allowed in through the magnetometers. He said, 'I don't effing care that they have weapons. They're not here to hurt me. Take the effing mags away.'"

"Stunning and compelling," **Bret Baier, FOX NEWS**



HOTEL BREAKS GROUND IN BELLFLOWER

GROUND-BREAKING: (l-r in white helmets) Bellflower Councilmen Dan Koops, Victor Sanchez, Mayor pro tem Sonny Santa Inez, Mayor Ray Dunton, and Councilmen Ray Hamada with officials from the Wichita, Kansas-based TGC Group at the ground-breaking of Woodsprings Suites.

By **Tammye McDuff**

WoodSpring Suites in Bellflower broke ground on the first hotel for the city on Tuesday, June 21.

Jill Taylor Director of Development and Culture for the Wichita, Kansas-based, TGC Group opened the private ceremony saying, "It is my honor and privilege to welcome our invited guests to the celebration. We are so excited to be here to open the first hotel in the city."

"This is our thirteenth WoodSpring Suites Hotel and our first in California," said Nick Esterline, President and Founder of TGC Group. "We are excited about being a part of the Bellflower community,"

The WoodSpring Suites Bellflower is conveniently located off the Artesia Freeway and Lakewood Boulevard. The four story, 122-room non-smoking and pet friendly hotel offers single and double queen suite accommodations with an amenity package that includes free wi-fi, a workout facility, fully equipped kitchens in every room, 24/7 laundry facilities, flat panel TVs in a "comfortable, practical environment."

"It's great to see continued investment in our city and we are excited to welcome the WoodSpring Suites brand to our community," said Bellflower Mayor Ray Dunton. "The hotel will be visible to many commuters along the 91-Fwy and will be a welcomed landmark helping to put Bellflower on the map. As the hotel begins operations, we envision future development in the west Artesia corridor and much more commercial activity."

TGC looks forward to welcoming its first guests in early summer 2023. WoodSpring

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Lightning Strike Causes Havoc at Cerritos College



MOTHER NATURE: Sometime around 3:00 am June 22, a bolt of lightning hit the ground at Cerritos College on the corner of Falcon Way and Studebaker Road. The lightning started a fire in lot #8 in front of the Health Occupations building.

By **Tammye McDuff**

The skies opened up on the morning June 22 for an incredible light show from Mother Earth with thunder and lightning. Although it made for some spectacular viewing and photographs, the show wasn't without damage.

The National Weather Service issued special weather advisories in the early morning and afternoon for several parts of the Southern California region, warning people to take extra cau-

tion and seek shelter when severe weather arises.

Around 3:00 am, a bolt of lightning hit the ground at Cerritos College on the corner of Falcon Way and Studebaker Road. The lightning started a fire in lot #8 in front of the Health Occupations building. It caused a cable to blow, which in turn blew the entire electrical framework of the college. The main power supply to campus was damaged.

The update that Campus staff got via email came around 9:00

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Montebello Unified Bond Fraud Trial: SEC and Defendant Ruben Rojas Issue Witness List

By **Brian Hews**

In March of 2017, HMG-CN exclusively reported how an audit firm involved with Montebello Unified School District raised serious questions about MUSD's school bond financing and internal controls issues at the District. The investigation by the auditor was a result of months of inves-

tigative work by HMG-CN and was ordered by Speaker Anthony Rendon.

The exposé triggered an SEC complaint and investigation involving Ruben Rojas alleging fraud, misleading investigators, defrauding bond purchasers, mail fraud, and assisting the MUSD with the ongoing fraud in

[See **MUSD** page 13]

Audit Slams Bellflower Unified, Finds \$83 Million in Reserve While District Neglects Students

By **Brian Hews**

An audit by the state of California has found what can be only described as complete incompetence and negligence by both Bellflower Unified School District's (BUSD) administration and board, their actions creating a perfect storm of mismanagement encompassing the superintendent's failure to communicate the financial situation of the district coupled with a board that has abandoned their oversight responsibilities.

Questions will swirl asking why BUSD has amassed and ignored an unheard of \$83 million in reserve for 2020-21, far exceeding the state's minimum amount, which is between three and ten percent of the district's budget while systematically neglecting students and staff.

The current Superintendent at BUSD is Tracy McSparren, who was hired in mid 2018. The current board is President Ren-

ita Armstrong, Vice President Richard Downing, Clerk Mayra Garza, and Board Members Dr. Sue ElHessen and Rev. Tomas Ivens.

The audit findings were a top-to-bottom condemnation that call into question Superintendent McSparren's capabilities and ethics and could lead to the board asking for her resignation and that of the CFO, Sulema Holguin. Some of the mismanagement included:

1. Lack of communication with the board
2. Not complying with transparency laws
3. Not spending what was budgeted
4. Not consistently provided required services and support to students with disabilities
5. Depriving students of their rights to access equal education
6. Not adequately mitigating disruptions caused by the pandemic

[See **BUSD** page 12]



Lakewood Files Lawsuit Challenging Density Law

By **Brian Hews**

Lakewood has joined several other cities in jointly filing the first lawsuits against the State of California...hello Cerritos?...challenging the constitutionality of the SB 9 housing density law, which takes away traditional zoning authority from local communities, and forces cities to allow multi-family housing in single family residential neighborhoods.

Lakewood joined Rancho

Palos Verdes as the first "general law" cities in the state to file suit this past Thursday.

Their action comes on top of a similar suit filed by four "charter cities" (Redondo Beach, Torrance, Carson and Whittier). Cerritos?

The two different lawsuits were required because communities with their own city charters and those who operate under the state's "general law" for cities have slightly different

[See **LAKWOOD** page 13]

Omicron Sub-Variants BA.4, BA.5 Make Up More Than 50% of U.S. Covid Cases - CDC

By **Brian Hews**

Thanks anti-vaxxers and anti-mask folks.

The fast-spreading BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants of Omicron now make up a combined 52% of the coronavirus cases in the United States, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Tuesday.

All experts agree, if everyone got vaccinated and masked-up, we would have never reach this level of variants, and inevitably one of the variants will evade the vaccinations.

The two sublineages account-

ed for more than a third of U.S. cases for the week of June 18, in two weeks, up 20%.

The variants were added to the World Health Organization's monitoring list in March and designated as variants of concern by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

Those who are vaccinated are reported to get very ill, but not hospitalized; those double boosted get flu-like symptoms.

Several vaccine makers including Pfizer Inc, Moderna, and Novavax Inc are testing versions

[See **VARIANTS** page 13]

Tzeitel was born in Quezon City, Philippines on Aug. 8, 1972. She was named after the eldest daughter from the Broadway musical “Fiddler on the Roof.” Her family moved to Los Angeles in 1975, and then decided to settle in Duarte in 1985. She graduated from Duarte High School in 1989 and went on to graduate from Woodbury University in Burbank, before returning home to the city that she loved. In 2003, she and her husband K.C. purchased a home in Duarte, shortly after being married in Duarte’s Royal Oaks Park.

Tzeitel was first elected to the Duarte City Council in 2001, and served as mayor four times: in 2006, 2011, 2015, and 2019. She was the first Duarte High School graduate and Filipino American elected to the City Council. As a public servant she participated in many facets of government and civics in Duarte and beyond.

RECOGNIZED: Clockwise from top, Stein Bang, Aneesh Komaragiri, Neerav Sahay and Krishan Parikh recognized for Eagle Scout distinction. Only six percent of scouts go on to reach Eagle Scout status.

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ABCUSD to Create New Virtual School

The ABC Unified School District will offer an online school for students in Transitional Kindergarten through Sixth Grade beginning in the fall of 2022. The District’s Board of Education voted on June 21st to approve the ABC Virtual Academy at its regular meeting.

Although there are still details to work out, the ABC Virtual Academy will have a dedicated location on a campus where teachers will be housed for instruction. The Academy will have its own principal, administrative team, and staff and will offer curriculum and instructional materials aligned with the District’s programs. Students in the Academy will receive the same 302 instructional minutes each day as their counterparts in traditional classrooms. Although the school is primarily virtual, there will be opportunities for some in-person events and meetings for both students and parents.

“The pandemic showed us that families want an online school choice, and we’re proud to give them one that’s part of ABC,” said Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. “Of course, our focus was on providing the strong academic programs that our families have come to expect from our schools. I’m pleased to say we have done that.”

Middle and high schools will continue to have a virtual option through the Online Independent Study Program. Unlike the ABC Virtual Academy, where students are taught mostly synchronously, OISP provides instruction both synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

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Movement Towards Obtaining La Mirada's Historic Olive Press



THE LA MIRADA Train Depot that housed the oil press.

By Tammye McDuff

When La Mirada was founded, it was covered with olive and citrus trees.

One of the reasons founder Andrew McNally loved the area was its abundance of the trees.

At an earlier La Mirada Historical Preservation Advisory Council [HPAC] meeting, a report was presented regarding a historical olive press that once resided near the La Mirada Train Depot. This olive press was used to make olive oil in La Mirada from 1898 to 1933.

Leonardo DiChiara and his family lived in La Mirada for about 20 years, but the family made an impact and name for themselves. According to record, DiChiara emigrated from Sicily around 1922. He opened and operated the first eatery in La Mirada called ‘Joe’s Delicatessen’, an Italian deli and store that sold fresh olive oil and fresh

squeezed orange juice. The delicatessen was located near the train depot.

In July of 1942 DiChiara and the olive press moved to the city of El Cajon, the olive press was moved to the Motor Transport Museum in Campo, where it currently resides.

In the early 1980’s a group formed with the intent to return the equipment to La Mirada, but it never happened.

Recently, Cathy Weisner, granddaughter of Leonardo DiChiara informed HPAC that she would like to donate the olive press to the city for public display. A letter was received from the Motor Transport Museum releasing ownership of the historic equipment.

At the June 14 City Council meeting options were discussed and the city is currently exploring what is needed to begin the coordination of transport and storage of the original olive press with the desire to formally have it on display.



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Commerce Holds All Abilities Color Run/Walk



BLAST OF COLOR: Commerce residents during the Color Run were doused with color powder each kilometer in an effort to raise funds for organizations.

By Tammie McDuff

The city of Commerce Summer Fun Fest officially began with an All Abilities Color Run / Walk Friday, June 17 at Rosewood Park.

The Color run is a five-kilometer, untimed event; at each kilometer mark, Color runners are doused from head to toe in a different colored powder. Participants wear white at the starting line and finish the race plastered in color.

The fun continued after the race at the Finish Festival, a larger-than-life party that frolicked through the evening with music, dancing, photo ops, activity booths, vendors, and more massive color throws, which create millions of vivid color combinations.

“Our mission for the All Abilities run is to bring people together and make the world a happier, healthier place,” said Commerce Mayor Oralie Rebollo. “It was so wonderful to see all the families out here having fun together.”

All Abilities runners varied in demographics and reasons for running. With no winners or official times, the run/walk catered to everyone, from first-time runners to seasoned athletes; babies in strollers to senior citizens. “More than half of our participants are first-time 5K runners.” Added Rebollo, “We are proud to be a catalyst that inspires our residents and our community to live a more active lifestyle, on top of having fun!”

Rebollo remarked, “The mission of the run is to empower individuals of all abilities to take charge of their own learning and lives, making it possible for them to be competent, caring, and contributing members of society.”

The festival continued with a family movie night, games, giveaways and good family fun.

To see what the Commerce Parks and Recreation Department has planned for summer activities, visit them at www.ci.commerce.ca.us

Norwalk Launches Website Targeting Location Companies

By Tammie McDuff

The city of Norwalk launched a new website, "Norwalk in the Movies," on June 28 to promote a positive atmosphere for production companies looking for places to make their movies.

Some of the more famous filming locations are the D.D. Johnston-Hargitt House Museum and the Gilbert Sproul Museum. Hargitt House is an Eastlake Victorian-style home with crossed gables serving as a connection to Norwalk's past. Initially built in 1870, the Gilbert Sproul Museum houses many artifacts from Norwalk's history and serves as the original site for town hall meetings.

The Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex provides many diverse film backdrops with its Romanesque arched entrance and multiple sports & performance art facilities. The Norwalk Transportation Station is a live Metrolink station that regularly sees over 40 trains pass through each week. An elevated picturesque pedestrian bridge helps connect travelers to the many

platforms.

Excelsior High School is a popular filming set that can serve as the backdrop for anything, and Golf N' Stuff Family Fun Center has been the backdrop for many classic Hollywood moments and remains a familiar fixture in Movies, TV shows and Music Videos.

Many scenes from Grease II [1982] were filmed at Excelsior High School and in front of the former Norwalk Ice Rink. National Lampoon's Vacation [1983] famous pool scene between Chevy Chase and Christie Brinkley was filmed at the Guest House International Hotel. The date scene from Karate Kid [1984] has also been used as a setting for the follow-up series Cobra Kai. The cheerleading scene featuring Carmen Electra and Amy Smart was filmed at Cerritos College for Starsky and Hutch [2004], and the City of Norwalk city council chambers was transformed into a Japanese Night club in the popular music biopic The runaways [2010].

Brad Pitt's famous fight scene from Quentin Tarantino's ninth film Once Upon a time in Hollywood [2019] was filmed at Excelsior High School.

To learn more about filming in Norwalk, call (562) 929-5713; to contribute to the website, visit norwalkinthemovies.com.

Long Beach Transit Service Changes

Long Beach Transit (LBT) has implemented a service change to its bus service effective June 26.

The LBT has introduced Route 141 to replace the eastern half of L.A. Met-

ro's Line 130 from the Artesia Station located in Compton to the Los Cerritos Center via Artesia Boulevard with the same existing bus stop locations.

LBT's service change also includes removing 31 bus stops.

For more information, contact LBT's Customer Care team at (562) 591-2301.

Norwalk City Council Looks to Pass Water Ordinance

Staff Report

This past week, the Norwalk City Council approved, by title only, and ordinance which align its Municipal Code with the State's Emergency Water Use Regulations.

The Ordinance will also activate Phase II of the Norwalk Municipal Water System's (NMWS) Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

“This first reading will start the process of aligning with California's plans to conserve water due to the severe water drought the state is facing,” stated Mayor Rick Ramirez, “The City Council now has the opportunity to make changes to the Ordinance before it is officially enacted.”

Updating the Code would create mandatory water conservation restrictions citywide. Activating Phase II would specifically affect residents serviced by NMWS. The City is also serviced by private water agencies Liberty Utilities and Golden State Water Company.

On January 4, 2022, the State Water Board adopted an emergency water use regulations; these emergency regulations will remain in effect for one year from the effective date, unless the State Water Board acts differently. Some examples of the emergency regulation requirements include:

- The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes more than incidental runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures is prohibited.

- No person shall use water to wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces, except as is required for the benefit of public health and safety.

- No person shall leave a water hose running while washing a vehicle or at any other time.

NMWS Water Shortage Contingency Plan, Phase II restrictions are as follows:

- Landscape may not be watered between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Landscape may not be watered more often than every third day.

- Commercial nurseries, golf courses, and other water-dependent industries are prohibited from watering landscape more often than every other day and between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The ordinance will now go to a second reading at a future City Council meeting.

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am, “... the main power supply the campus is using has been damaged ... ,” employees and students were told to leave the campus and work from home safely.

The traffic lights along Alondra Boulevard and Studebaker Road were only off with blinking hazard lights.

Twelve hours later, the campus was still closed, and the phone system was down.

Transformers and switches had to be removed and replaced. “We had to make the pole and cable safe and replaced before attempting to repair the damage. Its been rough; we have been in emergency repair mode since early this morning from Temecula to Los Angeles,” said an SCE representative.

Newsom and California Lawmakers Approve Gas Rebate

(Mercury News) ~ Lawmakers and Gov. Gavin Newsom have finalized a deal to send \$9.5 billion back to Californians feeling the crush of \$6 gasoline and rising costs for groceries and other products and services.

The payments, which could be as much as \$1,050 for a family, will not be coming in time for a 4th of July road trip – but they should land before the winter holidays.

Comments from state leaders indicate inflation cashback payments will likely be pushed into the late summer and fall as bureaucrats work out the kinks of sending money to nearly 23 million people.

At the heart of the delay is the Franchise Tax Board, which will be responsible for issuing the bulk of payments to bank accounts linked to tax accounts.

In May Gov. Gavin Newsom said the tax board would not start that process until October because the agency is already dealing with tax refunds.

An FTB spokesperson did not immediately return a request for a timeline of cash payments. Katie Talbot, a spokeswoman for Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, said payments “will likely begin rolling out in fall.”

SO HOW MUCH WILL YOU GET?

The framework sets three tiers of relief-payment eligibility for individual taxpayers that gives more to those who earn less.

- The first tier, covering 14.2 million taxpayers, provides payments of \$350 each, plus an additional \$350 if they have at least one dependent, for single filers earning up to \$75,000 and joint filers up to \$150,000. A single filer with no kids will receive \$350, a single parent or a childless couple will get \$700, and a joint-filing couple with kids or at least one other dependent will get \$1,050.
- The second tier covers 2.1 million

taxpayers earning between \$75,000 and \$125,000 as single filers or \$150,000 to \$250,000 as joint filers. They will get \$250 each plus an extra \$250 for at least one dependent. So a childless individual taxpayer can expect \$250, a single parent or childless couple will get \$500, and a couple with kids will receive \$750.

- The third tier would provide 1.1 million filers who earn between \$125,000 and \$250,000 as single taxpayers, or from \$250,000 to \$500,000 as joint filers, with payments of \$200 each plus an extra \$200 for dependents. So an individual filer will get \$200, a single parent or childless couple will get \$400, and a couple with kids will get \$600.

A sticking point in talks between the governor and lawmakers was over sending rebates to wealthy Californians, and the plan announced late Sunday wouldn’t provide anything for some 500,000 taxpayers earning more than \$250,000 individually, or \$500,000 as a joint-filing couple.

Gov. Newsom had earlier proposed a \$9 billion plan to send motorists \$400 per car for up to two cars, plus \$2 billion for free public transportation for three months. But he dropped it in the face of opposition from lawmakers who said it would benefit wealthy auto owners while largely shutting out many of the poor who don’t have cars.

The compromise proposal calls for an additional \$8 billion — totaling \$17.5 billion — to provide relief for other rising costs. That includes \$2 billion of additional rental assistance provided earlier this year, \$2.3 billion in fiscal relief to small businesses and nonprofits for unemployment insurance and paid sick leave costs, drought relief grants for small farms, a diesel sales tax suspension, and union dues credits for workers.

Cerritos College Kicks Off Free Transit Program

Cerritos News

Cerritos College recently launched its new Metro GoPass program to provide reliable and affordable transportation for all students to and from campus.

The student government unanimously approved a resolution to increase the Student Activities Fee from \$10 to \$19 to cover the cost of the pilot transit program, making it available to all students. The GoPass program is offered through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (Metro) Fareless System Initiative

Community College pilot program.

Cerritos College students who pay the increased Student Activities Fee can now ride and transfer between several transit systems, including the City of Commerce; Culver CityBus; Foothill Transit; Gardena Transit (GTrans); Long Beach Transit; Los Angeles Department of Transportation DASH; Los Angeles Metro; Montebello Bus; Norwalk Transit; Pasadena Transit; Santa Monica Big Blue Bus; and Torrance Transit. To participate, students must fill out a form on the Cerritos College website cerritos.edu/activities/gopass.htm.

New Norwalk Station Sheriff's Captain is Home Grown

By Tammie McDuff


Captain Chris Johnson has been selected as the new Captain of Norwalk Sheriff's Station. The station was established in 1926 and provides law enforcement services for the cities of Norwalk, La Mirada and the unincorporated communities of South and East Whittier. Johnson will oversee approximately 236 sworn and civilian personnel that serves a population of over 220,000.

At the time of the HMG interview with the new captain, Johnson had been on the job just one week. "My official start day was Sunday, June 12, but my first day in office was Monday. I have to say that I loved it in my first week. I feel very comfortable here. I know many officers who work in the station. I am from Norwalk and live in La Mirada, and everything I do at the station pertains to these cities."

Born in Minnesota, his family moved to Norwalk in 1974. "My mother remarried, my stepfather had family in Norwalk, so this is where we settled."

"My first job was at A&W restaurant in Norwalk while I was in high school. It was just flipping burgers, but I met many residents and made some good friends. Then after high school, I was a UPS driver in Norwalk and got to know the streets. Now when people talk to me about different issues or read about them, I can get a picture in my mind of the area because I have been here forever!"

At the age of 21, when he could have been hired as an officer, there was a hiring



CAPT. CHRIS JOHNSON grew up in Norwalk and lives in La Mirada.

freeze, so he joined the City of Norwalk as a Public Safety Officer. "I was hired in 1995 as a Deputy Trainee in the Custody Division where I was assigned to North County correctional Facility in Castaic and Twin Towers Correctional Facility. I have always admired law enforcement officers. I saw them working hard in the city. Honestly many of my family members were on the opposite side of the law and I never wanted to be like that. I wanted to be just the opposite," remarked Johnson.

Johnson is a 27-year law enforcement veteran of the Sheriff's Department. He was first assigned to Lennox Station, transferred to Compton Station where he held several positions; promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Lynwood; transferred to Marina del Rey Station as Captain before being officially promoted to captain of the station in 2021.

Johnson added, "At the end of the day it doesn't matter which community you serve or the demographics; everybody wants the same thing. They want safety in their community, and they want to be treated with dignity and respect by law enforcement. If you do that, you have done your job as a peace officer."

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La Mirada Adopts Balanced Budget

Staff Report

The La Mirada City Council adopted a balanced budget for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. General Fund revenues are projected at \$49.54 million and expenditures are set at \$43.78 million, without transfers. A General Fund budget surplus is expected in the amount of \$5.76 million.

The approved budget supports La Mirada's ongoing commitment to providing services that enhance the quality of life through public safety, family-friendly recreation programs, capital improvement projects, and economic development.

Public Safety is the largest budget item at \$11.71 million. Public Safety continues to be the city's top priority and focuses on general law enforcement services, traffic safety, emergency preparedness efforts, Neighborhood Watch and other public safety volunteer programs.

The Public Works Department will receive \$8.64 million. This department focuses on maintaining the city's streets, sidewalks, landscaped medians, parks, athletic fields, and public buildings. Public Works staff also manages planned capital improvements.

Community Services and Theatre Department budgets are \$7 million and \$9.33

million, respectively. A significant portion of these costs are offset by ticket revenue and recreation fees.

The remaining \$7.1 million is spent on City Administration, Administrative Services, and Community Development. The Administration and Administrative Services Departments include the city's administration, finance administration, economic development, human resources, risk management, and information technology functions. The Community Development Department provides building and safety services and oversees La Mirada's physical development.

A total of \$22.96 million is allocated for capital improvements including street improvements, replacement of a main bridge at Creek Park, and traffic signal upgrades, to name a few. Funding is also provided for the initial phase of comprehensive energy conservation and infrastructure renewal projects at City facilities.

"This year's budget is balanced and provides key programs and services to meet the community's needs," said City of La Mirada City Manager Jeff Boynton. "The anticipated operational surplus and the City's strong reserves remain available to address potential changes to economic conditions." The City's budget can be viewed by visiting cityoflamirada.org.

For additional information, contact La Mirada City Hall at (562) 943-0131.

A Special Birthday for a Special Boy



HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAYS: A drive-by birthday celebration was held at Caruthers Park for Bellflower resident Kareem Khalaf, who turned 22. Khalaf is in kidney failure and receives dialysis every day. Lakewood Deputies participated in the parade.

By Tammye McDuff

Sandra Lizeth Espinoza truly believes in the saying from Mother Teresa to 'do small things with great love.' That was very evident when HMG-CN received an invitation to attend a birthday

party for an extraordinary young man on Sunday, June 19.

A drive-by birthday celebration was held at Caruthers Park for Bellflower resident Kareem Khalaf, who turned 22. Espinoza extended a huge thank you to the Lakewood Deputies who drove to the park and participated in the parade. "You helped make his dream come true."

Kareem's face lit up when he saw the deputies driving by, later visiting him to wish him a Happy Birthday.

"Kareem is always in great pain, but for a few hours, he was able to forget," said Espinoza.

Bellflower residents donated food and drinks, and neighbor Karen Stace donated money for Kareem's birthday cake.

"Today is father's day and it was a little hectic to plan it all but I want to say to my husband thank you for helping me getting everything together regardless that was your special day, and finally, thanks to all the people who showed including my daughter and her husband and helping us get everything together."

Khalaf is in kidney failure and receives dialysis every day. For several years Espinoza has tried to celebrate his birthday because he has spent most of his life in the hospital, "His health is deteriorating very fast due to a stroke and he got COVID. He is a very special young man and a good friend to everyone in the community. He had a desire to become a police officer, that's why having the team show up for his drive-by parade was so special."



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For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteem@cerritos.us.

Meet and Greet Congressional and State Senate Candidates



CERRITOS RESIDENTS gathered on June 25 at the home of Karen Wilson for a meet and greet with Kim Carr, running for State Senate District 36 and Jay Chen, running for the 45th Congressional District (both seen center 2nd row). Elected officials attending were Ernie Nishi and Olga Rios ABC School Board; Ali Taj, Artesia City Councilman, and members of the Hubert Humphrey Democrat Club.

Luncheon Raises \$680,000 for Smart Village Movement



67th Assembly District candidate Sharon-Quirk-Silva (5th from right) at Smart Village Movement's first fundraiser in Southern California hosted at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The Smart Village is a model of socio-economic development with successful pilot projects in Northeast India like STEM hubs in rural schools, healthcare centers and farmer support systems.

Crime Summary

La Mirada

6/22--6/26/22

Note: Cerritos' crime summary is placed online and is very difficult to edit and place in the paper, HMG-CN alerted Mayor Vo weeks ago, no response so far.

Notable Arrests

- Eleven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Residential Burglary

- An overnight burglary was reported on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd. A medical oxygen tank was stolen.

Other Structure Burglary

- An early morning burglary was reported on the 15000 block of Rosecrans

- An early morning burglary was reported on the 15500 block of La Mirada

- A door smash burglary was reported on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.

- A daytime burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Desman Rd.

Vehicle Burglary

- An early morning burglary was reported on the 14000 block of Rosecrans

Grand Theft

- Personal affects were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

- A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.

- Two rims and tires were reported stolen from a vehicle during an early morning theft on the 13900 block of Ramhurst Dr.

- A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 14900 block of Northam St.

- Two storage containers were stolen on the 15900 block of Valley View Ave.

Grand Theft Auto

- A SUV was reported stolen on the 14400 block of San Esteban Dr.

- A truck was reported stolen on the 14000 block of Adoree St.

- A truck was reported stolen on the 12700 block of Santa Gertudes Ave.

Firework Smoke Harmful

While it may be intuitive that smoke from fireworks are not good for your lungs, few people realize just how bad those chemicals are.

In a tweet that went viral in 2019, we demonstrated how quickly air quality declines once the sun goes down on

Independence Day.

While most folks may think of fireworks through the lens of particulate matter, these particles include lots of nasty chemicals.

To achieve their colors, metals such as copper, strontium, lithium, barium, and perchlorate are all used; these chemicals are also found in batteries and rat poison. Illegal fireworks are not any better as they are known to contain lead, manganese, nickel, and chromium.

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Non-Profit U.S. Green Building Council Celebrating its 20th Year in the SoCal

By Laurie Hanson

Helping locals and the world over build a more environmentally conscious tomorrow is the U.S. Green Building Council – Los Angeles Chapter (USGBC – LA) and three of its key members.

For Ben Stapleton, Jennifer Berthelot-Jelovic and Avidah Haghighi going “Green” is more than lip service, it is central to who they are and what they do.

With an extensive and relevant background, Executive Director Ben Stapleton joined USGBC-LA in 2019 to help those already involved or interested to understand and learn more about the Going Green movement.

“We have programs aimed at the green-committed and the green-curious, and we love to explain the what, the why and the how of a green-built environment, because there is no other option but to get involved and learn more,” Stapleton said.

The USGBC-LA is celebrating its 20th year in the SoCal region and was born out of the national U.S. Green Building Council, which has been vital in greening and certifying buildings for almost 30 years.

“The building industry accounts for roughly 40 percent of our greenhouse emissions and yet also offers a tangible, centralized entry point for us to address issues around waste, health, and water,” Stapleton said. “I work in this industry because I believe buildings are a critical place for us to make changes that can have lasting ripple impacts across literally everything else, and that is change we hope to make.”

“The USGBC serves the public by providing a platform for engagement and collaboration, while also providing avenues for education for every-

one, from children to industry professionals,” he added.

Serving the Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Ventura counties, the USGBC-LA is primarily focused on addressing the climate crisis by creating a more sustainable Southern California for all. This is accomplished primarily through education (elementary school kids to adults), training (for janitors, architects, landscapers, CEOs, agencies, etc.) and workforce development...

helping people enter and create a more powerful ‘green jobs’ workforce,” according to Stapleton.

“Once people learn something, they don’t unlearn it,” he said. “We hope to provide education and pathways for people to not only improve their lives where they live, work, and play, but also have a career-making lasting impact doing work in this space.”

The USGBC-LA is based within the La Kretz Innovation Campus in the Arts District of downtown Los Angeles, a location where Stapleton launched and managed the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), leading their operations, finance, and major program initiatives.

“[The] Campus is a really special place in L.A., as an epicenter for sustainability in the region and an iconic green building for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), hosting events with prominent leaders, and being home to a community of cutting-edge businesses and nonprofits,” Stapleton explained. “It’s nice to still be part of this campus, now through USGBC-LA.”

“We have about 500 paid members, but our weekly newsletters - which includes our events, plus those of a number of our fellow organizations are received by about 30,000 people across SoCal, as well as around the world,” he added. “A lot of people watch what is going on in L.A. in sustainability. As it is said,

‘As California goes, so goes the rest of the world.’ And L.A. is California’s biggest market.” Anyone can sign up for the free newsletter at www.usgbc-la.org.

Some of USGBC-LA’s most active and best-known members who encompass a range of top engineering, architecture, agencies, electronic vehicle charging, and sustainability consultants and property owners include Southern California Edison (SCE) and LADWP, cities from Santa Monica and West Hollywood to Long Beach, Riverside, Ventura, and Los Angeles.

The USGBC-LA is also equally involved in changing the world with fellow nonprofits such as Theodore Payne Foundation, Building Skills Partnership, LA Promise Fund.

They are also involved with other groups concerned with affordable housing, creating jobs (especially green jobs), urban landscaping, wildfire defense and educating students in schools about the basics of sustainability. Members of the USGBC-LA also emerging professionals to students and the public, all of whom want to know more, according to Stapleton.

Along with their annual two-day Green Building Conference & Expo which recently took place this spring, the organization also averages about 174 or more online programs each year and recently reinstated in-person programming.

“Anyone could attend either day, but the first was directed to our industry with more educational sessions focused on decarbonization, wildfire defense, embodied carbon, emergency preparedness, wellness innovations, EV charging equity and more,” he said. “The second day was directed to the public community with about 30 fellow nonprofit exhibitors addressing urban agriculture and landscape, career opportunities, green school education, building green, BIPOC representation in the industry, youth activism on our climate crisis, and more.”

“We also were thrilled to have the Boyle Heights Arts Conservatory community radio station KQBH 101.5 present providing music, along with a live music performance by AY Young who powers his concerts with 100 percent renewable energy,” Stapleton added.

Benefiting from her education, involvement and membership with the USGBC-LA is Founder and CEO Jennifer Berthelot-Jelovic of A Sustainable Production (ASAP)

BEN STAPLETON and his son helping out at a USGBC-LA supported community garden project in El Monte.

located in Sherman Oaks. She has been a member since 2008 and was on the Board of Directors for 6 ½ years holding positions of Secretary and Vice President. She started ASAP in 2012.

“When I first joined the USGBC-LA, I could not have been more grateful to join a community of experts, innovators, mentors, colleagues, and most importantly, friends,” she said. “I met so many incredible people who truly wanted to see me succeed in sustainability and wellness. They were supportive and took me in, giving me an organization to call home.”

“I have learned a lot from the USGBC-LA, especially while being on the Board of Directors for so long,” Berthelot-Jelovic added. “This Chapter has taught me how to have a vision, stay the course, and create a community. They have taught me the importance of relationships, partnerships and giving back.”

“I met extraordinary mentors who took me under their wing to teach me and guide me in my new career,” she explained. “My competitors and colleagues have become some of my lifelong friends.”

Her company ASAP is a woman-owned, full-service global expert and leader in bringing sustainability and wellness to building environments and organizations at scale as a consulting firm.

They advocate for creating healthy places for people and the planet through education, innovation, and an intersectional environmentalism approach to sustainability that includes regenerative, resilient, equitable, and healthy spaces, organizations, and communities, according to Berthelot-Jelovic.

“I started [out] in Social Work and have a masters [degree] focused on non-profit management,” she said. “I was burnt out and ended up working in the Entertainment and Music Industry.”

“While working in Entertainment, my boss decided he wanted to build a LEED Platinum/Net Positive Airplane Hangar at the Burbank Airport in 2006, and this became my responsibility,” Berthelot-Jelovic said. “After completing Hangar 25, the world’s greenest aviation facility in 2008, my boss opened a construction company. I spent 4 years at the construction company getting it up and running, learning every aspect of being a general contractor, while being the Director of Sustainability overseeing all of the Company’s LEED & WELL projects.” (LEED and WELL are types of building certifications.)

“I have taken what I learned throughout my social work journey and have woven it into the fabric of ASAP’s DNA,” she explained. “This is why at ASAP, we are one global community, united by our commitment to improve the health of people and the planet holistically. Guided by integrity, empathy, and passion, we use the power of our deep expertise and relationships to create a future that promotes equity, sustainability, and well-being for all people, around the world.”

With her firm’s background spanning social work, psychology, architecture, construction, environmental science and design, project management, and wellness education, Berthelot-Jelovic’s team is well suited to help their clients tackle the biggest societal challenges people face today.



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AVIDEH HAGHIGHI stands in front of her Long Beach home named after her company and called ZERO.HOUZ.

tainability career, understanding what “Going Green” truly meant was not easy for her. She said there was “green-washing and confusion” about what was truly sustainable, and asked herself, “Where should we focus our efforts?”

“Sustainability encompasses so many areas and topics and that can be really overwhelming when you are just starting your career,” she explained. “When you are as passionate as I am about sustainability, you can find yourself trying to know everything.”

“The USGBC-LA provided me a way to focus my efforts in a concentrated and impactful manner, while having the ability to be involved in so many areas of sustainability at the same time,” Berthelot-Jelovic said. “The Chapter helped me to learn about true sustainability and how to be an advocate for the transformation we so desperately need in our built environment, organizations, and communities.”

“If I had to guesstimate based on the numbers we know from our (ASAP) projects and portfolios, as well as from our give back commit-

ments, [we’ve helped] somewhere between 750,000 to a million people,” she added. “Though most of these people were not aware of it, they benefitted indirectly from my time with USGBC-LA.”

“Our clients and the people we serve are constantly benefiting from my involvement with the USGBC-LA Chapter for all of these years,” Berthelot-Jelovic said.

Another member who has benefitted from the USGBC-LA is Avidah Haghighi, the founder and creator of ZERO.HOUZ in Long Beach. She has been on USGBC-LA’s Board of Directors for one year now and a member for a few years. As a licensed architect specializing in sustainable design for the last 10 years, she earned her bachelor’s degree from Woodbury University and is currently lead sustainable design at ZGF Architects, a firm leader in the nation.

“ZERO.HOUZ is my new venture to electrify existing single-family homes,” she said. “I embarked on this journey a year ago. [It] is my new venture [and] was born out of my own journey to switch my Long Beach home from gas to all-electric. [It] has become a platform for me to engage with homeowners, local communities, and professionals (realtors, builders, etc.) about the importance of zero emissions homes.”

A year ago, Haghighi purchased the 99-year-old bungalow in Long Beach that was originally built for oil workers during the 1920s oil boom. As irony would have it, she had a vision to transform it into the most sustainable clean energy home though it sat sitting atop oil fields.

“Through sharing my retrofit journey on social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook - @zero.houz), I have been able to engage and inspire other homeowners to do the same,” she explained. “ZERO.HOUZ

was recently featured on Spectrum1 News channel highlighting some of the reasons homeowners should consider going all-electric.”

“When I embarked on this project, USGBC-LA staff and network were immensely helpful in connecting me with resources, whether [it was with] homeowners who pursued their own green home journey or professionals who could advise and help move the project forward,” Haghighi said. “I was also invited to host a booth at the annual My Green Building Conference and Expo as a way to engage the local community.”

“Recently, USGBC-LA launched a ‘Green Homes’ committee, a platform for bringing together industry professionals whose mission is to make homes greener,” she added. “This committee is already at-

tracting a lot of diverse professionals, from realtors to architects and builders. USGBC-LA also has a Net Zero Accelerator program that fosters innovation in green building technologies. These innovations will play a key role in making every home a green home.”

To simply inspire everyone to make the transition to healthier, all-electric homes, Haghighi simply says,

“Your next Dream House is electric.”

And as for what USGBC-LA Executive Director Ben Stapleton says about the future, “We are working hard through our Green Affordable Housing Program to provide education and resources for residents in low-income communities while also working with entrepreneurs and startups in this sector to help accelerate solutions to market that can help us achieve a net positive future.”

“We are working to broaden and diversify the green building movement and believe that everyone should have a seat at the table to address some of our past inequities,” he added. “We envision a more sustainable region for all, but that really starts with people.”

For more information about the USGBC-LA and to learn about the what, the why and the how of the Going Green sustainability movement, please visit online at www.usgbc-la.org.



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LOREN KOPFF CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

Late 1990s, Early 2000s Dominated by Area Basketball Teams as Champions Were Crowned

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Editor's note: This is the first part of a series looking back at the past 25 years as a member of Los Cerritos Community News

It's funny how one random walk through the communications building at California State University, Fullerton in November of 1997 landed me a job at a weekly newspaper in Cerritos. But that's what happened as I am in the final five months of my 25th year as the sports editor, originally a sportswriter, of the Los Cerritos Community News, which is now the HMG-Community News

Those who know me very well know that I am not from this area. I did not know any of the area high schools, star athletes or youth teams around here. I grew up in San Diego and got my first newspaper job at the La Jolla Light in between stops at Kansas State University and the University of Oklahoma. But one night, while walking through the Communications building at CSUF, I noticed a job opening on the bulletin board for a sportswriter for the Los Cerritos Community News. At the time, the publisher and editor-in-chief was Elizabeth Kamano, who founded the newspaper, and the staff was much larger than it is today. There was an art director, Richard Bartoletti, a receptionist and around 10 staff writers.

My first story, which was in the Nov. 13, 1997 issue was on the Valley Christian High football team defeating Whittier Christian High 21-6 to win its fourth Olympic League title in the 1990s. The next week, I had my first front-page story: the ABC Unified School District receiving an "A+" rating on its bonds from the Standard and Poor's Credit Wire.

While I would do several non-sports stories in the upcoming months, covering school board and City of Cerritos board meetings, I was settling in with my new territory, the history of the schools I cover and the personnel and of course, the CIF-Southern Section.

I covered Artesia, Cerritos, Gahr, V.C. and Whitney high schools in my first year. The next year, I began covering John Glenn High and Norwalk High and added La Mirada High to my list.

One of my early top sports stories was on the V.C. girls volleyball team, which swept St. Bonaventure High to win the Division IV-A title. Weeks later, the Crusaders, as they were known back in those days, won the program's first state championship. Also in December of 1997, I was invited by Whitney's principal at the time, John Vieira, and Ju Yon Kim, the co-editor of the school's newspaper, as they took me on a tour of the school and it's new gymnasium during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The winter season was just getting started and I was quickly introduced to the Artesia boys basketball team, nationally known in the late 1990s. During my first three years covering the program, the Pioneers went 94-8, did not lose a Suburban League game and won a pair of Division I-AA titles followed by a I-A championship. The team had star players in Jason Kapono, Jack Martinez and Jon Stefansson, among others, and were scoring over 90 points against league

opponents 23 times from 1998-2000, including a 144-53 win against Cerritos High on Feb. 11, 2000 that still irks many associated with the Cerritos program.

The last couple of years of the 1990s and the first three of the 2000s weren't always about the Artesia boys basketball program. The V.C. girls basketball program was also enjoying the spotlight, going to The Pyramid on the campus of California State University, Long Beach for a trio of divisional championship games. The Crusaders lost in the IV-A and IV-AA title games before winning the 1999-2000 IV-AA crown. The program was coached by one of the most respected individuals in the state, and one who I have ever met, Eleanor Dykstra, whose last season coaching the program was the 2005-2006 campaign.

My first feature in the final weeks of that fall was on Jennifer Fopma and Stacy Rouwenhorst, the tall middle blockers from the V.C. girls volleyball team who would later play on the Association of Volleyball Professionals beach circuit. My next feature was for the Feb. 5, 1998 issue and was on Heidi Bork, who broke the Cerritos girls soccer single season scoring record at that time with her 30th tally in a Jan. 20 game against Bellflower High.

After trying for a league title in my first year, the Cerritos girls soccer team would hold down third place in the Suburban League for the next eight seasons and would not get past the first round of the playoffs until 2019.

My first spring season would come and immediately, I had a close bond with the Cerritos softball program and its parents as the Dons went to the Division II championship game, falling to Quartz Hill High 5-2 to finish the season at 25-6. It would be the first of seven seasons a Cerritos softball team would win at least 20 games during my time covering the program. That team was loaded with talent such as Julie Hoshizaki, Lauren Johnson, Jamie O'Neal, Brandi Stuart, Jessica van der Linden, Sara Winters, among others.

A few times during the spring and even more in the summer, I did some stories on several youth teams and clubs throughout the City of Cerritos and a feature on Charles O'Bannon, who at the time was playing for the Detroit Pistons. Again, not being from the area, I did not know he had played high school hoops at Artesia until months after I was with the LCCN.

The most iconic youth team in the late 1990s and into the 2000s would be a soccer team that began playing in the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), coached by Joul Farah. He later formed what would be known as The Dream Team and would be a dominant team for many years. The team would go through several name changes, but for the most part, the players were the same. I was also introduced to the Cerritos Girls Softball Association, where many of its all-stars went to the high schools I cover.

To say that I covered a wide variety of sports within my first year is an understatement. Also, during the summer, I did a few stories on synchronized swimming as American Cup VIII made its way to the Cerritos Olympic Swim Center. I did a feature on swimmer Melissa Wong, who was an eighth-grade student



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but won a gold medal at the Goodwill Games in the 50-meter freestyle. And my last feature of the summer was on the City of Norwalk's boxing program.

My first full fall season was here, and I had the Norwalk and V.C. football team advance to the playoffs with Gahr the only other team finishing with a .500 record. I would cover my first water polo event as Whitney edged Cerritos 13-12 in overtime. I would cover my first Mayor's Cup football game between Glenn and Norwalk and to this day, have not missed the city rivalry tussle regardless of what their records are. The nationally-ranked V.C. girls volleyball team was charging to an unprecedented season for any area team as it finished 33-0 and would be USA Today's National Champion. And all this happened in my first year with the LCCN.

I was beginning to get into my comfort zone, learning more and more about the schools, the athletic directors, parents, players, community and other personnel. I often called the City of Cerritos my second home as I was living in Long Beach at the time. The 1998-1999 basketball team would be dominated by both Artesia teams, the Cerritos girls, which tied for first place in their inaugural season as a Suburban League member, the Gahr boys, which fell in the Division II-AA finals in Kurt Ruth's first season with the program and both V.C. squads.

That also meant I was busy at the Arrowhead Pond in March, now known as the Honda Center, as Artesia knocked off Long Beach Poly High while Gahr fell to San Gabriel Valley League nemesis Dominguez High in divisional championship games. For added measure, the previous night was the V.C. girls basketball division IV-AA title game against Morro Bay High.

The 1998-1999 winter season would mark the debut of my All-Area Teams which is completely based on my viewings through an entire season as opposed to league games only. That comes out once the playoffs from each season have been completed. I also covered the announcement of Kapono choosing UCLA as his college during a ceremony at Legend's in Belmont Shire with other local media on hand.

The story of the 1999 spring season would be the Cerritos softball team, which won the first of back to back Division II championships, Gahr softball going 20-8-1, its baseball team capping off an impressive 24-6 season and a trip to the quarterfinals and Whitney softball winning a Delphic League championship and going to the quarterfinals during a 21-8 season.

The summer of 1999 would be my first covering the Artesia Punishers travel softball team and, at the time, they were part of the Amateur Softball Association. It was also my first time covering the 605 All-Star Football Classic, summer league basketball games and the girls volleyball Prep Nationals.

Cerritos football would have a breakthrough 1999 season, going 6-4 while in

cross country, Norwalk boys and Cerritos girls were continuing to dominate the Suburban League. One of my more polarizing features late in the fall season was on Sally Witt, a junior outside hitter for V.C.'s volleyball team who was born without a left hand but playing as if it was no big deal.

That volleyball season also saw a thriller of an end of the season match between Glenn and Mayfair High with the Suburban League title on the line. Mayfair would prevail in five sets, 15-12, 13-15, 18-20, 15-12, 15-5. At that time, it was Mayfair's 47th straight league win. That streak would later be another of my top stories.

The end of 1999 saw the Artesia boys basketball team fall to Dominguez in the Best in the West Invitational at The Gold Mine on the CSULB campus, just three days after it was ranked first in the nation by USA Today. Later in that winter season, the up and coming Artesia girls soccer team edged Cerritos 2-1 in overtime. While the Pioneers would have to wait until 2009 to get the school's first playoff berth, they finished tied for third place in Suburban League.

In girls basketball, a game-winning shot from Lindsey Thomas with eight seconds remaining gave Artesia a 55-54 win over Cerritos, leaving the two as co-champions of the Suburban League. Division champions were crowned for the Artesia boys and V.C. girls basketball teams. But there would be a storm brewing for the Artesia boys basketball program.

The Mar. 23, 2000 issue would have my story on the ABCUSD selecting a three-person panel to investigate the eligibility of Martinez, who is from the Dominican Republic, and Stefansson, who hails from Finland. Later, Artesia's back to back CIF titles were stripped, and the Pioneers were forced to forfeit those 94 victories as the school was found to be in several CIF violations, including undue influence. That would soon be followed by a cleaning of the house from several of the school's personnel.

Cerritos softball won its second straight division title while the Gahr boys volleyball team, seeking the program's first divisional championship, fell to Mater Dei High in five sets to wrap up the spring season. The Artesia basketball scandal was taking a different turn as the school was now looking beyond the investigation and a new system for incoming students was to be implemented.

I would have my busiest summer in my brief time with the LCCN as I covered the Los Angeles Watts summer games, American Legion baseball and went to St. Ann, MO for the USA/ASA Gold Nationals in which numerous area softball players were with their respective teams. I did features on Cerritos quarterback Glenn DeBerg, the nephew of former NFL quarterback Steve DeBerg, former Gahr girls volleyball coach Sonny Okamoto and his Cal Juniors club team and Heath Sims, a Cerritos College wrestler finally going to the Olympics.

On Aug. 15, Artesia officially hired Scott Pera to replace Wayne Merino as its boys basketball coach and shortly after that I had my first long interview with him. Later in the year, I did my first of several features over these past 25 years on Cerritos resident Jon Nielsen, who at the time was playing for the Birmingham Bolts of the XFL.

Despite the distractions surrounding the Artesia boys basketball program, the 2000-2001 team advanced to the quarterfinals while the girls had its first un-

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beaten league mark as the Fast Ladies, as they were known, won the Division II-A championship.

Highlights from the 2001 spring season were the Cerritos boys swimming team claiming the Division IV crown, its first in school history, a dozen area track and field athletes advancing to the state finals in Sacramento, the V.C. baseball team winning the Division V championship with a 6-1 win over Olympic League rival Whittier Christian and the Norwalk softball team finishing in second place in the Suburban League and advancing to the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

During the summer of 2001, the V.C. community lost former girls volleyball head coach Gladys Rouwenhorst, who lost her battle with colon cancer. I did a feature on Gahr track and field star Angel Perkins who set a world record in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.07 and was part of the 4x100 medley team that included Olympian Allyson Felix that posted a world record time of 2:03.93.

The fall season of 2001 would see the cancellation of several sporting events after the attacks from Sept. 11. One of those would have been the Sept. 14 football game between Artesia and Gahr. That was also the last season Gahr football was in the SGVL before going to freelance status for the next four seasons. That football season would also see Cerritos upset La Mirada, the top team in Division VI, 28-17. The Dons, led by running back Jermaine Whiten, finished tied for first place in the Suburban League.

As I was entering my fifth year with the LCCN, the Artesia girls basketball

team was becoming one of the nation’s best, playing several top teams like Long Beach Poly and Narbonne High. That experience would help the Pioneers to a 26-6 record and a Division III-AA championship, the second of three titles for the program.

The 2001-2002 Cerritos boys basketball season would be the final one for Ian Desborough, who left with 450 victories in nearly 40 years of coaching. He was the school’s first boys basketball head coach.

The May 16, 2002 issue would have a story on another Artesia athletic program under scrutiny as this time, it was former baseball head coach Scott Luke, who was placed on administrative leave following allegations of impropriety. The Cerritos boys swimming team won the Division IV championship and Nathan Adkins made history as the first Cerritos track and field athlete to win a state championship. He did that in the triple jump with a mark of 49’ 7 ¾”. Perkins and V.C.’s Justin Grasmeyer also medaled in the state championships.

I did a feature in the June 6, 2002 issue on former Cerritos soccer star Eddie Lewis and one week later, a feature on Gahr softball player Salina Weaver, who was involved in a horrible car accident four months earlier on the 605 Freeway, had to be removed by the “Jaws of Life” and was in the HealthBridge Children’s Rehabilitation Hospital for months.

Despite all that, she was able to graduate with her friends.

The rest of the summer continued with more coverage of the Artesia Punishers and other area players with their travel softball teams, the CGSA, Norwalk Pony All-Stars, summer basketball and Cerritos club soccer.

The highlight of the 2002 football

season would be former V.C. head coach Mike Wunderley winning his 200th game, a 75-28 victory against St. Bernard High.

Then there was the girls volleyball playoffs and the infamous “Team Nancy” second round match between Gahr and Mayfair High. Gahr had entered Mayfair’s gymnasium to see a banner that read “Welcome Team Nancy” referring to Gahr’s Nancy Marin, who had 43 kills against La Serna High in the previous playoff match.

The Gladiators would upset Mayfair, a team filled with club players, 5-15, 16-14, 15-7, 13-15, 15-10 as Marin posted another 42 kills.

The fall season would end with the Cerritos College football team, which I had covered a few times within my first five years, hosting Saddleback College in the Strawberry Bowl.

It was the fifth straight season the Falcons have hosted the postseason event.

And all of this, plus more in my first five years as the sportswriter, then sports editor of the LCCN.

Golden State Water to Stage 2

Golden State announced all of its water systems are now under Stage 2 of the company’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The move to Stage 2 is in response to worsening drought conditions.

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the sale of municipal bonds in 2016.

In addition, the SEC filed an order against MUSD and Montebello Superintendent Anthony James Martinez.

The audit documents stated that "Martinez signed misleading bond offering documents, a misleading letter to LACOE, and false closing certificates that were provided to bond and disclosure counsel and the underwriters in connection with the offering."

One letter did not mince words and implicitly indicated they had found fraud linked to Rojas and wanted to meet with the MUSD Board in closed session.

The one-page letter stated, "it has come to our attention that the district has recently terminated its Chief Executive Officer, former superintendent Susanna Contreras, and Chief Financial and Operations Officer Cleve Pell."

"We also understand that in recent months the District has experienced the departure of other individuals in key financial management positions."

The positions included the Budget Control and Accounts Payable Manager, Fiscal Services Manager, Chief Information Technology Officer, and the Controller.

The involuntary departures were specifically meant to interfere with any financial audit looking for fraud.

The letter went on, "accusations regarding Mr. Rojas' qualifications and integrity have been publicly aired (the HMG-CN exposé on Rojas), and we also have been independently made aware of

other allegations of impropriety."

The letter ended with a request to meet board members in a closed session to "discuss the impact of the (new fraud revelations) on our ability to complete the audit."

In the end, Rojas fired the audit firm, which brought in the SEC.

The SEC's complaint and order read, "immediately before and concurrently with the District's sale of \$100 million of general obligation bonds in December 2016, Montebello's independent auditor repeatedly raised concerns about allegations of fraud and internal controls issues to the District's Board of Education and management. In response, Montebello allegedly refused to authorize the fees needed for the audit firm to complete its audit and instead decided to terminate the audit firm. The offering documents for Montebello's December 2016 bonds failed to disclose this information to investors and instead included a copy of the District's audit report from the prior fiscal year, which included an unmodified or "clean" audit opinion from the firm. The SEC alleges that Ruben Rojas, Montebello's former Chief Business Officer, helped prepare the misleading offering documents and also concealed the audit firm's concerns by providing deceptive updates about the status of its pending audit to various gatekeepers, including the disclosure lawyers who worked on the bond offering. The SEC's order found that Anthony Martinez, Montebello's Superintendent of Schools, signed the final bond offering document and made false certifications in connection with the bonds."

The SEC's complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, charged Rojas with violating the antifraud provisions of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder as well as Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, and seeks permanent and conduct-based injunctions as well as a financial penalty.

Now HMG-CN has obtained the Joint Witness List for the trial, with the SEC calling 17 witnesses and Rojas calling 22.

The SEC list includes Graham Beck, partner at Nixon-Peabody; Margaret McBride owner of the audit firm Vasquez and Company; Christy White, owner of Christy White Associates, another audit company; Michael Wertz, an analyst at Moody's and Lalo Trujillo, Principal at Mission Trail Advisors.

Trujillo has been reported on several times by this newspaper, he was MUSD's advisor for the 2016 bond offering and interacted with Rojas.

The list also includes Jeff Tensley, former Superintendent of Elk Hills School District where Rojas worked; Chris Hall former Kern County Superintendent of Schools, and a former Rojas employer; Alvin Momon, Victor Valley Union high School District; Dr. Angel Gallardo, former HR Director MUSD, Lisel Wells from Nixon Peabody and MUSD Board member Dr. Hector Chacon.

Rojas list of 22 witnesses "will provide testimony to Rojas' competence and communication of the bond process."

The list includes Rojas and Lisel Wells, of Nixon-Peabody; after that, a strategy emerges.

Cyndi Colmenares, who worked with Rojas and Lalo Trujillo, "will testify to Rojas' workload and Rojas' input related to the bond." Genesis Vega "will corroborate that her and Colmenares provided Trujillo with the auditor's discoveries." Two additional witnesses will corroborate Vega.

Former MUSD Superintendent Anthony Martinez, who took a plea deal, is included, as is attorney Rick Olivarez.

Former MUSD President Benjamin Cardenas, former MUSD Board Members Joanna Flores, Dr. Hector Chacon, and Edgar Cisneros are also on the list.

The document indicated a pre-trial conference on July 8, 2022, with a trial date set for July 26, 2022 in the case of the SEC vs. Ruben Rojas.

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legal grounds for filing their lawsuits, even though the essence of the two suits is the same.

“Lakewood is a diverse community where people can live the American Dream and purchase a single-family home on a modest-sized lot,” said Lakewood Mayor Steve Croft. “People of all cultural backgrounds and walks of life come to Lakewood because of this chance to live the American Dream. SB 9 threatens that by allowing developers to buy up properties and build duplexes, triplexes and more on single-family lots, creating overcrowded neighborhoods while preventing cities from requiring any onsite parking for the new residents. SB 9 threatens the quality of life for existing residents and neighborhoods.”

“We’re proud to work with the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Carson and Whittier to bring this issue of SB 9 to the legal system for review. We hope that other cities will join us in protecting the right of local communities to have control over their own zoning and neighborhood quality of life decisions,” said Croft.

VARIANTS from page 1

of their COVID vaccines updated to combat the Omicron variant.

Pfizer and Moderna have said their new vaccines also appear to work against the subvariants, even though that protection is not as strong as against BA.1.

Outside experts to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration are meeting on Tuesday to discuss whether to change the design of COVID-19 vaccines in order to combat future variants. [read more](#)

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BA.4 made up 15.7% of the variants in the United States for the week of June 25, while BA.5 made up 36.6% of the variants, according to CDC estimates.

The seven-day moving average of U.S. COVID-19 cases stood at 101,378 as of June 25, up 2.9% from a week earlier.



CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold the Regular City Council Meeting at the City Council Chambers Located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022 to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Case No. 2021-27
Tentative Tract Map No. 83622 and Amendment to the Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan. 11504 Artesia Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701

The City Council will consider a tentative tract map application filed by Brandywine Homes, Inc. to allow a proposed 30-unit townhouse residential development to be subdivided for condominium purposes and a request to amend the Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan to modify the building step back requirements. The City Council will also consider adoption of an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration previously approved for the Artesia Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan. The Planning Commission considered this item and at its June 23, 2022 special meeting and voted to recommend City Council approve the project and adopt the Addendum.

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk’s Office, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: jalderete@cityofartesia.us, prior to the start of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed action, please contact the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at (562) 865-6262 or by the email above.

If you challenge any action related to this public hearing in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35. 102-35.104 ADA Title II).

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Jennifer Alderete
Acting City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF GEORGE E. GUTIERREZ aka GEORGE EFRAIN GUTIERREZ
Case No. 22STPB06050

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GEORGE E. GUTIERREZ aka GEORGE EFRAIN GUTIERREZ
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Fanny Pena in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Fanny Pena be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 25, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

Please take notice that on June 28, 2022, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 723 ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 53, AMENDING THE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITY STANDARDS IN TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE (ZONING ORDINANCE), AND THE AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION 5.6.2 OF THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN; AND APPROVING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Summary of Ordinance No. 723

Ordinance No. 723 amended the Zoning Code to modify the existing standards to allow for drive-through aisles, including menu/ordering boxes and pick-up windows, to be located between a structure and a public street. To reduce potential visual and noise impacts, the ordinance requires three-foot (3'-0") high block walls and landscaping along drive-through aisles that are adjacent to a public right-of-way. In instances where nearby residences may be impacted by headlight glare from vehicles in the drive-through aisles, the block wall height requirement would increase to four-feet (4'-0"). Additionally, pursuant to the ordinance, new drive-through facilities need to be designed to accommodate sufficient on-site queuing to prevent overflow vehicles from impacting adjacent sidewalks or streets.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 723 are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers De Ruse, Lewis, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Otero, Mayor Eng
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 723 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 751, MAJOR VARIANCE NO. 192 AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 83619

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider the approval of the following: Conditional Use Permit No. 751, Tentative Tract Map 83619 and Major Variance No. 192, a request by Warmington Residential to develop a 45-unit townhome development on a 2.5 acre lot located at 4820 Durfee Avenue (Assessor Property Number 6375-014-011). The project features three-story attached townhomes in clusters of three units, ranging in size from two and three bedrooms (1,379-1,668 square feet). The project includes a total of 90 vehicular parking spaces within attached two-car enclosed garages and seven unenclosed guest parking spaces. Access to the project site will be located on the southeast portion of the site from Stephens Street via a two-way driveway and gated controlled entry.

WHEN: Monday, July 11, 2022

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

This project has been assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq.), and the environmental regulations of the City. Upon review, the project qualifies for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption (In-Fill Development Projects) in accordance with the requirements of Section 15332 of the State CEQA Guidelines.


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>;
(3) Email public comments to publiccomments@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;
(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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact Anna M. Jerome at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.



Project Location

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However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Covius fka Chronos Solutions at 877-518-5700 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address www.realtybid.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000248-22-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 877-518-5700, or visit this internet website www.realtybid.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000248-22-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: June 22, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000248-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone:949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 By: Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.realtybid.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Covius fka Chronos Solutions at 877-518-5700 Order Number 83356, Pub Dates: 7/1/2022, 7/8/2022, 7/15/2022, LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

COMISIÓN DE PLANIFICACIÓN DE LA CIUDAD DE PICO RIVERA

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA CONSIDERAR LA APROBACIÓN DEL PERMISO DE USO CONDICIONAL NÚM. 751, VARIACIÓN MAYOR NO. 192 Y MAPA DEL TRACTO TENTATIVO 83619

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública ante la Comisión de Planificación de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera para considerar la aprobación de lo siguiente: Permiso de Uso Condicional No. 751, Mapa Tentativo del Tracto 83619 y Variación Mayor No. 192, una solicitud de Warmington Residencial para desarrollar casas adosadas de 45 unidades en un lote de 2.5 acres ubicado en 4820 Durfee Avenue (Tasador Numero de Propiedad 6375-014-011). El proyecto cuenta con casas adosadas de tres pisos en grupos de tres unidades, que varían en tamaño de dos y tres habitaciones (1,379-1,668 pies cuadrados). El proyecto incluye un total de 90 espacios de estacionamiento para vehículos dentro de garajes adjuntos cerrados para dos autos y siete espacios de estacionamiento no cerrados para invitados. El acceso al sitio del proyecto se ubicará en la parte sureste del sitio desde Stephens Street a través de un camino de entrada de dos vías y una entrada controlada.

CUÁNDO: Lunes, 11 de Julio de 2022

HORA: 6:00 P.M.

DÓNDE: Cámara del Consejo (Pico Rivera City Hall)
6615 Passon Boulevard
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Este proyecto ha sido evaluado de acuerdo con la autoridad y los criterios contenidos en la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA, Código de Recursos Públicos, Secciones 21000 y siguientes), las Pautas de la CEQA del Estado (Código de Regulaciones de California, Título 14, Secciones 15000 y siguientes), y la normativa ambiental de la Ciudad. Tras la revisión, el proyecto califica para una Exención Categórica de Clase 32 (Proyectos de Desarrollo de Relleno) de acuerdo con los requisitos de la Sección 15332 de las Directrices Estatales de CEQA.


LAS PERSONAS INTERESADAS EN ESTE ASUNTO que deseen observar la reunión pueden hacerlo de las siguientes maneras:

(1) Encienda su televisor en el Canal 3;
(2) Sitio web de la ciudad en <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/admin/pio/programming.asp>;
(3) Enviar comentarios públicos por correo electrónico a publiccomments@pico-rivera.org antes de las 4:00 p. m. el día de la reunión;
(4) Asistir personalmente a la Audiencia Pública

Las copias de todo el material relevante, incluyendo las especificaciones del proyecto, están disponibles para el público para su revisión en el Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario en el Ayuntamiento, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Se puede encontrar información adicional en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <https://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/ced/planning/projects.asp>. Comuníquese con Julia González, subdirectora al 562-801-4447 si tiene preguntas adicionales.

Si impugna la consideración o adopción de las solicitudes propuestas en el tribunal, es posible que se limite a plantear solo aquellas cuestiones que usted u otra persona hayan planteado en la audiencia pública descrita en este aviso, o la correspondencia escrita entregada al Secretario Municipal de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera en o antes de la audiencia pública.

De conformidad con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990, la Ciudad de Pico Rivera se compromete a proporcionar adaptaciones razonables para una persona con discapacidad. Comuníquese con Anna M. Jerome al (562) 801-4389 si se necesitan adaptaciones especiales del programa y/o si se necesita información del programa en un formato alternativo. Las solicitudes especiales deben hacerse en un periodo de tiempo razonable para que se puedan organizar las adaptaciones.



Localización del Proyecto

Publicado en el Periódico Comunitario Los Cerritos 7/1/22

A.P.N.: 8044-029-040 Trustee Sale No.:2021-1164 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 4/29/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that on 7/26/2022 at 11:00 AM, S.B.S. Lien Services As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 5/5/2021 as Document No. 20210718314 Book Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, The original owner: ELIZABETH L FELIZ The purported current owner: ELIZABETH L FELIZ WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, as more fully described on the above referenced assessment lien. The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 13998 RAMHURST DR #13 LA MIRADA CA 90638 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$10,075.31 accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant, RAMHURST DRIVE TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342 or visit this internet web-site www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-1164. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet web-site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342, or visit this internet website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2021-1164 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO THE NINETY DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION CONTAINED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(b). Date: 6/15/2022 S.B.S LIEN SERVICES, 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362. By: Ammissa Young, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer (TS#2021-1164 SDI-23696)

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

WHITTIER BOULEVARD OVERLAY PROJECT NO. 21346; FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STPL-5351(033) AND WHITTIER BOULEVARD LANDSCAPE MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 30050

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California (“City”) invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California 90660 up to **2:00 p.m. on July 21, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and identification number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the envelope. Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. **Time for completion of the Work is eighty (80) total Working Days** from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed and shall be inclusive of the procurement time to furnish and install all materials associated with this project.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/> Hard copies of the Contract Documents are not available at this time.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess either of (a) a valid Class “A” Contractor’s license (b) a valid Class “B” Contractor’s license and combination of Class “C8”, “C12”, “C27” and “C32” as applicable (c) a valid Class “B” Contractor’s license held by the prime and combination of Class “C8”, “C12”, “C27” and “C32” specialty licenses held by subcontractors as applicable (d) Any of the above stated “C” licenses held by the prime and combination of the remaining state “C” specialty licenses held by the subcontractors as applicable issued by the California State Contractors License Board. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT MEETING: A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on July 6, 2022. All potential bidders need to meet in the Public Works lobby by 11:00 AM (6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660). Bidders’ attendance at this meting is mandatory. Bids received from bidders who have not attended the pre-bid meeting will be considered as nonresponsive.

MATERIALS SUBSTITUTIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS. Bidders are required to post their questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials to the City Project Manager online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Materials substitutions or questions are acceptable until 4:00 pm on or before July 11, 2022. Any questions or equivalent material or substitution request of construction materials submitted after July 11, 2022 will not be answered. Questions and answers and/or any responses to material substitution request will be issued by July 14, 2022 as an addendum. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to check online for any addenda that are released. Any changes or corrections to the original Bid Documents or any other information that will affect the completion of the award will be disseminated and posted on the City’s website. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted bid proposal. Contractor shall not be allowed to make substitution or equal and/or equivalent request of construction material after July 11, 2022.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:
Name: Nadia Carrasco
Contact Number: 562-801-4221
E-mail address: ncarrasco@pico-rivera.org

By:	<u>Terry Rodrigue</u>	<u>6/21/2022</u>
	Interim Public Works Director	Date

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM** on the **12th day of July, 2022** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1595 Special Education Transportation

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents by request to Wendy Wall (562) 926-5566 x 21218.

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STATEMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File Number: 2022120794 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BUSHNELL IMAGING SUPPLIES, 14124 AVENIDA ESPANA, LA MIRADA CA., 90638. REGISTERED OWNER: CHARLES P. MILWARD, 14124 AVENIDA ESPANA, LA MIRADA CA., 90638. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ CHARLES P. MILWARD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/3/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8/22

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

IRFAN KHAN AND KARLA AGUIRRE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: HAMZA IRFAN KHAN, HANIA IRFAN KHAN, HARIS IRFAN KHAN TO HAMZA IRFAN QURESHI, HANIA IRFAN QURESHI , HARIS IRFAN QURESHI. 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 07/27/22, 10:00 am, Dept C, RM 312. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/22. Case number 22NWC00171

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022133638
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: RED PLANE REAL ESTATE, 466 FOOTHILL BLVD., LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA., 91011; PO BOX 666 LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA., 91012 Registered Owner: RED PLANE ENTERPRISES, 466 FOOTHILL BLVD., LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA., 91011. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ KEITH TOBAIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/17/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LML6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8/22

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com ending on or after Thursday, July 12th, 2022, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold are: washer, pressure washer, household items, VCR tapes, boxes, bags, bucket, baskets, cleaning supplies, lawnmower, shoes, totes and bins, books, signs, art, racks, radios, blender, pots, jack, sports balls, clothing, pillows, blankets, shelving, cabinet, vase, mirrors, duffle bag, flag, ice chest, cd’s, and games belonging to the following.
NAME UNIT #
JEFFERY MICHAEL GAINES C59
This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562
Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.
Publication Dates: 6/24/22 AND 7/1/22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: **REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS 2022 PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT.** This public hearing will be conducted in-person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. To protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the current State Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Health Officer Orders and City of Cerritos COVID-19 Safety Plan, the City Council Chamber will be open to the public. As authorized by State of California Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and N-08-21, and subsequently by Assembly Bill 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) and City Council Resolution No. 2022-10 adopted pursuant thereto, this meeting may also be conducted via teleconference, if necessary. Public observation and participation in this meeting will be facilitated through the methods described below. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. The meeting will air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions 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 emailed to the Office of the City Clerk prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PICNIC SHELTER INSTALLATION
PROJECT NO. 20104, BID NO. 1467-22

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: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PICNIC SHELTER INSTALLATION PROJECT NO. 20104, BID NO. 1467-22. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, material, tools and equipment necessary to demolish and dispose existing picnic shelters including concrete floor slab and footings, install new picnic shelters including concrete slab floor with footings, construct new barbeque pads and concrete walkway, install new benches and other tasks as specified in the Bid Sheet for three neighborhood parks (Loma Park, Friendship Park and Heritage Park). Loma Park is located at 17503 Stark Street, Friendship Park is located at 13650 Acoro Street and Heritage Park is located at 18600 Bloomfield Avenue in the City of Cerritos. **Bids will be opened: Wednesday, July 20, 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: **“NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PICNIC SHELTER INSTALLATION, PROJECT NO. 20104, BID NO. 1467-22.”** 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 by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty 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 “B.”** 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. On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s action’s in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 7/21/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Salvador Salas; Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Andrew Anthony Moreno; Tomasa Garcia Rojas; Andy Gonzalez; Alberto Rolando Garcia Alpizar; Yvette Monique Solorzano; Maria Guadalupe Diaz Reyes; Oscar Barajas Salas; Kenneth Mark Caselli; Margo Rodriguez; Miguel Castaneda; Ryan Navarrete; Israel Navarro. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 7/21/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Richard L Diaz/ Bel Tooren Villa Convalescent (2 units); Tracy Michelle Smith. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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LAKWOOD ENTERPRISE
Construction Begins On Doctors Hospital
1971 - Construction underway for Doctors Hospital of Lakewood - June 6th

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1970s

Los Angeles Times
Work Under Way on \$3.7 Million Hospital

LAKWOOD—The 260-bed, 407-million Union Hospital at Lakewood will be operational at 1700 E. South St. in planned development in April, 1972. The three-story, 120,000-sq-ft hospital will be the largest medical facility in the city, according to spokesmen for the Union Medical Enterprises, Inc., project developers.

The new general hospital will offer full medical, surgical and obstetrical services, with 20-24 emergency physician services.

Included in the hospital will be intensive care and coronary care units, with extensive 10-12-bed intensive care units for

July 1971: Construction begins on Doctors Hospital of Lakewood

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1990s

1992: Hospital changes its name from Doctors Hospital of Lakewood to Lakewood Regional Medical Center

1992: Regional Heart Center opens

September 1993: Completion of new \$35 million patient tower. New wing adds 32 beds, cafeteria, gift shop, conference rooms, admitting office, business office, and new lobby

May 1994: Completed parking structure adding 410 new parking spaces

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2008: Designated Cardiac Receiving Center

2008: \$11 million Heart & Vascular Center opens

2019: da Vinci & Mako robotic assisted surgery systems

2013: \$3.5 million Interventional Radiology Special Procedure Room opens

2018: Designated Comprehensive Stroke Center

2019: LWMC hires seven neurosurgeons

2021: Laboratory Point of Care Analyzer

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