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## Culture Wars

### Hate Group Used 'Liar Flyer' Delivered to Parents to Bring Protesters to NLMUSD Meeting

California Mass Resistance, labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, delivered the deceitful flyer.

By Brian Hews

The public school culture war hit the Norwalk-La Mirada School District as witnessed by a political hit piece obtained by Los Cerritos Community News this past Monday - with several outright lies about certain NLMUSD Boardmembers - directing area parents to attend the

Aug. 28 meeting and protest.

California MassResistance delivered the flyer; CMR has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center; the SPLC also calls Arthur Schaper, Executive Director of the Southern California Chapter of MassResistance, a white supremacist.

CMR is targeting John Glenn High's Wellbeing Center and calling for its removal.

CMR wrote in the flyer that the NLMUSD Board approved the Center "without parent approval," which is a bald-faced

[See FLYER page 4]



### LAKWOOD'S PALM PARK WILL GET NEW MINI-PITCH

A MINI-PITCH is a colorful acrylic-coated court about 40 feet by 84 feet with side panels that keep the ball in constant play. Above, an artist's rendering of the soccer mini-pitch in Lakewood. Courtesy city of Lakewood.

By Brian Hews

Palms Park in Lakewood, located at 12305 207th street between Del Amo Blvd. and 207th, will soon be the home of Lakewood's first soccer mini-pitch, with construction starting shortly after Labor Day, and the pitch opening for play by the end of October.

The mini-pitch is being donated by the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the LA Galaxy professional soccer team and their corporate partner Herb-

alife.

Lakewood was selected due to the efforts of Lakewood resident Jalen Neal, a rising young soccer star of the LA Galaxy and U.S. Men's National Team.

Tom Braun, LA Galaxy Senior Vice President of Soccer & Business Operations and Business Development said, "These mini-pitches allow for safe play in our local neighborhoods and encourage the growth of soccer in our communities. The LA Galaxy con-

tinue to advance the game of soccer and use it as a vehicle for positive change throughout Southern California communities. By continuing our partnership with Herbalife, the U.S. Soccer Foundation, LA Galaxy defender Jalen Neal and now the city of Lakewood, projects like these remain possible."

"The Lakewood City Council thinks this mini-pitch will be a great addition to our city's recreation offerings, and

[See PITCH page 5]

### Bellflower Contracts With Care Solace to Provide Mental Health Support Services

By Brian Hews

As untreated mental health issues impact U.S. cities, the city of Bellflower has taken steps to make access to mental healthcare easier for any resident who needs services.

Bellflower has partnered with Care Solace to prioritize mental and physical well-being for Bellflower residents and to provide easy access to a comprehensive network of providers and resources.

As the City's new central hub of care, Care Solace serves as a critical liaison between first responders, justice systems, social agencies, and community-based mental health providers. They offer streamlined communication and coordination, to promptly connect individuals with the right resources and appropriate care. Individuals seeking mental health-care, as well as those requiring assistance with food, housing, affordable medical, and dental care, will now have access to Care Solace's services. Care Solace will

connect Bellflower residents to over 350,000 licensed mental health and substance use treatment providers. These 500+ dedicated Care Companions navigate the fragmented mental healthcare system on behalf of individuals, to help find the perfect fit for their needs within the network of their insurance.

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### Cerritos Youth Honored for Playing in Baseball World Cup

Staff Report

Cerritos resident Bryant Ju, one of the 18 players selected



Bryant Ju

to be a part of the 12U USA National Team, was recently recognized by the Cer-

ritos City Council.

Ju was selected in a process that began with more than 350 kids taking part in a tournament that consisted of 24 of

[See BRYAN JU page 5]

### Cerritos Residents Voice Opinion at Transit Workshop

By Lukas Luna-Arellano  
Talon Marks

Dozens of community members voiced concerns about the future of Cerritos on Wheels and Dial-A-Ride during a series of workshops on August 29 and 30.

The meetings, as well as the online survey on the matter, were conducted by Moore & Associates consulting services, who will compile the overall results

of the meetings in a report that will be submitted to the Cerritos City Council at a yet undisclosed time during late winter.

The COW bus is a fixed route transit service that advertises a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. route but saw those times paired down to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

They have yet to return to a pre-COVID schedule and currently charge \$0.50 for a fare;

COW runs every day except Sunday.

Dial-A-ride is a senior-minded service that acts as a personalized Uber or Lyft for older adults of Cerritos.

The city is considering potential changes to each program due to a downturn in usage that has yet to recover from the days of stay-at-home ordinances.

Ways to move forward pro-

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**New Captain at Norwalk Sheriff's Station**

L.A. County Sheriff's Captain Rick Conti was introduced as the new Captain in Norwalk at the La Mirada City Council meeting on August 22.



Captain Conti joined the Sheriff's Department in September of 1993 as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. He joined the full-time academy the following year and graduated in January 1995. After working custody for three years, he was assigned to patrol at Carson Station. At Carson Station, he served on the community policing team and as a field training officer. In 2003, he was selected to work on the Sheriff's Department's SWAT team as a K9 handler.

In 2010, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to Temple Sheriff's Station. In 2012, he transferred to the Gang Enforcement Team where he patrolled La Mirada, Norwalk, and unincorporated Whittier. After working as a Gang Detective Sergeant, he was selected to return to the SWAT team as K9 supervisor where he worked until he was promoted to Lieutenant in 2018.

As Captain of Norwalk Station, Captain Conti will be responsible for overseeing the personnel and operations of the Sheriff's Department serving the cities of La Mirada, Norwalk and various unincorporated Los Angeles County neighborhoods.

**Captain Rick Conti**

**L.A. Food Bank and Cerritos College's Monthly Food Bank**



**AREA RESIDENTS** receive food from the LA food bank distribution. Anyone can receive food. Volunteers are always needed. **Photo by Joel Carpio.**

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**By Michael Delgado and Joel Carpio Talon Marks**

The L.A. Regional Food Bank and Cerritos College restarted their monthly food bank distribution handing out food to local community members and students.

Participants received a box of pantry items that included meat, a bag of carrots, grapes, oats, a box of frozen yogurt, a bag of frozen chicken, and more.

The food bank usually serves around 500 families per month and within those families are about 2,200 people.

"It feels amazing to know that there is a team at this campus of students, staff, and community members who are volunteering their time to make sure we give back," said Pam Sepulveda, Falcon's Nest Manager.

Sepulveda also stressed that the Cerritos College leadership has really helped them be able to continue this event for students and community members.

People waited in the hot sun as a truckload of food was brought to parking lot one at the college.

Sepulveda went on to say that people are really hurting right now with the economy struggling and that these food drives aren't the only way to get help.

"The economy has really taken a hit on a lot of people," Sepulveda explained.

"That's why also in the Falcon's Nest and at the food bank distribution we have our CalFresh Outreach team talking to people about how to qualify for CalFresh benefits."

She also added that any community member and student can volunteer in the food bank distribution.

If you are outside of the LA County area no worries, you could be from anywhere as long as you show up the program will provide you with food.

It truly is a wholesome thing to see people giving back to people who are in need of daily food items. With how grocery store prices have been at their highest as of late this is the best thing that the community has to offer.

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posed by the city at these workshops include cutting either one or both programs or maintaining them with some modifications.

The potential changes could include: an increase in rider fares; a further reduction in operation hours; further coverage of operations costs by the city; or making the service exclusive to weekdays.

Workshop leader and firm namesake Jim Moore had proposed several alternatives to residents who could potentially be affected by altering the programs.

"Citizens could take advantage of the other transit systems serving Cerritos such as Access Services, or Long Beach transit, OCTA," said Moore, "Overall, Cerritos is a very transit-rich community."

While many Cerritos residents have been frustrated by the shortcomings of the COW, they are still hesitant to see it go.

Cerritos College resident Pamela Szyblewsky, one of Cerritos College's older American students, has already seen obstacles to obtaining her computer science degree raised by current COW shortcomings and the weather.

"I had to drop a class that would be at five o'clock because I would have no way of getting around," said Szyblewsky, "Except a bike, which is just not reasonable in this heat."


Others are more open to altering the service, as resident David Pileman believes COW funds could better serve the city if invested elsewhere.

"The bridge on Del Amo and the renovation on Del Amo," said Pileman, "we could spend the money on that."

Moore and Associates are currently cataloging the public opinion shops and intend to present to the council.

The council will receive the report and decide on the programs in late winter.

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### L.A. Artist Gronk's Show at Cerritos College Art Gallery



**LEGEND:** Gronk's art will be at Cerritos College Art Gallery on multiple platforms now until October 6.

The legendary Los Angeles artist Gronk is making an appearance at the Cerritos College Art Gallery on multiple platforms now until October 6.

The Gallery will present his solo exhibition *Stock Footage and Outtakes: A Selection of Works by Gronk*.

The exhibition primarily presents the artist as illustrator and painter. It also spotlights his investment in cinematic and performing arts, including the miniature maquette of his set design for Peter Sellars' dramatic opera *Ainadamar* and the massive papier-mâché sculpture inspired by the 1950s horror movie *The Giant Claw*.

Born in 1954 in East Los Angeles, Gronk cofounded the groundbreaking multimedia art collective ASCO—Span-

ish for nausea—in the '70s, making it his business to bring Mexican American artwork to the fore.

The group asserted itself through a series of staged "happenings" like duct-taping someone to a wall and dubbing it an "instant mural."

In 1972, he and his cohorts spray-painted their names on the entrance of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art—an institution that, at the time, dismissed the art of Chicanos as "graffiti." In the '80s, Gronk turned his focus to large-scale paintings and sets, which led to his collaboration with Sellars.

**Cerritos College Art Gallery, 11110 Alondra Blvd Norwalk, CA 90650. Gallery Hours: M-F 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.; M-Th 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

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# The World's Largest Charity Car Show Hits Orange County Fair

By Brian Hews

Cruisin' for a Cure will hit the OCFair and Event Center Sept. 9, 2023 from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CFC was started in 1999 by Debbie Baker whose husband was diagnosed with prostate cancer and lost his life in 2009.

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The testing results are sent to the KSK Cancer Center of Irvine.

The results are confidentially sent out within 7-10 days after the event.

CFC is the world's largest one-day charity car show with over 3,000 vehicles and over 150+vendors and exhibitors.

Owners of the vehicles can cruise through the OCFair & Event Center for 1.5 miles and/or park.

Those who participate in the event, and any donations, go directly to prostate cancer research at KSK.

OCFair and Event Center is located at 88 Fair Dr, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Gates open 6 a.m., cost is \$17, kids under 12 are free. Mobility scooters are available.



**MINT WOODY:** one of the many cars classic cars at the event. CFC is the world's largest one-day charity car show with over 3,000 vehicles on display and over 150+vendors and exhibitors.

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lie. Up to its opening last year, the NLMUSD conducted several meetings involving John Glenn parents and designed the Center with their input; CMR did not attend any of those meetings.

Only after the Center's opening in 2022 did CMR and its white supremacist Director Arthur Schaper begin coming to NLMUSD meetings spewing racist and homophobic lies about the Wellbeing Center.

Schaper brings with him other racist protesters who only give their names and not where they are from during public comment; interestingly, Schaper's listed phone number has a Massachusetts area code.

The CMR flyer continued to gin up hate, "The Wellbeing Centers are instruct-

ed by Planned Parenthood staff, children [are] getting referred to Planned Parenthood, Planned Parenthood supports transgender care for minors."

In August 2022, the NLMUSD Board decided not to move forward with the Planned Parenthood component of the Center. The Center is funded by the Los Angeles Public Department of Health and staffed by health educators from the County; LCCN has confirmed that the NLMUSD does not offer gender services.

The NLMUSD addressed most of CMR's concerns of the Center with a fact sheet of frequently asked questions handed out at a meeting in February, but apparently Schaper did not read the facts.

The document indicated that the services provided through the Center are student-initiated, and students are encouraged to include parents during care.

A registered nurse is also available for on-site testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, condoms, over-the-counter emergency contraception, pregnancy tests and sexual health information for students.

The Wellbeing Center does not perform abortions, nor are the staff allowed to make suggestions to students about abortion; contrary to CMR, the Center does not "hand out" abortion pills.

Joining the deceitful group was Becky Langenwaller, Langenwaller ran for NLMUSD School Board in the last election and lost badly. During her campaign, her culture war statements enraged teachers and parents alike. Lagenwaller's email was on the bottom of the flyer for information inquiries.

The Wellbeing Center, of which there are 50 in the L.A. County High Schools, offers trained public health educators who provide students with information and consultation services to support students with substance use prevention, mental

health support, and sexual health information and services

The L. A. County Wellbeing Centers have an impressive track record, given the vast need for student services. Over 21% of students said they currently drink alcohol; among those sexually active, 1 in 5 drank alcohol or used drugs before sex. Nearly 28% of students reported having sex, 20% in all grades said they are currently sexually active, 44% said they don't use condoms, and 78% are not using birth control.

Over 45% reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks, and nearly 27% seriously considered attempting suicide.

Wellbeing Centers also support parents by offering classes for parents about adolescent health, how to talk with young people about alcohol and drugs, and how to communicate effectively with teens about sexual decision making.

### CARE from page 1

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Chad Castruita, Founder and CEO of Care Solace, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "People in City of Bellflower deserve immediate access to the services they need and we're here to support you every step of the way. We'll make the calls. We will find the help you need."

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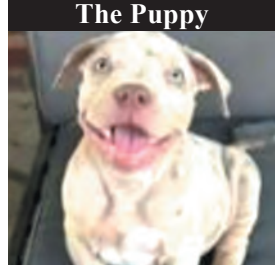
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## Cerritos Sheriff's Looking to Identify Puppy Thief

A woman walked off with a 9-week-old American Bully puppy in Cerritos after arranging to buy the dog from a seller on Craigslist, leaving the seller with a



The Puppy

\$2,000 loss. The theft happened Monday afternoon in the Los Cerritos Center parking lot, where the buyer, "Niki," and seller

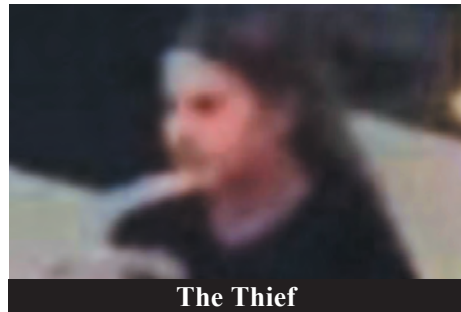
agreed to meet. The woman, between 18 to 25-years-old, told the seller that she initiated the money transfer through Zelle, and asked to hold the dog.

As she held the dog, she asked if she could take the dog into the mall to show her friends. The seller agreed.

The woman was seen on surveillance video leaving the shopping center with the puppy, then leaving in an awaiting light blue sedan.

The woman is described to be between 18 to 25-years-old, about 5 feet 5 inches tall, between 130 to 140 pounds with long, straight, dark hair.

**The Cerritos Sheriff's Station asked anyone with information to call (562) 860-0044.**



The Thief

## PITCH from page 1

a wonderful place for youth to have fun and develop their soccer skills," said Mayor Ariel Pe. "This is a great way to help the youth of our city and is the essence of 'One community, one family,' which is my personal motto.

"A huge thanks goes to Jalen Neal for giving back to his hometown of Lakewood...and to the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the LA Galaxy and Herbalife for bringing this exciting new athletic court to our city," said Pe.

Jalen Neal of the LA Galaxy soccer team.

"I wanted to provide the residents of Lakewood, particularly the children, a safe and accessible place to play soccer, have fun and to potentially help build the skills needed to achieve their dreams," said Jalen Neal. "Adding to this strong community can only make it better with people coming together to play soccer, whether it be tournaments, events, sessions or pick-up games."

"The new mini-pitch will be open to the public daily during normal park operational hours on a first come, first served basis similar to all park game courts," said Lakewood Recreation & Community Services Director Valarie Frost.

"We also plan to make the mini-pitch available to youth soccer organizations for scheduled play, and we are excited that Jalen Neal has offered to hold youth soccer clinics at Palms Park, including at least one major event per year with him and other LA Galaxy players. So, as you can see, this is an exciting addition to Lakewood's recreational assets!"

"We are thrilled to help the City

of Lakewood provide safe places for children to play and to encourage healthy habits to help them live their best lives," said Jennifer Guran, director of sports marketing and alliances for Herbalife North America. "Through this initiative and our partnership with the LA Galaxy, we can continue fulfilling our Company's commitment to giving back and inspiring healthy lives worldwide and in our community."

## BRYAN JU from page 1

the top teams in the United States. Scouts, coaches and task forces are at these game watching, analyzing and scouting players, choosing only 36 kids to undergo training camp.

After the training camp, 18 players are selected to represent the U.S. team in the Baseball World Cup. The event is equivalent to the World Baseball Classic, except the Baseball World Cup players are ages 12, 15 and 18. The team traveled to Tainan, Taiwan, to compete in the 12U Baseball World Cup. Team USA went 7-2 and won the gold medal against Chinese Taipei.

Ju played every game and was the starting catcher; when he was not catching, he was the designated hitter.

His tournament stats were impressive including third for most home runs; sixth for most RBI; tied eighth for most total bases; and placed 13th for most runs scored.



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# Cerritos Crime Map Aug. 21-27



## Crime Summary

### La Mirada

August 21-27, 2023

It was a fairly quiet week in the city with seven suspects arrested and one catalytic converter stolen.

#### Notable Arrests

- Seven suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.
- One suspect was arrested for grand theft auto.

- One suspect was arrested for battery.
- One suspect was arrested for vandalism.
- Robbery**
  - An early morning robbery was reported on the 16500 block of Trojan Way. This incident is still under investigation.
- Vehicle Burglary**
  - A daytime window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 15700 block of Rosecrans Ave.

#### Grand Theft

- An evening theft was reported on the 14800 block of Telegraph Rd.
- A morning theft occurred on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.
- A catalytic converter theft occurred on the 15500 block of Alondra Blvd.
- Tolls were stolen on the 14200 block of Alondra Blvd.

#### Grand Theft Auto

- A sedan was stolen on the 14100 block of Adoree St.

## Three Stabbed at House Party in Pico Rivera

### Staff Report

A heavily attended house party was disrupted by violence late Friday night when multiple partygoers were stabbed.

Pico Sheriff's Station deputies and the Los Angeles County Fire Department received a call at 11:30 p.m. reporting a stabbing and overdose at a house party on Beverly Road and Pra Drive in the city of Pico Rivera.

The incident transpired along the 4600 block of Pra Drive, where an estimated 100 teenagers gathered at an apparent house party within a cul-de-sac before violence erupted.

At least three stabbed victims were reportedly transported by private vehicle to Presbyterian Hospital in Whittier.

However, the victims required a trauma center and were subsequently transferred to USC Medical Center by ambulance. Their conditions were not immediately known.

Deputies on scene asked for additional units to help with crowd control and to also distribute Narcan. At least one person was believed to have overdosed, or nearly overdosed at the location. An ambulance with a patient was observed leaving the scene.

Whittier PD and units from different agencies arrived on the scene where a fist-fight also broke out. The fight was quickly stopped by Sheriff's deputies.

Two suspects, described as a male Black and male Hispanic, both 17-18 years of age, were seen fleeing the location wearing black hoodies and armed with knives.

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## AAUW L.B. Program to Feature Students Evacuated From Afghanistan

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Long Beach Branch Saturday, September 9 program will introduce four scholarship recipients at and then feature three Afghan women who were students before being evacuated, arriving in Long Beach supported in part by the Welcome Circle of NCJW Long Beach.

Guests are welcome to attend this program that starts at 11 a.m. AAUW meeting order: 9:30 a.m. socialize, 10 a.m.. branch business, 11 a.m.. program. Meetings are at Long Beach City College, 4900 E. Conant St. (Clark & Conant). Follow signs to Building O2, Room 208 (2nd floor). To attend please RSVP at: [aauwlongbeach.reservations@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlongbeach.reservations@gmail.com).

### Afghan Women Students – Introduction

It has been two years since our government's withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Taliban takeover. In August 2021 Masoma, Reema and Hameeda, graduate students in a master's program in agronomy at the University of Kabul, were evacuated together with their 12 classmates, other students and faculty of Michigan State University's Grain Research and Innovation project (GRAIN).

They were at risk from the Taliban for being in this USAID sponsored program. Further risk factors for Masoma were belonging to the Hazara minority group that is the target of violence and also worked for a European bank in Kabul. All three women were endangered because family members worked in the Afghan government. (After the women arrived, we learned that Masoma and Hameeda are married; their husbands in Germany studying & working.)

Initially they were flown to Albania where GRAIN program was restructured at the Agricultural University of Tirana. After 7 months they came to the US in March 2022 on Humanitarian Parole, arriving in Long Beach in April. Supported by a Welcome Circle sponsored by NCJW Long

Beach they were connected with resources and services including housing, government benefits, medical care, legal representation, and employment. They completed the graduate program with online classes and in September graduated with a Professional Master's in Advanced Techniques in Horticulture.

The women have faced many challenges adjusting to life in a new culture, improving their English and applying for asylum. They completed paid Internships with A Growing Experience, an urban farm in North Long Beach, and worked in other part time jobs.

Masoma, Reema and Hameeda hoped that their education and experience will lead them to fulfilling careers where they can make a difference - like farming, organic food certification, food science, hunger nonprofits, water science, landscaping, or aquafarming.

They miss their families in Afghanistan terribly and worry about their safety. The economic situation is dire, girls and women are denied education and work, fathers & adult siblings have been dismissed from their jobs. Family members continue to be threatened and some are in hiding. As the situation in Afghanistan worsens, Hameeda, Reema and Masoma have written congress members, to remind them sandeek assistance for those left behind.

The women have transitioned from support and are living on their own and working. Until asylum is granted, their futures remain uncertain. Hameeda and Masoma had their asylum interviews in December & Reema in April. They are waiting for the asylum decisions which have not come within the promised 6 months. Masoma's husband was visiting when her asylum interview was scheduled; her interviewer surprised us all by adding him to her case. He is now waiting for Employment Authorization so that he can work.

## USDA Awards LACOE \$1 Million to Promote Healthy Eating

### Staff Report

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has been awarded \$1 million to work with school districts to help promote healthy eating habits and enhance nutrition education.

LACOE was one of ten agencies across the nation to receive the grant from the USDA.

The three-year grant will allow LACOE to provide technical assistance and professional training to 44 local education agencies (LEAs) where 60% or more of the enrolled students qualify for free-or reduced-priced meals.

LACOE will also provide direct guidance, support, and funding to help select LEAs serving historically underserved communities to integrate nutrition education using Team Nutrition materials into the classroom.

LACOE will use the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model to support the expansion and implemen-

tation of Local School Wellness Policies to advance Whole Child health and learning at the LEA level.

With this funding, LACOE aims to work with schools to increase access to quality school meals while providing skills-based nutrition education and improving the school environment to help students from marginalized groups make healthier choices and practice healthy behaviors during the school day and beyond.

The connections between healthy behaviors and student achievement have been supported in numerous studies.

Nutrition and physical activity are two areas that significantly affect the health and psycho-social determinants of attendance and learning.

LACOE is looking forward to working closely with LEAs to improve student performance and health outcomes, which contribute to state and national efforts to improve nutrition security and reduce diet-related chronic diseases.



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## California Company Helping State With Composting Goals

By Laurie Hansenz

In California's efforts to "Go Green" and reduce methane gases in landfills, World Centric is a company that is creating compostable utensils and food containers.

Compost is created with many different types of food scraps including fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, fish, shellfish, eggshells, bread, grains, and coffee grounds. Paper towels and cardboard are compostable as well as food-soiled pizza

boxes or other food containers.

On January 1st 2022, the state required residents to separate organic materials like food scraps and yard trimmings from other garbage. All towns, cities and counties are providing special compost containers and collection services to residents and businesses, according to [www.californiacompostlaw.com](http://www.californiacompostlaw.com).

The compost law aims to reduce organic waste in landfills cutting methane amounts sent into the atmosphere.

"Within a landfill, food waste creates methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide," said World Centric Resource Recovery Manager, Erin Levine. We aim to help California meet its goal to reduce organic waste 75% in its landfills by 2025.

"World Centric has developed more than 350 foodservice products across tableware, cutlery and food packaging,"



**RENEWABLE COMPOSTABLE** materials such as bamboo and corn are used by World Centric to make food service ware that reduces carbon footprints, all of World Centric's food containers are compostable and made without the use of tree products.

Levine added. "All of our products are plant-based, compostable and made from renewable materials."

Besides composting being good for the environment, it also bypasses the need for international shipping of waste products by creating a local regenerative economy of waste conversion that can be used for agriculture, roadsides, and carbon farming, she added.

"Through our products we aim to reduce the environmental impact of the foodservice industry by creating certified compostable packaging made from renewable plant-based materials," she said.

World Centric's compostable foodservice ware (such as takeout containers and cutlery) are made from rapidly renewable plant sources including sugarcane, bamboo and corn, sustainable alternatives to petroleum-based foodservice ware.

"Our products are made from rapidly renewable agricultural byproducts," Levine explained. "By utilizing leftover plant materials (that would otherwise be incinerated) we can reuse valuable renewable resources to create packaging that's able to break down in 2-4 months in a commercial composting environment."

"By choosing a World Centric product, you are reducing your carbon footprint as it takes less energy and emits less greenhouse gasses to produce than plastics," she added. "Further, World Centric only produces certified compostable materials that can be composted in commercial compost programs, avoiding unnecessary waste from entering the landfill."

With foodservice ware being a \$7.5 Billion industry, it has become even more viable, especially in places where single-use plastics are banned. More than ever there is an interest in reducing plastics and replacing them with more eco-friendly options.

The company was originally founded as a non-profit to raise awareness of large-scale humanitarian and environmental issues in 2004 by Aseem Das. By hosting speakers and a film series, he wanted to educate others on how the pursuit of a good life is severely degrading the planet's ecosystems while creating vast in-

equalities.

"Our founder started selling compostables and Fair-Trade products like cashews and dried fruit to raise money for his film and educational series that highlighted social and environmental issues worldwide," added Levine.

In 2005, Aseem Das began selling Fair Trade and compostable products to make World Centric a self-sustaining organization without taking donations or grants.

Four years later, World Centric's primary focus was selling compostable products and converting from a taxable non-profit to a for-profit social enterprise.

However, its mission to do good in the world remained the same. Since 2009, World Centric has given a minimum of its profits to grassroots social and environmental organizations, and the company became a certified B-Corp in 2010.

"As a Certified B Corporation and California Benefit Corporation, World Centric aims to use business as a force for good," Levine explained. "We donate 25 percent of our profits each year to organizations addressing social and environmental issues, with more than \$1.5 million allocated for donations in 2020."

World Centric is a member of 1 Percent for The Planet, a California Green Business, a Green America Certified Business, and part of the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Their carbon giving program is committed to reducing their carbon footprint by even using renewable energy to power their office.

"We want to stay abreast of evolving technologies that relate to product efficiency and reducing our carbon footprint," she added. "As a mission-driven company, we want to ensure our products are safe and advantageous to the communities we provide them for."

For more information about World Centric compostables and zero waste products, please visit online at [www.worldcentric.com](http://www.worldcentric.com).

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Contact the Community Safety Division (CSD) at (562) 916-1266 to see if a Neighborhood Watch group has been formed in your neighborhood.

If there is no active group, the CSD will help you and your neighbors start one. A designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison between a neighborhood and the Cerritos Sheriff's/Community Safety Center.

While the CSD and the Sheriff's will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on citizen involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on new information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

**Join the City's Neighborhood Watch program at [safercerritos.com](http://safercerritos.com).**



**WEEK ONE FOOTBALL**

**GAHR SURVIVES PENALTIES, LATE VALLEY CHRISTIAN RALLY TO ESCAPE WITH ONE-POINT ROAD WIN IN OPENER**

By Loren Kopff

For the first three quarters of last Friday’s game between Artesia Blvd. neighbors Gahr High and host Valley Christian High, each team had one touchdown. It was a defensive game, sprinkled in with some notable injuries for both squads and when the fourth quarter began, the offenses kicked into another gear with some drama at the end.

The teams scored on five of the six drives in the final stanza, the last coming with no time remaining in regulation. But following V.C. sophomore running back Lucas Witt’s four-yard run, first-year head coach Trent Berkenkamp decided to go for the win instead of the tie. That’s where senior running back Dylan Sawai came up short by half a yard, giving Gahr a season-opening 21-20 victory.

“It was just about as exciting as you can make it,” said Gahr head coach Greg Marshall of the fourth quarter. “It wasn’t very good football at the end there. But I have to give my kids credit because we had some kids go down and we were patching it together.”

He was referring to the six penalties called on Gahr in the final 12 minutes, including a pair of pass interference infractions on the final drive of the game that kept the Defenders (1-1) alive for Witt’s touchdown. For the game, Gahr was penalized 14 times for 135 yards.

“It’s preseason for us; it’s not league play, so for us, it was an opportunity to finish the game,” said Berkenkamp. “We had the momentum on our side. We felt like we could get three yards,



**VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH** sophomore running back Lucas Witt sees an opening between Gahr High senior defensive back Gabriel Mariscal (#24) and junior lineman Alejandro Duenas in last Friday night’s Gahr 21-20 victory. Witt led the Defenders with 71 yards on 13 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns. **Photo courtesy of Steve Fericean.**

and we came up short. I don’t regret the decision; I’ll always put the ball in our offenses’ hands any day. We ran the ball so well, I thought we could run it one more time to get three yards and we came up six inches short. That’s kind of how it goes; that’s football and it’s a game of inches and we just came up a

little short.”

On the first play of the fourth quarter, junior Noah Hernandez put Gahr in front with a 22-yard field goal. Four plays later, the Defenders answered back when senior quarterback Joe DeYoung connected with junior wide receiver Austin Abrahams for a 50-yard touchdown on a

blown coverage by Gahr’s defense. That made the score 14-9 with 9:39 remaining in the fourth quarter. However, the Gladiators started their next drive at their 30-yard line and chewed up over seven and a half minutes off the clock,

[See **GAHR** page 10]

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## VALLEY CHRISTIAN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ALL OVER WHITNEY AS NEW STARS RISE

By Loren Kopff

Karly Burkhardt has seen a lot in the first 13 days of the regular season. The first-year head coach for the Valley Christian High girls volleyball team has watched her team go 2-2 in the annual Tae Kim Lakewood/Molten Classic, win a thrilling five-set match at Downey High and been involved in a trio of three-set matches.

The last of those was the easiest of the season to this point as the Defenders dispatched Whitney High 25-7, 25-9, 25-7 last Thursday. With another five-set win at Warren High this past Tuesday, V.C. improved to 6-3.

"That was definitely a goal for our team; to play our game, our speed," said Burkhardt. "That's always the goal with any opponent, is going to be can we keep a high standard on our side of the court with no expectations as far as how the game is going to turn out." We showed up having practiced hard yesterday and we were ready to fight today."

V.C. scored the first four points of the match and had leads of 10-1, 14-2 and 15-3 before the Wildcats scored consecutive points. Later in the first set, the Defenders reeled off six straight points to make it 23-6.

It was more of the same in the second set as the hosts had leads of 8-1, 11-2 and 15-3 before Whitney scored back to back points. And, in the third set, the Defenders scored the first 11 points. In fact, at no time in the match did Whitney (2-3)

score more than two points in a row.

Freshman outside hitter Tessa Dobreier led everyone with nine kills, all but two coming in the third set, while senior setter Samantha Van Duyn added seven kills and senior middle hitter Abby McGuyre and junior outside hitter Cameron Warner pitched in with five kills each. Senior defensive specialist Madison Jimenez had six aces and freshman setter Lucy Taylor added four aces as the Defenders had 23 for the match. Sophomore outside hitter Nevaeh Salinas led Whitney with six kills.

"We are definitely blessed with a tall team, but beyond that, they are very skilled and very competitive," said Burkhardt. "They want to be set the ball and they want to put it away every time, and I just love that about them. But of course, we can't do that without our setters. Our setters [senior] Chloe [Taylor] and Lucy both did a great job tonight, especially with that middle connection."

V.C. hosted Bishop Amat High on Aug. 31 and will be home to Kennedy High on Tuesday while Whitney, which was swept by La Mirada High 25-6, 25-14, 25-23 this past Tuesday, went to North Torrance High on Aug. 31 and will begin 605 League play on Thursday when the Wildcats go to Pioneer High.

In other girls volleyball action, Artesia High (3-3) has not played since Sept. 19 and was scheduled to host Firebaugh High on Aug. 31 and Lynwood High on Tuesday. Cerritos High swept Gahr High 25-16, 25-17, 25-22 last Thursday

and defeated to La Serna High 26-24, 23-25, 25-22, 25-14 this past Tuesday. The Dons (3-1) will go to Santa Fe High on Wednesday before their 605 League opener two days later.

Gahr visited Bell Gardens High on Aug. 31 and will entertain Schurr High on Tuesday before going to Bellflower High on Wednesday.

John Glenn High swept Rancho Dominguez High 25-12, 25-19, 25-23 last Friday and knocked off Arroyo High 25-11, 23-25, 25-16, 25-13 this past Tuesday, both on the road and will entertain South El Monte High on Friday and Norwalk High on Tuesday before going to Western High and Ganessa High on Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

La Mirada has won four straight matches after an opening season loss as the Matadores defeated Mayfair High 23-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-21, 21-19 last Thursday and Los Altos High 25-9, 25-13, 18-25, 25-16 prior to sweeping Whitney. La Mirada hosted Norwalk on Aug. 31 and will be home to Santa Fe on Tuesday before going to California High on Thursday while the hottest team in the area is Norwalk, which improved to 8-2 after sweeping El Rancho High 25-22, 25-22, 25-23 this past Tuesday.

## FOOTBALL

**Artesia (2-0) @ Bolsa Grande High (1-1)**-The Pioneers may not be playing the best teams around, but they aren't making any excuses for getting victories. Artesia blasted Mark Keppel High 41-0 last Friday as junior quarterback

Charlie Lopez rushed for a pair of scores and threw for another. In two games, he already has 345 yards on the ground with five touchdowns and as a team, the Pioneers have 11 rushing six-pointers. Defensively, the team has half a dozen interceptions with senior cornerback Pablo Cruz collecting two of them.

The Matadors were on the short end of a 62-0 decision to Beckman High last Thursday as they were outgained 396-108 yards. Ethan Nguyen led the rushing attack with 58 yards on 11 carries and passed for another 33 more. Already, he has accounted for 374 of Bolsa Grande's 418 all-purpose yards.

**Prediction: Artesia 49, Bolsa Grande 14**

**Portola High (1-1) @ Cerritos (1-1)**-This game was played on Aug. 31. The Dons fell to Woodbridge High 35-23 last Friday, gaining 262 yards with the quarterback tandem of senior Julian Morales and sophomore Justin Sagun combining to go 13 of 27 for 121 yards and rush nine times for 80 yards.

This will be the second straight week Cerritos will face a school from the city of Irvine as the Bulldogs got past their city rivals, University High, 35-34 in double overtime last Friday. Rocky Palacio passed for 214 yards and a pair of touchdowns and scored twice on the ground while Marcus Sung rushed for 85 yards on 19 carries with a touchdown. Last season, Cerritos fell to Portola 35-21

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running 13 plays and ending up with a three-yard run from senior running back Kalen Montgomery. Gahr went for the two-point conversion and the pass from senior quarterback Frank Williams was unsuccessful.

With 1:59 remaining, Gahr had a 15-14 lead and was feeling better about itself when the defense held V.C. on downs 47 seconds later. A pair of negative running plays, followed by senior cornerback Ahmeer Barner breaking up a DeYoung pass intended for senior wide receiver Isaiah Jordan and an incomplete pass gave Gahr the ball at the V.C. 26-yard line.

An unsportsmanlike infraction would push the Gladiators back, but two Montgomery runs, the second of which resulted in a 39-yard score, made it 21-14 with 59.5 seconds left. But here came the Defenders and on second and seven from the Gahr 44, DeYoung tossed a 13-yard pass to Witt, who then gained 10 yards on the next play and with 18.4 seconds left, the hosts called a timeout.

That was followed by an incomplete pass with 13.4 seconds left, a pass interference call on Gahr with eight seconds left and a seven-yard run by DeYoung with 1.1 seconds left as senior defensive back Gabriel Mariscal pushed the quarterback out of bounds at the four-yard line. On the next play, Witt scored, making it 21-20.

"Instead of going home, we're fighting for our lives," said Marshall of V.C.'s last touchdown.

"I'm very proud of the offense and the way they responded in that moment, to get the ball back with one minute [left] and to be able to drive the length of the field in under a minute was great," said Berkenkamp. "Joe led the charge;

we had some guys step up in those moments. I'm just proud of the offense and I told them that at the postgame meeting just now. Not too many offenses are able to take it down [the field] and score like that.

"It was just a battle between both of us [in the fourth quarter] and we're young and we're still learning," he continued. "We had some injuries that kind of knocked us down a little bit. Some guys had to step up and I think we're going to grow from this."

Gahr came out blazing to begin the game as Montgomery gained 42 yards on the first four plays. He would open the game's scoring five plays later when he went in from eight yards out nearly five and a half minutes into the contest. The two-point pass conversion would be unsuccessful and when the Defenders got the ball, they moved to the 12-yard line before Gahr junior linebacker Ja'Shon Wallace sacked DeYoung for an eight-yard loss.

DeYoung then threw two straight incomplete passes and Gahr had stopped V.C. with 47 seconds left in the first quarter. But Witt would put his team on the board with 3:41 left in the half with a six-yard run.

The second half began with Gahr recovering an onside kick but three plays into the half, Williams was picked off by sophomore linebacker Cole Hefner. While the Defenders couldn't capitalize on it, Gahr would run out the final 7:41 of the quarter before the field goal. The Gladiators would convert a third down and a fourth down before the end of the stanza. However, senior tight end, linebacker and kicker Calvin Thomas III went down with a right leg injury with 3:48 left in the third quarter.

"I think our biggest problem is we had so many guys go down in the first half," said Marshall. "Calvin went

down, [senior linebacker] Ethan [Whiteman] went down; there were five or six guys that went down."

Williams completed 11 of his 20 passes for 69 yards and two interceptions with six of those passes going to senior wide receiver Evan Spurlin-Renfroe for 51 yards while Montgomery, one of the top runners in the area and in the Mid-Cities League, gained 155 yards on 26 carries and the three scores. On defense, Barner had five tackles, junior linebacker Isaiah Portillo had four tackles and junior cornerback Markell Slaughter and Mariscal each added three tackles.

"I think with [Williams], being his first game...he's going to play better," said Marshall. "I thought he did pretty good for his first time out. It's the first time he's seeing it live, so I think down the road...he'll be fine.

"I think Kalen kind of hit his spot [in the third quarter], and I think [senior fullback] Noah [Taylor] came back too," he later said. "That really helped us with the run game. They were the same plays we were running all night. We knew we were in four down territory, then we did hit that big rollout to Evan to keep things going."

"They're very, very athletic, so they're going to have guys open in space," said Berkenkamp. "Like I said, we're just young. So, open field tackling is something we have to definitely work on. But when you only have 31 kids, it's hard to pound that on them every single week."

For V.C., which was blasted by El Dorado High 49-6 the previous week, it got solid performances from De Young (six of 15 for 113 yards) and Witt (13 carries for 71 yards) while defensively, Hefner led the way with 11 tackles while Abrahams and Jordan had six and five tackles respectively.

"Both those guys are just playmakers," said Berkenkamp of Hefner and Witt. "They're studs, and both are sophomores and I'm super excited for their future in this program, on both sides of the ball. Cole is playing linebacker and he's flying all over the field. Not many guys are like Cole where he can just flip the switch as soon as the light turns on. He's all over the field from sideline to sideline, making plays and making big hits.

"And then Lucas on the offensive side of the ball was huge for us," he continued. "Obviously when he was out, it was a little bit tougher for us to run the football without him. He's just a smart kid...and I just love his grit. They're both blue-collared guys who put in the work and I'm just excited for them."

Gahr will host Ocean View High, a 22-7 winner at Anaheim High last Friday. Frankie Armenta passed for 269 yards on just seven completions and a pair of touchdowns and the Seahawks defense limited Anaheim to 147 yards. Armenta has averaged just over 200 yards in the two games while the defense has given up 19 points thus far.

"Obviously we have to get the passing game going," said Marshall.

For the Defenders, they will travel to Aliso Niguel High, which evened its record following a 34-6 win at Silver Valley High last Saturday.

"It's tough because Aliso Niguel is a really good football team as well," said Berkenkamp. "It's going to be a tough game for us. But like I've told these guys all along, the first five games are really preseason. We have to be ready for league, and it's not really about the opponent right now. It's about us. We have to learn to grow up and we have to get some leaders on this team who are going to take charge."

**By Loren Kopff**  
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Since the inception of the 605 League, no one has been able to touch Cerritos High, which has not dropped a match in 40 attempts in the new circuit. Defending Mid-Cities League champion La Mirada High tries its luck in the Gateway League, opening the door for up and coming Norwalk High while Valley Christian High and Whitney High welcome new head coaches.

**ARTESIA PIONEERS**  
**5-13 overall last season, 3-7 in the 605 League, fourth place**  
**25-85 overall last five seasons**  
**Head coach: Tommy Dube (fourth season, 21-43)**  
**Last time made the playoffs: 2021 Division 7**

After advancing to the CIF-Southern Section divisional playoffs in 2021, which snapped a nine-year postseason drought, Artesia High missed the playoffs last season. In fact, Artesia lost to John Glenn High in a five-set tiebreaker, winner goes home match to end the regular season. Head coach Tommy Dube endured a roller coaster of a season that included injuries and coaching up players into positions.

“The focus has been on getting one percent better every practice/game and I finished the season proud of the effort and determination of the players and team,” he said.

It might be tougher this season to get back to the playoffs as junior opposite hitter Rylee Asumbrado and sophomore Djulianne Goze are the key returners who got extensive playing time. Dube says the culture of the team and maximum effort is showing up and he looks forward to that paying off as Artesia competes this season.

The Pioneers will be built around their youth this season as there are 11 sophomores of a team of 14. Although young, Dube is quick to say a lot have been playing club and beach volleyball in the offseason which he is confident will strengthen the team’s unity and skill sets.

An early season starting lineup would have senior Jocelyn Villarreal as the setter or an outside hitter with Goze the other outside hitter. The middle blockers would be Cierra Martinez and Kristine Palafox with junior Rebecca Gooden and Asumbrado as the opposite hitters and Emily Hernandez as the libero.

As far as expectations, Dube would only say the team is striving for a CIF championship.

**CERRITOS DONS**  
**17-8 overall last season, 10-0 in the 605 League, first place, lost to Crescenta Valley High in three sets in the Division 5 second round playoffs**  
**106-31 overall last five seasons**  
**Head coach: David Cuthbert (10th season, 160-72)**  
**Last time missed the playoffs: 2002 Division 5**

The numbers are staggering and whenever that time comes for him to leave the Cerritos program, head coach David Cuthbert will go down as the best volleyball coach the school has seen. When the Dons were in the old Suburban League, they were consistently in the top three with La Mirada and then-queens Mayfair High. Now, the 605 League has been Cerritos and everyone else as the Dons have gone 120-2 in sets played during league action.

Last season, Cerritos began the season 5-3 and dealt with some injuries to key players. Had the team been healthy, Cuthbert may have been looking at his fourth straight season of at least 20 wins.

“We have worked hard to develop all our players so that when we have an injury to an important player, we have someone ready to step in,” said Cuthbert. “There is always a loss when a player is injured, but we try and see it as an oppor-

tunity for someone else to fill their spot. We’ve tried to build a balanced team so that we are prepared for those unfortunate events.”

Cerritos graduated eight players from last season’s team but still has enough firepower to stay on top of the league for a fifth straight season. The winningest head coach in the program says everyone has worked hard to make some improvements, but he has been impressed by the leadership development from senior setter Chloe Cruz, whom he says, ‘continues to take on more responsibility’, and the offensive development of senior middle blocker Isabella Dantzer, who missed the beginning of the season recovering from a stressed fracture in her right tibia.

“She has expanded her range of attacks and we will look to use her in a slightly different way this year,” said Cuthbert.

In addition to Dantzer, look for senior outside hitters Nicole Salas and Leila Tolentino to get a lot of looks on the outsides and the opposites. Those three, plus Cruz, senior defensive specialist/libero Jasmine Kastner and junior defensive specialist/libero Gabriella Colombo remain the heart of the team. But look for Ava DeLeon-Ortega, opposite hitter Annabella Lee and middle blocker Sophia Toney as the newcomers who Cuthbert expects to make contributions.

“We are aiming to be playing our best volleyball at the end of the season, and to have it in our hands to win league approaching the last few games of the year,” said Cuthbert. “We have had a challenging last four months with lack of facilities, so our players have a bunker mentality and are pulling together. So, they are plenty motivated.”

**GAHR GLADIATORS**  
**10-14 overall last season, 1-7 in the Gateway League, fifth place**  
**65-54 overall last five seasons**  
**Head coach: Charity Dennis (third season, 21-28)**  
**Last time made the playoffs: 2021 Division 6**

Gahr High did not provide any information for this season’s team, but the Gladiators return senior outside hitter Leilani Choe, senior middle blockers Zyon Aubrey and Isabella Torres, senior setter Cassandra Zoellers, junior opposite hitter Kyla Jones and junior setter/libero Minerva Rodriguez. Last season’s league record was the first losing league campaign in over two and a half decades. The previous worst was 5-5 in 2008.

**JOHN GLENN EAGLES**  
**9-10 overall last season, 5-5 in the 605 League, third place, lost to Glendale High in three sets in the Division 7 wild card playoffs**  
**35-67 overall last five seasons**  
**Head coach: Daniel Reyes (fourth season, 21-38)**  
**Last time missed the playoffs: 2021 Division 7**

Glenn did not provide any information for this season’s team. The Eagles graduated only two players from last season’s squad and at least one other player transferred. The program will be seeking its first winning season since 2009 and last season’s playoff appearance snapped an 11-year playoff drought.

**LA MIRADA MATADORES**  
**17-10 overall last season, 10-0 in the Mid-Cities League, first place, lost to Pacifica Christian/Orange County High in five sets in the Division 7 first round playoffs**  
**54-78 overall last five seasons**

**Head coach: Kimberly Mahan (third season, 29-29)**  
**Last time missed the playoffs: 2018 Division 6**

La Mirada was introduced to the inaugural Mid-Cities League last season and breezed through it, losing just two sets and ending the regular season winning 12 of its last 15 matches before the playoff loss. Because of



the successful season, the Matadores switch over to the Gateway League, or upper league, of the Suburban Valley Conference, which brings better competition.

“It means a lot to me and our team to dominate the Mid-Cities League,” said head coach Kimberly Mahan. “It had been a while since the program was undefeated in league.

It gave the girls a lot of confidence and showed them that anything is possible. They want to continue to do well and win again this year.”

The Matadores fielded a team of 13 last season and graduated eight, so there will be a lot of rebuilding to do. But don’t tell that to Mahan, who says it has been ‘pretty easy to regroup this year’. Of the five returnees, four were impact players—senior outside hitter Alyssa Meraz (112 digs, 103 kills last season), senior libero Margaret Norton (126 digs), junior setter Kiersten Manah and junior middle blocker Natalie Ojeisekhoba (79 kills, 40 blocks).

“I think my returning players have improved a lot this offseason,” said Kimberly Mahan. “Many of them played club, which helped their game play and got them a lot of touches with the ball.”

Look for junior outside hitter Geraldine Aiono, junior defensive specialist Angelyna Conde and junior middle blocker Maleah Diaz to be the top newcomers with the latter having a cup of coffee last season for the playoffs. She and Aiono will provide even more of a block up front while Conde brings with her great defense, according to Mahan.

Downey High and Warren High, the top two teams in the Gateway League last season, combined to win 31 matches, a far cry from the 22 put together by Bellflower High and Norwalk, which finished in second and third place respectively in the Mid-Cities League. Getting to the playoffs again this season is one thing. Winning another league title will be more challenging.

“I’m very competitive, so I always set high expectations for my team,” said Mahan. “With that being said, I do understand that the competition will be harder in the Gateway League. We have been working hard in the summer and have a great group of girls. We are going to play hard, try our best and hopefully do well in this tougher league.”

**NORWALK LANCERS**  
**11-12 overall last season, 7-3 in the Mid-Cities League, tied for 3rd place, lost to Bassett High in five sets in the Division 8 first round playoffs**  
**47-67 overall last five seasons**  
**Head coach: Paola Nava (third season, 19-23)**  
**Last time missed the playoffs: 2021 Division 7**

With La Mirada moving up to the Gateway League, this gives Norwalk a better chance of winning the program’s first league title since 2013 when that team shared the Suburban League crown. Norwalk has not had a winning season since 2017, but with 10 players returning from last season, all signs point towards a special season.

“Last season was an eye-opener for us as a program,” said head coach Paola Nava. “We saw the potential our girls

have and were eager to pull it out of them. We were a young team last season, with the majority of our team being underclassmen and the young mentality was something that I believe hurt us more than it should have.”

Senior outside hitters Kendall Nakano (142 digs, 63 kills last season), Marisol Roseboro (107 digs, 86 kills) and junior middle blocker Samantha Munoz (61 kills, 24 blocks) are the returning offensive threats. But Nava lists junior outside hitter/opposite hitter Brenda Quezada and senior setter/opposite hitter Zaidee Zepeda, along with Munoz, as the one who have improved the most during the offseason.

The Lancers will have six seniors, five juniors, a pair of sophomores and one freshman and of the newcomers, it’s the lone ninth grader, middle blocker Mirei Sanchez, whom Nava says already has the skill set to provide more offense to the team and still has much room to grow.

“We are excited to see her grow throughout this season and see what she can do to help lengthen our season as much as possible.”

Norwalk’s best season since 1998 was 16-7, which was also its league championship season. That began a stretch of five straight seasons of at least 12 victories. The Lancers have the potential to surpass that 16-7 mark in the slightly easier league.

“I am expecting our team to play consistently and to stay hungry throughout the season,” said Nava. “For the past couple of seasons, our matchup with La Mirada has always been very competitive. Not having them in our league this year is a huge change. I am hopeful to see them again next season, but first, we need to make sure our athletes can do their jobs this season, on this team to foresee that in the future. I am already very proud of this team and am ecstatic to see what they can do.”

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN DEFENDERS**  
**20-12 overall last season, 6-2 in the Olympic League, second place, lost to South Hills High in three sets in the Division 4 first round playoffs**  
**103-55 overall last five seasons**  
**Head coach: Karly Burkhardt (first season)**  
**Last time missed the playoffs: 2009 Division 4**

If you’re going to be a varsity head coach for the first time, might as well be at your alma mater. That’s the situation Karly Burkhardt finds herself in. Burkhardt graduated from V.C. in 2015 and played at Biola University before returning to V.C. as a lower level coach.

“It’s been such an awesome opportunity to go through this program as a [junior varsity] coach,” she said. “I’ll never forget the first year I coached here was the Covid year, so we were just practicing for like nine months. Getting to understand the program as a whole from a coaching standpoint and not just as a player standpoint...I could have kept the j.v. head position, but I actually asked [former head coach Jeff Ornee] can I be your assistant, because I do want to learn.”

Burkhardt added that she can’t express enough about the support from the community of a first-year head coach, and the fact that V.C. has two new athletic directors. She also gave high praise to Ornee, whom she said runs at a very high level but at the same time kept a goal of having fun.

“His volleyball IQ is very high, so it was really interesting to ask him questions about why are you starting this rotation or why this lineup, why this setter with this hitter,” she continued. “He always had thoughtful answers to everything.”

The Defenders return five players with senior middle hitter Abby McGuyre,

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and have lost all three meetings since 2019.

**Prediction: Portola 28, Cerritos 24 Ocean View High (2-0) @ Gahr (1-0)-See Gahr/Valley Christian game story.**

**Prediction: Ocean View 35, Gahr 21**

**University High (0-1) @ Glenn (1-1)**-This game was played on Aug. 31. After losing a 29-28 affair to Bassett High in the season opener, Glenn took its frustrations out on Rancho Dominguez last Friday in a 46-0 rout. The Eagles put the game away in the third quarter with 22 points and the defense returned a pair of touchdowns back for touchdowns.

Glenn faces University from the Western League of the CIF-Los Angeles

City Section. The Wildcats fell to Lynwood 27-16 in their opener last Friday. This will be a tune-up for Glenn as it plays for the Mayor's Cup on Sept. 8.

**Prediction: Glenn 42, University 13 La Mirada (0-2) @ Servite High (1-1)**-The Matadores got a solid performance from sophomore quarterback Santino Garcia (15 of 29, 201 yards, two touchdowns) last week in a 40-20 setback to Yorba Linda High. La Mirada's running game struggled as it picked up 46 yards on 15 carries while the Mustangs gained 236 yards on 29 carries.

It won't get easier for the Matadores as they face Trintiy League foe Servite, which fell to Rancho Cucamonga High 34-31. The Friars, who blanked Silverado High 57-0 the previous week, are led by Leo Hannan (22 of 37, 366 yards) and a vaunted rushing attack that has seen nine

players rush at least once and score nine touchdowns. Servite has averaged 466 all-purpose yards in the two games and the defense has recorded seven sacks.

**Prediction: Servite 27, La Mirada 17**

**South Gate High (0-2) @ Norwalk (0-1)**-This game was played on Aug. 31. Norwalk was looking good in its season opener last Friday against La Canada High, leading 35-28 entering the fourth quarter. But the Lancers came out on the short end of a 50-43 slugfest as the Spartans had over 550 all-purpose yards. Junior running back Ezra Mueller scored three times while senior quarterback Rylee Sosa threw for a pair of touchdowns.

It should be much easier for the Lancers this week as they face the Rams from the Eastern League of the CIF-L.A. City Section. South Gate has lost to Lincoln High 30-0 and San Pedro High 45-14 this season with the two touchdowns coming in the second half of last week's game.

**Prediction: Norwalk 42, South Gate 7**

**V.C. (0-2) @ Aliso Niguel High (1-1)-See Gahr/V.C. game story.**

**Prediction: Aliso Niguel 35, V.C. 21**

*Last week's predictions: 5-1 Season to date: 10-1*

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senior setter Samantha Van Duyn and sophomore middle hitter Aubrey Ericks as the key components. But it's senior outside hitter Allie Smith that has improved the most, according to Burkhardt. Last season, Smith was used more as a designated server type of player. But the new head coach says she has stepped into the role of holding everyone together. The other returning player is junior outside hitter Cameron Warner.

V.C. will feature eight varsity newcomers and Burkhardt says sophomore libero Devyn Masi has stepped up the most. Masi was on the junior varsity team last season and the new head coach says her serving has improved a lot. The Defenders will have three freshmen on varsity-outside hitters Tessa Dobmeier and Jenna Van Kampen and setter Lucy Taylor.

"It just feels like a different team, a different challenge," said Burkhardt. "I loved last year's team; I can't emphasize that enough. But this team is kind of its own thing."

**WHITNEY WILDCATS 5-26 overall last season, 2-8 in the 605 League, tied for fifth place 48-81 overall last five seasons Head coach: Mark Kato (first season) Last time made the playoffs: 2019 Division 7**

The last time Mark Kato was a head coach anywhere, the year was 2006 when he guided Cerritos to a 9-12 record, finished third in the old Suburban League and lost in the first round of the playoffs. His daughter Keira, who is a junior on

this season's team and is a defensive specialist, wasn't born yet. But now Kato, who admitted he forgot how much he has missed the game, is back in the head coaching ranks.

"It's a great opportunity," he said. "I think we have made good strides the last couple of years [and] I want to continue it and to be competitive and to foster a new culture at Whitney. I want to build a better program than before."

Kato didn't get the job until the summer, but immediately won his first two matches of the season. The Wildcats return half a dozen players from last season and of the team's four seniors this season, only opposite hitter and setter Gloria Kang is coming back and senior Meera Parikh are back. Kato says all the returners have improved since he took over, but Parikh has probably made the biggest improvement, transitioning from setter to libero.

Look for sophomore outside hitter Nevaeh Salinas, whom Kato says has a good jump serve and power, to be one of the offensive threats along with junior middle blocker Chiugo Anyama. Both are returning players. The other returning players are junior setter Malia Aquino and junior outside hitter Rachel Moyher. He lists freshman setter Janelle Sales as one of the top newcomers, but look for sophomore middle blocker Olachi Anyama to be a big presence at the net.

"I think we'll do okay [in league]," said Kato. "I think we'll improve from last year. I'm not making any promises, but I think we are going to improve. Our goal is to make the playoffs this year."

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-946 AMENDING SECTIONS VARIOUS OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, AND CITY TREASURER**

Notice is hereby given that on September 11, 2023, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-946 making certain amendments to the Artesia Municipal Code related to the powers and duties of the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Treasurer. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- Revisions to Subsections (b), (c), and (d), of Section 2-4.205, authorizing the City Manager to supervise, appoint, promote, discipline and manage all officers, employees and departments with the exception of the City Attorney;
- Revisions to Subsections (f), and (g), in Section 2-4.305 authorizing the City Manager to request the City Clerk's attendance at any other advisory body of the City. Additionally, an update is proposed include all advisory boards, instead of only referencing commissions.
- Revisions to Subsection (a), in Section 2-4.705 authorizing the City Manager to request the City Treasurer's attendance at any other advisory body of the City and assign the performance of additional duties.
- Revisions to Subsection (f), in Section 3-5.302, "Definitions," Article 3 (Transient Occupancy Taxes defining the tax administrator as the City Treasurer instead of the City Clerk.
- Section 2-4.101, "Official Bonds." The proposed amendments would align the Code to current practice.
- Section 2-1.101 "Place," in Article 1 (Meetings provide that Council meetings are held at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California.

Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701. Date: September 1, 2023 Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMIN-ISTER ESTATE OF LORETTA CHAVEZ**

Case No. 23STPB09171 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LORETTA CHAVEZ A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Brandon Nathaniel Chavez in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Brandon Nathaniel Chavez 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 Sept. 27, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
PAUL HORN ESQ  
SBN 243227  
PAUL HORN LAW GROUP PC  
11404 SOUTH STREET  
CERRITOS CA 90703  
CN999708 CHAVEZ Sep 1, 8, 15, 2023

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS**

**HSIP CYCLE 8 - CARSON STREET SIGNAL HARDWARE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 106**

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids pertaining to the item(s) listed below:

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING ON:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

**BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:** Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

**BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON:** Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE OF BID RECEIPT:** Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the HSIP Cycle 8 Carson Street Signal Hardware Improvements, Project 106, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **1:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

The signal hardware improvements scope of work includes the removal and replacement of pedestrian and vehicle heads, signal mast arm signs and heads, signal poles, pedestrian push button systems and signs, internally illuminated street name (IISN) signs, and other as-needed signage and striping. The improvement will also include the installation of a battery backup system (BBS) and wireless communications systems for signal synchronization using Los Angeles County's LACO-4E traffic control system software and all other items included in the plans and specifications.

Electronic copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the City of Hawaiian Gardens and the CIPLIST website. Bidders must submit their questions regarding the project via email to Neema Ghanbari at [nghanbari@hgcity.org](mailto:nghanbari@hgcity.org) no later than Thursday, September 21, 2023. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact the City of Hawaiian Gardens Engineering Division at (562)420-2641 ext. 216.

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**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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**HSIP CYCLE 8 - NORWALK BOULEVARD SIGNAL HARDWARE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT 107**

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids pertaining to the item(s) listed below:

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**PLACE OF BID RECEIPT:** Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for the HSIP Cycle 8 Norwalk Boulevard Signal Hardware Improvements, Project 107, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **1:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Notice of Divided Publication

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX-DEFAULT LIST (DELINQUENT LIST)

Made pursuant to Section 3371, Revenue and Taxation Code

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The County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector, State of California, certifies that:

Notice is given that by operation of law at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, on July 1, 2021, the Tax Collector declared the real properties listed below tax defaulted. The declaration of default was due to non-payment of the total amount due for the taxes, assessments, and other charges levied in tax year 2020-21 that were a lien on the listed real property. Non-residential commercial property and property upon which there is a recorded nuisance abatement lien shall be subject to the tax collector's power to sell after three years of defaulted taxes. Therefore, if the 2020-21 taxes remain defaulted after June 30, 2024, the property will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2025. All other property that has defaulted taxes after June 30, 2026, will become subject to the tax collector's power to sell and eligible for sale at the County's online auction in 2027. The list contains the name of the assessee and the total tax, which was due on June 30, 2021, for tax year 2020-21, opposite the parcel number. Payments to redeem tax-defaulted real property shall include all amounts for unpaid taxes and assessments, together with the additional penalties and fees as prescribed by law, or be paid under an installment plan of redemption if initiated prior to the property becoming subject to the tax collector's power to sell.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit our website at [tcl.lacounty.gov](http://tcl.lacounty.gov) or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 11, 2023.

Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg

Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector County of Los Angeles State of California

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ASSESSOR'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

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The following property tax defaulted on July 1, 2021, for the taxes, assessments, and other charges for the Tax Year 2020-21:

LISTED BELOW ARE PROPERTIES THAT DEFAULTED IN 2021 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. AMOUNT OF DELINQUENCY AS OF THIS PUBLICATION IS LISTED BELOW.

- ALLOR, DAVID W SITUS 19625 FRANK AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-6472 7049-020-029 \$727.53
BARRIOS, JAMES AND HURTADO, ANA M SITUS 10720 ASHWORTH CIR CERRITOS CA 90703-2648 7034-023-004/S2019-010/S2020-010 \$460.14
BOSWELL, CHERYL J SITUS 11851 JEFFERSON ST 101 CERRITOS CA 90703-7690 7055-024-020 \$4,154.84
DOSHI, TEJAS AND PINKAL SITUS 13102 ROSE ST CERRITOS CA 90703-8624 7027-005-012 \$6,889.21
ELLIS, PATRICK A AND ELLIS, PAUL J SITUS 18811 DANIELLE AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-6006 7024-014-046 \$10,797.16
GALINDO, JOSEPH AND SUSAN SITUS 13516 CARNABY ST CERRITOS CA 90703-8906 7023-006-034 \$8,168.80
HOY, SANDY D TR SANDY HOY FAMILY TRUST SITUS 17102 STARK AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-1820 7025-003-001 \$7,828.12
KUKREJA, VASHUDEV L TR VASHUDEV L KUKREJA TRUST SITUS 20050 FILMORE AVE 204 CERRITOS CA 90703-7889 7055-024-019 \$4,241.06
KUO, LING C TR LING C KUO TRUST SITUS 17812 GRIDLEY RD ARTESIA CA 90701-3944 7035-008-031 \$37,340.16
LEE, YOON KYUNG ET AL LEE, MYUNG G SITUS 19008 JEFFREY AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-7330 7044-025-036/S2019-010/S2020-010 \$5,384.91
MEDINA, PETER AND DOLORES SITUS 18130 GRAYLAND AVE ARTESIA CA 90701-4218 7033-027-019 \$2,896.70
NAMBA, NANCY SITUS 11215 CAROLYN PL CERRITOS CA 90703-5562 7034-006-043 \$35,913.22
NOSTRAND, JOHN R CO TR NOSTRAND FAMILY TRUST SITUS 13316 ARCTIC CIR SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670-5543 7005-008-081 \$22,009.61
PATEL, PRAVIN SITUS 17718 PIONEER BLVD ARTESIA CA 90701-4011 7033-007-004 \$10,098.42
SITUS 17720 PIONEER BLVD ARTESIA CA 90701-4011 7033-007-007 \$11,853.92
PATEL, PRAVIN L SITUS 17702 PIONEER BLVD ARTESIA CA 90701-4011 7033-007-003 \$29,319.60
SITUS 17624 PIONEER BLVD ARTESIA CA 90701-4009 7033-007-020 \$19,173.48
PATEL, PRAVIN L CO TR SHANTABEN PATEL FAMILY TRUST SITUS 17820 GRIDLEY RD ARTESIA CA 90701-3944 7035-008-032 \$17,949.36
REALTY SPECIALTIES INC SITUS 18601 ARLINE AVE ARTESIA CA 90701-5810 7040-020-030 \$140,663.01
ROSE, RICHARD H AND REBECCA A SITUS 20002 CLARETTA AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-7851 7056-006-008 \$3,248.85
STEEL, JOHN A TR JOHN A STEEL TRUST SITUS 17338 YVETTE AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-1242 7012-027-031 \$1,233.08
CN999485 538 Sep 1,8,15, 2023



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CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX FENCING REFURBISHMENT, PROJECT NO. 20106, BID NO. 1521-23.

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: SPORTS COMPLEX FENCING REFURBISHMENT, PROJECT NO. 20106, BID NO. 1521-23.

Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project per plans, specifications and contract documents, including but not limited to, spot repair and/or replacement of sections of wrought iron fence, and painting of wrought iron fence for the Cerritos Sports Complex, located at 19900 Bloomfield Avenue. Match existing fence size and color. Bid Opening: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 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: "SPORTS COMPLEX FENCING REFURBISHMENT, PROJECT NO. 20106, BID NO. 1521-23." 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 can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. The cost of the bid documents is \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested), only if a printed copy of plans and specifications 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 current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), 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. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "A," or "C-13," and/or "C-23." 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 purposes 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. 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. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 6255). 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 actions 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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CITY OF PICO RIVERA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF A TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE FEE FOR TOBACCO RETAILERS UNDER CHAPTER 5.75.100, TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE - FEE FOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City Council for the purpose of adopting a fee schedule for the City's reasonable costs for processing a Tobacco Retail License under Chapter 5.75.100 Fee for license. The Tobacco Retail License is required for businesses that sell tobacco in the City of Pico Rivera. The proposed fee schedule, if approved, would go into effect upon Pico Rivera Municipal Code Chapter 5.75, Tobacco Retail License.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
TIME: 6:00 PM
WHERE: Parks and Recreation Community Room 6767 Passons Blvd. Pico Rivera, CA 90660

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 <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>
(3) Email public comments to [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;
(4) Attend the Public Hearing in person

Copies of all relevant material 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/index.php/tobacco-retail-license-fee-detail/> Please contact Jazmin Faccuseh, Senior Analyst at (562) 801-4331 for additional questions.

If a challenge is made by any party in court from actions arising out of the public hearing, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised during the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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 City Clerk's Office 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 for accommodations to be arranged.

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2022-02  
SLURRY SEAL OF  
ROSECRANS AVENUE FROM VALLEY VIEW AVENUE TO EAST CITY LIMITS,  
LA MIRADA BOULEVARD FROM LEFFINGWELL ROAD TO ALONDRA BOULEVARD,  
AND HILLSBOROUGH DRIVE FROM BEACH BOULEVARD TO EAST CITY LIMITS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2022-02. Work includes slurry seal of Rosecrans Avenue from Valley View Avenue to East City Limits, La Mirada Boulevard from Leffingwell Road to Alondra Boulevard, and Hillsborough Drive from Beach Boulevard to East City Limits, in the City of La Mirada.

Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting [https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL\\_Main.asp?mem=29](https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29).

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on September 21, 2023. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
FOR THE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION ON BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD AT  
CEDAR STREET**

**IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
SPECIFICATIONS NO. 22/23-04**

The City of Bellflower is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706, until 11:00 a.m. on:

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

at which time they will be publicly opened. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bidder's bond payable to the order of the City of Bellflower or cash for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price submitted, and the check, bond, or cash deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the City if such bidder fails to enter into the contract to perform the work within ten (10) days after written notice of award. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of construction of the New Traffic Signal Installation on Bellflower Boulevard at Cedar Street and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City's Public Works Department. The Engineer's Estimate of cost is \$536,000. Bids will be publicly opened on September 13, 2023. At the time of contract award, the contractor shall possess a Class A or C-10 Contractor's License. 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 Business and Professions Code of the State of California at the time the bid is submitted. Following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed and delivery of traffic signal equipment, the contractor shall have ninety (90) working days to complete the work.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specification No. 22/23-04 as adopted by the City's City Council on August 14, 2023 which is filed with the City's Public Works Department. Copies of these plans and specifications may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Public Works Department, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a non refundable fee of \$35.00. Plans and specifications can be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set.

Mandatory jobsite walk will be held at Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 10:30 AM at 9944 Flora Vista St., Bellflower, CA 90706. Prospective bidders will have opportunity to examine the project site and are encouraged to raise any questions associated with the project and site. Attendance of the jobsite walk is mandatory for parties wishing to submit a bid as the Prime Contractor.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the Bidding Instructions which can be found at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be nonresponsive.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2023.

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA**

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code, 1812.607, that 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](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: Craftsman storage shed, rattan outdoor table & chairs, plastic outdoor chairs, sports equipment, Health Rider exercise bike, Desk Cycle, Dirt Devil vacuum, car emergency kit, boxes, totes/bins, mirror, furniture, glass table top, stools, 2 fans, TV, wrapping paper, hangars, bucket, rug, garment rack, board games, golf clock, lamp & lamp shade, bedding, expanding file folder, meal containers, kids toys, curtain rods, laundry basket, bedding, serving bowl, storage drawers, paint tray, large flower pots, faux plants, broom, rake, beer, and clothing belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
SYLVIA SILVER DAVIS	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.

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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](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 9/21/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Columba Cano Garcia; Kassandra Suhey Buenostro; Maria Luisa Limon Torres; Alejandro Rodriguez; Orlando Leiva; Mireya Anna Yanda; Roselani Lozano (2 units); Marleen Alamilla; Martina Zaragoza; David Iniguez; Barbara Lynn Kolb; Sophia Lopez; Elvia Virginia Calderon; Blanca Arely Zuniga; Dani Cano Flores; Francisco Torres; Karen Melissa Rodriguez; Dodie Dawn Stephenson; Jorge Alberto Moran Galaz; Jaime Perez Villarreal; Euridice Richardson; Patricia Bernal-Gomez; Jorge Felix Calzada Ortega; Anthony Jordan Duran; Nathan Alejandro Mendoza. 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](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 9/21/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Brittany Bianca Masse; Antoinette Cox-Nicholson; Jacquelyn Jane Victoria Krausse; Kathleen Evelyn Wright; Julian Chindamo. 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 INVITING SEALED BIDS  
FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION ON BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD AT  
PARK STREET**

**IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
SPECIFICATIONS NO. 21/22-02**

The City of Bellflower is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706, until 11:30 a.m. on:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

at which time they will be publicly opened. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bidder's bond payable to the order of the City of Bellflower or cash for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price submitted, and the check, bond, or cash deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the City if such bidder fails to enter into the contract to perform the work within ten (10) days after written notice of award. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of a Traffic Signal Modification on Bellflower Boulevard at Park Street and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City's Public Works Department. The Engineer's Estimate of cost is \$480,000. Bids will be publicly opened on September 13, 2023. At the time of contract award, the contractor shall possess a Class A or C-10 Contractor's License. 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 Business and Professions Code of the State of California at the time the bid is submitted. Following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed and the delivery of traffic signal equipment, the contractor shall have ninety (90) working days to complete the work.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specification No. 21/22-02 as adopted by the City's City Council on August 14, 2023 which is filed with the City's Public Works Department. Copies of these plans and specifications may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Public Works Department, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a non refundable fee of \$35.00. Plans and specifications can be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set.

Mandatory jobsite walk will be held at **10:30 AM on Thursday, September 7, 2023** at 9944 Flora Vista Street, Bellflower, CA 90706. Prospective bidders will have opportunity to examine the project site and are encouraged to raise any questions associated with the project and site. Attendance of the jobsite walk is mandatory for parties wishing to submit a bid as the Prime Contractor.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the Bidding Instructions which can be found at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be nonresponsive.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2023.

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA**

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVE K. YAMADA aka DAVE KENJI YAMADA**  
Case No. 23STPB08907

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVE K. YAMADA aka DAVE KENJI YAMADA  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ted Fumio Yamada in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ted Fumio Yamada 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 Sept. 19, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
GAY T LATHROM ESQ  
SBN 161720  
LATHROM LAW  
3812 SEPULVEDA BLVD  
SUITE 250  
TORRANCE CA 90505  
CN999234 YAMADA Aug 25, Sep 1,8, 2023

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINIS-TER ESTATE OF:  
MARIA GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ**  
CASE NO. 23STPB07973

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin-gent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARIA GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Margarita Prado in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Margarita Prado be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to admin-ister the estate under the Independent Ad-ministration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to inter-ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 2, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the peti-tion, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-tions 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 knowl-edgeable 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 as-sets or of any petition or account as provid-ed in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Joseph J. Park, Esq., WEINER LAW, PC., 12707 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE STE 125, SAN DIEGO CA 92130, Telephone 858.356.9070  
8/25, 9/1, 9/8/23  
CN-3730800#  
LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 17701 Ibbetson Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706  
September 12, 2023 12:30pm

Exquisito Catering, Jimmy Prieto- personal items, 2bedrm home

The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY-OWNED PARKING LOT AT 9817 ARKANSAS STREET**

**IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
SPECIFICATIONS NO. 22/23-03**

The City of Bellflower is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706, until 11:00 a.m. on:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

at which time they will be publicly opened. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bidder's bond payable to the order of the City of Bellflower or cash for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price submitted, and the check, bond, or cash deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the City if such bidder fails to enter into the contract to perform the work within ten (10) days after written notice of award. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of construction of the Construction of the City-Owned Parking Lot at 9817 Arkansas Street and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City's Public Works Department. The Engineer's Estimate of cost is \$396,000. Bids will be publicly opened on September 19, 2023. At the time of contract award, the contractor shall possess a Class A Contractor's License. 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 Business and Professions Code of the State of California at the time the bid is submitted. Following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, the contractor shall have sixty (60) working days to complete the work.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specifications No. 22/23-03 as adopted by the City's City Council on August 14, 2023 which is filed with the City's Public Works Department. Copies of these plans and specifications may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Public Works Department, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a non refundable fee of \$35.00. Plans and specifications can be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set.

Mandatory jobsite walk will be held on **Friday, September 8, 2023 at 11:00 AM** at 9817 Arkansas Street, Bellflower, CA 90706. Prospective bidders will have opportunity to examine the project site and are encouraged to raise any questions associated with the project and site. Attendance of the jobsite walk is mandatory for parties wishing to submit a bid as the Prime Contractor.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the Bidding Instructions which can be found at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be nonresponsive.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2023.

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA**

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
ORDINANCE NO. 1425**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. ZC 23-02 TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM "GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-G)" TO "OPEN SPACE (O-S)" ON PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 9402 OAK STREET (APN 7106-003-001) AND 16614 CLARK AVENUE (7106-003-909 / FORMERLY 9410 OAK STREET)**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1425 is summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1425 would approve Zone Change Case No. ZC 23 02 to change the zoning designation from "General Commercial (C-G)" to "Open Space (O-S)" on properties located at 9402 Oak Street (APN 7106-003-001) and 16614 Clark Avenue (7106-003-909 / formerly 9410 Oak Street).

Ordinance No. 1425 had its first reading on August 14, 2023, its second reading on August 28, 2023, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of August 28, 2023, by the following vote to wit:

**AYES:** Council Members – Dunton, Sanchez, and Mayor Santa Ines

**RECUSE:** Council Members – Mayor Pro Tem Koops

Effective Date: September 27, 2023. For a copy of Ordinance No. 1425, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804 1424.

Approved as submitted above:  
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

ATTEST:  
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. L-040890-JL

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: BAIK & KIM INC, 206 AND 211 LAKEWOOD CENTER MALL, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: SWEET SHERMAN FOOD INC, 100 N BRAND BLVD #402, GLENDALE, CA 91203

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 206 AND 211 LAKEWOOD CENTER MALL, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: WETZEL'S PRETZEL

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3400 W. OLYMPIC BLVD, #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019, Escrow No. L-040890-JL, Escrow Officer: JOANNE LEE

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.

(9) The last date for filing claims is: SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE

Dated: AUGUST 25, 2023  
TRANSFEREES: SWEET SHERMAN FOOD INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION  
ORD-1849395 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 9/1/23

**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
FOR THE PLACING OF SLURRY SEAL ON VARIOUS STREETS**

**IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
SPECIFICATIONS NO. 21/22-06**

The City of Bellflower is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706, until 11:30 a.m. on:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

at which time they will be publicly opened. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bidder's bond payable to the order of the City of Bellflower or cash for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price submitted, and the check, bond, or cash deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the City if such bidder fails to enter into the contract to perform the work within ten (10) days after written notice of award. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of Placing of Slurry Seal on Various Streets and related work as shown in the specifications on file with the City's Public Works Department. The Engineer's Estimate of cost is \$716,825.00. Bids will be publicly opened on September 19, 2023, at 11:30 AM. At the time of contract award, the contractor shall possess a Class "A", "C-12" or "C-32" Contractor's License. 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 Business and Professions Code of the State of California at the time the bid is submitted. Following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, the contractor shall have thirty-five (35) working days to complete the work.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specification No. 21/22-06 as adopted by the City's City Council on August 28, 2023, which is filed with the City's Public Works Department. Copies of these specifications may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Public Works Department, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a non refundable fee of \$17.00. Plans and specifications can be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the Bidding Instructions which can be found at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be nonresponsive.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2023.

**CITY OF BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVER-AGE LICENSE(S)**  
(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 6609-EY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Seller/Licensee are: VALERIE MOUSSA INC., 5237 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

The business is known as: AUSTIN LIQUOR JR MARKET

The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: SHEREN STORES, INC., 5237 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are:

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, MACHIN-ERY, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME, LEASE, TEN-ANT'S IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC OFF-SALE GENERAL LI-CENSE #21-568145 and are located at: 5237 PARA-MOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

The kind of license, to be transferred is: OFF-SALE GENERAL LICENSE #21-568145 now issued for the premises located at: 5237 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 at the office of: SAPHIRE ESCROW, 17100 PIONEER BLVD., SUITE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory \$100,000.00, is the sum of \$550,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$475,000.00; PROMISSORY NOTE \$75,000.00; TOTAL \$550,000.00

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

Date: JULY 28, 2023  
VALERIE MOUSSA INC., Seller/Licensee  
SHEREN STORES, INC., Buyer/Transferee  
1845479-PP LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 9/1/23

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than 2:00 PM of the 25th day of September 2023, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

**Bid #ABC- 1627 Fencing and Gates**

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 requesting in writing to [esthela.perez@abcusd.us](mailto:esthela.perez@abcusd.us). All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments. Valid License C-13 will be required.

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**ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM on the 5th day of October, 2023** Bids for:

**ABC Bid # 1629 Artesia High School Office Renovation**

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. Only Bidders participating at the mandatory jobwalk on September 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Artesia High School, 12108 Del Amo Blvd., Lakewood CA 90715 will be emailed the bid documents and allowed to bid. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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[sales@cerritosnews.net](mailto:sales@cerritosnews.net)**



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