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Santa Fe Springs Enters Last Phase of Residential Street Lighting Upgrade

By Brian Hews

The Santa Fe Springs City Council, at its Mar. 19 meeting, voted to begin the final phase of the city's \$3.6 million residential street lighting system upgrade project; the project is funded by the City's Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvement Fund.

The upgrade has three phases involving transitioning from traditional lighting to LED lighting.

LED streetlights are lighting fixtures that utilize light-emitting diodes (LEDs) as their light source. LED technology has been used more recently due to its energy efficiency, longevity, and environmental benefits.

LEDs use significantly less energy than traditional lighting sources, reducing electricity bills and lowering carbon emissions. LED street lights have a longer

lifespan compared to conventional bulbs, typically lasting 50,000 to 100,000 hours or more reducing maintenance costs and the frequency of replacements.

LED streetlights are more durable and resistant to vibrations and shocks compared to traditional lighting technologies, making them suitable for outdoor environments.

Phase 1 included converting all SCE-owned residential streetlights from the existing high-usage fixtures to new LED lights. The project was completed under an SCE program at no cost to the city. Phase 2 included converting the majority of the city-owned residential streetlights from high-usage fixtures to LED lights, which was completed by the city's Public Works staff.

Phase 3 includes the design and conversion of the remaining

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ABC Education Foundation Funds 28 ABCUSD Grants Totaling Nearly \$60,000



ROSS MS Teacher Thomas Phelps was one of this year's 28 grantees from the ABC Education Foundation's mini-grant program. Mr. Phelps is joined by ABC Education Foundation Board Members (l-r) Jenny Chan, Heather Summers, Shaaila Patankar, and Serena Yuan.

LCCN Staff Report

The ABC Education Foundation, a non-profit organization supporting ABC Unified School District students and schools, announced its 10th annual mini-grants program to support classroom projects and districtwide programs. Thanks to the gener-

osity of donors, the Foundation will award 28 grants totaling \$65,694.73. Highlights from this year's funded programs and projects include:

- AutoNation Toyota of Cerritos Toyota Tundra Grants of \$10,000 each were awarded to Cerritos High School to fund

{See **ABCUSD** pg. 4}



ARTESIA GIRL'S SOCCER HONORED IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS

HAWAIIAN GARDENS presented certificates of recognition to the Artesia High School Girls' Soccer Team for their 2024 CIF-Southern Section Division 7 Championship. The team won in double overtime on a penalty kick by freshman Briana Remigio. Photo courtesy Hawaiian Gardens.

By Loren Kopff

At this week's Hawaiian Gardens' City Council meeting the Artesia High Girl's Soccer Team was honored for winning the CIF Championship game.

It's the first girls soccer CIF championship in school history and comes two years after the program won just five games.

With just under five minutes left in the second overtime period against Maranatha High in the CIF-Southern Section Division 7 championship game, freshman defender/midfielder Briana Remigio booted a penalty kick through the right side of the net for the only tally in a 1-0 win.

"I'm very happy that we made it very far and I'm just super excited that I won this for everyone," said Remigio. "Not only for myself, but for my whole team, my family and for my friends who are always here to support me."

"This is a lot of years of hard work and a lot of struggles," said Artesia head coach Hugo Umana. "But you know, trust the process. Trust the process."

"I feel that we've always played the best soccer in our league, and we've always

{See **Artesia** pg. 12}

Enjoy Restaurant Week in Artesia

By Stepheny Gehrig

The city of Artesia's restaurant week continues until this Sunday with over 36 restaurants participating. Enjoy the multicultural foods that are available in Artesia; the following restaurants are offering deals for restaurant week:

No Toro Cafe

1818 Artesia Blvd., Artesia Mention Restaurant Week and receive 15% off your order.

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Sam Woo Cafe

11688 South St., #105, Artesia Sam Woo is offering 2 different coupons for Restaurant week. \$15 off on a \$100 or more dine-in order, or \$10 off a \$50 dine-in order.

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Cerritos HS Model UN Juniors Shine at Nationals



CONGRATULATIONS: The Cerritos HS Model United Nations Juniors (above) endured the challenges of MUN Nationals against approximately 150 schools and came home with some great accomplishments. This year's conference was the largest in Nationals history with delegates from 70 different countries. Photo and info by Jason Watanabe.

Staff Report

A team from Cerritos High participated in the Model UN simulations recently.

Model UN simulations engage hundreds of thousands of students each year, helping them to learn more about the principles of the UN and how it functions.

Many of today's leaders in law, government, business and the arts – including at the UN itself – participated in Model UN as students.

The United Nations supports Model UN simulations by sharing first-hand knowledge about the work of the UN at Model UN conferences providing accurate simulations; and encouraging Model UN clubs to take concrete action to support UN values and the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs).

Cerritos High awards: *Award of Merit (3rd)* - Samuel Lee & Nathan Ju (Republic of Korea, International Organization on Migration)

Award of Excellence (2nd) - Howard Lee & Sahil Dhir (Japan, Disarmament & Security), Anna Field & Mira Nguyen (Japan, Committee on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice), David Park & Adarsh Senthilnathan (Japan, UN Educational, Scientific & Cultural Org.)

Award of Distinction (Best Delegate) - Fuma Takahashi & Ryan Lay (Japan, World Health Assembly)

"The kids did an amazing job at the conference," said Advisor Jason Watanabe, "despite the exhausting days in committee that spanned over 20 hours, great job!"

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Residents Invited to Apply for Nation's Largest Service Force



CALIFORNIA CHIEF SERVICE OFFICER Josh Fryday(at dais), Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson, Long Beach officials, and California Service Corps Members gather to announce recruitment efforts in Long Beach for California Service Corps.

Staff Report

This week, California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday and Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson announced recruitment for hundreds of service members in the Long Beach area to join the California Service Corps. Members gain meaningful work experience while helping their communities and earning money. Over the coming year, California Service Corps programs will be over 10,000 strong and members will serve nearly five million hours. Service members help communities by taking climate action, tutoring and mentoring students to help them succeed, supporting communities impacted by disasters, working to end hunger and connecting vulnerable people to vital resources and services.

California Service Corps is administered by California Volunteers, Office of the Governor and consists of four paid service programs: CaliforniansForAll College Corps, California Climate Action Corps, CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps and AmeriCorps California.

Combined, it is a force larger than the Peace Corps and will be mobilized at a time when California is addressing the climate crisis, post-pandemic academic recovery and shaping the future of the state's workforce.

The City of Long Beach will partner with California Volunteers, Office of the Governor on its Public Service Corps, which places service members in various city departments, the city council and mayor's offices.

Service members participate in a series of professional development workshops, trainings, and site visits to gain experience and skills, while networking with city leaders and staff.

"I encourage the residents of Long Beach to consider participating in this exceptional opportunity to help our communities through the most pressing challenges of today, such as combating climate change and enhancing disaster preparedness and recovery," said Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez. "The opportunities available through our state's robust California Service Corps are invaluable, from aiding student success through mentorship to combating hunger and linking vulnerable individuals to essential resources and services. I have full confidence in the generosity and talent of our community, and I eagerly anticipate witnessing the remarkable contributions that our dedicated Long Beach volunteers will undoubtedly accomplish."

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Those interested in finding a paid service opportunity can learn more and apply at CAServiceCorps.com.

ABC Unified Meets With City Officials



WHO'S WHO MEETING: ABC Unified School District School Board President Mrs. Sophia Tse and Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow with officials from ABCUSD cities. Front row (l-r) Artesia Dep. CM Melissa Burke, Councilwomen Monica Manalo and Melissa Ramosa; Zietlow, Tse; Haw. Gard. MPT Dandy De Paula; Artesia Councilman Ali Taj; Haw. Gard. CM Ernesto Marquez; Cerritos CM Robert Lopez. Back row (l-r) Artesia CM Aldo Schindler, Councilman Rene Trevino and Mayor Tony Lima; Norwalk CM Jesus Gomez, Board President NLMUSD Jose Rios; Lakewood VM Todd Rogers and Haw. Gard. Mayor Victor Farfan.

ABC Unified School District School Board President Mrs. Sophia Tse and Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow provided an update to the District's city partners on Monday, March 18, 2024. City Council members and senior city staff from Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, and Norwalk learned more about the District's finances, how funding is used, hiring staff, and the challenges the District faces, including declining enrollment.

"It truly 'takes a village' to educate students, and we need to continue to strengthen our relationships with the cities we serve," said Board President Mrs. Tse. "I want to thank our city partners for taking the time to learn more about

all we are doing to support students." ABCUSD serves the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, and Hawaiian Gardens, along with portions of Lakewood, Long Beach, and Norwalk. Approximately 38 percent of the District's students come from Cerritos, 15 percent are from Lakewood, and about 13 percent each from Artesia and Hawaiian Gardens. About 15 percent of the District's students come from cities outside of the ABCUD boundaries, attending on inter-district permits.

"It was great to have all of our city partners here at the District," said Superintendent Dr. Zietlow. "We simply can't do all we do for kids without the support from our cities and communities, and I want to thank them for all they do."

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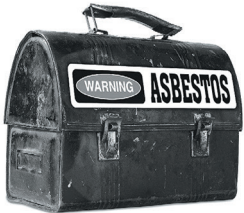
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LA MIRADA WILL END YEAR WITH \$5 MILLION SURPLUS

Showing remarkable resiliency, La Mirada’s finances “are stable and generally in line with expectations” according to a presentation by Finance Manager Melissa Pascual at a study session this past week.

The La Mirada City Council reviewed the mid-year financials and were pleased that the city would “likely conclude” 2023-24 with a nearly \$5M surplus.

“The City’s mid-year budget review reflects a commitment to prudent fiscal management practices and a conservative approach to revenue forecasting,” said City Manager Jeff Boynton.

Total General Fund revenues are projected to nearly \$50 million, which is within one percent of the budgeted amount. Property tax revenues remain strong and are expected to reach over \$9 million. Residential, commercial, and industrial real estate values have continued to rise this year and La Mirada’s total assessed valuation is at an all-time high.

The City receives a small portion of the one percent tax rate paid by property owners to L.A. County, as most property tax is allocated to school districts and county services.

Sales tax revenues are expected to reach \$12.3 million, reflecting a conservative estimate. Some decreases in sales activity have been experienced across various business sectors, including business-to-business sales and construction. Recent and planned developments including retail and restaurant openings are expected to increase sales tax revenues over the next year.

Revenues from the Theatre and Community Services programs are projected to reach \$11.25 million. La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts is having another strong season with two blockbuster productions, Jersey Boys and The Little Mermaid, still to come this spring. Rental

income at the Theatre was lower due to roofing and HVAC improvements that were completed during the summer. Many groups who previously rented the Theatre for dance recitals, corporate events, and cheer competitions are returning now that the work is complete.

Recreation programs are also having another positive year. Participation in the City’s youth sports leagues, recreation classes, and senior programs remains strong. Expanded aquatics programming is being offered this spring with many swim lesson classes available at all skill levels. Additionally, Buccaneer Bay remains a popular and affordable destination for summertime fun.

Total expenditures are projected to reach \$44.92 million this year, which is more than three percent below the budgeted amount.

The City projects to spend about \$16.50 million this year on capital improvement projects. Numerous projects have been completed including the street slurry seal project in the neighborhoods near Windermere Park and Escalona Elementary School, rehabilitation of eastbound Imperial Highway from the west limit to Biola Avenue, drainage improvements along La Mirada Boulevard, replastering of the lazy river and coating of the original waterslides at Buccaneer Bay, exterior painting of the City’s historic buildings at Neff Park, and many more. Other projects, including new solar panel carport structures and EV charging stations at the Civic Center, are in progress. Most capital projects are designed in one fiscal year and constructed in subsequent years.

Work has already begun on developing the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget, which will be presented at a City Council Study Session meeting in May. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

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additions to the school’s journalism program and Fedde Middle School to fund an Engaged Readers program with access to books and a Newsels subscription

- Books with culturally diverse stories for 10th Grade English Language Arts classes at Gahr and Whitney High Schools
- iPads to teach Adult Transition students work-related skills and technology for students with special needs
- Supplies for the District’s Mental Health Professionals to use with students
- Gardening and art supplies to bring the Mesoamerican and Medieval periods to life for 7th Grade World History and Science students at Carmenita Middle School
- STEM sets for 2nd Grade students at Carver Elementary School
- Multicultural books in students’ home languages for Elliott Elementary School
- A new Literacy Lab full of books and materials for Melbourne Elementary School students
- Gardening supplies for the Growing Together program for Head Start preschool students at Willow Elementary School
- Soil, plants, and gardening supplies for the Tetzlaff Middle School Garden Club
- Reading and literacy supplies at Willow and Palms Elementary School

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we continue to be able to support these remarkable programs that impact ABCUSD students,” said Foundation Chair Heather Summers. “Our goal is to continue to grow so we can increase our impact.”

The ABC Education Foundation is an all-volunteer organization with a mission to provide financial support for the schools of ABC in order to maintain consistently high-quality educational opportunities for the children of the communities served. In 2022, AutoNation Toyota Cerritos provided a large donation to the ABC Education Foundation which created two \$10,000 Toyota Tundra grants as part of the annual program. Their donation is also providing significant support for other Foundation programs over the coming years.

“The support our schools receive from the ABC Education Foundation is amazing, and we can’t thank them enough,” said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. “Each and every grant supports our already high-quality curriculum.”

The ABC Education Foundation distributed the grant funds to the schools at the organization’s annual Donor Acknowledgement and Grant Awardee Event held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at the ABCUSD District Office.

Learn more about the ABC Education Foundation at abcdfoundation.org.

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residential streetlight systems and requires conversion prior to installing LED light fixtures. The scope of work includes the design for the replacement of existing antiquated streetlights located in five residential areas and two industrial areas, converting approximately 350 lights from the existing lights to LED lights. Additionally, 36 antiquated residential post-top street light poles will be replaced with new, aesthetically pleasing city-standard concrete light poles. The designer will develop plans, specifications, and estimates to solicit a construction bid.

By converting existing street light systems to energy-efficient LED lighting, the city can save money, provide better lighting for the community, reduce energy use, and decrease the city’s impact on the environment.

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By Emily Maciel

Dulce Canella, located on the corner of Excelsior and Pioneer in Norwalk is a dessert spot that puts a wonderful Mexican twist on its menu items.

The shop is filled with Mexican-inspired decorations like mini donkey piñatas and sombreros hanging on their walls.

Dulce Canella offers a wide variety of delectable desserts such as churros, mini pancakes, fried Oreos, Twinkies, ice cream sundaes, and milkshakes.

But not only are there many dessert options, there are toppings and flavors that are endless too.

The Mini Combo is a good place to start if you don't know exactly what you want.

This order is fairly affordable, \$11, and comes with enough for two-six churros, 15 mini pancakes and you can choose up to three toppings to add on.

Everything is made fresh on the spot which is why the wait time is a little longer than other dessert spots but it is well worth the wait.

The churros are nice and crunchy and the mini pancakes are light and fluffy.

A good combination of toppings for the

churros is the cajeta (caramel) and lechera (condensed milk).

These two items paired with the churros bring a taste of Mexico to life and are deserving of a five-star rating.

If you prefer to control how much of the topping is put on your desserts you can ask for them on the side, although when they do it for you it's more aesthetically pleasing.

The mini pancakes were good but not as great as the churros.

If you like a variety of items in one order you may also want to try the Sampler or Mini Sundae.

Another option on the menu is the nine different milkshakes. These range from \$5-7 depending on the size you get. The medium size shake was a decent size but the cookies and cream flavor was a bit too overpowering. For this reason it deserves a three out of five stars.

Dulce Canella does offer a small food section that includes chicken strips and fries with multiple combo options and offering cheese and loaded chicken fries.

Overall the vibe of the location is welcoming and heartwarming. This place deserves four out of five stars.

Connect With Lakewood Public Safety

Lakewood's annual Connect with Public Safety meetings return in April, kicking off with the first station tour on Wednesday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

This year, the city is hosting four tours of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station and four community meetings with guest speakers from public safety and Special Assignment Officers from the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at sites throughout Lakewood.

At the community meetings, you will meet and hear from Traffic Safety Deputies from the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, Graffiti Abatement Public Safety Specialist, and Sky Knight pilot and Deputy Sheriff observer.

Pre-registration is required for the Lakewood Sheriff's Station tours for up to 20 residents. Register on the city's website under Public Safety or search for the invite on Eventbrite.

AAUW Author's Day Event for Scholarships

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Long Beach will hold its 12th annual Author's Day Event featuring mystery novelist Iris Yamashita on Saturday, March 30 at 12:00pm at Long Beach City College.



Featured author Iris Yamashita.

The event begins at Noon with a lunch and silent auction, followed by a talk by the author and her signing of books. Proceeds from this event go to scholarships for students at both Long Beach City College and California State University Long Beach.

Featured author Iris Yamashita gained widespread recognition for her screenplay for the critically acclaimed film "Sands of Iwo Jima", directed by Clint Eastwood.

She has taught screenwriting at UCLA and traveled to many parts of the world.

All are invited to attend this benefit event which will be at Long Beach City College in Building T 1200 with complimentary parking in the nearby structure off Clark Street.

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Former MLB player, manager, and current executive Joe Torre visited John Glenn High School as part of Torre's Safe at Home Foundation.

Founded in 2002 by Ali and Joe Torre, Safe At Home provides healing services to youth who have been traumatized by exposure to violence including domestic violence, child abuse, teen dating abuse, and sexual assault in order to empower them to live healthy lives free of violence.

The school-based program called Margaret's Place, can decrease or mitigate the harm associated with exposure to violence and complex trauma.

Master's level counselors help children strengthen their resilience, let them know that they are not alone, and underscore that the violence is not their fault – all while providing a safe place in the school.

Margaret's Place layered approach also raises youth consciousness about violence and it's effects on individuals and communities.

Torre's visit was to JGHS's Margaret's Place, a dedicated safe room in schools where students can go to talk or "hang out" in a comfortable environment that feels safe to them – a place where respect and confidentiality are the rule.

Mr. Torre took the time to listen to student stories and posed for photos with members of the Glenn community, including their baseball and softball teams.

HUTCHINSON NAMED 2024 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

LA MIRADA~ Arlie F. Hutchinson Middle School added a prestigious honor to its portfolio as the school was named a 2024 California Distinguished School by the State Department of Education.

One of just 293 middle and high schools across California to receive the designation, the program recognizes two categories of exceptional schools: those closing the achievement gap and those demonstrating exceptional student performance. Since its inception in 1985, the California Distinguished Schools Award remains one of the state's most important ways to celebrate exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

"Achieving the prestigious California Distinguished School Award is a recognition of Hutchinson Middle School's commitment to academic excellence and innovation in STEM education," said principal Jenny Bae. "Our mission at Hutchinson is to cultivate a positive community of engaged critical thinkers who all have access to high quality instruction in a supportive learning environment. This award serves as validation of the effectiveness of Hutchinson's instructional approach and specialized programs in preparing our students to be college and career ready. We are so proud to earn this honor due to the hard work and dedication of our students, families, teachers, staff, and NLMUSD community. Go Hawks!"

Hutchinson has earned several awards in recent years including the California School Board Association Golden Bell, California Pivotal Practice, Project Lead the Way Distinguished School, and AVID Distinguished. Hutchinson, along with Los Alisos Middle School, were also redesignated

JOE TORRE VISITS MARGARET'S PLACE AT JOHN GLENN HIGH



FORMER MLB PLAYER, manager, and current executive Joe Torre (center) visited John Glenn High School as part of Torre's Safe at Home Foundation.

as National Schools to Watch in March of 2023.

"Congratulations to the Hutchinson community on being designated as a California Distinguished School," said Superintendent Dr. John Lopez. "This prestigious honor is the byproduct of the work and dedication of the Hutchinson staff to provide the resources to maxi-

mize the potential of their students and families. The Norwalk-La Mirada community applauds them for this amazing honor."

The 2024 California Distinguished Schools, along with the 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools, 2023 Civic Learning Award Schools, and 2023 and 2024 California Exemplary Dual Enroll-

ment Award Schools, will be recognized at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim on May 3, 2024.

Norwalk High School Holds 11th Annual Charity for Charities Event

Staff Report

Norwalk High School held its annual Charity for Charities event on campus, a philanthropic gathering where students present checks to local and national charities after fundraising efforts. Organized by long-time NHS teacher and coach Dean Gray, the charities are selected by the students and the donations are through the sale of custom sweatshirts. There was also a special presentation to the Yes, We Can World Foundation for \$2,500 dollars. 2023 CNN Hero Award recipient Estefania Rebellón was on hand to receive the donation. This year students raised over \$15,000 dollars for 30 charities. All told, the event has raised over \$180,000 dollars for over 175 charities over its 11 years.

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San Diego Museum of Art Annual Art Alive 2024 Featuring the Art of India

By Lydia E. Ringwald

The San Diego Museum of Art celebrates 'Art Alive' 2024 with floral displays and art in a spectacular four day event from April 25-April 28. This year 'Art Alive' features the Art

of India, with floral displays highlighting the museum's world renown collection of Indian miniatures and South Asian paintings.

The 2024 rotunda design by Meghaa Modi reflects her commitment to sustainable designs and respect for nature. Through her studies of sacred Ikebana and personal spiritual growth, she elicits subtle the beauty, joy and peace of nature through the visual medium of art.

Branching off from the rotunda, Art Alive attendees may then wander through the maze of galleries in the museum that feature fragrant floral installations replicating the colors and patterns of selected artworks in the museum collection.

The concept of 'Art Alive' that brings the nature and art together, also includes in the weekend events Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 weekend events, opportunities for visitors to also enjoy outdoor garden activities to augment the museum interior art displays

The four day Art Alive

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celebration commences with the Art Alive Premier Dinner event on Thursday, April 25 with a splendid menu designed by renown Chef Barry Layne of Coast Catering and Chef Saransh Oberoi collaborating to create unique Indian cuisine for a memorable opening evening.

The Art Alive Premier Dinner event will offer unique Indian cuisine for a memorable opening evening. This year's Bloom Bash

on Friday, April 26, features professional dancers on a stage and a dance floor with live music and spectacular Ferris Wheel. Cocktail, wine and beer specialties accompany cuisine delicacies offered by a variety of San Diego's most famous and fabulous restaurants.

Bloom Bash featured performer Kavita Rao, Artistic Director and founder of Karmagraphy produces distinctive contemporary dance styles to create a sensory experience that she will showcase for Bloom Bash evening. Internation-

ally and regionally renowned for her choreography and teaching abilities, Kavita conjures out of her world travels characteristics of Eastern and Western dance.

Bloom Bash featured contemporary artist Nisha K. Sethi is an Artist / Activist who developed a passion for typography and was deeply influenced by childhood trips to India where she was exposed to the fascinating world of hand-painted film posters. Back home in the Bay Area, Nisha she gravitates towards street art with

powerful messages with positive impact with the Oakland-based artist crew Trust Your Struggle Collective.

Nisha's art installation will be on view during Bloom Bash and throughout

Art Alive weekend on the Plaza de Panama in front of the Museum.

Vani Shiroom, a certified mindfulness coach and the founder of DOTUR-MINDS (Dot Your Minds), was born in India and redis-

THIS YEAR'S BLOOM BASH on Friday, April 26, features professional dancers on a stage and a dance floor with live music and spectacular Ferris Wheel.

covered the love for the lost art of rangoli. Through the ancient Indian sand art of kolam or rangoli, she guides participants to be 'here and now.' Experience live rangoli art at Bloom Bash and try it for yourself with the guidance of DOTURMINDS instructors at the Art Alive Garden of Activities.

Bloom Bash featured musician, DJ Pratik who has had nearly 20 years of professional entertainment experience specializing in luxury events and nightlife in NYC, now resides in SoCal and blends the exotic sound of India with the entertainment style of East-Coast and West-Coast for Art Alive's Bloom Bash evening.

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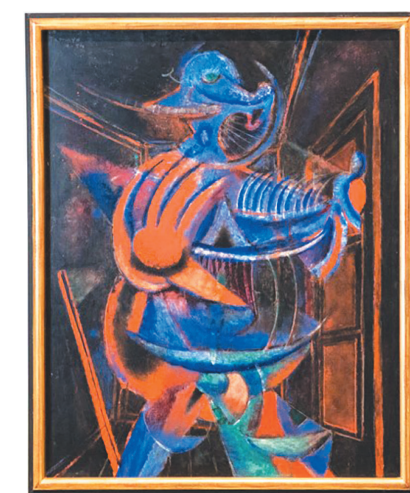
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signature annual fundraiser, providing essential support for the Museum's exhibitions, education, outreach, and public programs. Talented floral designers fill the galleries with fragrant arrangements inspired by the Museum collection, offering a brilliantly colored backdrop for a weekend of beloved traditions and art-inspired activities.

Los Cerritos residents should plan ahead for travel

April 25-28 to San Diego to enjoy Art Alive festivities. The short two hour trip can be a day journey to enjoy Art Alive and Bloom Bash with return to Cerritos the same day, or with overnight stay in San Diego to enjoy the Art Alive garden events and visit to other museums in the Balboa Park.

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

GAHR SOFTBALL STUMBLES IN TAIL END OF TORRANCE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

TORRANCE-The way the Gahr High softball team began the 13th Torrance National Tournament was nowhere near the ending the Gladiators wanted as they resume Gateway League action this week. Gahr won its two pool play games over Santa Monica High and Banning High, respectively, but struggled in a 4-1 loss to Rio Mesa High last Friday night, followed by a 3-1 loss to Torrance High last Saturday morning and finally a 6-1 setback to Redondo Union High about four hours later.

To put the tournament into perspective, Gahr had 15 hits in its two wins, but combined for 13 hits in the three losses. After winning their first three games of the season and four of the first six games, the Gladiators began this week at 7-6 overall with seven runs scored in the six losses.

"Rio Mesa is definitely a good club," said Gahr head coach Rey Sanchez.

"We had one bad inning in that game where we gave them the four [runs]. We had our opportunities in that game. We were [also] not at full strength. We were missing [seniors] Larissa [Flores] and Alyssa [Aguilar] because they were away at Calculus Camp. That changes our landscape of our lineup quite a bit. We needed some other girls to kind of step up and we didn't get that in this tournament."

Sanchez continued to say that the two games last Saturday at West Torrance High was the fourth location of the five-game tournament for the Gladiators. They were supposed to play their pool play games on Mar. 9. However, Banning has a scheduling conflict and couldn't play Gahr until late in the evening on Mar. 11 at Torrance. Then the game last Friday was another late contest, plus an 8:00 a.m. contest last Saturday followed by the 12:00 game, which was for seventh place in the Gold Division, for winners of the eight pools.

Sophomore pitcher Olina Burgueno, who was making her first start of the season, yielded a pair of runs in the top of the first inning, and four more two innings later. She pitched in three of the five innings played, allowed seven hits, struck out two and walked one. Half of the runs were unearned as Gahr committed four errors.

Offensively, the Gladiators cracked the scoring column in the bottom of the third when designated player Ciera Contreras singled to right and scored when junior second baseman Malaia Huskey singled to center two batters later. Only two other runners would reach base of the final 10 for the game.

"We didn't get the key hits when we needed them," said Sanchez. "We had a few opportunities; we just didn't execute. We weren't at our best and it was a weird tournament. I know we're better than that. We'll get it right; we're going to get it right. We just hit a little bump in the road, and I know we'll figure it out in the end. We'll be fine."

Gahr went to La Habra High this past Tuesday in a makeup game originally scheduled for Mar. 7 and defeated the Highlanders 6-4 to move to 8-6 overall. They visited Mayfair High on Mar. 21 and will entertain La Mirada High on Tuesday before facing Norco High on Wednesday in a first round game of the Michelle Carew Classic. The winner of that game will face either Grand Terrace High or Great Oak High on Thursday.

"Mayfair has a really good pitcher," said Sanchez. "There are no easy games for us in our league. Mayfair got us last year at their place. Their pitcher threw a really good game at us. I know it's going to be a good battle. They've really improved, and our girls have to be ready to go. I'm sure it's going to be a tight game."

In other softball action, Artesia High shutout Oxford Academy 10-0 this past Tuesday to improve to 7-5-1 overall, 2-0 in 605 League action. The Pioneers host John Glenn High on Friday, then play a pair of games next week against Cerritos

High with Tuesday's game on the road and Thursday's rematch at home.

Norwalk High is sitting at 10-5 overall as it was scheduled to visit Firebaugh High on Mar. 21 and will go to Paramount High on Tuesday before hosting Bellflower High on Thursday.

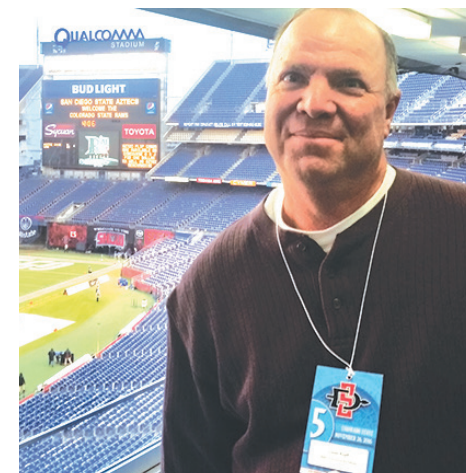
One of the surprise stories this season comes from Valley Christian High, where the Defenders slammed Maranatha High 12-2 last Thursday to improve to 10-3 overall, 2-0 in the Olympic League. V.C. has not won more than nine games since 2015 when that team finished 13-14. The Defenders are ranked second in Division 5 and hosted Village Christian High on Mar. 21 for their last game until Apr. 9

BASEBALL

Artesia blanked Pioneer High 5-0 this past Tuesday in the 605 League opener, the fourth straight win over the Titans after five straight losses. The Pioneers (5-5, 1-0) will host Pioneer on Friday, visit Cerritos on Tuesday before hosting the Dons on Thursday. Cerritos is 9-3 overall following a 13-2 win at John Glenn High this past Tuesday in the league opener for both. Cerritos will host Glenn on Friday and travel to St. Anthony High on Saturday.

After winning four straight games, Gahr has lost back to back 6-4 games to Loyola High, last Friday, and Arcadia High, this past Wednesday. The Gladiators will host Arcadia again on Friday and Santiago High out of Corona on Saturday before entertaining Warren High on Tuesday in the front end of a home and home series. The rematch will be on Thursday at the home of the Bears.

Glenn knocked off Bosco Tech High 9-3 this past Wednesday to improve to 5-5, matching the victory output of last season. The Eagles hosted Long Beach Cabrillo High on Mar. 21 and are scheduled for a Saturday doubleheader against Maywood Center for Enriched Studies before hosting Whitney High on Tuesday and Compton Early College on Wednesday. Glenn then goes to Whitney



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on Thursday.

La Mirada has won six straight to improve to 9-3 after an easy 14-3 win at Warren this past Tuesday. The Mata-dores, who are now 3-1 in the Gateway League, hosted Warren on Mar. 21 to complete the season series, then host Downey High on Tuesday before ending the week with another game against the Vikings.

Norwalk dropped an 8-2 decision to Downey this past Tuesday, falling to 2-9, 0-5. After hosting the Vikings on Mar. 21, the Lancers will welcome Maywood CES on Tuesday.

Valley Christian dropped a 7-1 decision to Valley View High last Saturday to fall to 5-6 overall. It's the third time this season the Defenders have been below .500. The Defenders visited Maranatha this past Wednesday and will host the Minutemen on Friday, Riverside Prep on Saturday and Redlands East Valley High on Thursday.

Whitney ended a five-game losing streak with a 9-1 win over Workman High last Thursday. The Wildcats will face Oxford Academy in a home and home series, hosting the Patriots on Tuesday and going on the road on Thursday.

605 LEAGUE SOFTBALL

CERRITOS BLOWS GAME WIDE OPEN IN FOURTH INNING TO GIVE WHITNEY ITS WORST LOSS OF SEASON

By Loren Kopff
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This was supposed to be the season where the Cerritos High softball team potentially takes a step back, sees its reign in the 605 League come to an end and finishes in third place, or below. This was supposed to be the season where the Whitney High softball team moves towards the upper half of the league and advances to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs for the first time since 2019.

The latter is still in sights but as it relates to the former, it continues to be business as usual as the Dons blew out Whitney 11-0 this past Tuesday for their third straight shutout this season and fourth in the past five games. In addition, Cerritos notched its ninth straight victory over the Wildcats since the league was formed and have outscored the Wildcats 141-7 in those games with five shutouts.

"I don't know if anything has changed," said Cerritos head coach Todd Denhart. "We're 2-0 [in league] but talk to me in 10 days because we can be 2-3. Oxford Academy is 17-0 [overall] and the number one team in Division 7, which I know is Division 7. But they're in Di-

vision 7 because of their last four years. They have four freshmen over there [with] one in the circle. If you get a kid in the circle, things can change in a hurry."

Whitney, which dropped to 7-4 overall, 0-2 in league, suffered their worst loss and failed to score for the first time this season. In the first nine games, the Wildcats scored at least 11 runs six times.

"Definitely, the hard work is paying off," said Whitney head coach Stephanie Machado. "It's been a slow process, but each year, we're just trying to get better day by day, game by game. We knew coming in that Cerritos would be a hard team and we were really happy to stick with them for three and a half innings. That to me is a win in my books."

The Dons grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when senior

first baseman Natalie Gardea tripled to right field and scored on a groundout from junior catcher Alianna Calderon. In the next inning, junior shortstop Michelle Meza and sophomore second baseman Ava Ceron each singled and advanced on a passed ball. Meza would come home on a groundout from senior center fielder Presley Hendrix and Ceron made it 3-0 on a single from junior left fielder Anaya Granflor.

Whitney was putting something together in the top of the third inning when Cerritos senior pitcher Kylee Manibusan walked sophomore catcher Olachi Anyama and gave up a base hit to senior second baseman Kristen Sutton, the number nine hitter in the lineup. Senior center fielder Andrea Victoria then reached on a fielder's choice with Anyama out at third. However, Sutton would be caught stealing which proved

to be a critical out because Manibusan walked junior pitcher Monicka Manni. Instead of bases loaded with one out, there were runners on first and second with two outs. Senior third baseman Mariana Bortello would ground out to end the threat and the 'Cats would get one runner on base over the next two innings.

"We've been looking at being more aggressive, especially with teams like Cerritos," said Machado. "You have to take what you can get, and I was noticing that being the lefty catcher, [Calderon] was turning the opposite way. So, Kristen took that chance. To me, she got under the tag from my angle. But that's not what was called. I think I would still make that call just because with a team like Cerritos, you have to make your chances because they're not going to make the errors."

Cerritos added a run in its half of the third inning, then sent 11 batters to the plate in the fourth inning, scoring seven runs on four hits and three errors to make sure the Wildcats wouldn't have a chance to extend the contest to a sixth inning. Junior Lana Javier, who recently was called up from the junior varsity team, had a



La Mirada Softball Tournament

LA MIRADA TINKERS WITH LINEUP AGAINST DEPLETED JOHN GLENN TEAM IN TOURNAMENT VICTORY

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

The more things change, the more they stay the same. That was the situation when the John Glenn High and La Mirada High softball teams met in the first round of the annual La Mirada Softball Tournament last Saturday morning at Glenn.

The former Suburban League combatants were facing each other for the first time since May 7, 2018, and the results were still the same despite both teams missing key components. The Matadores scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning and two more in the next inning for the only runs in an 8-0 win. La Mirada would then lose to Tesoro High 2-1 later in the day while the Eagles were slammed by Bishop Amat High 13-1 later in the day.

"We had to take care of business," said La Mirada head coach Brent Tuttle. "We kind of knew what was going to happen. When the seeds came out, we were the number one seed; they were the number 16 seed. I just told them we have some girls that don't play a lot and we let [junior pitcher] Montse [Reyes-Cardenas] hit today. We worked on getting the ball deep and hitting the ball. We don't take the bats away from kids, so we let them do what they have to do and just come out here and treat it like [any] game."

La Mirada has been without the services of freshman Riley Hillard all season and junior Amanda Urbina since the first week of the season while the Eagles are missing junior pitcher Carissa Galvan, who injured her elbow during her travel ball season. Her doctor told her she could pitch until she feels she can't handle it. With that said, she was reevaluated following Glenn's game against Valley Christian High on Mar. 1 and was told she was going to be out the next four weeks.

Adding to the injury woes for Glenn is senior third baseman Aileen Lopez, who injured her knee before the regular season and needs surgery. She will not play at all this season. Senior catcher Sienna Contreras, who injured her back against Cerritos High last Friday and didn't play against La Mirada, and junior right fielder Erin Perez, who injured her knee last Wednesday and will be out another week to two weeks are two other players currently shelved.

The only chance the Eagles had to do anything against freshman pitcher

Alison Ortega was in the top of the first inning when Ortega walked senior shortstop Kristy Galindo and advanced on an infield single from senior center fielder Diana Bravo, who has also been nicked here and there. The two would steal third and second base respectively before Ortega struck out eight straight batters.

Junior pitcher Quira Castillo replaced Ortega and got Bravo to fly out to left field for the first out of the fourth inning, then struck out the next five batters to end the game.

"I've told the girls over and over that this game is mental," said Glenn head coach Javier Galvez. "We've been preparing all year, just talking to the girls [about] different situations, even the way we approach the game when we're hitting around the field. They know that with the injuries we have, somebody has to step up and we don't have that many girls on the roster. But I feel that a lot of the girls who are being asked to play certain positions are stepping up and doing a great job at it. They're trying their best."

On the third pitch that she saw, freshman second baseman Reese Hillard doubled to get the ball rolling in the bottom of the first inning. Junior pitcher Joslyn Guerrero, making her first start of the season, then walked junior left fielder Angelina Ratzlaff, junior shortstop Alyssa Avila and senior first baseman Amber Valdez, the last two on eight straight pitches, making it 1-0.

A single from freshman center fielder Megan Avila and a walk to senior right fielder Melanie Perez increased the score to 3-0 with the bases still loaded. The inning concluded with a sacrifice fly from sophomore catcher Dani Lopez, a single from junior third baseman Angelyna Conde, who would leave first base early, and a double from Ortega, who would leave second base early for the final out.

In the next frame, a walk to Reese Hillard and singles from Ratzlaff and Avila loaded the bases again before base hits from Valdez and Avila plated Hillard and Ratzlaff to cap the scoring. La Mirada collected a dozen hits with the first five in the lineup going a combined eight for 10 with seven runs

and four runs batted in.

La Mirada, ranked seventh in the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 poll, is more than halfway through the season and has seen some of the top teams in the section and some of the top players in the state. Of their three losses, the Matadores lost by three runs to Huntington Beach High, ranked fourth in the division, and a run each to #2 Orange Lutheran High and Tesoro High, ranked ninth in Division 2.

"What I told our kids was now, we have to be able to beat the exceptional pitching," said Tuttle. "We tied a really great Great Oak pitcher, probably the best pitcher in the state. It was 0-0 and both pitchers were going at it, and our two losses were to [Orange Lutheran], who has Brianna Weiss, one of the best pitchers in the state, and the other one was to Huntington Beach, who has Zoe [Prystajko]. So, we lost to two quality pitchers. That's where we need to get over the hump."

Tuttle has never been shy about putting together one of the toughest non-league schedules around. Through the first 16 games, half have been against Division 1 teams and four more from Division 2. But what makes this season unique is the record the Matadores have despite missing Urbina and Riley Hillard. The latter broke her right hand at practice the week before the regular season began and has not played a game yet. She is slated to get her cast off this week and make her season debut as early as Saturday. Urbina, who dislocated her left wrist on a swing, then hyperextended a nerve, has been out since the first week of the season. She is listed as day to day.

"A lot of people don't know that we're 11-2-2, but we have probably two of our biggest bats out of our lineup," said Tuttle. "That's what I'm proud about this team, is that the kids are stepping in and helping out; grinding out and getting the job done while two of our biggest bats are out of the lineup. If we get both of them back in our lineup, it's going to be scary lineup for pitchers to go through."

Since Apr. 16, 1999 when Glenn defeated the Matadores 6-3 at Glenn, La Mirada went on a 31-game winning

streak over the Eagles, posting 23 shutouts with 15 of them by at least a 10-0 score. The streak was snapped on Apr. 27, 2015 when the Eagles edged La Mirada 1-0. Then the Matadores won seven straight games by a combined score of 68-7 until last Saturday.

"I guess I really didn't think about it because we practice here every day," said Tuttle. "So, we know all those girls. Both teams like each other. There were no weird feelings because it's like playing your little sister. They knew coming in that it was going to be a tough game for them. We knew what type of game it was going to be. But we went out and did what we had to do, and they did what they did. It was just a fun game."

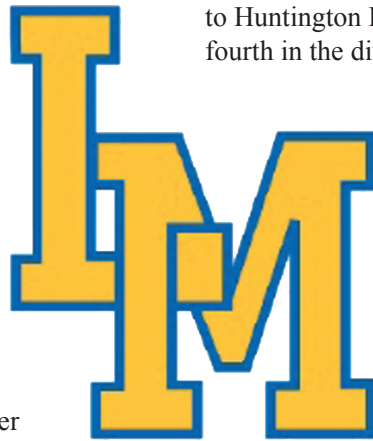
After two decades of near futility, Glenn has gone 40-23-1 the past three seasons, thanks in part to a stellar freshman class from the 2021 season that made school history by advancing to the quarterfinals for the first time ever. But now, only four of those freshmen, now seniors, are on the team and only Bravo played last Saturday.

"It was a good corps of girls," said Galvez. "We had a great run last year. Obviously, we had about seven of those who were playing last year as starters and were injury free. I think the setback this year are the injuries. A lot of our squad this year are junior varsity players that we had to move up, and they're still developing."

Glenn, which lost to Pioneer High 17-2 this past Tuesday to fall to 2-7 overall and 0-2 in the 605 League, will visit Artesia High on Friday, go to Whitney High on Tuesday and host Whitney on Thursday. In between, the Eagles will have two more games in the tournament on Saturday.

After getting past Downey High 2-0 this past Tuesday, the Matadores (12-4-2, 2-0 in the Gateway League) were home to Warren High on Mar. 21, will play two tournament games on Saturday before going to Gahr High on Tuesday and entertaining Mayfair High on Thursday.

"The Gateway League is going to be tough," said Tuttle. "Downey is better this year and Gahr has always wanted [to get] us. I told the girls we're going to get the best of all of them. We're going to see their number one pitcher every time and they're going to give us their best effort just because they want to beat La Mirada. That makes their season. We try not to take any game lightly."



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two-run triple. She would score when senior third baseman Toafaoalii Pua reached on an error, singling the end of Manni's time in the circle.

"I like her; I like her in the circle," said Denhart of Manni. "She's a little competitor, she's hitting her spots and I think we made a couple of adjustments in the second and third time through the lineup. We capitalized on a couple of errors, and it is what it is. I don't think she did a bad job. I like her."

Anyama replaced Manni and was greeted with a single from Gardea and a double from Calderon. Pua was making a rare appearance in the leadoff spot while the next five batters in the lineup went a

combined seven of 15 with seven runs scored and four RBI.

"I tried to shuffle the lineup around today," said Denhart. "I don't know if I'll do it again. [Pua] has never led off and I actually sent her a text early this morning [telling her], 'when you see the lineup, don't freak out. You're leading off today'. I'm just trying to get her [more at-bats]. Glenn pitched around her [on Mar. 15] and it's easier to do that if you don't have somebody hitting behind her that anybody fears, which I understand."

Whitney, which was denied a win, for now, this past Monday when its game at Loara High was called in the top of the fifth inning due to lightning and the Wildcats up 14-2, host Pioneer High on Friday and will be home to John Glenn High on Tuesday before enjoying some well-deserved time off until Apr. 9.

The seven victories are two more than last season's production and this is the best season the program has had since 2019 when the 'Cats went 15-9. If they get at least four more wins, they will end the regular season with a winning record and put themselves in a position for an at-large berth in the playoffs.

"The [Division 6] in general was a surprise for us," said Machado. "We only had five wins last year, so getting pushed up a division was a little bit weird. We set our games based on the year before, so that's why we picked other fellow Division 6 teams. If we can get a few [more] wins, this is the chance to do it because we do have six seniors that we've been kind of molding for the last few years."

Cerritos, which defeated Oxford Academy 13-3 this past Wednesday, went to 8-1, 3-0 as it will host Artesia High on

Tuesday in the front end of a home and home series with the Pioneers. The second game will be on Thursday, before the Dons take a break from league action until Apr. 9. The fact that Denhart's team is 8-1 is something in itself considering it went into a scrimmage game against North Torrance High with a dozen players. But some injuries have made the team smaller and only 10 players suited up against Whitney.

"I don't use the whole next person up mentality," said Denhart. "But yeah, if somebody gets hurt, somebody has to fill in. People are going to get their opportunity and they need to take advantage of it. Hey, it's their job and if they don't take advantage of it, we go to the next person."

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played the right way," he later said. "Again, it's trusting the process and continuing despite maybe having some bumps in the road, but we still persevered. The system worked and we continued to this day and it's what we have right now."

Artesia (19-3-3), who was ranked 10th in the division, controlled the first 30 minutes of the contest, both in field possession and shots taken finally leading up to Remigio's winning kick.

The Artesia girls soccer program began in the 1996-1997 season and the next season, it went 11-9-0 but finished in fourth place in the former Suburban League. At that time, only the top three advanced to the playoffs. The Pioneers finally made their playoff debut during the 2008-2009 season and finished 10-10-2. After that, the program went through seven straight winnings season, advancing to the playoffs each time, including a quarterfinal appearance in the 2012-2013 season.

However, the program went the opposite direction after former head coach Octavio Marquez stepped down to take over the boys soccer program following the 2015-2016 season. Artesia would go through four losing seasons and missed the playoffs four times since then. This season, the Pioneers posted 17 shutouts, four by 1-0 scores and all three losses were by a combined 10-0 score with all three ties ending scoreless. Two of the three losses came to league champion Cerritos High.

"Last year we missed the playoffs, and we actually had a decent team last year," said Umana. "But things didn't happen the way [we wanted]. But I really feel things happen for a reason because we have a new, revamped group this year."

"Since the very beginning, even coach [Umana] said that he knew there was something special with this team," said Remigio. "I have a lot of trust in him, and I felt like he was right. Also, I want to thank all the staff that pushed us and helped us and also our families who are always supporting us."

VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR TO BE HELD IN WHITTIER THIS WEEKEND

Staff Report

Veterans in Whittier can learn more about housing, healthcare and more at a resource fair this weekend.

Whittier's Veterans Resource Center is hosting a resource fair on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Central Library, 7344 Washington Ave., in the Community Room.

Information on housing, health care, education, benefits, jobs and more will

be available. Veterans can discover support networks as well.

Celebrating 10 years of providing services to the veteran community in Whittier, the Veterans Resource Center is open Monday through Friday to connect veterans with trained volunteers who provide information and resources.

For more information, email vrc@whittierlibrary.org or call 562-567-9905.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF PICO RIVERA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to receive public comment for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. The City is an entitlement community and is expected to receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the FY 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).

WHEN: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City is required to prepare and submit to HUD an Annual Action Plan that generally describes how the City will utilize federal money during the next fiscal year to meet the goals and objectives approved by the City Council in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

For FY 2024-2025, the City expects to receive approximately \$550,000 in CDBG funds. Additionally, the City has an estimated \$93,320 in unspent funds available for programming. The total available funds for programming as part of the FY 24-25 Annual Action Plan is approximately \$643,320.

Priority Funding for CDBG activities are given to activities that:

- Provide decent affordable housing;
- Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation;
- Affirmatively further fair housing choice for all;
- Provide public services for extremely low, low- and moderate-income residents;
- Construct or upgrade public facilities and infrastructure; and
- Planning and administration.

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed Annual Action Plan is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) common sense exemption. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Plan would have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the Plan is exempt from CEQA under the common sense exemption.

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

Availability of Documents for Public Comment: The City of Pico Rivera encourages citizen participation in the planning process. The 30-day public review period for the FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan runs from Friday, March 22, 2024 through Tuesday, April 23, 2024. A copy of the draft Annual Action Plan will be made available for public review on the City of Pico Rivera's website: <https://www.pico-rivera.org/housing-services-division/>. For more information, please contact Eduardo Lizarraga, Analyst, at (562) 801-4420 or via email at elizarraga@pico-rivera.org.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed Annual Action Plan in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact the Pico Rivera 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 that accommodations can be arranged.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Request for Qualification

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **26th day of April 2024** proposals for:

RFP 1654 Dietetic Consulting Services

All proposals shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Proposals submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Contact Esthela Perez (562) 926-5566 x 21218 for a copy of the RFQ. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703.

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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 AM** on the **30th day of April 2024** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1655 Whitney High School Soffit Replacement

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 can request bid documents by emailing esthela.perez@abcusd.us. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on April 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM sharp at the front of Administration building at Whitney HS 16800 Shoemaker Ave, Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD.

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Answer on page

Solution: 7 letters

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 170262 Title No. 95528213-55 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/24/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 04/05/2024 at 11:00 AM, Prime Recon LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 03/01/2010, as Instrument No. 20100270391, in book XX, page XX, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by NATARAJAN SRINIVASAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE and SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVEDEED OF TRUST. APN 7057-021-028 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **12516 206th St, Lakewood, CA 90715** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$362,666.24 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 03/07/2024 PRIME RECON LLC Prime Recon LLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Ryan Remington/Authorized Signature 27368 VIA INDUSTRIA STE 201 TEMECULA CA 92590 (888) 725-4142 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.servicelinkASAP.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 170262. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 170262 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. A-4811777 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024, 03/29/2024

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **16th day of April 2024** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1653 Demolition at Cerritos High School

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 can request bid documents by emailing esthela.perez@abcusd.us. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on March 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM sharp at the front of Administration building at Cerritos HS 12500 183rd St., Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid California Contractor's License Class B OR C-22 – Asbestos Abatement Contractor AND ASB Asbestos Certification and Active Certificate of Registration for Asbestos-Related Work issued by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations - Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).and DIR Registration will be required.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **9:00 AM** on the **16th day of April 2024** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1652 Artesia High School Intrusion and Access Control

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 can request bid documents by emailing esthela.perez@abcusd.us. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on March 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM sharp at the front of Administration building at Artesia HS 12108 E Del Amo Blvd., Lakewood. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-7, appurtenant subcontractor should have a Class C-10 Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM** on the **23rd day of April 2024** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1651 Bragg Elementary School Modernization

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 can request bid documents by emailing esthela.perez@abcusd.us. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on March 26, 2024 at 9:00 AM sharp at the front of Administration building at Bragg ES 11501 Bos St., Cerritos. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **2:00 PM** on the **15th day of April 2024** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1649 Hazardous Material Abatement Unit Price

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 can request bid documents by emailing esthela.perez@abcusd.us. There will be a nonmandatory pre-bid meeting on March 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM sharp at the Purchasing Department (address above). All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-22, ASB, and/or HAZ Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
PATHWAYS FOR HOPE
COMMERCE CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for **PATHWAYS FOR HOPE COMMERCE CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**, and will receive bids on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidder's responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City's portal on PlanetBids.

The work shall be completed within **90** working days after the City's Notice to Proceed.

Each Bidder shall possess a valid California Class A General Engineering Contractor's License issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission for this project. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license before commencing work.

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
EVA A. CHAPMAN
CASE NO. 24STPB02796**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **EVA A. CHAPMAN**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ERIC CHAPMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ERIC CHAPMAN 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 **APRIL 11, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.** in Dept.: "5" located at: 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse
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 formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER'S
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider testimony for and against amending the City of Bellflower's Business Assistance Program.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2220. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at cclerk@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9835
FLOWER STREET**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider testimony for and against the acquisition of property located at 9835 Flower Street.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2220. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at cclerk@bellflower.org.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16730
BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA, 90706 to consider testimony for and against the acquisition of property located at 16730 Bellflower Boulevard.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California, telephone number (562) 804-1424 extension 2220. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at cclerk@bellflower.org.

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Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated.

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**CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CU 23-03**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider an application to modify Conditional Use Permit Case No. CU 86-28 by converting an existing full-service carwash to an automated carwash within the General Commercial ("C-G") zone on property located at 14755 Bellflower Boulevard / 9765 Somerset Boulevard.

Pursuant to the authority and criteria of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental assessment was conducted for this project. This Project was determined to be Categorically Exempt (Class 3, § 15303 / New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) because the proposed Project is for the conversion of an existing full-service carwash to an automated carwash and no expansion is proposed. Furthermore, it can be seen with certainty that no special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the proposed project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2314. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to Kathryn Brun at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at kbrun@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

**ELIZABETH C. OBA
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES**

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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
MIXMASTER STREET WIDENING PROJECT (PHASE 2)**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for **MIXMASTER STREET WIDENING PROJECT (PHASE 2)**, and will receive bids on PlanetBids, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, Tuesday, April 23, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidder's responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City's portal on PlanetBids.

The work shall be completed within 60 working days after the City's Notice to Proceed.

Each Bidder shall possess a valid California Class A General Engineering Contractor's License issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission for this project. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license before commencing work.

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted Ordinance No. 1044, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING CHAPTER 3.20 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CODE PURCHASING STANDARDS TO ALIGN WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH WITHIN THE RECENTLY ADOPTED CITY OF CERRITOS POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL. **City Attorney Summary:** Chapter 3.20 of the Cerritos Municipal Code (CMC) governs the purchasing and procurement of supplies, equipment, and services for the City of Cerritos (City). This Ordinance amends various sections of Chapter 3.20 to clarify and align the CMC with the City Council's recently adopted amendments to the City of Cerritos Policy and Procedure Manual, Policy No. 8.03, which sets forth implementing policies for the purchasing and procurement of supplies, equipment, and services. Among other provisions, the Ordinance clarifies and aligns the CMC with Policy No. 8.03 regarding (i) formal and informal bidding requirements, (ii) bid protest procedures, (iii) use of specific types of procurement contracts, and (iv) other general contracting authority, as specified. The full text of this adopted Ordinance can be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1044 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of March, 2024 and that it was so adopted as follows: AYES: Johnson, Vo, Yokoyama, Solanki, Barrows; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None. /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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CITY OF CERRITOS NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Project Identification: CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS MARKETING ANALYSIS, ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES, RFP NO. 1537-24. Project Description: The City of Cerritos is seeking a qualified marketing consultant (referred to as the "Service Provider") for Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts marketing analysis, assessment and services.
Project Specifications: A copy of the General Descriptions and Conditions and Agreement can be obtained by calling Marketing Manager Annie Hylton at 562-916-1377, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekends and observed holidays excepted). Notifications, updates, and addenda will be posted on the City's bid page at: www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php. Proposed Service Providers (referred to as "Proposers") shall be responsible for monitoring the site to obtain information regarding the solicitation. Failure to respond to required updates may result in a determination of a nonresponsive proposal. Questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to: Marketing Manager Annie Hylton at 562-916-1377. **Sealed Proposals must be received on or before: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Place of Sealed Proposal receipt: The sealed proposal submission must be physically received in the: Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703.** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the proposal is properly marked and received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer at the above referenced location by the deadline provided will not be considered. **Sealed Proposals must be marked: "PROPOSAL - CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS MARKETING ANALYSIS, ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES, RFP NO. 1537-24 - DO NOT OPEN".** No proposal will be accepted unless it has the above referenced information clearly identified on the outside label. **Final selection criteria:** The City of Cerritos will award an agreement on the basis of qualifications, experience, timeline and cost. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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