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Central Basin Board of Directors Violated the Brown Act at Meeting

VP Camacho-Rodriguez and Director Juan Garza led the move to place an item to hire a GM on the agenda without proper notice to the public.

By Brian Hews

Fireworks erupted at this week’s Central Basin Municipal Water District Board Meeting (CB) when VP Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, along with appointed Director Juan Garza, approved a motion allowing a vote to hire interim General Manager Elaine Jeng for the Commerce-based water agency.

It was a blatant politics-over-agency move by Camacho-Rodriguez; just two weeks ago, she called Garza “a

dictator....our board is not a democracy.”

The authorization to hire the GM was not on the agenda, a clear violation of the Brown Act and California Government Code.

Current President Art Chacon tried to stop the vote but was rudely interrupted every time, only stopping after it was clear the violators were going to force the vote.

Jeng had been properly placed on the agendas of past meetings and rejected by the board on three different occasions. Yet, with the support of CB attorney Victor Ponto, Garza and Camacho placed the item on the agenda and hurriedly took a vote, with no opportunity for the public to comment and

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La Mirada Named Tree City USA

City News Service

The Arbor Day Foundation named the City of La Mirada 2023 Tree City USA for its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the 30th time the City is being recognized for this achievement.

The City achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program’s requirements of having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

In 2023, the City had planted 187 trees around the community. Trees are vital to improving air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. They also enhance the appearance of our parks and neighborhoods.

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Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall Now at Pico Rivera

By Brian Hews

The Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall (AV Wall), a half-scaled replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., will be making its way to Pico Rivera starting today.

The AV Wall is a grassroots effort conceived and built by citizens of Antelope Valley and was dedicated in 2009. It is engraved with the names of 58,300 men and women who gave their lives or remained missing during the Vietnam War.

Since its dedication on November 9, 2009, the AV Wall has been displayed in numerous cities throughout Southern California.

The AV Wall is maintained and traveled by an all-volunteer organization. It is one of only five

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NEW HEALTH CARE CLINIC OPENS AT FEDDE MS

HAWAIIAN GARDENS Mayor Victor Farfan cuts the ribbon at the new Family Health Care Center of Greater Los Angeles. Looking on is Mayor Pro Tem Dandy De Paula. Councilmember Ernie Vargas, City Manager Ernesto Marquez and ABCUSD Superintendent Gina Zietlow were also in attendance.

By Brian Hews

The Family Health Care Center of Greater Los Angeles (FHCCGLA) officially opened its health center at the ABC Community Resource Center, which is housed at Fedde Middle School in Hawaiian Gardens.

The new health center is already seeing patients and will offer a variety of services, including general medicine, pediatrics, and women’s health.

Each one of the health centers is staffed with board certified and licensed professionals. In an emergency, doctors are on-call 24 hours a day to provide care. The health centers use electronic health records to share information with other caregivers to

ensure that patients’ care is performed at the highest level.

“I am so excited to have this health center open and available to our students and families,” said ABC Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. “Keeping students healthy keeps them in the classroom learning, and this center will help do exactly that.”

FHCCGLA is a Federally Qualified Health Center that follows federal and state guidelines and provides services to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. It has been serving communities across Southern California since 1925 and provides excellent care to all who enter one of its six health centers.

FHCCGLA provides Family

Medicine services, Dental services, Pediatric services, Women’s Health services,

Behavioral Health services, Podiatry services, Optometry services, and Health & Nutrition services.

FHCCGLA is an accredited Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). A Patient Centered Medical Home is a better approach to healthcare offered to individuals, their families and communities by a team of providers with their focus being addressing your overall healthcare needs.

“The new Fedde School

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Supervisor Janice Hahn to Hold PRIDE Flag Raising Ceremony in Downey

By Brian Hews

Last Tuesday night, the Downey City Council voted 3-2 to ban the LGBTQ+ Pride flag, hiding behind a “neutral flag policy” that will ban such displays; the item was brought forward for a vote by Mayor Pro Tem Hector Sosa.

It was a mean-spirited vote given the fact that the LGBTQ+

Pride flag will be flown over county facilities in Downey in June.

After the homophobic vote-Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn announced that she will hold a Pride Flag Raising Ceremony at the LA County Office of Education in Downey.

“There will be pride in

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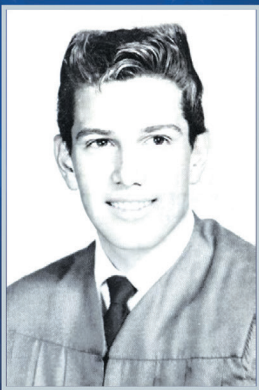
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REMEMBER AND HONOR

With the Vietnam Wall being inscribed with over 58,000 names of fallen soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice, amongst those are 27 from the City of Pico Rivera. Many of them graduated from El Rancho High School between 1962 and 1969. Their names are forever memorialized through various tributes, both with the City and El Rancho High School. Today, there are very few who knew all these brave young men. Let us now take a moment to remember these fallen soldiers who never returned to the place they called home.



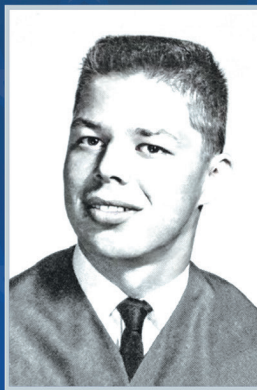
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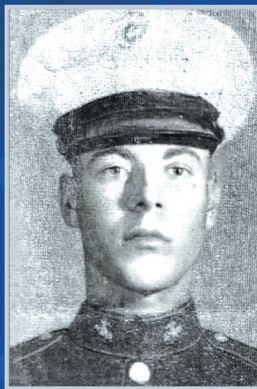
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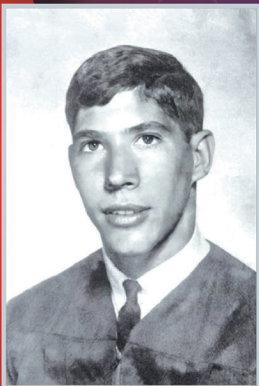
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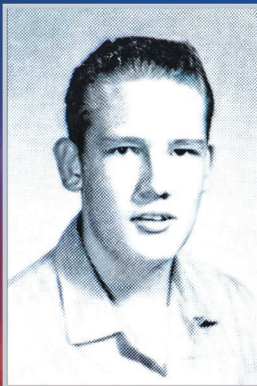
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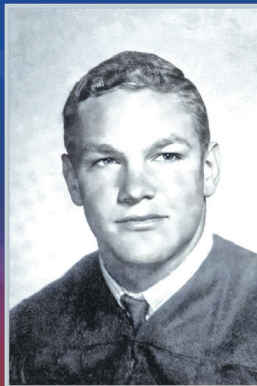
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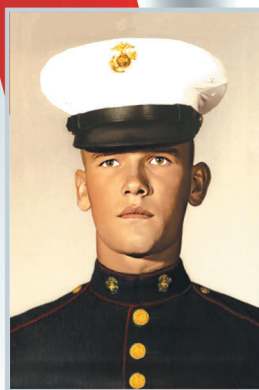
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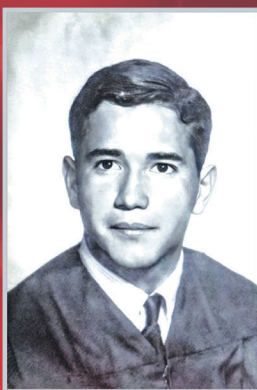
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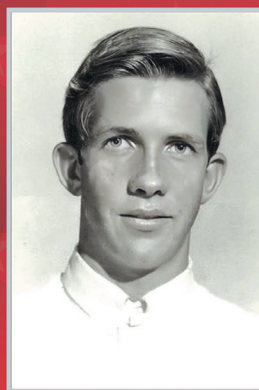
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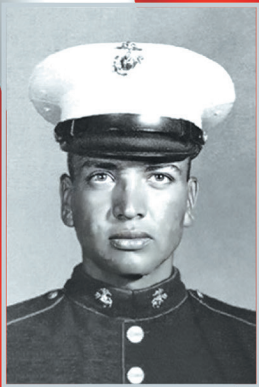
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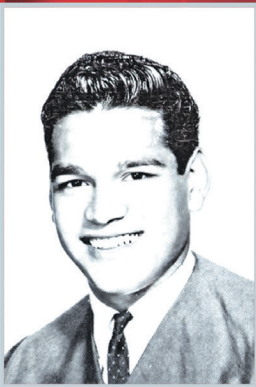
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In a scathing response to outrageous and illegal water rate hikes, Pico Rivera has filed a lawsuit against the Pico Water District to protect its residents and businesses. The lawsuit filed under Proposition 218 challenges the Water District’s recent decision to increase water rates by 110% over the next five years, which the city believes is unlawful and unfairly burdens its residents.

“As Mayor of Pico Rivera, I am deeply concerned about the significant financial burden that the outrageous 110% hike in water rates imposed by the Pico Water District will place on our residents and businesses,” said Andrew Lara, Pico Rivera Mayor. “This unjustifiable increase threatens our community’s financial stability and undermines our vulnerable residents’ well-being. In these challenging times, it is more important than ever to stand up for the interests of our residents and safeguard their access to essential services. We will continue to pursue legal recourse until justice is served and our community is relieved of this undue financial burden.”

In the recently filed lawsuit, the city alleges the Pico Water District (District) failed to proceed in the manner required by law and thus prejudicially abused its discretion in violation of various provisions of the California Constitution. Pico Rivera has a population of roughly 59,000 residents, 90.5% of whom identify as Latino.

The Pico Water District, a significant provider of potable water services and delivery, serves approximately 30% of the city’s residents and businesses, including 53 city-owned accounts. It is governed by a five-member board of directors elected by voters within each of the District’s five service areas. The Board’s decision to increase water rates for customers by

Pico Rivera Files Lawsuit Against Water Supplier

110 percent over the next five years has sparked this legal action. The District based its rate hike on a commissioned Rate Study in 2023, which recommended a rate increase purported to “reevaluate” the District’s revenue needs, even though water agencies in California typically conduct water rate studies at least once every five years. The District conducted an earlier rate study in 2020, just in its third year of implementation. Just three years into the 2020 Rate Study implementation period, and without much explanation or justification, the District retained the services of Water Resources Economics, which developed the 2023 Rate Study. Unlike the reasonable 6% rate increase proposed in their 2020 Rate Study, the 2023 Rate Study recommended a drastic 25% rate increase effective March 1, 2024, another 20% hike on January 1, 2025, and 12% for years 2026 through 2028—an overall rate increase of 110% over just five years. The city’s increase is estimated at \$45,000 in the first year, \$90,000 in the second year, and \$480,000 in years three through five. Once the District’s rate increase takes full effect, it will threaten the financial viability of the City’s publicly owned facilities and severely impact vulnerable residents already hurt by the current economic climate. The City believes the District’s rate

hikes violate the explicit provisions of the California Constitution. They are otherwise unlawful because the District failed to meet its burden of demonstrating that the rate increase does not exceed what it costs to provide the water service. The city also believes the record will show nothing identifying or quantifying historical or projected reserves needed for the District’s services. The City wants the Court to stop implementing this rate increase against all District residents and businesses by issuing a peremptory writ of mandate to invalidate the District’s unlawful action. Aside from generalizing the rising costs and need for various capital improvement projects, the District failed to show what changed from 2020 to 2023, which required a reevaluation of the 2020 Rate Study, justifying a rate increase of 110%. The need and costs associated with capital improvement projects, the inflation rate, and the PFAS cleanup costs were known well before 2020. The main driver behind the 2023 Rate Study and subsequent water rate hike was the District’s desire to increase its cash reserves to cover unknown and undefined financial risks. To muster challenges against such financial policy, just a few weeks after the adoption of the water rate increase and with little to no time for customer input, the District took action, ushering in a set of new investment policies aimed



at maximizing target reserve levels well beyond what is necessary and authorized under the California Constitution. In its lawsuit, the City also alleges the District failed to provide information that shows that the revenues derived from the fee or charge do not exceed the funds required to provide the property-related service, failed to provide information that shows the revenues derived from the fee or charge are not being used primarily to increase its reserves, nor for any purpose other than that for which the fee or charge was imposed, failed to show that the driving force behind the 2023 Rate Study, and resulting fee increase, were costs associated with future use of services rather than a desire to increase its reserves. Also, based on the information provided, the District’s fee increases violate several provisions of the California Constitution. This includes failing to provide information that shows the parcels upon which the fee increases are proposed for imposition were identified and also failing to provide information that shows how the amount of the fee increases upon each parcel was calculated. “The City of Pico Rivera has taken decisive action by filing a lawsuit against the Pico Water District under Proposition 218, challenging the legality of these exorbitant rate hikes,” said Steve Carmona, Pico Rivera City Manager. “We believe that the District has failed to meet its burden of demonstrating that the rate increase is necessary and justified, as required by the California Constitution. Our lawsuit seeks to protect the rights of our residents and hold the Pico Water District accountable for its actions. We are committed to fighting for fair and reasonable water rates that reflect the true cost of service provision and ensure the financial sustainability of our community.”

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Libraries hold a special place in the hearts of many, serving as cherished institutions that foster connections within communities.

But over the past few years, U.S. libraries have become a battleground for political wrangling brought on by right-wing conservative activist groups seeking to change laws and restrict access to books or remove those they deem offensive from school and public libraries.

From Missouri to Idaho, the stakes have escalated, from demands to remove books to proposed legislation that could lead to librarians losing their jobs or facing legal repercussions, including potential jail time, for curating library collections according to established historical and industry standards.

This has librarians, educators, advocates and lawmakers wrestling with the implications of measures that could penalize individuals providing access to materials deemed inappropriate or harmful by conservative activists.

Critical challenges facing libraries

The American Library Association's (ALA) most recent study found that in 2023, there was a 65% increase (compared to 2022) in books targeted for censorship in some form. The ALA, the nation's largest and oldest library industry group, identified 4,240 unique book titles that were the subject of censorship efforts in school and public libraries, the highest number ever.

ALA's President, Emily Drabinski, told E&P their research shows many of the books targeted for censorship are written by or about LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC individuals. The top 10 books in 2023 that had the most requests for censorship included Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye," Maia Kobabe's "Gender Queer" and "All Boys Aren't Blue" by George Johnson.

Conservative advocates and parents are asking authorities to review these books and remove them from library shelves based on some idea that they are dangerous for children or communities.

These efforts have become more coordinated over the past few years as right-wing political advocacy groups like "Moms for Liberty" have extended their reach state by state.

Drabinsky says she sees this campaign to censor books and target public and school libraries as a part of a larger effort to influence public services writ large.

These efforts have moved the needle from community members filing grievances with local oversight boards to targeting public librarians themselves, with new Republican-sponsored state laws that could result in violators losing their jobs, facing fines or even jail.

Drabinsky said she believes fear is being weaponized — targeting under-resourced libraries and librarians to combat such coordinated campaigns.

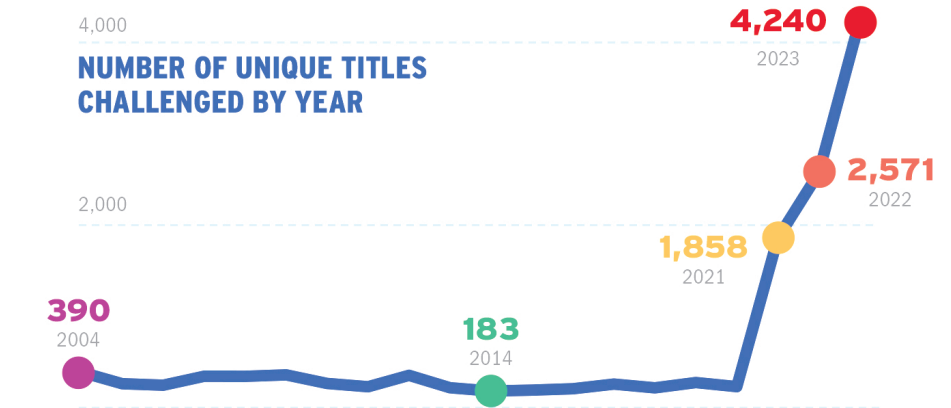
Our Libraries are Under Siege

By Diane Sylvester

"I think we need to define censorship more broadly, to think about the problem not just as restricting access to books, but undermining the public library as an institution, undermining public library workers as agents of the public good and sowing fear and anxiety in communities," she said. "You censor LGBTQ+ materials in your libraries. You gut legal protections for LGBTQ+ people. You restrict voting rights

wide literacy support, job search and training courses. They also offer internet access to those who don't have it and lend items like tools and musical instruments.

Drabinski pointed out that libraries have also been vital for communities during a crisis: "During the pandemic, libraries played a role in ensuring people had health information and remained in their homes. Libraries were where people



THE NUMBER of unique titles targeted by the right in 2023 increased 65% over 2022.

for people of color ... and you restrict reproductive rights. If we define this problem as a book ban and leave it at that, then our solution will be to put the book on the shelf. It is one part of much bigger, complex problems facing America today."

The ALA tracks what they call "adverse legislation" — bills they define as, if passed, they would restrict public libraries from providing "diverse materials, resources and programming to their communities." Their tracker indicated an "unprecedented" number of bills introduced in 2024 across 24 U.S. states. Overall, the tracker says 102 laws are making their way through state legislatures that would limit material available in library research databases, as well as access to books on their shelves that relate to Critical Race Theory (CRT) or LGBTQIA+ issues.

Legislating censorship in this way could easily lead down a slippery slope, making it easier to build up precedent and enabling advocacy groups to target other types of media beyond books, including newspapers, magazines, newsletters, documentaries and more. Like libraries, news media publishers have a stake in this.

The expanding role of libraries

As the digital world expanded in the 1990s, there was concern that libraries might become irrelevant. Drabinski says that proved false because libraries have always provided more than access to books. Their role in connecting patrons to resources and services actually expanded over the decades, even as budgets diminished and many public safety nets shrunk.

Today, public libraries nationwide pro-

vide literacy support, job search and training courses. They also offer internet access to those who don't have it and lend items like tools and musical instruments.

Mychal Threats, a former public librarian from California with more than 1.5 million followers on social media, said libraries are critical community meeting spaces. He spoke about what he's learned touring libraries in different states.

"You think New York is different, Iowa is different, Ohio is different, Maryland is different and California is different. But when it comes to libraries, they're all the same," explained Threats.

"No matter what their population, libraries are all about belonging; that includes unhoused people, to give them a chance to get out of the elements, use the restroom and pursue literacy, just like anybody else. That's very important. And it's not just poor people who use the library. Some wealthy people come in to connect with other community members and get books or participate in events."

"Book bans actively impede our freedom to read and deprive us of the opportunity to explore diverse voices and experiences," Threats asserts.

"Literacy liberation through access to literature is essential for fostering empathy, understanding, and inclusivity."

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Threats also explained that, in his expe-

rience, librarians engage in conversations with families and individuals about what kind of material might be appropriate in a given situation. "We remind the grownups that this is a conversation for them to have together [as a family], to determine what's suitable for them. It's hard for us to say, 'This is what's appropriate.' We can't do that without a conversation because appropriateness differs from family to family and individual to individual."

In the crosshairs

Drabinski said the increasingly coordinated efforts across many states to bring legal action or threatened job loss stifles librarians. "It's about terrorizing those librarians. I think about a rural librarian already working in an under-resourced institution, in communities that are decimated. Asking that rural librarian to stand strong on her own and put a book about LGBTQ+ experience on the shelf for a kid she knows needs it is a big ask."

Recently, in Prattville, Alabama, the public library director, Michael Foster, was reportedly fired in part for sharing information with the Alabama Political Reporter about a request by city officials to assess books for possible censorship. Foster's attorney is reported as saying Foster was responding to a FOIA request for information. The city subsequently fired four other librarians who worked under Foster for refusing to work in an act of solidarity with Foster.

Local libraries are administered by local authorities and receive most funding at the state and local levels. Federal funds are available for providing internet access programs, and federal grants are available through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for other programs.

State GOP-led legislators have also targeted the ALA specifically, threatening to reduce funding to local libraries that are ALA members. As a result, the ALA has had several local chapters rescind their membership.

The ALA is helping provide legal guidance when possible to libraries and librarians who might find themselves targeted by coordinated censorship efforts, and their LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund is being used to help librarians with financial support if they lose their jobs.

Drabinski said the best hope for libraries and librarians is if more people engage directly with them — to meet the librarians and others in their community. "We need people to use the library. If you don't have a library card, get one. If you have a friend who doesn't have one, get them to get a library card. Go to your local library, pick up a book, download a book or attend a program. The best way to protect libraries right now is to use them and to use them as much as you can."

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The Golf Course was closed in December 2022 after a gasoline leak was identified on a privately owned existing pipeline on site. The leak was stopped and repair work began immediately. The driving range, which was not directly impacted by the pipeline leak, was reopened to the public last year.

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Cerritos College Seeks Applicants for Bond Oversight Committee

The Cerritos Community College District is accepting applications to fill a Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee vacancy. This committee was established to oversee the expenditure of money for the construction, repair, and modernization of campus projects. This committee ensures that the bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in both Measure G and Measure CC and that no bond proceeds are used for teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses.

There is a vacancy for a bona fide taxpayers association member. Individuals must be 18 years or older to be eligible for an appointment. Additionally, applicants should not be employees of the college, officials of the district, or affiliated with any vendor, contractor, or consultant with the district.

Once appointed, the committee member will serve a three-year term. The legal process calls for soliciting applications for the vacancy, after which the college president will review the applications and make recommendations to the Cerritos Community College District Board of Trustees. The board will make the final decision on who is selected to serve on the committee. Bond committee members are not compensated for their service.

Applications are available online at <https://www.cerritos.edu/bond/bond-over-sight-committee/default.htm> and must be completed and submitted via email to the Cerritos College Business Services Office at BusinessServices@cerritos.edu no later than Friday, July 19, 2024.

Impact Alliances Group IMPACT Scholarship Recipients



IAG CEO & Founder, Catherine Aguilar, and IAG Head of Operations, Erwin Lasaten pictured with scholars Ethan Chiang and Diya Bhardwaj.

Impact Alliances Group (IAG) announced the recipients of the 2024 IAG IMPACT Scholarship this past week.

Established in 2023 by CEO & Founder Catherine Aguilar, a 2011 Whitney High School Alumna, the IAG IMPACT Scholarship honors outstanding individuals dedicated to public service and making a lasting IMPACT in the world.

The IAG IMPACT Scholarship isn’t just about providing financial support – it’s about creating a community of innovative visionaries committed to making a meaningful difference in their local and global communities.

The inaugural IAG IMPACT Scholarship recipients are Samantha Thai, Ethan Chiang, and Diya Bhardwaj. “These remarkable scholars have demonstrated exceptional dedication to public service,”

said IAG CEO Aguilar, “they are poised to make a lasting IMPACT in their respective fields of dentistry, wildlife medicine, and healthcare.

IAG remains committed to growing the IAG IMPACT Scholarship network, and has partnered with Mark Pulido, a ‘87 Whitney High School alumni, former Mayor of Cerritos, and Co-Founder of the WHS Alumni Association.

With their combined networks, both aim to empower students with intentional inter-generational mentors for IMPACT and create unity in our WHS and Cerritos communities.

For those interested in serving as an IAG IMPACT Mentor or joining the IAG IMPACT Scholarship Committee, please reach out to Catherine Aguilar at caguilar@impactalliancesgrp.com.

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Based Health Center reaffirms our agency’s Mission and commitment to increase access to affordable and quality health services”, said FCCCGLA’s Chief Executive Officer, Raquel R. Villa. “We are so grateful to have the opportunity to collaborate with the ABC Unified School District, together we will reach many students and families in need to offer preventative, medical, pediatric, and women’s health services.”

ABCUSD and FHCCGLA held a ribbon-cutting event at the new health center on May 8, 2024.

Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Victor Farfan, Mayor Pro Tem Dandy De Paula, Councilmember Ernie Vargas, and City Manager Ernesto Marquez were in attendance to welcome FHCCGLA to the com-

munity. This center is FHCCGLA’s second health center in Hawaiian Gardens, expanding services to families across the community.

The new health center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling (562) 928-9600.

PRIDE from page 1

Downey this June,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “Despite the recent vote by the Downey City Council, I want our LGBTQ+ Downey residents to know they belong and that they are not only accepted but celebrated.”

The Pride Flag Raising Ceremony will take place June 3rd at 10 am at the Los Angeles County Office of Education located in Downey. The office is one of eight Los Angeles County properties in Downey that will fly the Pride Flag for Pride Month, following a policy authored by Hahn and Supervisor Lindsey Horvath passed by the Board last year to fly the Progress Pride Flag at county facilities every June.

“We may have lost this battle, but we will win the war for fairness, equality and acceptance for ALL,” said Downey Mayor Mario Trujillo, who voted against the flag ban and serves on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Elected Officials Association. “This vote was a setback, but I appreciate Supervisor Hahn for her support of the LGBTQ+ community and for making sure the Pride flag will rise in Downey in 2024.”

“The Pride Flag is a powerful symbol of our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. It signals to our entire community that we value and celebrate the rich diversity of identities and experiences that make us who we are,” said Dr. Debra Duardo, Los Angeles County

Superintendent of Schools. “This flag represents our dedication to creating a safe and affirming environment where every student feels a sense of belonging and well-being. By fostering a culture of respect and inclusivity, we ensure that our schools are places where all individuals can thrive and be their authentic selves.”

Members of the public are invited to join the event to take part in the pride flag raising in a celebration of equality. Speakers will include Supervisor Hahn, Downey Mayor Mario Trujillo, Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, LA County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Debra Duardo, and Equality California President Juan Camacho, with entertainer Jewels serving as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Last June, Hahn hosted a ceremony to raise the Progress Pride Flag at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, celebrating the first time the Pride Flag was flown over a Los Angeles County building.

VIOLATION from page 1

without the required 72-hour notice.

Items can only be added to public agency agendas, provided the board missed the 72-hour deadline for notice, and only under certain circumstances, all of which need to be met, communicated, and accepted by the board at the same meeting.

The circumstances were not communicated on the record prior to adding the interim GM item to the agenda, and nothing was explained to the public about the urgency of adding the item.

The decision by Camacho-Rodriguez and Garza to ignore the law and force a vote for Ms. Jeng violated several sections of the Brown Act and California Government Code. A letter received by CB from the law firm of Torres and

Siegrist, obtained by LCCN stated:

GC 54956(b) states, “a legislative body shall not call a special meeting regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, of a local agency executive.”

AB 1344 amended certain provisions of the Brown Act after January 1, 2012. AB 1344 mandated that any action to approve or renew the contract of a local agency executive must be taken at a regular board meeting and cannot be approved at a special meeting of the board.

Senate Bill 1436, which went into effect January 1, 2017, requires that, before taking final action, a local agency’s legislative board must orally report a summary of the recommended compensation of a local agency executive. This report must be made during the same open meeting in which final action on the compensation is to be taken.

LCCN sent questions to the CB Board the afternoon of May 20, asking for comment on the illegal hiring of Jeng, resending the email on May 21.

Only Director Garza answered writing, “Nah, just been busy Brian. You’ll get my response later today [May 23].”

After that, Garza and others have not responded as of time of publication.

LA MIRADA from page 1

With the Tree City USA recognition, La Mirada has demonstrated a commitment to effective urban forest management and doing its part to help address these challenges for residents now and in the future.

The City of La Mirada proclaimed April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City, and urges all residents to support efforts to care for the trees and support the City’s community forestry program. For more information on the program, visit arbor-day.org/TreeCityUSA.

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Beginning on Friday, May 24, through Monday, May 27, 2024, the AV Wall will be on display in Pico Rivera at Smith Park. An Opening Ceremony is planned for the public to attend on Friday, May 24, with a Candlelight Ceremony scheduled for the evening of Saturday, May 25.

Access to the AV Wall will be FREE and available to the community for 24 hours daily until the AV Wall closes on Monday, May 27.

“This is an incredible opportunity for our community, especially our Veteran community,” said City Manager Steve Carmona. “We are honored and privileged to have this Mobile Wall on display in our City.”

Those with a family member on the wall are invited to carry their family member’s panel and put it in place on The Wall as part of the Gold Star Family “In Memory of” program.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The AV Wall is only possible with the support of volunteers. Volunteers will be needed to work around the clock for a four-day display. Assignments include set-up, greeter, computer worker, Wall walker, overnight watch, and tear down. Volunteers must be 18 or older and able to lift at least 20 lbs. Sign up online to volunteer or contact Project Lead Staff - Kristin Baca for more information at 562.801.5512 or email: kbaca@pico-rivera.org.

For immediate information about the AV Wall, visit avwall.org or call 562.801.5512.

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Fleet Week,
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vices, this week announced a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier will participate in LA Fleet Week 2024, marking 13 years since the last time an aircraft carrier visited Los Angeles and was available for public tours.

The USS Carl Vinson, the Nimitz-class nuclear powered aircraft carrier, a supercarrier, named in honor of Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia, arrived this week and will be berthed in San Pedro's Outer Harbor.

LA Fleet Week, the largest Memorial Day weekend event in Los Angeles, will host events and activities throughout the Los Angeles area from now through May 27, 2024, culminating with the LA Fleet Week Expo and ship tours on the L.A. Waterfront at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro open to the public from May 24-27, 2024.

LA Fleet Week will also bring thousands of Navy sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and soldiers to experience Los Angeles as they participate in a variety of community events, and the Navy and Marine Corps bands play at venues throughout the area. T

he event will culminate on Memorial Day, May 27, with a solemn ceremony to honor those who lost their lives in the defense of our country.

The Memorial Day Observance will be held on the LA Fleet Week Expo main stage in the event footprint adjacent to Battleship IOWA at 250 S. Harbor Blvd., San Pedro.

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Navy Aircraft Carrier Visits LA Fleet Week



THE USS CARL VINSON, the Nimitz-class nuclear powered aircraft carrier, a supercarrier, named in honor of Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia, arrived this week and will be berthed in San Pedro's Outer Harbor. The only way to go aboard will be to catch a shuttle bus from the main LA Fleet Week EXPO footprint.

be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily from Friday, May 24, through Sunday, May 26, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 27.

The aircraft carrier will be berthed in San Pedro's Outer Harbor and the only way to go aboard will be to catch a shuttle bus from the main LA Fleet Week EXPO footprint.

A Coast Guard cutter will also be available for tours in the Downtown Harbor adjacent to the Los Angeles Maritime Museum.

Reservations for ship tours are not required and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

All adults must present a valid gov-

ernment-issued I.D. (state I.D. card, drivers license or passport) to take Navy ship tours.

Non-US citizens must show valid passports and will be subject to a brief additional screening before boarding the vessels. Photocopies of I.D.s will not be accepted.

Additional information regarding ship tours, including tour requirements and restrictions, is available on the LA Fleet Week website and should be reviewed before attending.

Located in the footprint next to the historic Battleship USS IOWA Museum, the LA Fleet Week Expo will be open to the general public 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

from Fri., May 24, to Mon., May 27.

Free to the public, the Expo will provide a variety of activities and exhibits that highlight and celebrate the nation's military services and the people who serve.

Events will include: military displays and equipment demonstrations, live entertainment, aircraft flyovers, the annual Galley Wars culinary cook-off competition between culinary specialists from the five military service branches, and dodgeball and Military Has Talent competitions. Dining options will be provided by Vicky's Doghouse Café aboard Battleship IOWA and a variety of popular food trucks.

LA Fleet Week Neighborhood Activations will introduce visiting servicemembers to the public and organizations in various Los Angeles and Orange Counties cities through public engagements, community relations projects, and outreach activities.

Navy and Marine Corps bands will perform at various venues in the Neighborhood Activation cities of Los Angeles, Fullerton, and Venice.

Servicemembers will thank local communities for their support through several community relations projects including volunteering at a build site for Habitat for Humanity, a beach clean-up in Venice, and facility improvement project for the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center.

As LA Fleet Week comes to a close on Memorial Day, 500 sailors will gather and walk across the iconic Sixth Street Bridge in Downtown Los Angeles as a Memorial Day salute.

Visit the [LA Fleet Week website](https://www.lafleetweek.com) for the schedule of events and frequently asked questions at [lafleetweek.com](https://www.lafleetweek.com).



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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 5 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Valley Christian Holds Off Late Rally to Capture Program's Third Divisional Championship

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

IRVINE-The young Valley Christian High softball team, with one senior in the starting lineup, capped off the CIF-Southern Section Division 5 playoffs as if it has done this before. For the second straight game and third time in the playoffs, the Defenders muscled their way through another offensive contest sprinkled with shoddy defense.

But on the biggest stage, with the V.C. faithful decked out in their maroon and gold 'Defend The Valley' shirts cheering the team on, the Defenders had just enough to stave off a furious comeback by Liberty High and escaped with an 8-7 win last Saturday afternoon at Deanna Manning Stadium at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park in the championship game. It's the third softball divisional title for the school, but the first since winning back to back crowns in 1994 and 1995. V.C. had also lost in the 1975 and 2006 championship games.

"I'm at a loss for words," said V.C. head coach Chet Kingery. "I'm very happy for the girls, the school, everyone who supported us all year long, the boosters...everybody. I'm very, very happy we were able to do this for them and show them that their hearts and everything is in the right place for us. To do this for them means a lot. For me, as a coach, they trusted me to give me the job three years ago and to build this program."

The sixth-ranked Defenders (19-6) had built leads of 4-0, 6-2 and 8-3 before watching the Bison score four times in the bottom of the sixth inning. Then in the bottom of the seventh with one out, Yasmine Lopez doubled to the right field gap. Following a groundout, which moved pinch runner Andi Clabough to third base, junior shortstop Britton Brown raced all the way to foul territory to catch a pop-up from Lissette Quinones to end the contest.

"It's absolutely amazing," said sophomore catcher Peyton Kingery. "I can't even put it into words. I'm so excited and I'm so proud of my team. That was a total team win right there; we never gave up on anybody. It feels amazing."

She is one of three sophomores in the starting lineup, along with three juniors and three freshmen with designated player Bella Bulthuis the lone senior. And it was Kingery who got things going in the top of the first with a one-out single to right field. Two pitches later,

The image shows a softball team celebrating their victory. The scoreboard in the background displays the following statistics:

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THE VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH softball team defeated Liberty High 8-7 last Saturday in the CIF-Southern Section Division 5 finals. It's the third such divisional championship for the Defenders and first since 1995. **PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.**

she came home on a double from junior first baseman Kavla Martin.

The Defenders, who had knocked off second-ranked St. Bonaventure High in the semifinals, third-ranked Providence High in the quarterfinals and now fifth-ranked Liberty, added to their lead in the next inning when sophomore third baseman Brianna Ramirez led off with a double down the right field line. After Bulthuis reached on an error freshman pitcher Rachel Zhang was safe on a one-out fielder's choice, allowing Ramirez to score. Two batters later, Kingery singled to center to make it 3-0 and another error would send Zhang home.

The Bison would cut that lead in half in their half of the inning but V.C. kept scoring with two in the third. Freshman right fielder Tallulah Ireland singled to right with one out and Ramirez reached on an error. Two batters later, junior left fielder Zoe Barrett singled to make it 6-2.

Now up 6-3, Janessa Giugliano walked sophomore center fielder Choyce Chambers to begin the fourth inning. She would steal second on a 1-1 count to Kingery and scored on the next pitch after a base hit to right. V.C. added its final run when Giugliano walked Martin to lead off the sixth and with two outs later, surrendered a run-scoring single to

Ramirez, who went two for four, scored twice and drove in a run.

“Brianna is a great kid,” said Chet Kingery. “She’s one of those fun kids to coach. She just works hard, gets after it and she just goes about her business. She’s always smiling and just a good kid to be around, a good kid in your lineup and just a great person to have in your dugout.”

But even an 8-3 lead after five innings wasn't a sure thing considering how the playoffs had been for the Defenders. They rallied from deficits of 3-0 and 5-3 against Shadow Hills High to win 8-5 in eight innings and came back from deficits of 5-3, 6-4, and 13-10 against St. Bonaventure to score three in the top of the seventh, then added eight more in the ninth for a 21-13 dramatic win.

“Just coming off that game, we knew we had to keep the energy from the last game and just keep our bats going from that game and just keep playing as a team,” said Peyton Kingery of the semifinal win. “That’s all we did for this game, and it was amazing to watch and amazing to be a part of.”

Probably the defining moment of the game came in the bottom of the fifth with the Defenders leading 7-3. With one out, Mariah Solario beat out an infield single and two pitches later, Haley Kitzewrow sent a deep fly ball to Chambers who leaped above the top of the fence and snagged a potential home run. That would be huge because of the big sixth inning the Bison had.

Lopez led off the bottom of the sixth with a double to right field and went to third on a one-out single from Quinones. Zhang then hit leadoff hitter Attiana Thompson to load the bases before a groundout from Kaylee Fraund made it 8-4. Two pitches later, a double from Julianna Larson plated a couple and a double from Solario brought in pinch runner Cameron Rutkoff to make it a one-run contest heading into the seventh with the bottom half of Liberty's lineup coming up.

“Everybody does research and I knew they were going to be good,” said Chet Kingery. “Attiana Thompson is a great hitter, and I did not want to see

her in the bottom of the seventh at all. They have great ballplayers; their pitcher is phenomenal. I knew our [four-run lead] wasn't going to be enough. I kept telling myself [standing] in the third base [coach's] box, 'we have to get more runs, we have to get more runs', just because [Liberty] is a good hitting team and at any moment, they were going to do what they did.

“And they scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth,” he added. “I knew that was going to happen. We just had to keep the foot on the gas pedal and score as many runs as we can.”

"When they started coming back, I definitely was a little nervous," said Peyton Kingery. "But I knew for a fact that we would just come out on top and just keep doing what the team does."

Despite both teams combining for at least one hit in 13 of the 14 innings, the defense wasn't the best for a championship game. While Liberty made four errors, the Defenders had three miscues leading to five of the seven runs being unearned. Through the 20 regular season games, V.C. made 26 errors, but in the playoffs, the defense has made 11 blunders.

“These girls don’t get to play in front of this big crowd often,” said Chet Kingery. “So, when you get out there on the big stage, it’s intimidating. Kids do get jitters. So, the faster we can slow our heart rates down, the better we can be on defense. Sometimes we did, sometimes we didn’t.”

Peyton Kingery, who had what is believed to be a school record nine runs batted in against St. Bonaventure, went four for five and drove in a pair. It's the fifth time this season she has had at least four hits in a game. Bulthuis also went two for four as the Defenders had a dozen hits. In the five playoff games, V.C. has pounded out 68 hits, and it has at least one more game to go as the Defenders will be playing in the CIF Southern California Regionals.

"I told them all week long when we were working, the energy that we had on Saturday to push to win that game is the same energy we're going to have to have this whole game today," said Chet Kingery. "We worked all week on higher energy, higher energy, working hard and higher energy. I thought they brought that energy today for the most part."

"Since the playoffs have begun, every at-bat counts," he later said. "So, going into playoffs, we've really have been focusing on one pitch, and if we see that pitch, we can't miss it."

The 19 victories so far this season is one less than the combined total of the past four seasons and the last time the program has had this many wins, you have to go back to 2006 when V.C. went 21-10-1 and fell to Pomona Catholic High 1-0 in the Division V title game. That season was the third consecutive 21-win campaign. Just two seasons ago, the Defenders had missed the playoffs for the third straight season and fourth out of the last five. And with the abundance of underclassmen still in the program, plus the ones who are coming up for next season and beyond, it's safe to say the program is back on the rise.

“Oh, absolutely,” predicted Peyton Kingery. “This program is changing for the absolute better. I’m so excited to see what the next couple of years holds for us.”



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Grow Vertically for Added Beauty & Garden Productivity

By Melinda Myers

Expand your planting space, grow a living screen, or add vertical interest to your garden beds. Train vines up a decorative support, onto a fence, or allow them to climb a trellis set in front of a wall or structure.

Pole beans, peas, Malabar spinach, cucumbers, melons, and squash are all edible candidates for growing vertically. Training these vegetables up a support saves space in the garden. Plus, the increase in light and airflow through vertically trained plants helps reduce the risk of mildew and other diseases.

Growing vertically can also increase your yields and make harvesting much easier. Pole beans typically produce an extra picking. Plus, it requires less bending to harvest. If it is easy, you are

more likely to pick regularly, increasing productivity and ensuring the best flavor. Try scarlet runner beans or purple podded pole beans for added color.

Train Malabar climbing spinach up an obelisk in a container or over a decorative trellis in the garden. Use the leaves the same way you use true spinach. The buttery nutty flavor is great fresh, added to a salad, used as a sandwich wrap, stir-fried, or steamed. The red stems, flowers, and seeds make an attractive display in the vegetable or ornamental garden.

Support the heavy fruit of melons and squash when growing vertically. Create a sling from cloth strips, an old T-shirt, or macramé – yes, it’s back! Tie the sling to the trellis to cradle the large fruit. The sling handles the weight, preventing the heavy fruit from ripping the plant off the support and damaging the plant. Elevating the fruit also reduces loss to soil-dwelling insects and disease.

Use decorative supports to add a bit of beauty or help blend edibles into ornamental plantings. Save money and add some personality by upcycling found items into creative supports. A section of an old iron fence, headboard, golf clubs, or farm implements can add a bit of functional whimsy to your garden.

Add color to a plain fence or wall with annual and perennial flowering vines. Use a support and leave space between wooden fences and siding to reduce moisture buildup that could damage these structures. This also makes it easier



ADD SEASONAL screening or vertical interest to gardens. Growing vertically increases airflow and light penetration which helps reduce the risk of disease and increases productivity. **Photo by Melinda Myers.**



HANGING TOMATOES: Hanging baskets make a great container for growing cherry tomatoes. They provide a blast of color and they have advantages over growing them in the ground or in pots.

to manage future repairs and painting if the vines can easily be moved away from the structure.

Double up your plants to increase the floral impact. Use annual vines to provide quick cover for the first few years while establishing perennial vines onto the support. Consider mixing two vines on one support if space allows. Select vines that bloom at the same time to create interesting combinations. Or plant two vines that bloom at different times to extend the floral display.

Always select supports strong enough to support the plants you are growing. Make sure the support provides the structure needed for the vines to climb. Those with twining stems and petioles need something to grab onto while those with root-like holdfasts or suction cups need a rough surface for

attaching. Make sure the structure will not be damaged by the vines adhering to the surface. Other vines may need their stems to be tied to the support.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless. Start gathering decorative supports, look for spaces that need a bit of vertical interest, and select vines suited to your growing conditions and landscape design.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener’s Handbook*, 2nd Edition and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* “How to Grow Anything” instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers’ website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 2 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gahr Rallies Late as Cortez Delivers in Walk-Off Fashion for Program's First Championship

By Loren Kopff
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IRVINE-It's the walk-off of all walk-offs that will be etched in the Gahr High softball program forever. Down to her final strike in her final at-bat of her high school career, senior third baseman Marley Cortez took a 1-2 pitch from California High's Alexis Salas and sent it into left field, under the diving attempt of shortstop Shiana Gil, bringing home senior second baseman Larissa Flores and senior center fielder Natalia Hill to cap off a rally for the ages.

It sent the Gladiators into a frenzy as they knocked off the third-ranked Condors 5-4 to capture the CIF-SS Div. 2 championship last Saturday night in front of a standing room only raucous crowd at Deanna Manning Stadium at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park. It's the first softball championship for the Gladiators, who had been denied of a title in 1989, a 1-0 loss to St. Joseph High and in 2018, an 8-2 setback to Norco High.

Gahr (19-10) had earlier rallied from a 3-0 deficit to tie the game in the bottom of the sixth inning, then saw Shirley Acevedo hit a booming home run to left field with one out in the seventh. But as Cortez was sitting in the dugout in the seventh, she knew it was going to come down to her to provide a hit that would either tie or win the game. If that wasn't enough drama, Flores and Hill also had two strikes on them.

"Oh my gosh, it really doesn't [get better than this]," exhaled Cortez. "I'm so excited right now. I can't believe it.

"It was very scary, I'm not going to



THE GAHR HIGH softball team claimed the program's first CIF-Southern Section championship after defeating California High 5-4 in the Division 2 finals. The Gladiators rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs and three straight batters with two strikes on them. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

lie," she later said of her final at-bat. "But I kept my composure, and I knew I was due for a hit. So, I'm very glad that it was my hit that led us to the win."

"First off, that's a great team over there," said Gahr head coach Rey Sanchez. "There's a lot of talent on that team. Coach Jason [Ramirez] is a friend of mine; he's a great guy. There are some other coaches on that team that I'm close with. But their pitcher, Salas, was doing a heck of a job. Early on she held us, and it was minimal hits. Then we started squaring some balls up.

"This has been our plan maybe half-way through the year; what we really committed to getting your pitch and putting a good swing on it," he continued.

"And I think that's what we started to do; we started to square the ball up. It started with [senior catcher] Alyssa [Aguilar], who hit a ball hard. We unfortunately had a line drive double play that was hit hard. We just started hitting some balls really hard. That was awesome."

Salas had kept the Gladiators in check through the first five innings, allowing just two hits and walking two for the only baserunners for the second place team out of the Gateway League. But after Flores led off the sixth with a single to right field, Pricilla Ramirez replaced Salas in the circle, to the surprise of Sanchez, and walked Hill. Cortez then reached on an error with Flores scoring Gahr's first run.

A wild pitch would send Hill home and Cortez to third and two batters later, senior shortstop Rio Mendez doubled to tie the game. Gahr had a chance to take the lead, but Mendez was thrown out at home trying to score on junior left fielder Malaia Huskey's single to left.

"I think [Salas] had kept us at bay," said Sanchez. "But I think they may have made the move to give Natalia, who is arguably our best hitter, our most clutch hitter, the one we want up all the time... and I think they wanted to give Natalia a different look. They thought it was a good gamble on their part and hey, it didn't matter who it was, we started to compete later in the at-bats."

"I was just trying to move runners over so we could get other opportunities for my teammates to drive in some runs, too," said Cortez.

Still, the unranked Gladiators had the momentum despite Acevedo's home run. Freshman pitcher Isabella Gonzalez got Mia Martinez to ground back to her and got Jessica Gurule to fly out to Hill, setting the stage for a wild bottom of the seventh.

With Salas back in the circle, junior designated player Jackie Gachupin singled to left on a 1-2 count but two pitches later, senior first baseman Vivian Tavera tried to move Gachupin on a bunt. Instead, she popped it up to Hailey Chavolla, who threw to first to complete the double play.

Flores would come back up and worked a full count before Salas walked her. Then on a 2-2 count, Hill fouled off three straight pitches before reaching on an infield single. Salas would be ahead of Cortez 0-2 before throwing a ball, then the hit heard around Cerritos.

"Marley has not just clutched up this year," said Sanchez. "That has been her M.O. since she's been in this program. She had a great freshman year, but her sophomore year for us, she was league M.V.P. [and] the M.V.P. of our team. She pitched, she hit; she's so steady. She got

down two strikes to a really good pitcher, and you just watch her and she's as calm as can be.

"I knew, as soon as that happened, with Marley up there being as calm as she could be, with thousands of people here...this is probably the most exciting game I've ever been part of," he continued. "This is probably the most exciting game I've ever been part of; the most electric game I've ever been part of, and she's as calm as can be."

Gonzalez was in a groove in the first two innings, retiring the first four batters on seven pitches before hitting Mia Martinez. In the third, Chavolla led off with a base hit to the right field gap and Gonzalez walked Gil. Three pitches later, Isabella Salas' base hit to center brought home courtesy runner Lauren Trivino.

In the next inning, Martinez had a lead-off double to left field, moved to third on a passed ball and made it 2-0 on Gurule's double down the left field line. Then with two outs and two on, Isabella Salas singled to left to plate Gurule. After that, Gonzalez would give up two hits over the final three innings.

"I knew we would be able to do it," said Cortez. "With the energy and how we've been this season, I know our capabilities and I knew we were going to be able to come back and score some runs. We're never discouraged, and we always have that energy to bring us back up and fight."

This was the third time all season Gahr had rallied from a three-run deficit to get the win. The other two times, it trailed Banning High and La Habra High by identical scored of 4-1 only to win 6-4 both times.

"I'll tell you what," Sanchez explained. "Bella did not have her best stuff. Almost every inning, I was asking her, 'what are we going to do to get these hitters out', because they squared up some balls early on her. They hit some balls hard on her. Luckily, we were positioned pretty well on most of them. But Bella is a competitor; that's exactly what she is. She's going to find a way even when she doesn't have her best stuff."

Sanchez has decided to turn down the invitation to the CIF Southern California Regionals as Gahr has finals on the day of the first round [May 28] and graduation the next day. In his six years with the program, Sanchez has been to the semifinals twice, bounced out in the first round twice and this season. There were no playoffs in 2020. He now owns a 96-44-2 record at Gahr, which is the second best mark since 2007. The previous two coaches had six-year stints with Shawn Quarles winning 126 games and Mike Rogers compiling 74 victories.

"I've been part of the baseball program at Gahr, and I've been part of the softball program at Gahr," said Sanchez. "I've been at Gahr for 26 years as a teacher and a coach and I graduated from there. That place means a ton to me. When I was coaching baseball, we were trying to get it done. We were fighting and it's so dang hard, and it's hard to win CIF. To bring the first CIF title to either softball or baseball...I'm overwhelmed. I don't have words.

"I'm so proud, and this is what I told the girls," Sanchez continued. "This is about playing for a community. You're not just playing for this team. You're not just playing for yourselves. You're playing for Gahr [and] for the Cerritos community. I'm overjoyed that we could do this for Gahr."

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE VACANCY

MEASURE BB
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

The ABC Unified School District's Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee has an opening for a parent representative. This committee was established as part of Measure BB, the \$258 million school facilities improvement bond passed by voters in November 2018. The committee is responsible for ensuring the proper spending of Measure BB funds by carefully reviewing expenditures.

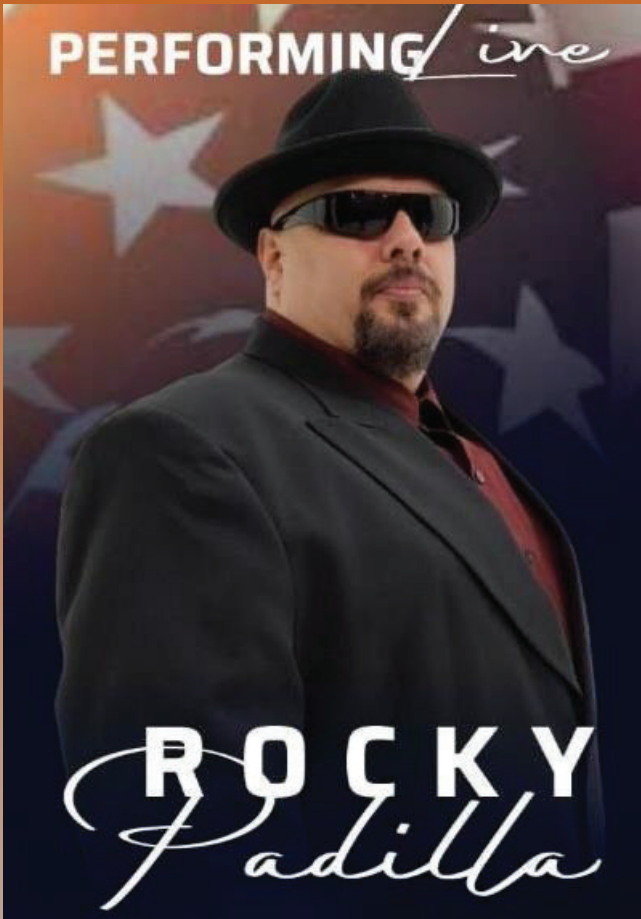
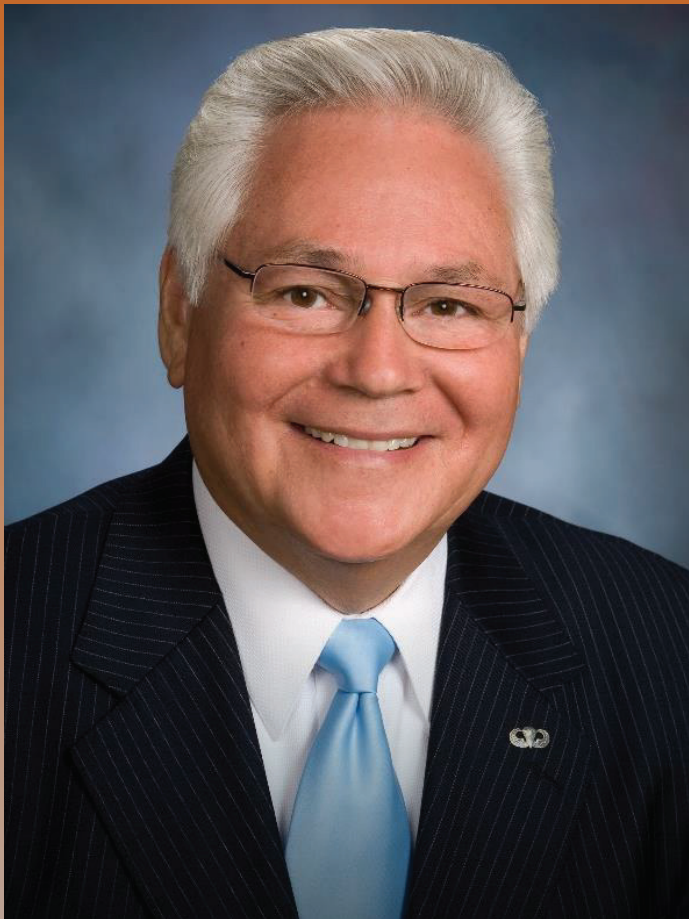
To qualify for this position, the applicant must be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the ABC Unified School District AND must be active in a parent-teacher organization, such as a PTA or school site council. The committee typically meets quarterly but may convene more frequently if necessary.

Applications for the position can be found online at www.abcusd.us. For further questions, please contact the Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer's Office at (562) 925-5566, extension 21257.



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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a Public Hearing to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the item listed below:

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| DATE: | June 12, 2024 |
| TIME: | 6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter. |
| LOCATION: | City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 |

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2024-2025 LLAD
No. HG-LLA1:

The City of Hawaiian Gardens City Council will hold a public hearing to adopt a Resolution ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments within the City of Hawaiian Gardens Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) No. HG-LLA1 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

The Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972 provides for the levy and collection of assessments by the City of Hawaiian Gardens to fund public improvements, maintenance, and servicing landscaping and lighting for the District.


INVITATION TO BE HEARD

Those who wish to testify in favor of or in opposition to the proposal listed above will have an opportunity to do so at the public hearing. If you challenge the subject application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence submitted to the City Council at, or prior to the public hearing.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER
AND TAX COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF DIVIDED
PUBLICATION

Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3381

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3381 through 3385, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector’s Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become subject to the tax collector’s power to sell on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

1. Nonresidential commercial parcels, as defined in R&TC Section 3691, which will have been defaulted for three or more years,

2. Parcels on which a nuisance abatement lien has been recorded, which will have been defaulted for three or more years.

The Tax Collector will record a Notice of Power to Sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or the property owner initiates an installment plan of redemption, as provided by law, prior to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Friday, June 28, 2024, when the right to initiate an installment plan terminates. Thereafter, the only option to prevent the sale of the property at public auction is to pay the taxes in full.


The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the tax collector’s power to sell, but it terminates at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on the last business day before the scheduled auction of the property by the Tax Collector.

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 tfc.lacounty.gov or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of Friday, June 28, 2024.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 16 day of April 2024.



ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
INTERIM TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor’s Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor’s map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor’s maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor’s Office, 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

The real property that is the subject of this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2019 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
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2512 \$4,497.24
CRUZ, CORAZON M SITUS:19200 SHERYL AVE CERRITOS CA 90703-6622 AIN: 7039-030-018
CN106904 538 May 24,31, 2024

NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR 2024 HISTORIC DISTRICT RECREATIONAL TRAIL FENCING IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia, California (“City”) invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701 up to **2:00 pm on June 24, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All Bids must be made on the form furnished by the City. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed package addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and Project number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the package. Bids must remain valid and shall not be subject to withdrawal for sixty (60) calendar days (“Days”) after the Bid opening date.

INCORPORATION OF STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS The "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction" (“Standard Specifications”) latest edition as amended by the Contract Documents, is incorporated into the Contract Documents by reference.

SCOPE OF WORK The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting the City of Artesia website at the following link: <https://www.cityofartesia.us/bids.aspx>. Potential Bidders may also obtain a copy of the Bid Documents from the City Clerk’s office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.

FACSIMILE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS Bidders shall supply the City Clerk with a facsimile number and/or email address to facilitate transmission of Addenda and other information related to these Contract Documents. Failure to provide such a facsimile number and/or email address may result in late notification. The City does not guarantee that it will provide any information by facsimile, email, or both. A Bidder shall be responsible for all Addenda regardless of whether Bidder received any such fax or email, and a Bidder shall have no recourse due to not receiving such facsimile, email or both.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit will be on **June 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** at the corner of 186th Street and Jersey Avenue in the City of Artesia, Ca. 90701. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder’s Bid non-responsive. No allowances for cost adjustments will be made if a Bidder fails to adequately examine the Project site before submitting a Bid.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

TRENCHING If the Project involves the construction of a pipeline, sewer, sewage disposal system, boring and jacking pits, or similar trenches or open excavations, which are five (5) feet or deeper, then each Bidder must submit, as a Bid item, adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or an equivalent method, for the protection of life or limb, which shall conform to applicable safety orders. This final submission must be accepted by the City in advance of excavation and must include a detailed plan showing the design of shoring, bracing, sloping, or other provisions to be made for worker protection from the hazard of caving ground during the excavation Work. If such plan varies from the shoring system standards, the plan shall be prepared by a registered civil or structural engineer.

PREVAILING WAGES In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.*, the Project is a “public work.” The successful Bidder (“Contractor”) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR’s determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

BONDS Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier’s check, certified check or Bidder’s Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. Before acceptance of the Project, the Contractor shall submit a warranty or maintenance Bond that is valid for one (1) year from acceptance, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Contract Price; in lieu of that Bond, the Contractor may submit proof from the Surety that the performance Bond has been extended for the appropriate duration of time. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION If you discover any error, omission, ambiguity or conflict in the Project Plans or Specifications and wish to have a clarification, please email your request for clarification to Ron Ibarra at engineering@cityofartesia.us. Request must be received no later than five (5) Days before Bid opening. Requests for clarification received after this date will be disregarded. Please indicate the Project and Project number in your request for clarification.

INSURANCE AND WARRANTY The Contractor shall provide insurance in accordance with Section 5-4 of the Standard Specifications, as modified by the General Provisions. In addition, the Contractor shall guarantee and warranty all Work against defective workmanship and materials furnished by the Contractor for a period of one (1) year from the date the Work was completed and accepted by the City.

LICENSES Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A Contractor’s license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the Contractor must possess such a license at the time of the Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

RETENTION SUBSTITUTION Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor’s expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

TRADE NAMES OR EQUALS Requests to substitute an equivalent item for a brand or trade name item must be made by written request submitted no later than five (5) Days before the Bid submission deadline. Requests received after this time shall not be considered. Requests shall clearly describe the product for which approval is requested, including all data necessary to demonstrate acceptability.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES Liquidated damages shall accrue in the amount of \$1000 for each Day that Work remains incomplete beyond the Project completion deadline specified in the Contract Documents.

BIDDING PROCESS Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of location of the proposed work and by such other means as they may prefer as to the actual conditions and requirements of the work and shall not at any time after submission of the bid dispute, complain, or assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of work to be done. The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest. By: Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk, Date 5/24/24

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS AND
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
700 W. Main Street
Alhambra, CA 91801
(626) 262-4511

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Los Angeles County Development Authority. On or about June 9, 2024, the County of Los Angeles will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal Community Project Funding grant funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, (P.L. 117-328) for the following project:

Responsible Entity:

Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA)

Project:

The Artesia Botanical Garden Project- B-23-CP-CA-0205

Description:

The proposed project located on two contiguous parcels at 11462 and 11504 178th Street in the City of Artesia would result in the redevelopment of an existing former plant nursery and residential buildings with a public park featuring a botanical garden landscaped from existing vegetation, an approximately 4,000 square-foot community building with restroom facilities, an approximately 2,700-square-foot open pavilion picnic/barbeque area, an outdoor theater, turf areas, an educational area, and mural space for public art. Ancillary amenities would include special event lighting, walkways and plazas, trails throughout the existing forested area, a dry creek, and ornamental trees and landscaping. A wall would be constructed along the southwest residential perimeter to separate the project site from the adjacent residence. Project access would be provided from 178th Street by two existing driveways on the east and west ends of the project site. The driveway to the west would be converted to a pedestrian-only entryway and would lead to an entry plaza. The driveway to the east would allow limited access for ADA vehicles and deliveries. The proposed project would make use of existing street parking on 178th Street and would convert some street parking to ADA accessible spaces. No parking would be provided onsite. Luther Burbank Elementary School, located directly to the north of the project site, has potential to provide parking for special events. Lighting would be incorporated into the garden area, plazas and walkways, and community building and would be similar to residential lighting in the surrounding area. The proposed lighting is necessary for security, wayfinding, and special event and evening use on both weeknights and weekends. Anticipated types of usage would include evening public movies in the park, theater productions, daytime school camps during vacation periods, and wedding receptions with bands or DJs. The maximum number of event rentals is anticipated to be Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays every weekend, totaling 156 days per year, as well as summer school vacation periods. Total maximum capacity at the site is expected to be 250 persons, including staff.

The Artesia Botanical Garden project is expected to be funded with a \$3,000,000 Community Project Funding grant and other public funds with a total project cost of approximately \$6,900,000.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) completed for this project pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (PL91-190) indicates that the following conditions of approval are required for this project:

1. **Programmatic Agreement Compliance: Unanticipated Discovery of Archaeological Resources.** The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) may suspend construction in the vicinity of the discovery and require that reasonable measures be taken to avoid or minimize harm to the property/archaeological resource consistent with Section A of Stipulation XII until the LACDA concludes consultation with the SHPO consistent with Section B of Stipulation XII.

2. **Regulatory Compliance: Unanticipated Discovery of Human Remains.** The discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground disturbing activities. If human remains are unexpectedly found, the State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. In the event of an unanticipated discovery of human remains, the County Coroner shall be notified immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Historic Commission, which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site and provide recommendations for treatment to the landowner within 48 hours of being granted access.

3. **Additional Modifications.** Minor changes to the mitigation measures required as a condition of funding approval are permitted but can only be made with the approval of the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The LACDA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the NEPA is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be available for public review by U.S. mail to Donald Dean, Environmental Officer, Los Angeles County Development Authority, 700 West Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801 or by email to donald.dean@lacda.org.

COMMENTS TO GRANT RECIPIENT

All interested agencies, groups or individuals are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Comments may be submitted to the Environmental Officer of the LACDA at the above address, faxed to (626) 943-3838, or e-mailed to donald.dean@lacda.org, and must be received on or before June 8, 2024. All written comments received will be considered by the LACDA prior to forwarding the request for release of federal funds to HUD, and prior to approval of the project. Action will not be taken on the project prior to HUD’s written authorization to use these funds. It is requested that those forwarding comments specify which of the proposed actions are being addressed.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The LACDA is certifying to HUD that Emilio Salas in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an appropriate action is brought to enforce regulatory requirements relating to the environmental review, decision-making and implementation, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, federal funds may be used, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the NEPA.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the applicant approved by HUD; (b) the LACDA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; and (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted via mail or email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Los Angeles Office, 300 North Los Angeles Street Suite 4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Region IX or to CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Los Angeles office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Persons requiring additional information regarding the proposed action may contact:

Donald Dean, Environmental Officer
Los Angeles County Development Authority
of the County of Los Angeles
700 West Main Street
Alhambra, CA 91801
(626) 586-1740
donald.dean@lacda.org

Personas que desean obtener mas información o hacer un comentario, pueden llamar a Espy Corona, al telefono (626) 586-1771.

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 195 AMENDING TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSE AND REGULATIONS AND TITLE 18 ZONING OF THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider recommending approval to the City Council of Zone Code Amendment No. 195 amending Title 5, Business License and Regulations, Chapter 5.75, Tobacco Retail License and Title 18, Zoning, Chapter 18.40, Land Use Regulations, Chapter 18.42, Property Development Regulations and Chapter 18.62, Amendments and Zone Reclassification of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code.

WHEN: Monday, June 3, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

The proposed ordinance is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3) and 15061 (b)(3). An activity is not subject to CEQA if: The activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378. The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Here it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, therefore the proposed ordinance is not subject to CEQA.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER wishing to comment may do so in the following ways:

(1) Email public comments to efranco@pico-rivera.org prior to June 3, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

(2) Attend the Public Hearing in person.

Copies of all relevant material and project specifications are available for public review at City Hall in the Community & Economic Development Department, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. For additional information please contact Estefany Franco, Planner at 562-801-4026.

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

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact Cynthia Ayala 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
NORMA VERDUGO
CASE NO. 24STPB04494
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of NORMA VERDUGO.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SANDRA DESCHNER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SANDRA DESCHNER 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 in this court as follows: 06/07/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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COMMERCE COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Cerritos Planning Commission** will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.** on the following matter: **Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL APPROVE DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2024-2, A REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 22.94 – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE, CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A PUBLIC PLACE AND AMENDING VALUE THRESHOLDS FOR THE DONATION OF, PLACEMENT OF, OR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ART INSTALLATION IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS, WITH A RELATED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CERRITOS MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES IN-LIEU FEE.** * ***Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this project is categorically exempt from CEQA review.** This public hearing will be conducted in person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. The public hearing will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to planning@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Department of Community Development no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting and the document(s) will be retained with the public record of the meeting. If you challenge the above-mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence emailed to the Department of Community Development by the submission deadline, prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Department of Community Development at (562) 916-1201 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Kristin Aguila, Director of Community Development

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but no later than **4:00 PM** on the **4th day of June 4, 2024** Proposals for:

RFP # ABC – 1657 Transportation Charter

Responses shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. RFP shall be received in 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.

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NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-952
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING SECTIONS 9-2.3203 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLASSIFY AN AUTOMATED DRIVE-THROUGH CAR WASH AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE.

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 2024, the City Council of the City of Artesia adopted Ordinance No. 24-952 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to Conditionally Permitted Uses within the Commercial General (C-G) Zone. The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance:
The City of Artesia’s Commercial General (C-G) Zone classify various commercial land uses as either principally permitted or conditionally permitted uses. The amendments will classify and conditionally permit an automated drive-through car wash with vacuum stations and electric vehicle (EV) stations and other sustainable/ green construction project within the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmembers: Manalo, Ramoso, Trevino, Taj, Lima
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. 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: May 24, 2024 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-947
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND DONG AH DEVELOPMENT USA, INC TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11701 SOUTH STREET WITH A TWO-STORY COMMERCIAL RETAIL BUILDING, AUTO-MATED DRIVE-THROUGH CARWASH WITH SELF VACUUM STATIONS, RETAIL AND RESTAURANT USES, AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 2024, the City Council of the City of Artesia adopted Ordinance No. 24-947 approving a Development Agreement between the City of Artesia and Dong Ah Development USA, Inc. The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance:
The applicant, Dong Ah Development USA, Inc, is requesting approval of a project to develop the property with a two-story commercial retail building, automated drive-through carwash with self-vacuum stations, retail and restaurant uses, and electric vehicle charging stations at 11701 South Street (Assessor Parcel No. 7039 014-018).

Ayes: Councilmembers: Manalo, Ramoso, Trevino, Taj, Lima
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Please note that the above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. 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: May 24, 2024 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 757

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera Planning Commission to consider the approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 757 for an auto repair shop located at 9110 Bermudez Street, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (APN: 6378-021-011) in the Commercial Manufacturing (C-M) zoned district as shown in **Attachment “A.”**

WHEN:

Monday, June 03, 2024

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

WHERE:

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

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1(a) – Existing Facilities. Class 1(a) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical feature, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. None of the exceptions to the exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

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


(1) Email public comments to aneli.gonzalez@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting;
(2) Attend the Public Hearing in person

Copies of all relevant material including project specifications are available to the public for review in the Community & Economic Development Department at City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Additional information may be found at the City’s website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/current-projects/>. Please contact Aneli Gonzalez, Assistant Planner at 562-801-4307 for additional questions.

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

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

Attachment “A”



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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

At the Board Meeting of June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom-16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the LCAP and the Budget of the District for the fiscal year 2024-2025, prior to Final Adoption as required by Education Code Section 42103. The proposed budget will be on file and available for public inspection at the following location should members of the public wish to review the budget prior to the public hearing.

Location:

ABC Unified School District
16700 Norwalk Blvd.
Cerritos, Ca. 90703

Date(s):

May 31- June 4, 2024

Time:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2024062376
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: JOYZQUAD 17808 VIERRA AVE., CERRITOS CA., 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. REGISTERED OWNER: JOY ESPLETA CAVARLEZ, 17808 VIERRA AVE., CERRITOS CA., 90703 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 3/24. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ JOY ESPLETA CAVARLEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 3/21/24. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19/24

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700–21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 –1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com ending on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name

Angela Norris

Unit #

I10


Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Dated this 24th day of May 2024 and 31st day of May 2024.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024099448

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: NPC SOCIETY 11331 183RD STREET, SUITE 1082, CERRITOS CA 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 202462016219. REGISTERED OWNER: RUGER HOLDINGS LLC, 11331 183RD STREET, SUITE 1082, CERRITOS CA 90703 INCORPORATED IN CA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/2024. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ RUGER HOLDINGS LLC., MEMBER RYAN RUGER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/08/24. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/24.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION

Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3381

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3381 through 3385, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector’s Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become subject to the tax collector’s power to sell on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

1. Nonresidential commercial parcels, as defined in R&TC Section 3691, which will have been defaulted for three or more years,

2. Parcels on which a nuisance abatement lien has been recorded, which will have been defaulted for three or more years.

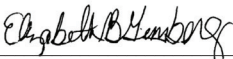
The Tax Collector will record a Notice of Power to Sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or the property owner initiates an installment plan of redemption, as provided by law, prior to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Friday, June 28, 2024, when the right to initiate an installment plan terminates. Thereafter, the only option to prevent the sale of the property at public auction is to pay the taxes in full.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the tax collector’s power to sell, but it terminates at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on the last business day before the scheduled auction of the property by the Tax Collector.

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 ttc.lacounty.gov or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of Friday, June 28, 2024.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 16 day of April 2024.



ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
INTERIM TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor’s Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor’s map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor’s maps and further explanation of the

parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor’s Office, 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

The real property that is the subject of this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2021 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
2776 \$909.32
BUTTS, TERRY L SITUS:12028 VALLEY VIEW AVE WHITTIER CA 90604-2731 AIN: 8031-023-016
2777 \$2,612.88
BUTTS, TERRY L SITUS:12022 VALLEY VIEW AVE WHITTIER CA 90604-2731 AIN: 8031-023-017
2778 \$3,253.04
BUTTS, TERRY L SITUS:12018 VALLEY VIEW AVE WHITTIER CA 90604-2731 AIN: 8031-023-018
2788 \$6,361.49
BIOLA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AIN: 8041-009-028
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2019 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
2780 \$9,918.60
HOPPE, WILLIAM TR LUCILLE HOPPE DECD TRUST SITUS:11927 MAYES DR LA MIRADA CA 90638-1540 AIN: 8034-024-036
2781 \$751.31
MCGRAW, LISA M SITUS:16125 GOLDEN LANTERN LN WHITTIER CA 90604-3934 AIN: 8035-011-005
2782 \$10,970.02
KOSAREFF, NANCY SITUS:13506 LA JOLLA CIR UNIT F* LA MIRADA CA 90638-3319 AIN: 8037-025-042
2783 \$1,574.37
SMITH, ANDREW F AND SMITH, STEVEN H SITUS:13910 RIO HONDO CIR UNIT B LA MIRADA CA 90638-3225 AIN: 8037-027-031
2784 \$14,403.37
DUNNING, VERNA M TR VERNA M DUNNING TRUST SITUS:15936 ALTA VISTA DR UNIT D LA MIRADA CA 90638-3269 AIN: 8037-031-079
2785 \$35,261.47
STUTZKE, PAUL N SITUS:12609 OAKTHORN LN LA MIRADA CA 90638-2520 AIN: 8038-012-038
2799 \$52,172.43
PHIPPS, JOHN D CO TR PHIPPS TRUST SITUS:13730 EL ESPEJO RD LA MIRADA CA 90638-3718 AIN: 8061-002-014
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2018 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
2786 \$13,958.52
PLASCNECIA, DONNA M SITUS:15016 GREENWORTH DR LA MIRADA CA 90638-2333 AIN: 8038-017-006
2806 \$5,965.25
KIM, ANTHONY T AND KIM, PAUL SITUS:15323 BARNWALL ST LA MIRADA CA 90638-5329 AIN: 8088-006-016
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2017 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
2789 \$11,690.18
YOOL MI KIM SITUS:14735 GAGELY DR LA MIRADA CA 90638-2115 AIN: 8041-020-005
2798 \$34,165.63
KYRIAKOS, SPIRO C AND LAINIE A SITUS:13344 CAMBRIDGE ST SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670-4904 AIN: 8059-001-019
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2016 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
2779 \$320.91
CONOVER, WILLIAM A AND Z JANETTE SITUS:14492 CHERE DR WHITTIER CA 90604-3038 AIN: 8032-007-020
CN106925 607 May 24, 31, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024096680

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:CERRITOS ANIMAL HOSPITAL, 11360 183RD STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 6194752. REGISTERED OWNER: CERRITOS ANIMAL HOSPITAL, 11360 183RD STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703, INCORPORATED IN CA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/2024. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ CERRITOS ANIMAL HOSPITAL, INC., PRESIDENT, JENNIFER SELF. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/06/24. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/24.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID DOBRUSKY AKA DAVID J. DOBRISKI, DAVID J. DOBRUSKY, DAVID JAY DOBRUSKY

Case No. 24STPB05663

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID DOBRUSKY AKA DAVID J. DOBRISKI, DAVID J. DOBRUSKY, DAVID JAY DOBRUSKY

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Los Angeles County Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Los Angeles County Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 1, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D 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:
DEBORAH L. CHILDS
PRIN DEP COUNTY COUNSEL
SBN 130637
DAWYN HARRISON
OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
500 WEST TEMPLE ST
STE 648
LOS ANGELES CA 90012
CN106877 DOBRUSKY May 24,31, Jun 7, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROSE MARIE SMITH, ROSE SMITH

CASE NO 24STPB02038

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROSE MARIE SMITH, ROSE SMITH. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LUCILLE BAKER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION requests that LUCILLE BAKER be appointed as EXECUTOR the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 5/28/24 at 8:30AM Dept. 99 in Stanley Mosk Courthouse 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TIRSO MELENDEZ GAMO, JR.

CASE NO. 24STPB04817

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: TIRSO MELENDEZ GAMO, JR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by J STAR AUTO GROUP, INC. in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that J STAR AUTO GROUP, INC. 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 with limited authority . (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 05/31/2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 62 located at 111 N. HILL ST. 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 Request for Special Notice (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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| ACOSTA, ADAN | F102 |
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| HOSANG, JESSICA REBECCA | A197 |
| HUGHES, DEBRA | B830 |

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