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## GAHR SOAKING IT UP LEADING UP TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

**THE CIF-SS FORD PRESS CONFERENCE** Luncheon for the schools that will be playing for a divisional championship either Friday or Saturday, Gahr High is represented by, (l-r), head coach Greg Marshall, senior lineman Alejandro Duenas, senior defensive back and offensive utility player Markell Slaughter, senior running back and linebacker Ja'Shon Wallace, senior tight end Jacob Sikma, assistant coach Chris Thompson and Principal Richard Moore.

## Tran Defeats Steel in Crucial House Race

Outspent by millions, Steel could not overcome her lies about her record.

By Brian Hews

Derek Tran defeated Republican two-term incumbent Representative Michelle Steel according to The Associated Press, flipping a battleground seat in the OC which also represents Artesia, Cerritos, and Hawaiian Gardens.

The win was the second House pickup in California for Democrats, and mimics the surprisingly successful down-ballot races all over the country.

Republicans now hold a 220 to 214 advantage with the 13th Congressional District in California left to be decided.

But the completely ignorant P-E Trump wants two House members to serve in his administration and a third, alleged serial teen rapist Matt Gaetz, resigned his seat this month.

That could leave a 217 to 215 Republican "advantage" with three open seats.

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## Top Seed Gahr High in CIF-SS Championship Game

By Loren Kopff

LONG BEACH-Of the 28 11-man football teams who will be playing for a CIF-Southern Section divisional championship either on Friday or Saturday, Gahr High is one five schools making its first trip to the finals. In contrast, eight teams who advanced to the title game last season are making a return trip later in the week.

The CIF-SS put on its yearly press conference luncheon this past Monday at the Long Beach Marriott and Gahr's Greg Marshall had a lot of emotions as the head coach of 22 seasons for the Gladiators was just as curious as the other four schools as to what to expect.

"Compared to our banquet, this definitely gives us a different perspective, seeing all the teams here and seeing how excited the boys are to be a part of something special," said Marshall. "The very neat thing...one of our alumni from the CIF office; I always talk to her, is excited for Gahr being in the finals for the first time. So,

there are a lot of people, alumni included, who are happy for this moment. It's pretty special."

This is the 110th season that the CIF-SS has had a championship game in football. And, if you've made it this far, that means you get to practice on Thanksgiving, which Gahr will have early in the morning.

The Gladiators are the top-seeded team and will face Pasadena High, seeded 10th on Saturday night. Gahr ended the regular season at 5-5 but knocked off injury-riddled La Puente High 41-14, Artesia High 34-7 and fourth-seeded Anaheim High 28-12 to get to this point. The Bulldogs entered the playoffs with a 4-6 mark with all of their wins coming in Pacific League action. Pasadena then eliminated Santa Rosa Academy 23-15, upset second-seeded San Marino High 22-16 and third-seeded Lynwood High 37-0 last Friday.

Gahr has been playing the last five games without senior wide receiver and cornerback

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## Australia Passes Legislation Banning 16 and Under From Social Media

Social media companies that do not enforce the ban could receive fines of up to \$32.5 million.

By Brian Hews

A social media ban for children under 16 passed the Australian Senate Thursday and will soon become a first-of-its-kind law worldwide.

ty Commissioner, Julie Inman Grant, had been advocating for stronger protections for children and teenagers online. There have been calls for stricter age verification systems, improved content moderation, and more significant efforts to combat online harm, cyberbullying, and exploitation.

One notable piece of legislation in the works was the Social Media (Online Safety) Bill, which aimed to make platforms



**ACCORDING** to the latest polling in Australia, 77 percent of the public supported the ban on under-16s. Trials will begin in January, and the platforms will have one year to work out how to implement the ban.

But some are already saying the bill needs more teeth. The law will make platforms including TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, Reddit, X, and Instagram liable for fines of up to \$50 million Australian, \$33 million US, for "failures to prevent children younger than 16 from holding accounts."

The passage followed a debate that gripped Australia while setting a benchmark for countries around the world with the toughest regulations targeting Social Media.

Media outlets reported that, according to the latest polling, while privacy advocates and some children's rights groups opposed the bill, 77 percent of the public supported the ban on under-16s.

In 2023, Australia's eSafe-

more accountable for harmful content. The Australian government has also discussed the idea of raising the minimum age for social media users, possibly requiring parental consent for users under 16. However, a complete ban on social media for kids under 16 had yet to be enacted at the federal level by that time.

The Senate passed the bill 34 votes to 19. The House of Representatives on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved the legislation 102 votes to 13.

Trials will begin in January, and the platforms will have one year to work out how to implement the ban before penalties are enforced.

Reports are that "critics" of

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### Hahn Partners With Assemblyman in Turkey Giveaway



**VOLUNTEERS** Hahn staff, volunteers and partners from Amapola Market helped make the giveaway possible. 500 families took home free turkey, potatoes, veggies and pie.

Last week the office of Supervisor Janice Hahn partnered with the City of Commerce and Assemblymember Miguel Santiago to host its annual Thanks-

giving meal giveaway. A total of 500 families took home free turkey, potatoes, veggies and pie. Hahn thanks Amapola Market for donations.

### Contact Santa this holiday season

Cerritos little ones can email or chat with Santa this holiday season. To receive a call from the North Pole, register by Thursday, December 5 through the Classes/RACER link on the City's website at [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov). Four to six year olds (registration number 13341) must be available to chat with Santa on Thursday, December 5 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Seven to nine year olds (registration number

13342) must be available to take calls from the North Pole on Friday, December 6 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570. Children ages 11 and younger can also email Santa starting Monday, November 25 through Friday, December 13. A link to email Santa will be posted on [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov). For more information about contacting Santa, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

### Da' Hawaii Seniors Club Elected New Board Members for 2025



**NEWLY ELECTED:** meeting of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club at the Cerritos Senior Center, are the newly elected Board Members of The Club for 2025. Seated are Co-Presidents Cesar Franco and Carmelita Tiongson.

By Edna Ethington

Members of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club of Cerritos elected new Board Members for 2025 at their meeting on November 14, 2024, at the Maple Room of the Cerritos Senior Center. After President Carmelita Tiongson opened the meeting, Danny Chang and Calving Kunimoto led members in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of Hawaii Pono. Hedy Anduha then led members in singing "Happy Birthday" in English and Hawai-

ian to seven members who were present and were celebrating their birth in November. They included Gylene Ornellas, Carol Kawabata, Larry Anduha, Winona Chang, Bette Kurihara, Ping Chen, and John Yanagihara.

Carmelita then announced the names of members who were nominated to serve on Da' Hawaii Seniors Club Board for 2025 at the October 17, 2024, meeting. The nominated members were as follows: Co-Presidents, Carmelita Tiongson and Cesar Franco; 1st VP Programs, Rosaria (Loke) Manetta; 2nd Co-VP Membership, Myrna Matsuno and Carrie Kumabe; 3rd VP Public Performance, Ping Chen and Irina Soleyman; Recording Secretary, Helen Limbo; Treasurer, Ken Matsuno; Refreshment Committee, Frances McCormick, Anne Ohara, and Bette Kurihara; Ohana Care, Malorette "Malu" Gascon and Aida Kull; Sergeant-at-Arms, Larry Aduha and Liberty Santiago; Audio Techs, Susan McCormick, Ping Chen, Cesar Franco, and Carrie Kumabe. After the above members accepted their nominations, members present at the meeting voted to elect all these nominated members as their new officers for 2025.

Carmelita thanked everyone who agreed to serve on DHSC Board for 2025. She then introduced Program VP Loke Manetta who introduced leaders of songs and dances as part of the Kanikapila program. The Audio Techs provided the music and videos with songs listed, and invited members to join in singing and dancing. Carmelita sang the Filipino song, Dahil Sa Yo, as members gracefully danced a hula to the song. Elvis Impersonator Elias Laberinto performed three Elvis songs as Loke Manetta and others danced to his songs. Loke joined Carmelita in singing "Autumn Leaves," and Frances McCormick led a line dance to "Hukilau" and other songs. Susan McCormick and the Audio Techs led the singing of Johnny Cash's "Thanksgiving Prayer."

At the conclusion of all the dancing and singing, Program VP Loke announced the winners of raffle prizes of homemade bread, wine, gift certificates and other surprises that members were happy to receive. The meeting came to an end with the singing of the traditional closing songs of Hawaii Aloha and Aloha O'e.

Carmelita reminded members that there will be no club meeting in December. Members and guests are invited to come to the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at the Majestic Room at Cerritos Senior Center, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$25 per person. Persons interested in attending the Holiday Party must contact President Carmelita Tiongson by December 12, 2024.

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## LBS Financial Credit Union Donates School Supplies to Tracy Infant Center in Cerritos



**STAFF AT TRACY INFANT CENTER** in Cerritos with LBS Financial’s school supply and classroom donations. Pictured left to right are Jessica Sanchez, Jennifer Kim, Ilene Onopa, Angela Wilson, Erin Sauchelli, Karla Cardenas, Angelica Gutierrez and Linda Chan-Ogura.

### LCCN Staff Report

LBS Financial Credit Union donated hundreds of school supplies including a refrigerator and stove to Tracy Infant Center in Cerritos on October 11, 2024, as their adopted school in ABC Unified School District.

LBS Financial adopts a different school in the ABC Unified School District every year and partners with the principal to receive a wish list of items needed for students, faculty, and classrooms. Tracy Infant Center’s wish list included a variety of play items including activity balls, dolls, tricycles, and more for the children in their center. Also included in their list was a refrigerator and stove for their kitchen. During August, LBS Financial promoted the school supply drive for Tracy Infant Center with credit union members and employees to donate new school supplies throughout the month at their Cerritos location. LBS Financial also spread the word on their social media and

company website.

“LBS Financial Credit Union, in partnership with the ABC Education Foundation, recently made a generous donation to Tracy Infant Center by providing a brand-new refrigerator and stove. This much-needed upgrade comes after the center’s previous appliances had been in use for over 15 years,” said Director of Pupil Support Services, Special Education, Dr. Verdusco. “In addition, LBS Financial Credit Union also donated educational and fun materials and equipment for our students. This act of kindness highlights the importance of community partnerships in creating lasting positive change.”

This is LBS Financial’s fourteenth year of adopting a school in ABC Unified School District. LBS Financial also adopted two additional schools in Bellflower Unified School District and Long Beach Unified School District and delivered their supplies in the months of September and October.

## Cerritos Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 2 Offers Family Fun

The City of Cerritos will hold its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, December 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center.

Get an early jump on the holiday

spirit at this special night for Cerritos families. The evening features holiday music, entertainment, crafts, and fun for all ages. The Cerritos City Council will light the City’s Christmas tree at 6 p.m.

Santa will be available for visits following the lighting. Remember to bring a camera.

*For more information, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.*

## Caltrans Lands \$5.6M to Improve Safety & Reduce Travel Times

### LCCN Staff Report

Caltrans has been awarded a \$5.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) as part of the 2023 Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) program to provide real-time, critical information to drivers by connecting vehicles and roadside equipment with cellular networks.

“Caltrans is poised to lead the future of transportation by pioneering intelligent, technology-driven solutions that make our roads safer and reduce travel times,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares.

Real-time information is provided through electronic highway message signs and other means that will give drivers the heads-up they need to avoid congestion and have more reliable commutes.

This funding will build upon Caltrans’ efforts to advance connected vehicle (CV) technology’s safety features, data accuracy, and communication.

Objectives of the project include expanding the accuracy and reach of real-time information messages to drivers; assuring compatibility of various CV hardware and applications; deployment of video analytics at intersections to support pedestrian and cyclist safety; and supporting multiple CV technologies and communications media such as 5G and satellite to ensure all road users benefit.

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**Mark Pulido Emcees Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony in D.C.**



**INDUCTION CEREMONY:** at the event in Washington D.C. is, from (l-r), former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, Cerritos Planning Commissioner Gloria Perlas Pulido, Deborah Vollmer (partner of inductee Philip Vera Cruz), Acting Secretary of Labor Julie A. Su, Sandra Itliong-Bowman and Patty Serda (daughters of inductee Larry Itliong) at the Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony on November 20, 2024 at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C.

By Brian Hews

Former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido recently emceed the Filipino Labor Leaders of the Farmworkers' Movement. In this event, Acting Secretary of Labor Julie A. Su inducted into the United States Department of Labor Hall of Honor Manong Larry Dulay Larry D. Itliong, Manong Philip Villamin Vera Cruz, and Manong Peter Gines Velasco, at a ceremony last week in Washington, D.C.

Manong (pronounced Mah-noh-ng)

is an Ilokano term principally given to the first-born male in a Filipino nuclear family. However, it can also be used to title an older brother, older male cousin, or older male relative in an extended family. The feminine "manang" is a term given to an older sister. "It was my distinct pleasure and honor to emcee the event," Pulido told LCCN, "it was a long overdue, well-deserved recognition of our beloved Manongs and Manangs, who struggled before us to make life better for all of us, here in America."

**ABC Schools Earn 2024 AP Honor Roll Distinction**

ABC Unified School District announced that Cerritos, Gahr, and Whitney High Schools have been named to the 2024 AP School Honor Roll. This prestigious national designation recognizes schools that excel in providing Advanced Placement (AP) programs. This year, only about half of California's eligible schools received this recognition, underscoring the significance of this achievement.

Whitney High earned the top distinction with the Platinum level. Cerritos High achieved Gold status, and Gahr High earned the Silver designation. These distinctions highlight the schools' dedication to cultivating college-ready students.

The AP Honor Roll designation is based on strict criteria demonstrating a school's success in creating a robust college-going culture and delivering measurable results. To qualify, schools must ensure that at least 40% of graduating students have taken one or more AP exams, with 25% achieving a score of 3 or higher on at least one exam, and 2% taking five or more AP exams over their high school career. This recognition also reflects the schools' work to provide equitable access to advanced coursework, preparing students for both college and future career opportunities.

"Our high schools are focused on preparing students not only for college but also for any career path they choose to pursue," said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. "Earning these AP Honor Roll designations demonstrates our commitment to providing students with challenging and meaningful educational experiences that help them meet their goals and gain the confidence to succeed."

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In the last uncalled House race, in California's Central Valley, the Democratic challenger, Adam Gray, nudged past Representative John Duarte, a Republican, for the first time on Tuesday. Mr. Gray had a 182-vote lead in the latest count.

While Steel had a large war chest and strong party backing in the 45th Congressional District, Tran, a first-time political candidate, won in part by attacking her shifting positions on abortion.

During her time in Congress, Ms. Steel, as reported in LCCN, was twice a co-sponsor of the Life at Conception Act, a bill that amounted to a nationwide abortion ban. She later withdrew her support from the bill, but Tran seized on Steel's earlier position to paint her as having extreme views on reproductive rights.

Tran made a concerted effort to court Vietnamese Americans in Little Saigon, a large bloc of voters who have traditionally leaned Republican and are staunchly anti-Communist. But his profile as the son of war refugees from Vietnam largely inoculated him from Steel's attempts to frame him as a Communist sympathizer. His background also gave voters the opportunity to elect the district's first-ever Vietnamese American representative in Congress.



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the legislation fear that banning young children from social media will impact the privacy of users who must establish they are older than 16.

While the major parties support the ban, many child welfare and mental health advocates are concerned about unintended consequences.

Media outlets are reporting that advocacy groups and academics warn that the ban could prevent vulnerable young people, including those from the LGBTQ community and immigrant teenagers, from finding support networks.

"This policy will hurt vulnerable young people the most, especially in regional communities and especially the LGBTQI community, by cutting them off," one Australian Senator said to the Senate.

Online safety campaigner Sonya Ryan, whose 15-year-old daughter Carly was murdered by a 50-year-old pedophile who pretended to be a teenager online, described the Senate vote as a "monumental moment in protecting our children from horrendous harms online."

"It's too late for my daughter, Carly, and the many other children who have suffered terribly and those who have lost their lives in Australia, but let us stand together on their behalf and embrace this together," she told the AP in an email.

The platforms had complained that the law would be unworkable and wanted a delay until a government-commissioned evaluation of age assurance technologies made its report on how young children could be excluded.

## LA Clippers Names Kaiser Permanente as Official Health Care Partner

Edited by LCCN Staff

The LA Clippers and Kaiser Permanente [Kaiser] have announced a long-term agreement that brings together two Southern California organizations committed to improving the vitality and health in the greater Los Angeles area.

Through this agreement with the Clippers, Kaiser will serve as Official Health Care Partner and Team Physicians, extending its sports medicine program to the team in their Kaiser Permanente Training Center.

Kaiser will also open a specialized sports medicine clinic within the Intuit Dome campus in 2025 to provide care for both its members and the community.

In addition, Kaiser will invest in a community activation fund to support the well-being and future of the local area's youth.

"The LA Clippers share Kaiser Permanente's vision for a thriving community that embraces total health and wellness and that's what makes this a perfect partnership," said Michelle Gaskill-Hames, president, Kaiser Permanente Southern California, Health Plan and Hospitals. "This collaboration will strengthen our commitment to the community, expand our care delivery and highlight our exceptional health care for both athletes and Southern California residents."

"Kaiser Permanente was selected as our Official Health Care Partner and Team Physicians because of their long-standing reputation in sports medicine," said LA Clippers and Intuit Dome Chief Commercial Officer Scott Sonnenberg. "This long-term partnership with Kaiser Permanente demonstrates



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our two highly-valued and respected organizations' deep commitment to improving the health of Los Angeles residents, as well as our commitment to the health for the future – the youth of Greater LA."

As the Official Health Care Partner, Kaiser Permanente's focus areas will include:

**Community activation fund:** This will include a multi-year initiative with selected community partners, focused on the youth in Los Angeles communities. The expected programming will address healthy minds, healthy bodies, and education and career exposure.

**Community engagement, OPEN THE DOME.** The Clippers and Kaiser will collaborate on activities and programs in the community and open the Intuit Dome campus to local youth.

**Medical excellence:** The Clippers have selected the Southern California Permanente Medical Group as their Team Physicians.

The same physicians who provide care to these Clipper athletes are part of a team of physicians who provide medical care to the members of Kaiser every day.

**New sports medicine clinic:** Kaiser will establish a cutting-edge sports medicine clinic strategically located within the Intuit Dome campus, home of the Clippers, to serve Kaiser members and the community. It is expected to open in late 2025.

"We are pleased to support the LA Clippers and provide the expertise and high-quality care to professional athletes as well as Kaiser Permanente members and the community," said Dr. Ramin Davidoff, executive medical director of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. "Our team of sports medicine physicians has extensive experience and expertise in the specialized care of sports medicine focused on comprehensive preventive care and injury treatment to help athletes perform their best."

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## Raising Cane's Continues Expansion, Opens in Norwalk



**RAISING CANE'S** opened its newest Los Angeles-area location at 12618 Studebaker Road on Tuesday, Nov. 19 in Norwalk.

Situated at the intersection of Imperial Highway and Studebaker Road, Raising Cane's opened a spacious 69,132-square-foot restaurant that is offering plenty of parking along with a multi-lane drive-thru, ready to serve up the ONE LOVE Chicken Finger meals.

"We couldn't be more excited to open our doors in Norwalk and become an integral part of the community," said restaurant leader Jeff Venture in a statement. "Bringing Raising Cane's to Norwalk

means not only sharing our craveable Chicken Finger meals and famous Cane's Sauce, but also creating jobs and supporting local causes. We look forward to welcoming everyone in for a meal and a warm experience that families, friends, and neighbors can all enjoy together."

The new restaurant is open Sunday through Wednesday from 9 to 2 a.m., with extended hours Thursday through Saturday from 9 to 3:30 a.m.

## Upcoming I-5 Closures in Commerce, Downey and Santa Fe Springs

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is planning multiple overnight closures on Interstate 5 (I-5) in the cities of Commerce, Downey, and

Santa Fe Springs from Monday night, December 2, through Saturday morning, December 7.

The following closures of up to two lanes on northbound and southbound I-5 will take place on December 2 – December 7 between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.:

- Route 605 to Washington Boulevard

*Please visit the Caltrans Quickmap for the latest road conditions and closures.*

## A Holiday Message From La Mirada Mayor John Lewis

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and La Mirada is lighting up the season with festivities for everyone to



La Mirada Mayor John Lewis

enjoy! This holiday season, let's come together to celebrate, create new memories, and share the magic of the holidays throughout our community.

First, deck the halls—and your homes! La Mirada's Holiday Home Decorating Contest

is back, encouraging residents to spread cheer with dazzling displays. Volunteer judges will be canvassing through neighborhoods from Sunday, December 1, to Tuesday, December 10 to spot the brightest and most festive homes. Winners will receive a special yard sign and recognition on the City's website and social media. Plus, the City will crown a "best decorated neighborhood," so rally your neighbors for a spectacular showing of holiday spirit!

Next, don't miss the annual Chili Holiday Event on Saturday, December 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. Cozy up with live entertainment, crafts, and warm bowls of chili while enjoying a holiday train ride, photos with Santa, and story time with Mrs. Claus. It's an evening filled with festive fun!

Santa's Caravan is making its rounds to spread joy across La Mirada. From Tuesday, December 17 to Thursday, December 19, beginning at 5 p.m. each evening, follow Santa's journey through the neighborhoods using the Glympse App. Check the City's website for route details and be sure to catch a glimpse of the jolly man himself!

'Tis the season for giving! Contribute to the Holiday Toy and Food Drive by dropping off new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items at various City locations—including City Hall, the Activity Center, and Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center—by Monday, December 9. Your generosity will help brighten the holidays for families in need.

For our senior residents, wear your most festive sweaters to the All That Dance Log Cabin Holiday event on Friday, December 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. Enjoy light refreshments, crafts, and entertainment from DJ Professor D—all for just \$5!

Children can share their Christmas wishes with Santa by sending a letter in special mailboxes at City Hall, the Resource Center, and Splash!. Be sure to drop letters off by Friday, December 13 for a personalized reply from the North Pole. Don't forget to include a return address!

Looking for a stocking stuffer? Buccaneer Bay season passes make a splash as a unique holiday gift. Grab one before December 31 for a special holiday offer.

Finally, let the La Mirada Theatre fill your season with holiday cheer and unforgettable performances. Kick off the celebrations on Sunday, December 8, with Blue Suede Christmas, a lively Elvis-themed tribute. On Sunday, December 15, gather the family for an inspiring acoustic holiday concert by John Tesh. Then, groove into the spirit on Thursday, December 20, as Tower of Power brings their signature soulful spin to Christmas classics. The festivities continue Saturday, December 21, with Ballet Folklórico's vibrant Navidad en Mexico, and culminate on Sunday, December 22, with the timeless tradition of The Nutcracker. There's something magical for everyone!

On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I wish you a joyous and safe holiday season filled with laughter, love, and lasting memories. Here's to a bright and happy 2025!

*Sincerely,  
John Lewis, Esq.  
La Mirada Mayor*

## Santa's Holiday Float Will Tour Cerritos

Santa's Holiday Float returns this year to spread seasonal cheer throughout Cerritos neighborhoods. This year, residents entered a lottery for a chance to ride with St. Nick.

Offered on seven nights in December, the popular holiday attraction features a festive float with holiday music and Santa traveling through the residential areas of Cerritos.

Santa's Holiday Float will travel through the City starting at 6 p.m. on

Monday, December 9, through Wednesday, December 11; Friday, December 13; and on Tuesday, December 17, through Thursday, December 19.

Maps showing the float's route each evening will be posted on the City's website at [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov) by early December.

A GPS tracker will be placed on the float to allow residents to track its location through a link on the City's website.

If it rains, the float will be canceled for that evening and the route will be rescheduled to another night.

Parents are asked to supervise their children to keep them from running into the streets while the float is passing.

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**Cerritos**

Nov. 11 - Nov. 17, 2024

**Robbery**

A suspect with a firearm at the 17300 block of Stowers, a residential area off of Artesia and Marquardt, assaulted the victim and took their jewelry.

At the 11500 block of South Street, near Gridley and South, a suspect who assaulted the victim took unpaid-for merchandise; deputies later arrested the suspect.

**Residential Burglary**

An incident at the 16600 block of Bimini, which is near Studebaker and 166th, occurred when a suspect went through the rear sliding door, shattering the glass; at the time of the report, the owner was still assessing what was taken.

**Burglary Other**

Two burglaries occurred at the 16100 block of Manning, an industrial area near Alondra and Carmenita, with the suspect cutting through metal rollup doors to take property.

At the 17500 block of Bloomfield, inside the Cerritos Towne Center, a glass door was shattered, and electronics were taken.

At the 17800 block of Studebaker, inside Plaza 183rd, the burglar went through a roof skylight and took tools.

**Grand Theft**

At the 13300 block of South Street inside the Raph's Center on Carmenita, a suspect broke in and took alcohol.

There were five incidents at the Los Cerritos Center. In two incidents, clothing was stolen, and one person was arrested; the other got away. In two different incidents, cosmetics were stolen; in another, electronics were stolen. All of those suspects got away.

Musical instruments were stolen inside the Los Cerritos Center at the 11100 block of 183rd.

Car parts were stolen at the 17700



block of Studebaker, near Off Street Cafe, and the 10900 block of Alondra, very near Cerritos College.

An electronic bike was stolen at the 12800 block of Town Center Drive, inside the Cerritos Towne Center.

**Grand Theft Auto**

A Chevy Camaro was stolen from the Los Cerritos Center and not recovered.

A Dodge Ram was stolen and recovered at the 22000 block of State Street, just west of the 605 freeway on Del Amo.

At the 12300 block of Willowbranch, a residential area near Satellite Park, an Infinity was stolen and recovered.

A Dodge Ram was stolen and recovered at the 13900 block of Struikman, near Artesia and Marquardt.

**Vehicle Burglary**

At the 17100 block of Valley View, just off of Artesia and Valley View, a Toyota Tundra was broken into; it is unknown what was taken.

A Ford was broken into at the 12800 block of Andy St. in a residential area near Heritage Park; it is unknown what was taken.

A Jeep was broken at the 13200 block of 166th, near Cerritos Park East, and electronics were taken.

**La Mirada**

**Notable Arrests**

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

**Other Structure Burglary**

• A burglary was reported on the 14400 block of Artesia Bl.

• An early morning burglary occurred on the 14200 block of Gannet St.

• A burglary occurred on the 14500 block of Alondra Blvd.

• A burglary was reported on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.

**Grand Theft**

• A theft occurred on the 12000 block of Santa Gertrudes Ave.

• Two thefts occurred on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.

**Grand Theft Auto**

• An overnight vehicle theft of a SUV occurred on the 14600 block of Rosecrans Ave.

• A SUV was reported stolen on the 15900 block of Imperial Hwy.

• A pickup truck was reported stolen on the 12200 block of La Mirada Blvd.

• A sedan was stolen on the 14300 block of San Ardo Rd.

**Incarcerated Person Walks Away from Santa Fe Springs Reentry Program**

By Brian Hews

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) officials are seeking an incarcerated person who walked away from the Female Communi-

ty Reentry Program (FCRP) in Santa Fe Springs on Sunday, November 24, 2024.

At approximately 8:43 p.m., staff received a tamper alert for participant Christina Hammond's ankle monitor. Staff conducted a search of the facility and reviewed surveillance footage, which showed Hammond leaving the facility through a side door at approximately 8:47 p.m. and climbing over the garden gates at the northeast end of the building. Hammond's ankle monitor was in her bed area. An emergency count conducted and confirmed Hammond was missing.

Hammond, 34, is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 115 pounds. She has a light complexion, light brown hair, and blue eyes. She was last seen wearing a gray jacket, gray sweatpants, gloves, and carrying a blue bag.

Hammond was received from San Bernardino County to serve a five-year sentence for Assault with Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury, with an enhancement for inflicting Great Bodily Injury. She has been housed at the Santa Fe Springs facility since July 1, 2024, and was scheduled for release on December 21, 2025.

Within minutes of the discovery, CDCR's Office of Correctional Safety was notified, and agents are actively working to locate and apprehend Hammond. Local law enforcement has also been notified.

Anyone who sees Hammond or has knowledge of her whereabouts is urged to contact law enforcement or call 9-1-1.

The Female Community Reentry Program (FCRP) allows eligible female individuals with serious and violent crimes, as well as non-serious committed to State prison to serve their sentence in the community at a FCRP as designated by the Department, in lieu of confinement in State prison and at the discretion of the Secretary.

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# Trio of ABC Unified School District Teams To Pursue 605 League Title

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on X

Since the 605 League was formed, it has been either Artesia High, or Cerritos High which have dominated the circuit. This season Whitney High hopes to join that conversation with a stacked lineup. Speaking of stacked, La Mirada High is poised to win a CIF-Southern Section Divisional title and possibly more. Look for Gahr High to be improved while Norwalk High and Valley Christian High are hoping to rebound from last season.

## ARTESIA PIONEERS

**18-10 overall last season, 8-2 in the 605 League, second place, lost to Camarillo High 53-36 in the CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA first round playoffs.**

**Head coach: Jeffrey Myles (sixth season, 97-47)**

**Team's record previous 5 seasons: 97-47 Last time missed the playoffs: 1981**

**STARTERS LOST:** Joshua Martinez (11.0 points per game last season), Zion Staples (17.0 ppg.)

**STARTERS RETURNING:** SR Jaylen Reed, SR Judd Sajise (5.0 ppg.), SR Jovell Tate (5.0 ppg.)

**OTHERS RETURNING:** SR Cayden Del Rosario, SR C.J. Okeke, SR Ahkil Sampson, JR Kobe Young

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** SR Christopher Vargas

After back to back seasons of going

through the 605 League unblemished, Artesia took a backseat to Cerritos last season. Now, the Pioneers are ready to reclaim what had been theirs despite the graduation of Zion Staples, one of the premier players the school has had.

"Zion can never be replaced," said head coach Jeffrey Myles. "The kid worked his butt off for this program for four years. He was one of the hardest working kids I've ever coached. Our guys know we can't replace Zion, and no one here is trying to be Zion. Our guys know everyone needs to step up and be a star in their role. It's going to be a team effort, and all our guys are excited and up for the challenge."

So, who are the players that are expected to lead the red and black this season? Take your pick. Despite five returning seniors and one returning junior, no one stands out, however senior C.J. Okeke has been the team's most improved player in the offseason, according to Myles, and has been working hard every day trying to get better. Myles added that Okeke is starting to figure the game out.

If the Pioneers make a lot of noise in the league and in the playoffs, it will be because they have a team of 11 seniors and

four juniors with senior Christopher Vargas the varsity rookie to keep an eye on. He has been with the program throughout his entire high school career.

"He's a kid who is okay with doing all the dirty work," said Myles. "Chris will bring intensity to the team and energy."

The one big concern for Myles is one that is on the mind of all CIF-Southern Section coaches, which is the new divisional playoff format and how it will work. Myles' goals are the same as always-win league, finish above .500 and go deep in the playoffs.

Because of the high number of seniors, he added that they know this is their last chance and that every game they step on the court, he knows they are going to compete.

Artesia will wrap up its own tournament on Saturday and go to our next door neighbors to participate in the Great Desert Shootout late next month. It will also play Palm Springs High in the Intuit Dome on Jan. 11 as one of the 11 single games on the schedule. The team's motto this season is 'our time is now' and that would be fitting if they can take away the league title from Cerritos, or even Whitney.

"Cerritos had a great year last year and congratulations to them, with all that they

went through last year," said Myles. "It was a magical run, so hats off to them. This is a new year, and we aren't looking past anyone in the league. I'm sure when we play Cerritos, it will be a fun game. But we also have other teams in the league who we are looking forward to playing. It's going to be a fun ride."

## CERRITOS DONS

**22-11 overall last season, 10-0 in the 605 League, first place, defeated Yeshiva University of Los Angeles 60-51 in the CIF-SS Division 4AA finals, lost to University City High 68-65 in the CIF State Division III first round playoffs.**

**Head coach: Jonathan Watanabe (23rd season, second stint, 341-275)**

**Team's record previous 5 seasons: 79-54 Last time missed the playoffs: 2007**

**STARTERS LOST:** Osinachi Agaranna (6.0 points per game last season), Tobeanna Ozoagu (8.0 ppg.), Shay Pema (13.5 ppg.), Luke Rigor (5.2 ppg.)

**STARTERS RETURNING:** SR Benson Cho (8.5 ppg.)

**OTHERS RETURNING:** SR Jaylen Barsana, SR Nathan Dawitt, SR Nathan Ju, SR Jaden Ribac, SR Demetrius Washington, SR Maddox Yokoyama, JR Yukki Yamamoto

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Not available.

The Hollywood script was complete last season for Cerritos and longtime head coach Jonathan Watanabe, which advanced to a divisional championship for the first time in the program's history, won it, and dedicated the season to Ethan Soriano, who passed away before the season began. It's going to be hard to duplicate the same success, especially with four starters having graduated and nine first-year varsity players. But Watanabe is quick to let prognosticators know that all three levels won the 605 League last season.

"Just like any new season, we set new goals for our current team to achieve the ultimate goal of winning championships," said Watanabe. "Last season did give our players and coaches more experience and insight into what it takes to be a championship-caliber team and proved that the formula we have implemented works."

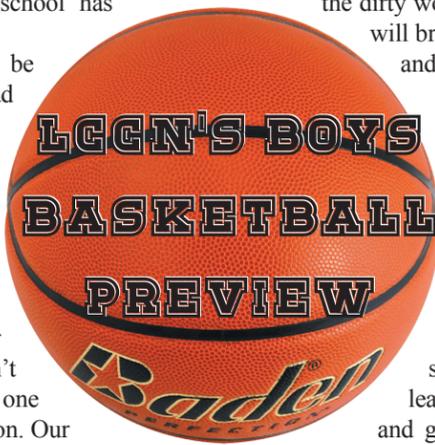
For right now, he has projected a starting lineup of seniors Jaylen Barsana, Benson Cho, Nathan Ju, Jaden Ribac and Demetrius Washington. All five have enough experience to get the Dons back to the promised land, but time will tell what it will look like in February. Watanabe and his experienced coaching staff will rely heavily on the development of the younger players, including the six sophomores.

One of the staples of Watanabe and his teams over the years is that they will be challenged by some of the best teams around the CIF-SS. The Dons have already faced Cypress High, former Suburban League nemesis Mayfair High and Sierra Canyon High and have a date with La Serna High at the Intuit Dome. Also on the docket will be Gahr, Los Alamitos High and Servite High plus the usual trek to San Diego late in December to participate in the Mt. Carmel Tournament.

"We will take our hits early as our young squad adjusts to playing some of the best teams in the area," said Watanabe. "But we are confident that these experiences will help us develop into a team that can make another run at a league and CIF-SS championship. The 605 League is going to be tough once again this season. Trey Bennett at Pioneer and Morgan Marks at Whitney will lead their respective squads. Artesia has a lot of size and talent. Oxford is always tough, and John Glenn will have a new coaching staff. It's going to be a battle every night, but we will be ready, and we are looking forward to the challenge."

## GAHR GLADIATORS

**18-9 overall last season, 8-2 in the Mid-Cities League, tied for first place, lost to**



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# KEEP HOLIDAY GREENS LOOKING THEIR BEST

By Melinda Myers

**W**reaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays.

Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest.

Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location.



**LASTING BEAUTY:** Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture. **Photo by MelindaMyers.com.**



Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

**TREE FRESHNESS** and proper watering is key. Fill the stand with water and check often. Fresh trees can absorb as much as 2 quarts of water in the first 24 hours. Keeping your tree stand filled with water is the best way to keep your tree looking its best throughout the season.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating.

Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products.

Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals.

Allow the treated greens to dry for

three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *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 TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



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## 7th ANNUAL RUMBLE ON THE HILL TOURNAMENT

# La Mirada Boys Basketball on Top of the Hill Again, Holds Off Damien in The Second Half

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on X

FULLERTON-Last season, the La Mirada High boys basketball team began the season winning all five games of the Rumble on the Hill Tournament, formerly the Rumble on Rosecrans Tournament. The Matadores edged Damien High 55-54 to capture the tournament.

This season, it was déjà vu as the teams met again for the championship game of the 7th Annual Rumble on the Hill Tournament and the Matadores came out the victors, 53-46, withstanding a late rally by the Spartans.

La Mirada jumped to a 12-0 lead after the first 4:07 of the game and held an 18-2 advantage with 1:14 remaining in the first quarter. The Matadores got all their points from seniors Julien Gomez (four points), junior King-Riley Owens (six points) and sophomore Gene Roebuck (eight points). But as hot of a start it was by the blue and gold, it was the opposite in the second quarter.

Damien stormed back in the second quarter and in a span of 3:30, scored the final 12 points of the half to tie the game at 25-25. Seven-footer Nathaniel Garcia scored 12 of his game-high 25 points in the stanza, including the tying basket with 27.2 seconds left.

"I'm not a big fan of calling timeouts to bail out our guys," said La Mirada head coach Randy Oronoz. "We have an experienced group. We've been through a lot of big games, and I told them at halftime, they have to figure it out; we have to figure it out as a team. I'm glad we saved those timeouts because they came in use at the end."

La Mirada would regain the lead on a basket from senior M.J. Smith a little over two minutes into the second half, ending a shooting drought by the Matadores. In a span of 11:17 from late in the first quarter to the Smith basket, La Mirada was three of 16 from the field. However, they would go on a tear after



LA MIRADA HIGH capped off a second straight Rumble on the Hill Tournament championship with a 53-46 win over Damien High last Saturday night at Sunny Hills High. Sophomore Gene Roebuck was named the tournament's most valuable player. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

that, connecting on nine of the last 17 shots it took.

"We're playing a well-coached team," said Oronoz. "We knew it was going to be a grind out. We told them it was going to be in the low 50s, and it was. They had a drought; we had a drought, and it's a game of runs and we ended up with the last run. Complements to them; we might see them in two other tournaments. I'm not happy about that, but it was a good win."

Garcia gave his team its first lead with 5:04 left in the third quarter at 29-27 and the Spartans would take the lead three other times, never leading by a basket each time. The fourth quarter began with another Garcia basket, making it 39-38 Spartans. But half a minute into the stanza, senior Jarrett Cole drained a three-pointer for his only points of the game to give La Mirada the lead for

good at 41-39.

That was the beginning of an 8-0 run and with 2:01 remaining in the game, Smith sealed the deal with his last basket off a feed from Roebuck, making it 50-42. Garcia and Eli Garner would score in succession in a 23 second span. But that wasn't enough to prevent the Matadores from another tournament championship.

Roebuck scored 22 points and had four rebounds as he was named the tournament's most valuable player, scoring 92 points in the five games. Smith had 10 points, four rebounds and two steals while Gomez and Owens each had eight points and combined for nine rebounds.

The Matadores began the season with a 64-45 win over North Torrance High on Nov. 18, followed by a 78-39 win over Don Lugo High the next night and a 79-67 victory over San Clemente

High on Nov. 20. After a day off, La Mirada squeaked past Canyon High 80-76 in overtime last Friday.

"We played [Damien] in the summer as well and it was another close game," said Oronoz. "They know what we do; we know what they do, and it comes down to making plays and tonight we made a couple more plays than they did."

"Coach Dave Martinez does a great job of our defense," he continued. "We schemed, we planned, and it was a total group effort. It's not easy to stop those guys. I think they've been averaging in the 70s and holding them to 46 is a testament to how hard the guys work and how hard coach Dave works."

Now, the Matadores will have a quick turnaround as they will fly to Peoria, Illinois to participate in the Kevin Brown Memorial Tournament of Champions where they will face Morton (IL) High on Wednesday, St. Louis-based Vashon High on Friday and Gibbs High out of St. Petersburg, FL on Saturday. Those three teams have yet to play a game this season. La Mirada will fly out a day before its first game and return on Sunday.

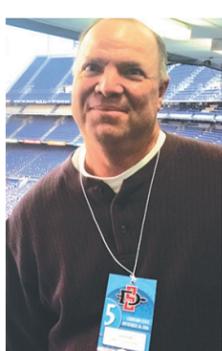
"They invited us out there," said Oronoz. "The St. John Bosco coach told me if we had the chance to do, do it. It's a phenomenal tournament, so I'm kind of going in a little blind. But I'm excited to do it knowing we're playing really good competition. It's an invite only tournament. They're going to have a big turkey ready for us on Thanksgiving."

"With La Mirada, we try to do everything that the private schools do at a public school," he added. "We have some of the best coaches on our staff. We have the best facilities; we have a great administration that supports us. We get good kids in; they like to play and they're great character kids and that's why people come here. We do exactly what a private school does. We play the private schools and tonight we came out on the winning end."

## Valley Christian Boys Basketball Comes Up Short Against Dominguez

By Loren Kopff  
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BELLFLOWER-The Valley Christian High boys basketball team had every opportunity to get blown out by Dominguez High in the St. John Bosco Braves Varsity Tip-Off Classic last Saturday but didn't. The Defenders also had every opportunity



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to knock off the Dons but didn't. V.C. trailed by seven points twice in the first quarter, rallied to take a lead early in the second quarter, trailed by nine points in the third and were tied with less than two minutes remaining in the contest. A free throw from Jordan Richardson with 39.7 seconds left turned out to be

the game winner in a 61-60 Dominguez win, dropping the Defenders to their third straight loss to begin the season.

After Dominguez scored the first seven points of the game and had a 9-2

lead with 4:45 left in the first quarter, the Defenders went on a 14-7 run to tie the game late in the stanza. Sophomore Carson Smith would open the second quarter scoring with a three-pointer and a basket in the first 70 seconds to put the Defenders in front for the first time.

There would be four more ties and one more lead change before halftime with neither team leading by more than four points. By halftime, the Dons would hold a 31-29 advantage, which would balloon to a 50-41 lead late in the third quarter.

A steal and basket from senior Bryce Shepherd began the fourth quarter and started a 13-3 run which put the maroon and gold up by five points with 3:41 left to play. But the Defenders missed their last eight shots of the game.

"We just came out with a little more energy, especially in that fourth quarter," said V.C. head coach Dijon Thompson.

Kingston Smith gave Dominguez the lead with 2:39 left but Shepherd tied the game with his free throw. It would be the fourth missed free throw for V.C. in the game, all coming in the last 3:41. Junior Nathan Maurer led the Defenders with

15 points and four steals while senior Vladimir Prokopiv scored 13 points and Shepherd added 10 points and six rebounds. This was the first meeting with Dominguez in at least 27 seasons as V.C. will travel to Mesrobian High on Friday and Sage Hill High on Tuesday.

"It's a good opportunity to play against an historical high school basketball team and lose by one point," said Thompson.

"In the last few games, I think we've beaten ourselves. So, it's just coming together as a team and executing."

In other boys basketball action, Artesia High (2-0) is hosting its tournament this week while Cerritos High has lost its first three games by an average of 35 points. But those losses have come to Cypress High, Mayfair High and Sierra Canyon High. The Dons will host Western High on Friday and face La Serna High on Tuesday at the Intuit Dome.

Norwalk High is off to a strong start, winning their first three games as it will face Brea Olinda High on Monday in the first round of the Garden Grove Tourna-

ment while Whitney High (4-2) is in the Rancho Alamitos Tournament this week before hosting Savanna High on Tuesday, Valencia High on Wednesday and Orange High on Thursday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cerritos has won its first two games, including a 64-36 win over Irvine High this past Tuesday in pool play action of the Corona Del Mar Tip-Off Classic, which goes through Saturday.

After losing its first two games, Gahr High has even its record after four games as the Gladiators will travel to Westminster High on Monday and Bell Gardens High on Thursday while La Mirada High went 1-3 in its first tournament the program has hosted. The Matadores will go to Costa Mesa High on Wednesday.

Norwalk will face Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High on Monday and Rowland High on Tuesday in the yearly Glenn-Norwalk Varsity Classic. All games will be at Glenn, which will not be one of the 12 teams in the tournament.

V.C. went 1-3 in the Oxford Academy Tournament and will host its tournament next week while Whitney (2-1) will host Pacifica Christian High of Orange County on Wednesday before facing Golden Valley High out of Merced on Thursday in the first game of its tournament.

## CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 13 SEMIFINALS

# Acosta's Three Touchdowns, Gahr's Defense Sends Team to Divisional Finals For First Time

By Loren Kopff  
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Gahr High's CIF-Southern Section Division 13 semifinal contest against visiting Anaheim High had a little bit of everything last Friday night at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium. There was a controversial touchdown scored as the first half ended, there were consecutive turnovers in a seven-second span early in the second quarter, a pick-six that changed the complexion of the game and five combined turnovers.

Oh yeah, and Gahr will be playing for its first CIF-SS divisional championship in school history after defeating Anaheim 28-



**GAHR HIGH** senior running back Ja'Shon Wallace finds himself eluding Anaheim High's Armando Torres in last Friday's CIF-Southern Section Division 13 semifinal game. Wallace led the Gladiators with 62 yards on 14 carries as his team knocked off the Colonists 28-12.

14. The top-seeded Gladiators (8-5) will travel to Pasadena High on Saturday for the Division 13 title.

The moment couldn't have been better for head coach Greg Marshall, who took over the program in 2003, went to the semifinals in his first trip to the playoffs in 2007, then had five straight playoff losses until this season.

"Thank goodness for the new playoff system," said Marshall. "So, a team like [Gahr] plays with equal competition; you go out there and you have a really good chance. That's the big thing; you have to love [the new playoff system]."

On the seventh play of the game, Gahr was held on downs when junior quarterback Roman Acosta was sacked by Leiden Sisifo for a 13-yard loss on fourth down. He had entered the game with 10 and a half sacks. But on the very next play, senior linebacker Isaiah Portillo recovered a fumble at the Anaheim 28-yard line which led to a 27-yard touchdown pass from Acosta to junior wide receiver Alexander Gutierrez four plays later.

The Gahr defense would nearly create another turnover four plays into Anaheim's next drive when senior safety Ja'Shon Wallace almost picked off Jacob Campos. The Colonists were missing starter Jason Garrett, who had passed for nearly 1,400 yards but was injured in the quarterfinals against Arrowhead Christian High.

While there wouldn't be another score the remainder of the quarter, Gahr's

defense was beginning to get into a groove.

"I think our defense took advantage of that," said Marshall. "Obviously, we played really good defense; they were missing some guys and that's what should happen. That's what happens to us. We have a couple of guys down and you're going to struggle."

On the third play of the second quarter, Sisifo recovered an Acosta fumble, only to see Campos fumble on the next play, which was picked up by junior defensive back Jai'Dyn Backus. Again, the Gladiators couldn't do anything with that and with 7:17 left in the half, Anaheim was lucky just to be in the game down by a touchdown.

That's when the Tango League champions started on their 20-yard line and marched down the field to get to Gahr's two-yard line with 16 seconds left in the half. Following an Anaheim timeout, Arturo Velasquez picked up a yard but as the clock was nearing triple zero's, he managed to sneak in a one-yard score after time had expired, much to the chagrin of the Gahr sideline and the fans in attendance, which felt the clock operator shouldn't have stopped the clock after the first one-yard gain.

While Anaheim managed only 69 yards in the first half, all but one yard coming through the air, Gahr wasn't better, gaining 51 yards on 21 plays. It's rushing attack was nearly non-existent, picking up just 14 yards but still had the lead thanks to a missed extra point.

"We were struggling offensively," said Marshall of the Portillo fumble recovery. "They did some things; they changed some things up. [Anaheim coach Tom Bateman] is a good coach. He's been around for a long time. That was a big play, then the clock stopped at the end of the half, which was a nightmare.

"I'm just glad the [outcome] didn't come down to the fact we had a clock snafu, and we lost by a touchdown," he later said.

That touchdown by Anaheim would have been crucial because it began the second half with possession. But the Colonists went three and out and the third place representatives from the Mid-Cities League took advantage by going 84 yards on 11 plays over 5:57, their longest drive of the game, and took a 14-6 lead when senior wide receiver Isaiah Haywood hauled in a 33-yard touchdown pass from Acosta.

Any chance Anaheim had to get back into the game was wiped out on the last play of the stanza when the Colonists had driven from their 30-yard line to the Gahr 19-yard line. But on the 10th play of what would be a 4:44 drive, Backus intercepted Campos at the eight-yard line and returned it to the house for a 21-6 lead.

"Unfortunately, we had a couple of times to put the game away, but we had a penalty or hold, and it shouldn't have been that close," said Marshall. "But that's amazing; that's our second pick-six in the playoffs in three games. That doesn't happen [to us]. So maybe this is the year for the Gladiators after all."

**GAHR HIGH** senior tight end Jacob Sikma will not be denied scoring his team's last touchdown in last Friday's 28-12 win over Anaheim High in a CIF-Southern Section Division 13 semifinal game. Sikma scored on a 31-yard connection from junior quarterback Roman Acosta with 3:15 left in the game.



**GAHR HIGH** junior Harlym Rayford makes his only catch of the game, a 15-yard reception in the third quarter as part of an 11-play, 84-yard drive that led to its second touchdown in a 28-12 victory over Anaheim High last Friday in a CIF-Southern Section Division 13 semifinal game. Photos By Angel Franco, IG@PraisedOak\_media

After Campos scored on a one-yard run but couldn't punch in the two-point conversion with 8:33 left in the game, the Gladiators iced the contest when Acosta found senior tight end Jacob Sikma wide open over the middle for a 31-yard touchdown play with 3:15 left in the contest. Adding insult to injury, Gutierrez picked off Campos on the next play.

Acosta completed eight of 12 passes for 140 yards while Wallace led the rushing attack with 62 yards on 14 carries. Both teams were nearly identical with offensive yards and time of possession. But the difference in the game was the defense with the two interceptions and the two fumble recoveries. Portillo led the Gladiators with eight and a half tackles plus the fumble recovery followed by Gutierrez with five and a half tackles and the interception and senior linebacker Dylan Richburg with five tackles.

"You have to credit the defense," said Marshall. "I know they didn't have their [starting] quarterback, but they're a

running team. They run the ball; they don't really throw the ball that much, anyway. I thought we handled their front pretty well."

While Marshall has been coaching Gahr football for the past 22 seasons, he has had a winning season eight times. Including this season, he has finished the regular season at 5-5 but missed the playoffs three times. His all-time record at Gahr currently stands at 109-117.

"For me personally, it's just that we coach our kids up and that's why we do it," said Marshall of his longevity. "It's for the kids. Personally, to tell you the truth, win, lose or draw, as long as our kids are playing hard, I'm just proud of them. It really doesn't change me either way because that's how I've done it for 25 years. If it was about wins and losses, I would have been out of here a long time ago. So, we're here for the kids; we coach our kids, we do the best we can with them. And fortunately, with the new playoff system, these kids get the chance to reach their potential."



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**PREVIEW** from page 8**Huntington Beach High 57-52 in the CIF-SS Division 3A first round playoffs.****Head coach: Marcus Girley (third season, 32-23)****Team's record previous 5 seasons: 65-55****Last time missed the playoffs: 2019**

STARTERS LOST: Miles Merchant (14.3 points per game last season)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Ethan Carey (6.2 ppg. in 13 games), SR Uchenna Okoli (7.7 ppg.), SR Joshua Pearson (8.8 ppg.), JR Austin Woon (8.2 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Nathan Herrera, SR Jeremiah Savereda, JR Roman Acosta, JR Kingston Nathaniel, SO John Cabral, SO Julian Cabral

TOP NEWCOMERS: SR Jaison Joyce, FR Xavier Brown, FR Bryce Titus

Gahr is coming off a solid season in which it claimed a share of the program's first league title since the 2016-2017 season. Ironically, that squad won 18 games just like last season's team. Despite losing Miles Merchant, the best player on the team, the Gladiators return an experienced squad poised to make a strong push in the Gateway League and a deeper run in the playoffs.

"It's rare to find a player with Miles' size and speed who's willing to give it his all on both ends of the court," said Gahr head coach Marcus Girley. "With that being said, I believe this team will achieve success with a more collective approach to the game and along with our newcomers, I believe we will be a more collective team once again."

Girley says senior Uchenna Okoli and junior Austin Woon increased their strength and athleticism over the offseason and have improved their perimeter shooting. He added that Woon's skills and leadership has made a leap as well in the offseason and has become more vocal and has a feel for the game.

Senior Ethan Carey, a transfer who played in 13 games, provides height at 6'8" and could complement Okoli, Woon and senior Josh Pearson in the scoring department. Seeing all four average in double figures is not out of the question.

Senior Jaison Joyce, a varsity newcomer, is an athletic forward with the ability to make outside shots and plays hard on both ends of the court according to Girley, while freshmen Xavier Brown and Bryce Titus will provide perimeter shooting, have a high ceiling and have shown flashes of potential to impact their future games down the road.

Gahr's success in the Mid-Cities League last season moved the Gladiators to the more competitive Gateway League where new challenges await them. Girley says for the team to finish in the top three, and earn an automatic berth to the playoffs, it will take maturity and poise from the senior leaders. Also, the key to another successful season is to avoid slow starts in games and 'greatly improve from the free throw line'.

"I'm just looking forward to going out and coaching a great group of kids," said Girley. "No attitudes or egos; they're starting to figure out how to compete at all times. Overall, I would like our team to be competitive every game whether we win or lose. I would love to give my seniors a chance to finish up their final year with a deep playoff run. They deserve the chance to feel that playoff excitement."

**JOHN GLENN EAGLES****12-16 overall last season, 0-10 in the 605 League, sixth place****Head coach: Jose Lopez (first season)****Team's record previous 5 seasons: 40-79****Last time made the playoffs: 2022**

STARTERS LOST: Justin Rodriguez (9.9 points per game last season)

STARTERS RETURNING: N/A

OTHERS RETURNING: N/A

John Glenn High hired a new head coach shortly before the season began and no information on the team was given. The Eagles have played in three games, winning once while losing the other two by a combined three points.

**LA MIRADA MATADORES****21-8 overall last season, 8-0 in the Gateway League, first place, lost to St. Bernard High 72-71 in overtime in the CIF-SS Division 1 first round playoffs.****Head coach: Randy Oronoz (seventh season, 118-67)****Team's record previous 5 seasons: 90-54**

STARTERS LOST: Michael Torres (5.9 points per game last season), Isaiah Valenzuela (5.9 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Julien Gomez (18.5 ppg.), SR M.J. Smith (7.1 ppg.), SO Gene Roebuck (24.1 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Jarrett Cole, SR Jaydin Cox, SR Chris Perez, JR Tristan Partida, JR King-Riley Owens

TOP NEWCOMERS: SO Santiago Lopez

It was another banner season for La Mirada and head coach Randy Oronoz which was cut way too short with a quick exit in the playoffs. But he anticipates a better season with a stacked lineup and says this is probably the best team La Mirada has ever had.

Seniors Julien Gomez and M.J. Smith and sophomore Gene Roebuck return as starters and with seniors Jarrett Cole and Jaydin Cox, depending on matchups, plus junior King-Riley Owens make this one of the best starting lineups around. Gomez will be taking his talents to the University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley while Smith might be the most improved player in the state, according to Oronoz.

"With Julien and Gene, it was a bit of a learning curve for everyone involved, myself included," said Oronoz. "I think they are the two of the most purest scorers in the state. Learning to play with each other was a process, but they are light years better than they were last year."

"He went from being solid last year to getting recruited by some D1 schools," he later said Smith.

Oronoz added that Cole, a four-year varsity player, is finally coming into form after suffering an injury as a sophomore that didn't allow him to play. Now, he is filling in and as a senior veteran, is making the right plays. Owens was ineligible last season but is ready for a huge junior year who adds a dynamic to the Matadores that is a mix of flash and shot-making ability, says Oronoz.

The top newcomer is sophomore Santiago Lopez, a 6'7" forward whom Oronoz says adds a soft touch and athleticism to the team, and whose passing ability is an underrated part of his game.

The Matadores recently won the 7th Annual Rumble on the Hill Tournament and will be in Illinois the week of Thanksgiving, the Classic at Damien and the St. John Bosco Winter Classic as part of their stacked schedule.

"The star power, as well as the depth of the team, is the strength we have," said Oronoz. "Our ability to score the ball is definitely a strength this team has. We have the potential to be an Open Division team. I'm very excited for all the big games we have this year and look forward to win league for the fourth year in a row."

**NORWALK LANCERS****11-17 overall last season, 2-8 in the Mid-Cities League, fifth place****Head coach: Jim Webster (first season of second stint, 144-231 from 2002-2016)****Team's record previous 5 seasons: 51-71****Last time made the playoffs: 2020**

STARTERS LOST: Robert Salazar (8.0 points per game in 17 games)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Andrew Castellanos (9.4 ppg. in 24 games), SR Aaron Reyes (5.7 ppg.), SR Ariel Rodriguez (4.2 ppg.), JR David Zazueta (7.6 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Nicolas Barrera, JR Emmanuel Castellanos

TOP NEWCOMERS: SR Diego Morales, JR Jeriel DeLosReyes, JR Jesus Sanchez

Norwalk was sitting at .500 after the first month and a half of last season before starting Mid-Cities League play where things went downhill. Since the pandemic, the Lancers have struggled, but now Jim Webster, the winningest coach in the

program's history, comes back for a second stint as he replaces Brent Campanelli, who led the 2019-2020 team to the quarterfinals. Before that, Norwalk had not reached the second round since the 2009-2010 season. Webster had stayed on Campanelli's coaching staff.

"I felt I had the energy to take the job again and since I was still working as a coach, I was sure I could handle the challenge as long as I prepared daily and kept the team together," said Webster.

Keeping the team together starts with returning senior starters Andruw Castellanos and Aaron Reyes, who have been leading the Lancers in scoring during the fall season. Junior David Zazueta, who also has been filling the stat sheet consistently, according to Webster, give the Lancers a formidable starting rotation that could move up in the Mid-Cities League.

Besides senior Ariel Rodriguez, who is a team captain along with Reyes, and the other returning starters, the scoring tails off a bit. But Webster is relying on senior Diego Morales and juniors Jeriel DeLosReyes and Jesus Sanchez, the top varsity rookies, to give the team some depth. They have already shown they can play at the varsity level with strength, speed and skill.

"We are playing slightly different than the past few years, but the main thing is controlling what we can do best and put that product on the floor, and hopefully our best will prevail," said Webster.

He added that the depth Norwalk has this season should overcome any injuries or illnesses that may occur, as is the case with most teams every season.

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN DEFENDERS****16-13 overall last season, 3-5 in the Olympic League, fourth place, lost to Saugus High 64-52 in the CIF-SS Division 2AA first round playoffs.****Head coach: Dijon Thompson (second season, 16-13)****Team's record previous 5 seasons: 84-53****Last time missed the playoffs: 2011**

STARTERS LOST: Chris Allen, Jacob Bayla, Ryan Caracoza, Miles Harvey, Gavin Stahl

STARTERS RETURNING: None

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Christian Manley, SR Bryce Shepherd, JR Nathan Maurer, JR Ryan Vasquez, JR Chris Wondimu

TOP NEWCOMERS: FR Simon Vasquez

It was an interesting first season for V.C. head coach Dijon Thompson. Yes, the Defenders advanced to the playoffs for the 13th straight season. But with all the positives come some negatives and that begins with all five starters graduating. On top of that, Thompson returns just five players, two of which got extensive playing time. So, what did Thompson learn from his first season at V.C.?

"To hang your hats on the seniors," he said. "You have to hang your hats on the experience that you have in high school basketball, and I think we did a pretty good job last year. Now it's about not starting from scratch but building the ground back up and developing."

Senior Bryce Shepherd and junior Nathan Maurer are going to be counted on to lead an inexperienced group that will consist of four seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and one freshman. Thompson says you don't rebound, but just build with what you have and start putting in a structure and try building a program.

His main concern for this season is that the team is small, which means they're going to have to rebound. But he added that the group of 12 will compete and sneak in some wins.

**WHITNEY WILDCATS**  
**15-11 overall last season, 6-4 in the 605 League, third place, lost to Milken Community 61-50 in the CIF-SS Division 4AA first round playoffs**  
**Head coach: Nasir Akmal (second season, 15-11)**  
**Team's record previous 5 seasons: 59-64**  
**Last time missed the playoffs: 2022**  
STARTERS LOST: SR Christian Carreon

(10.0 points per game last season), Sakeef Sekender (4.7 ppg. in 21 games), Joseph Whittaker (8.8 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Alex Cheng, SR Morgan Marks (12.7 ppg., 22 games)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Cailan Hizon, SR Rafael Mercado, SR Jeffrey Nishida, SR Peter Poitras, JR Evan Kim, JR Shayan Saravanakumar, SO Jezreel Dela Cruz, SO Jack Diancin

TOP NEWCOMERS: SR Rafael Mercado, SO Joseph Roman, FR Matteo Aquino

The Whitney boys program left the Academy League with an overall record of 7-20 and finished in fifth place with a 4-8 mark. The Wildcats then entered the 605 League and fell to 4-23 overall and winless in 10 league games. Since then, they have gradually improved to the point where they are contenders for the league title. In the past two seasons, the Wildcats have gone 37-21 with a pair of third place finishes. Now, they are ready to make a move forward.

"When [former head] coach [Joseph] Webber returned to Whitney in 2021, he established a culture and we took a losing program to the CIF semifinals in our second season," said head coach Nasir Akmal. "In my first year as head coach, I took the job two weeks before the regular season began and had to make the best with no offseason preparation. We managed to secure third place in league and qualified for the playoffs."

The one main thing that will keep the 'Cats competitive is an experienced team returning 10 players, with senior Morgan Marks leading the way. Over the past two seasons, he has gained the respect of being one of the top players in the league.

But the Wildcats are not about Marks as Akmal lists senior Peter Poitras as one of the most improved in the offseason. He had stepped down from the team last spring but rejoined once Akmal returned to the program.

"We spent a lot of the regular season last year getting him ready for the end of league and playoffs, and he did not disappoint," said Akmal. "He had his biggest and best moments in our playoff game, and he has not looked back since. He brings tenacity on defense and a much needed strong offensive punch."

Also improving the most in the offseason is senior Jeffrey Nishida, who has increased and improved his shooting range and brings a much needed physical force to the team, according to Akmal, and sophomore Jezreel DeLaCruz, whom the coach adds has begun to come into his own as the next star player in the program.

"His offensive and defensive development has been rewarding to watch and we are excited to see what he does this season," said Akmal. "He lives for the big moments, and he has continued to deliver time and time again."

Whitney will carry 16 players on the team and finding significant playing time may not be easier than said. But trying to show they belong will be senior Rafael Mercado, who was on the team two seasons ago but missed all last season to an ACL injury in his sophomore season. Akmal says he gives the team one of their best defenders and slashers. New to the team is sophomore Joseph Roman, who was the top player on Whitney's junior varsity team and provides gritty defense and an added shooting presence.

For the Wildcats to finish in first or second place, ahead of either Artesia and/or Cerritos, Akmal says it will take execution, being fundamentally sound, doing what others would consider the 'little things' and trusting each other.

"This season, I was able to bring in my own coaching staff across all levels and we have spent the entire offseason getting our program ready," said Akmal. "The offensive and defensive systems we have implemented with this group I feel are more suited to our current roster."

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Markell Slaughter. But that hasn't slowed the offense as junior quarterback Roman Acosta and the rest of the playmakers have picked up the slack. Senior running back Dylan Richburg (84 carries, 579 yards, seven touchdowns), senior running back Ja'Shon Wallace (77 carries, 322 yards, four touchdowns) and junior Jai'Dyn Backus have carried the ball quite well as of late.

On the receiving end, Acosta has a plethora of targets to go to, 10 to be exact, and the confusing part for Pasadena is it won't know who Acosta likes to go to the most. No one receiver has more than 19 catches and after junior Alexander Gutierrez' 530 yards, no other player has reached 200 receiving yards.

During Marshall's time at Gahr the 372 points scored is the fourth highest, trailing the 2007 team (435 points in 13 games), the

2016 team (384 points, 11 games) and the 2017 team (383 points, 12 games).

Gahr's defense has been the story of late, yielding 33 points in the playoffs, and since Oct. 4, the Gladiators have not allowed an opponent to score more than 14 points in six of their last eight games. The 307 points allowed this season is a far contrast from the 426 points the 2014 team gave up in 10 games, and six more points given up than the 2007 team that went to the semifinals. Marshall, once a defensive coordinator, has to be pleased with that side of the ball up to now, led by senior linebackers Evan Lucena, Isaiah Portillo, Richburg, junior safety Malachi Williams and junior linebacker Harlym Rayford. Gahr has 22 sacks on the season and six interceptions, including two that have been returned back for touchdowns.

"[Defense is] big, but back in the day, we had [quarterback] Corey Nielsen and we had some other people," said Marshall.

"It was a little different structure in how we won and lost games. This year's team defensively, we had to create a big role, but also, we tried to be balanced offensively."

The Bulldogs began the season with three straight losses and were outscored 109-14 in those games before winning two straight, followed by two consecutive losses. However, Pasadena enters the championship game winners of five of its last six games having scored over 21 points each time and over 30 points twice. The lone loss in that stretch was to Muir High, a 49-13 affair on Nov. 1.

"They are big and probably the best football team we've seen this year," said Marshall. "They're really good; they're very big and very fast. It reminds me of the San Gabriel Valley League teams back in the days. I would say they're comparable to Bellflower of last year. So, it's like we've seen that size before, but we haven't seen it this year."

The key to Gahr winning its first football championship will be if it can control the clock. Against La Puente, the Gladiators had the ball for 22 and a half minutes. Against Artesia, it was just over 28 minutes and last Friday, Gahr had the ball half a minute longer than Anaheim. Marshall says Pasadena has a 'pretty good offense' and if his offense can stay on the field for long drives, thus keeping Pasadena's offense on the sidelines, then that would be the best bet.

"It's probably going to be a close game," said Marshall. "But we're going to have to throw it because we're not going to be able to run it as much as we have because they're bigger than us. We're going to have to mix it up."

**Prediction: Gahr 35, Pasadena 17**  
**Last week: 1-0**  
**Season to date: 49-18**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA  
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS CITY COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing pertaining to the following item:

<b>HEARING BODY:</b>	City Council
<b>DATE OF HEARING:</b>	December 11, 2024
<b>TIME OF HEARING:</b>	6:00 P.M.
<b>LOCATION OF HEARING:</b>	City Hall, Council Chambers City of Hawaiian Gardens 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

**PUBLIC HEARING: CASE NO. PLNG2021-0001 (6TH Cycle Housing Element Update).** The City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing to review, discuss, and consider approval of the draft 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element.

**CASE NOS. PLNG2024-0102 & PLNG 2024-0103** is a City-initiated request regarding the Housing Element update for the 2021-2029 planning period pursuant to State of California Housing Element Law. The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the approval and adoption of rezoning 22601 Norwalk Blvd. (APNs: 7075-020-007, 010) to Mixed-Use 1 (MU-1); 12529 E. Carson St. (APNs: 7066-013-059, 060, 061, 062, 063 to Mixed-Use 2 (MU-2); 12507 E. Carson St. (APNs: 7066-013-046, 057, 064, 913) to MU-1; 12441 Farlow St. (APN: 7066-013-020) to Religious Institution Housing (RIH); 21418 Norwalk Blvd. (APN: 7066-021-026) to MU-1; and 21101 Norwalk Blvd. (APN: 7065-001-015) to MU-2.

The City Council will consider a Zoning Code Amendment related to: 1) creating objective development standards for multi-family residential development; 2) reducing setbacks and open space requirements for existing multi-family zones; 3) establishing residential densities for mixed-use development in the C-2 and C-4 zones; 4) creating new by-right review standards for projects that meet the objective design standards; 5) updating density bonus section to reference State law; 6) adding new permitted uses in the City's residential and non-residential zones for emergency shelters, navigation centers, residential care facilities, and other uses required by state law; and

The City Council will also consider a General Plan Amendment. The General Plan Amendment is related to updating the Land Use Element to include new land uses for RIH, MU-1, and MU-2 as well as reviewing other General Plan elements to ensure consistency between the Housing Element and remainder of the General Plan; and

The City Council will consider amendments related to Land Use and Zoning Maps. No development or construction is proposed in conjunction with this action.

**CEQA**

**DETERMINATION:** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65759, the California Environmental Quality Act does apply to this action as it is necessary to bring its General Plan or relevant mandatory elements of the Plan into compliance with a court order or judgment. In place of CEQA, Government Code section 65759 requires the City to prepare an initial study, which must contain substantially the same information as is required for an initial study pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 15080 of Title 14 of the Cal. Code of Regulations. The City Council may consider adoption of the Initial Study, which determined that adoption of the above will not result in any potentially significant impacts to the environment, and that no additional environmental assessment is therefore required under Government Code section 65759(a)(2).

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641 Ext 244. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641 Ext 244.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the applications as outlined above. If you challenge the Planning Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following items:

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 57: A REQUEST TO AMEND TITLE 20 (SUBDIVISIONS) AND TITLE 21 (ZONING) OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE. THE AMENDMENTS WILL IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES OF THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT AND BRING THE MUNICIPAL CODE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HOUSING LAW. THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES A FINDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).**

**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 57: A REQUEST TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA TO REMOVE PROPERTIES FORMALLY WITHIN THE SPECIAL HOUSING OVERLAY (SHO) AND EMERGENCY SHELTER OVERLAY (ESO) AND APPLY TO THE SHO TO 76 PARCELS AND APPLY THE ESO TO 12 PARCELS (SEE ATTACHED MAP). THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES A FINDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).**

**SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2024-1 (SPA-2024-1): A REQUEST TO AMEND THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN (IHSP) TO APPLY THE SPECIAL HOUSING OVERLAY (SHO) ZONE AND TO CLARIFY THAT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS COMPLY WITH STATE HOUSING LAW. THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES A FINDING THAT THE AMENDMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).**

At the hearing, the City Council will consider staff's report, the Planning Commission and staff recommendation, as well as all testimony and public input prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department offices located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. You may contact the Community Development Department at (562) 943-0131 should you have any questions concerning this item. The proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Zoning Map Amendment, and Specific Plan Amendment were previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at a duly noticed public hearing held on November 21, 2024.

If you wish to be heard concerning the items identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing, or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the City of La Mirada, Community Development Department, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

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

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

Manuel Muñoz  
Community Development Director  
Dated: November 29, 2024

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
MILA CUKAR, aka MILICA KAZIMIRA STIPICEVICH  
CASE NO. 24STPB11265**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MILA CUKAR, aka MILICA KAZIMIRA STIPICEVICH A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DANIEL CUKAR in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANIEL CUKAR 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 **DECEMBER 27, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.** in Dept.: "29" located at: 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse

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

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

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

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

**MICHAEL FOSTER, ESQ., SB# 291691**

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THE LAW OFFICE  
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PNSB# 107440

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County of Los Angeles Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Sealed Bid Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Sealed Bid Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2024C)

Whereas, on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online sealed bid auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online sealed bid auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, through Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online sealed bid auction at [www.govease.com/los-angeles](http://www.govease.com/los-angeles).

The only persons that are eligible to submit bids are owners of contiguous parcels or a holder of record of either a predominant easement or right-of-way easement.

Bidders are required to pre-register at [www.govease.com/los-angeles](http://www.govease.com/los-angeles) and submit a deposit of 10 percent of the spend limit that is set by each registered bidder. Bid deposits must be in the form of a wire transfer, cashier's check, or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, November 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all properties "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the

Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

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Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at [ttc.lacounty.gov](http://ttc.lacounty.gov) or email us at [auction@ttc.lacounty.gov](mailto:auction@ttc.lacounty.gov).

The Assessor's Identification Numbers (AIN) in this publication refer to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at [assessor.lacounty.gov](http://assessor.lacounty.gov).

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on November 06, 2024.

*Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg*

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG Treasurer and Tax Collector County of Los Angeles State of California

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

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE (SALE NO. 2024C)

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 11:00 AM on the 6th day of December 2024 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1665 Asbestos and Lead Abatement

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders can request bid documents by emailing [esthela.perez@abcusd.us](mailto:esthela.perez@abcusd.us). There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on November 25 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Purchasing Department. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class C-22, ASB, HAZ Contractor's License and DIR Registration is required.

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-618

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS AMENDING SECTION 18.90.080 OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER Public Resources Code § 21080.17

Notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2024, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens introduced for first reading, Ordinance No. 2024-618, to amend Section 18.90.080 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code. The proposed ordinance complies with recent changes to state law that imposes new limits on local authority to regulate Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units; makes minor revisions requested by the California Department of Housing and Community Development; and augment clarity for the benefit of staff and the general public.

A copy of Ordinance No. 2024-618 is on file with the City Clerk, and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716. Also, a copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available on the City's website at [www.hgcity.org](http://www.hgcity.org).

The City Council will hold the second reading and adoption of the ordinance on December 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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Database Administrator-Cerritos

Executive Development LLC in Cerritos, CA seeks a database administrator to create methods to create methods to store, organize, and present data efficiently; administer a variety of database systems including Microsoft SQL Server, File maker Pro, and others; set up new website databases; integrate old systems data with a new system; test and coordinate modifications; troubleshoot and correct issues as they arise; assume the technical lead for SQL Server and online database projects; enhance or build database designs. must have a bachelor's degree in Information Technology, Computer Science, or other computer-related subjects.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce - Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storagecenters.com](http://www.storagecenters.com) on 12/19/2024 at 10:00AM. Eloy Eric Alcon; Carlos Ramirez Martinez; Maribel Salas; Henry Jr Morris; April Vazquez; Jasmin Isamar Campos; John Hurley Kantola; Jaime Mendez; Francisco Torres; Christy Shanae Burak; Marco A Lopez Recinos; Andy Loera; Cynthia Cabrera (2 units); Marco Antonio Camacho; Joana Losada; Israel Navarro. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storagecenters.com](http://www.storagecenters.com) on 12/19/2024 at 10:00AM. Sandra Jean Marks; Marc Ryan Sy; Zaira Taida Ramos; Erika Gabrielle Banister-Mejia; Jessica Therese Carrion; Adriana Irazeth Cook. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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T.S. No.: 240806366

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Loan No.: FR4032805 Order No. 95529687 APN: 7068-020-028 Property Address: 21928 Devlin Avenue Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 5/25/2022. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: Josefina Valdivia, a widow and Rogelio Valdivia, a single man as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Recorded 7/12/2022 as Instrument No. 20220712617 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/17/2024 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$644,967.79 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 21928 Devlin Avenue Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 A.P.N.: 7068-020-028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Web site [www.mkconsultantsinc.com](http://www.mkconsultantsinc.com), using the file number assigned to this case 240806366. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website site [www.tlssales.info](http://www.tlssales.info), using the file number assigned to this case 240806366 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/13/2024 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: Kim Lokey, Trustee Sales Officer. LCCN 11/22, 11/29, 12/6

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storagecenters.com](http://www.storagecenters.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday December 10th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

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UNIT

Lazaro Fernando Morua F168

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storagecenters.com](http://www.storagecenters.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

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UNIT #

Charles Jermaine Jones B485

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NOTICE OF \$20,000 REWARD OFFERED BY THE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has extended the \$20,000 reward offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the heinous murder of 40-year-old Carlos Alvarez-Diaz, who was fatally shot while he drove north on Norwalk Boulevard at 226th Street in the City of Hawaiian Gardens, on October 8, 2022, at approximately 1:09 a.m. Si no entienda esta noticia o necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar al (213) 974-1579. Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Lieutenant Patricia Thomas at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5564 or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 and refer to Report No. 020-09995-0372-011. The terms of the reward provide that: The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than May 2, 2025. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than July 1, 2025. The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$20,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes. The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate. Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than July 1, 2025, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Carlos Alvarez-Diaz Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579. EDWARD YEN EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CN112184 04230 Nov 22,29, Dec 6,13,20,27, 2024, Jan 3,10,17,24, 2025

## PICO RIVERA RAIL STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

### ESTUDIO DE VIABILIDAD DE LA ESTACION DE TREN DE PICO RIVERA

Metro and the City of Pico Rivera are exploring the feasibility of a new passenger rail station in Pico Rivera that may be served by Metrolink and/or Amtrak in the future.\*

#### The study will:

- > Explore adding a new passenger station in Pico Rivera on the existing railroad corridor that connects LA Union Station to Anaheim.
- > Look at mobility, economic benefits, feasibility, operations, environmental impacts, and more.
- > Wrap up in spring 2025 with site selection, community feedback, and a basic design.

Metro y la ciudad de Pico Rivera están explorando la viabilidad de una nueva estación de tren de pasajeros en Pico Rivera que puede ser servido por Metrolink y / o Amtrak en el futuro.\*

#### El Estudio:

- > Explorará la posibilidad de agregar una nueva estación de pasajeros en Pico Rivera en el corredor ferroviario existente que conecta la estación Union Station de Los Angeles con Anaheim.
- > Analizará la movilidad, beneficios económicos, viabilidad, operaciones, impactos ambientales y otros aspectos.
- > Concluirá en la primavera de 2025 con la selección del sitio, retroalimentación de la comunidad y un diseño básico.

\*This is NOT the Eastside (Gold Line) Transit Corridor Extension being planned by Metro. For complete details, please visit [metro.net/eastsidephase2](http://metro.net/eastsidephase2).

\*Esta NO es la extensión del corredor de tránsito del lado este (Línea Dorada) que Metro está planificando. Para obtener detalles completos, Para más información, visite [metro.net/eastsidephase2](http://metro.net/eastsidephase2).



#### Your input is valuable and highly encouraged!

Take a short survey by Monday, December 9 at 11:59pm for a chance to **win one of two \$50 gift cards!**

Visit [bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey](http://bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey) or scan the QR Code below.

#### ¡Su aportación es valiosa y muy recomendable!

¡Responda una breve encuesta antes del lunes 9 de diciembre a las 11:59pm para tener **la oportunidad de ganar una de las dos tarjetas regalo de \$50!**

Visite [bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey](http://bit.ly/PR-RailSurvey) o escanee el código QR a continuación.

Stay updated on the project by visiting our website at:

Manténgase informado sobre el proyecto visitando nuestro sitio web en:  
[pico-rivera.org/pico-rivera-passenger-rail-station](http://pico-rivera.org/pico-rivera-passenger-rail-station)



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