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## Cerritos Looking to Rezone Shopping Center at South and Bloomfield, Residents Voice Concerns

Cerritos residents raise alarms over lease terminations, walkability, and city transparency during open house on potential rezoning plan.

By Brian Hews

**CERRITOS** — The City of Cerritos held a community open house Wednesday evening to discuss the potential rezoning of the commercial shopping center at the southwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and South Street. The meeting, hosted at the Cerritos Senior Center, drew a number of concerned residents who raised questions about the long-term impact of introducing residential townhomes into a traditionally commercial zone.

The city is considering a zoning amendment that would allow

for both commercial and residential uses, including low- to medium-density townhomes. According to city officials, the rezoning is intended to help meet the requirements of the state-certified 2021–2029 Housing Element, part of a broader state mandate to address California’s housing shortage.

Although no formal application for development has been submitted, the city is proposing to facilitate any future residential use of the site through the creation of a new area development plan, a zoning tool already used in other parts of Cerritos.

Residents in attendance expressed concerns about potential increases in traffic, school overcrowding, and the loss of valuable commercial space. Many who spoke at the meeting criticized the city for deflecting responsibility by blaming state housing law.

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## CERRITOS RESIDENTS PROTEST RE-PURPOSING OF MARINES

**PROTESTERS** gathered outside the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station to protest what they called the dangerous re-purposing of U.S. military forces for domestic operations against Americans.

By Brian Hews

While headlines across the country centered on escalating confrontations between ICE and law enforcement, the controversial handcuffing of Senator Alex Padilla by federal agents during a closed-door meeting, and a preemptive strike on Iran, a quieter but powerful demonstration unfolded this past week in Seal Beach.

Roughly 20 individuals, including Cerritos residents, gathered outside the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station to protest what they called the dangerous re-purposing of U.S. military forces for domestic operations. Inside the base, some 700 U.S. Marines were reportedly undergoing retraining to engage with civilians—an initiative the protesters warned could blur the critical line between national defense and civilian law enforcement.

They were there to remind these troops of their oath of enlistment—to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. That oath includes the duty to challenge any orders they believe to be unlawful.

The protesters held signs and spoke to passersby, raising concerns about what they saw as an erosion of military readiness.

Replacing these troops’ warfighter training with civil disturbance drills weakens their preparedness to face real national threats. This isn’t what the Marines were built for.

In particular, demonstrators criticized what they see as a politicized and inconsistent use of force, noting that some undocu-

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## Nanoplastics: A Tiny Threat With Planetary Consequences

*Nanoplastics in the Biosphere* reveals how astonishingly hazardous and abundant plastic particles now threaten life on Earth.

By Brian Hews

In the age of plastics, what was once hailed as a marvel of modern materials has become a slow-moving ecological disaster. A recent and sobering report

Over 400 million tons of plastic waste are generated annually, and at least 11 million tons are discarded into the world’s oceans. Shockingly, plastics now outweigh zooplankton in surface water by a factor of six. If current trends continue, by 2050, the total mass of plastics in our oceans will exceed the mass of all fish combined.

But it’s not just bottles and bags. Under sunlight, saltwater, and waves, these plastics degrade into microplastics (less than 5mm) and nanoplastics



**EVERYDAY ITEMS** like plastic water bottles, synthetic clothing, and even tea bags can shed microscopic plastic particles.

titled “*Nanoplastics in the Biosphere: From Molecular Impact to Planetary Crisis*” reveals the staggering global scope and deep-rooted impact of plastic waste—especially its smallest, most insidious byproducts: microplastics and nanoplastics (MNPs).

A Planet Coated in Plastic

(less than 1 micrometer), which are now embedded in virtually every part of the biosphere.

The Invisible Invader

Unlike larger plastic debris, nanoplastics are invisible to the naked eye and can bypass biological barriers in the human

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## No Kings Rally in Whittier Attended by Thousands



**THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS** flooded the streets of Whittier in a spirited protest against the policies and rhetoric of Donald Trump part of a nationwide protest that reports indicated had over five million protesters, not including Europe.

By Richard Procida

**WHITTIER** — Thousands of residents flooded the streets of Whittier in a spirited protest against the policies and rhetoric of Donald Trump.

Crowds packed the sidewalks in front of City Hall and along Painter Avenue, waving homemade signs and cheering as passing drivers honked in support.

The demonstration, held on Flag Day, began at City Hall and moved east down Penn Street before turning north on Greenleaf Avenue. Protesters filled the entire northbound lane and sidewalk as they marched, then turned around near Hadley

Street, occupying the southbound side on their return. The march was peaceful but loud, with chants, music, and strong political messaging.

“This action is to parody Trump’s military parade and to oppose his authoritarian tactics,” said Rich Procida, organizer and founder of the Truth and Democracy Coalition. “We don’t need the military in the streets. Trump’s heavy-handed tactics and divisive rhetoric are tools used by dictators to terrorize their populations and suppress dissent.”

The event, dubbed the “Whittier No Kings/Kick Out the Clowns Parade,” was designed to be both festive and

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**CERRITOS RESIDENTS** Albert and Emily A. were seen this Saturday on the corner of Bloomfield and 183rd holding their own anti-Trump rally. The two told Los Cerritos Community News for the most part they were getting signs of approval and honking, “although a couple birds flew.” The two were part of an estimated 5 million Americans who took part in Trump protests all over the nation. Photo by Brian Hews.

### 55-Hour Weekend Closure for the Southbound 133

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close southbound State Route 133 (SR-133) between Interstates 5 and 405 (I-5; I-405) for 55 hours beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, June 20 until 5 a.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025.

The closure is part of a project to construct a new auxiliary lane. Detour signage will be in place to assist motorists.

- Closure Information:
- Southbound I-5 connector to southbound SR-133 – Barranca Parkway exit to remain open.
  - Southbound SR-133 to northbound I-405 connector – full ramp closure.
  - Southbound SR-133 on-ramp from Barranca Parkway – full ramp closure.
  - Southbound SR-133 directional freeway closure from I-5 to I-405.
- Detour Information:
- From southbound I-5: Exit I-5 at Barranca Parkway. Turn right onto Barranca Parkway. Turn left onto Sand Canyon Avenue. Follow signs to northbound or southbound I-405.
  - From southbound SR-133 to northbound I-405: Take southbound I-5. Exit at Alton Parkway. Turn left onto Alton Parkway. Turn left onto Sand Canyon Avenue. Follow signs to northbound I-405.

- From southbound SR-133 to southbound I-405: Take southbound I-5. Merge with I-405.
  - From Barranca Parkway: Take Barranca Parkway north. Turn left onto Sand Canyon Ave. Follow signs to northbound or southbound I-405.
- For more information and updates, you may contact the District 12 Public Information Office via email at [D12PIO@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D12PIO@dot.ca.gov) or on social media: Instagram, Facebook, Threads and X.

### Connect with Lakewood Public Safety on June 25

Lakewood’s Connect with Public Safety series continues through July with two more community meetings and the final free tour of Lakewood Sheriff’s Station.

No registration is required for the community meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

During the meeting, you will have the chance to meet and hear from Traffic Safety Deputy Sheriffs, Homeless Outreach Services Team, Emergency Preparedness Manager, and Sky Knight pilot and Deputy Sheriff observer.

The last two Community Meetings will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on:  
**Wednesday, June 25 at Mayfair Sierra Room**  
**Wednesday, July 23 at San Martin Park**

If you are interested in a behind-the-scenes look at Lakewood Station, the last tour this season will be on July 9. Registration is required and open to Lakewood residents only.

### Kroger And Walmart Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo Sickens 17, Kills 4 With Listeria

A Listeria monocytogenes outbreak linked to chicken fettuccine alfredo products from FreshRealm has sickened 17 people across 13 states, leading to a recall of all products produced before June 17, 2025, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The outbreak has been associated with three deaths and one fetal loss.

The recalled products, distributed to Kroger and Walmart retail locations nationwide under various brand names, were produced at FreshRealm establishments in San Clemente, CA, Montezuma, GA, and Indianapolis, IN.

FSIS is concerned that some recalled products may remain in consumers’ refrigerators or freezers.

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## LBS Financial Volunteers Beautify Long Beach Coastline



**LBS FINANCIAL** Credit Union volunteers at Junipero Beach clean up in May.

### LCCN Staff Report

In collaboration with the City of Long Beach’s Adopt-A-Beach program, volunteers from LBS Financial Credit Union participated in a beach clean-up along the Long Beach coastline on Saturday, May 10, 2025. A total of twenty-one volunteers, including LBS Financial employees, their families, and friends, worked together to clear litter and debris from the sand, parking lot, pedestrian pathway, as well as the outdoor roller rink and sports court at Junipero Beach.

For more than 14 years, the Credit Union has proudly adopted a section of the coastline between 14th Place and 19th Place off Ocean Blvd. During the

recent clean-up, the team picked up a variety of items including aluminum cans, disposable plates, plastic bottles, bottlecaps, napkins, utensils, Styrofoam, cigarette butts, cigar wrappers, fast food paper bags, alcohol bottles, candy wrappers, and a few clothing articles.

“Improving our beaches requires a collective effort from all of us,” said LBS Financial Credit Union President & CEO, Sean Hardeman, who attended the beach clean-up. “Our team felt incredibly motivated to work together.” The sentiment was shared among the volunteers, who collectively gathered more than 25 bags of litter during the beach clean-up.

## Cerritos College Earns National Recognition for Transformative High School Partnership



**CERRITOS COLLEGE** was lauded nationally for bridging education gaps through a groundbreaking dual-enrollment program with local high schools and communities. Above, some of the teachers that participate in the program.

Our College Bound Buccaneers pilot program earned national recognition from the League for Innovation for its impact on early college access.

**In partnership with Bellflower High School**, the program embeds onboarding directly into seniors’ high school classes, preparing our students for the transition from high school to college.

This program gives them a direct pathway into our Cerritos Complete Promise Program, where they receive free tuition, early class registration, and robust support systems. We are excited to continue growing this program and providing more opportunities for students and the community to succeed.

President Jose Fierro wrote, “As we

celebrate these achievements, we also acknowledge the uncertainty that some in our community may feel amid recent immigration enforcement activity in our area.

“Cerritos College stand with its students and the community. Cerritos College never asks about immigration status, nor do we cooperate with enforcement actions without proper legal authority. We are actively engaged in providing additional resources to our campus and community to help navigate these times. We proudly stand alongside all our students, staff, and families. Together, we can navigate the uncertainties that lie ahead and come out strong.”

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mented workers—such as those rebuilding homes in Altadena—are being targeted as “enemies,” while others working in agriculture or the hospitality industry are not. “That kind of double standard raises moral and constitutional questions for anyone in uniform,” a participant said.

Despite the heavy and at times grim nature of the message, the response from motorists was overwhelmingly supportive. Many drivers honked in solidarity or slowed to record the demonstration on their phones.

The protest was peaceful, with no arrests or confrontations reported. Organizers say they plan to continue raising awareness about the militarization of domestic affairs and the potential consequences for both democracy and national security.



**PROTESTERS** line up in Seal Beach near the Naval Station. The protest was peaceful, with no arrests or confrontations reported. Organizers say they plan to continue raising awareness

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# Mr. Trump, War Won't Save You From Your Own Disaster

By Brian Hews

Here we go again. When the poll numbers plummet, the indictments pile up, and the promises prove hollow, what does a desperate, cornered, wannabe strongman like Donald Trump do? He beats the war drums—this time, pointing them straight at Iran. It's the oldest trick in the authoritarian playbook: when things are falling apart at home, manufacture a crisis abroad. Distract the public. Drown out the headlines about job losses, deportation raids, inflation spikes, and the real-world consequences of idiotic tariff tantrums. Create a big, shiny explosion overseas and pray voters forget about the dumpster fire burning stateside. Let's be clear: Trump's presidency has been a spectacular failure. He swore to "drain the swamp," then filled it with cronies, corporate parasites, and criminal defendants. He pledged to balance the budget—then blew a trillion-dollar hole in it with tax cuts for billionaires. He claimed to be a peace broker but spent his first months cozying up to dictators, getting us out of diplomacy, and trash-tweeting world leaders like a drunk uncle with Wi-Fi. Now, with his approval in freefall and even MAGA die-hards feeling the sting of his economic blunders, Trump wants to remind America that he's still "tough." So he's tossing matches at a powder keg in the Middle East, hoping

to light up enough headlines to scare voters into thinking he's a wartime president again. Spoiler alert: it won't work this time. This is not leadership—it's cowardice masquerading as strength. It's reckless, it's dangerous, and it's textbook Trump: always thinking of himself first, no matter how many lives or international treaties he has to sacrifice to stay in the spotlight. We've seen this movie before. Bush did it in Iraq. Reagan played footsie with Iran in the '80s. And now Trump—who spent his presidency dodging military service, mocking POWs, and defunding the VA—is suddenly a tough guy ready to go toe-to-toe with Tehran? Please. This is a man who ran from a bald eagle. Let's not fall for it. Iran is not a campaign prop. American troops are not your political human shields. And war is not a PR strategy, Mr. Trump. No amount of flag waving, chest thumping, or saber rattling can distract from the truth: your record is a flaming wreck. And the American people are getting tired of watching you swerve from scandal to scandal while pretending to care about anyone but yourself. A real leader owns his failures. A coward starts a war.

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## A Message from Cerritos Mayor Frank Yokoyama

The City of Cerritos is known for its beautiful parks, state-of-the-art Library, popular Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, and the renowned Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. These facilities and their excellent services play a significant role in the City's achievement of Strategic Goal #8: Ensure Continued Excellence in Community Programming. This weekend marks a significant moment for the Cerritos Library, which celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its Summer Reading Program. The free event on Saturday, June 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will include special programs for all ages. Throughout its history, the Summer Reading Program has encouraged thousands of children, teens, and adults to read during the summer and awarded those who completed the required reading. Saturday's event is generously supported by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn and the Friends of the Cerritos Library. The Summer Reading Program is just one example of what makes Cerritos an amazing place to live, work, and do business. On July 4, residents are invited to our 52nd annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event begins at 4 p.m. and will include musical entertainment, food trucks, game booths, rides, and a bell-ringing ceremony. The Let Freedom Ring Celebration will culminate with a spectacular fireworks show at 9 p.m. From July 8 to August 7, Cerritos' Family Entertainment Showcase will feature events for people of all ages each Tuesday and Thursday night. Tuesday Family Nights begin at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship, Frontier, Sunshine, and West-



gate Parks, Evenings will feature a pre-show craft, game, or activity prior to the event from 6 to 6:20 p.m. The Concerts Under the Stars series takes place at the Heritage Park Island Stage on Thursdays starting at 7 p.m. A slate of Country, Latin, and Classic Rock performances are scheduled throughout the series. Bring a picnic dinner and blanket and relax with family and friends. Family Entertainment Showcase dates are listed on the City's online calendar at [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov). The City of Cerritos is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all residents by offering a comprehensive array of senior services. This includes amenities at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, which has served residents ages 50 or older for more than 30 years. View the Center's activity calendar or learn about Lifelong Enrichment course offerings by visiting [cerritos.gov/seniorcenter](http://cerritos.gov/seniorcenter). Also spanning over three decades of service, the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) offers quality musical and theatrical entertainment to our community and beyond. This year, the CCPA is looking forward to another exciting season. After selling out one night within two weeks, Grammy Award-winning R&B superstars Boyz II Men have been booked for a second night. The group will kick off the new season with performances on Friday, August 22, and Saturday, August 23. The new season will also feature Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Dionne Warwick, Country music artist Trace Adkins, Emmy-winning comedian Jay Leno, and much more. Reserve your tickets now at [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com). The City of Cerritos is proud to offer robust and quality programming year-round. In alignment with our Strategic Plan, we look forward to taking these experiences to another level in the months and years to come.

# America's Two Realities

By Sandy Mercado

Having lived on the West Coast all my life, I've witnessed the Vietnam War of the 1960s, the Watts Riots of 1965, the East Los Angeles Chicano Moratorium of 1970, and the Civil Rights and Black Lives Matter movements from the 1960s into the 2020s. Each protest—motivated by war, racial inequality, or social, economic, and political injustice—resulted in demands for justice. They all, however, have had one thing in common: none were provoked by a sitting President of the United States, nor staged to amass political power. All of these protests are eclipsed by the violent assault on the U.S. Capitol by MAGA insurrectionists on January 6, 2021—a heinous attempt to overturn the 2020 election results. The betrayal by a U.S. president sent shock waves across the nation. This unprovoked uprising, a violent betrayal of his oath of office, was intentional, disgraceful, and a stain on America's history. Although on a smaller scale, Trump has used ICE raids to dramatize recent immigration protests. ICE has elevated fear in immigrant communities. In reality, his motive is to undermine the authority of California's leaders and to criminalize ICE protesters by depicting them as violent agitators. The reaction of some of the dissenters cannot be justified; however, when provoked by state-sponsored intimidation, one must examine Trump's motives. Trump's strategy has always been to implicate, agitate, incite, and to elevate his own power. The wedge issue upon which he rides high and mighty is his mass deportation 'mandate'. Rooted in extremism and racism, he has managed to convince some Americans that "the others" are criminals, threats to public safety, job stealers, burdens on the national budget, and undeserving of civil or human rights. He depicts them as aliens to be feared—unworthy of due process, fit only for inhumane incarceration in remote, dangerous prisons. "Make America Great Again" has become a battle cry for extremists, polarizing the country and promoting Trump's authoritarian agenda. The result? Two distinct realities: one shaped by Trump and his enablers, the other lived by ordinary people. One reality gives Trump and his sycophants a path to authoritarian rule—using immigrants, both documented and undocumented, as scapegoats. His chess pieces have been carefully placed over the years, orchestrated by figures like Stephen Miller and Steve Bannon. Those carefully weighing these two realities understand: when a president undermines the rule of law, erodes democracy, dismantles America's safeguards, caters to the highest bidders—both domestic and foreign—accepts bribes, weakens checks and balances, manipulates the world banking system, controls both the legislative and judicial branches, and fuels white nationalism—yet still remains in power—then just who are we as Americans, if we elevate him to the status of king? In Trump's reality, those who kiss his ring are pardoned. Those who form part of his militias bypass the rule of law. Unless Americans see through Trump's scapegoating of immigrants—both documented and undocumented—America will fly his banner of racism and authoritarianism.. The other reality belongs to ordinary people: those who seek a better life, who fear for their families and communities, who yearn for basic freedoms, job opportunities, and a responsive government that serves the people. They desire religious freedom in their places of worship and to be treated with dignity. Trump's call for ICE to relentlessly raid working-class communities of Downey, Paramount, Boyle Heights and the like are cruel. He aims to emotionally paralyze vulnerable people with fear. He wants them provoked. He wants the media to portray them as violent criminals—a perfect justification for his mass deportation plan. Elevating himself as a self-righteous savior, "rescuing" California from its leadership, is part of his experiment to extend power beyond Latino communities and into others across the nation. It is beyond frightening to see people abducted, rippled away from their

families and community, and incarcerated without due process. This is not who we are as Americans. Many Americans are beginning to see through the smokescreen. In recent days during the immigration raids, Trump, Homan, and Noem have targeted and implicated; agitated, and incited peaceful protesters—justifying their deportation mandate. By federalizing the National Guard and deploying U.S. Marines without consent from Governor Gavin Newsom or Mayor Karen Bass, Trump has attempted to create the perfect storm. The reaction from some agitators, provoked by a dramatic invasion of authority, ascending upon the streets of Los Angeles, did not justify the destruction of property nor did it justify an excessive response. The small-scale unrest did not merit Trump's large-scale crackdown; nor did it win over sympathizers. His motive has always been clear: to agitate the crowd and to manufacture the appearance of widespread dissent. FOX News, in its effort to sway public opinion, has replayed the coverage of unlawful activity as if live, depicting an endless stream of unruly agitators. There was no justification for violence of any kind from protestors. When civil disobedience occurs, unlawful actors must be held accountable—but so too must the provocateurs. Despite the fact that most protesters have been peaceful, Trump chose to escalate the presence of the National Guard and the Marines even though there was no justification for large-scale violent confrontation of any kind between the protestors and authorities. Glaringly, protesters also recognize Trump's hypocrisy. Most of us do. His January 6th Insurrection was orchestrated—much like the recent ICE raids and protests in Los Angeles—deliberately provoked to amass political power. The difference is extremists and militias were called to stand by and to violently invade the U.S. capitol in the most heinous way. Seared in my memory is that fateful day when Trump disgracefully led the charge, agitating his MAGA followers into a violent insurrection broadcast for the world to see. He sought to elevate himself by any means necessary. Thankfully, the checks and balances of our democracy held—for now. Yet, with his recent Supreme Court immunity victory, he now seems emboldened to exercise unchecked power. "Implicate, agitate, incite, and elevate"—this is his formula. The motive is to dominate, both from his golden throne and on the global stage. Those who have fled Communism understand all too well the oppressive power of fascism and authoritarianism. If left unchecked, we risk losing our national character as the bastion of hope—and our democracy. Fortunately, this past Saturday, in a show of overwhelming solidarity, millions of protestors assembled across 50 states at the NO KINGS DAY PROTESTS. The success of the large scale protests- spanning 2000 cities across America - were mostly peaceful and orderly. The protestors mobilized to voice concern over authoritarian rule, immigrant raids and mass deportation, civil rights and a host of other social justice issues. At the Anaheim NO KINGS DAY PROTEST, where 15,000 protestors assembled, a sea of passionate protestors waved flags, banners and posters in a long line of community, ardent support and resounding HOPE. In their demonstration of peaceful dissent, they stood up to tyranny and exercised their constitutional right to protest. HOPE prevailed on NO KINGS DAY because of the rising power of the people—alive and unbreakable. People, in solidarity, stood up for immigrants—the backbone of our nation. The people stood up for democracy. They showed why the power of peaceful dissent matters. Finally, the people proved they are unstoppable, moving forward toward a more just, inclusive reality.



## Free Summer Meals Return to 20 LA County Libraries

### LCCN Staff Report

Starting this past Monday, LA County Library will once again team up with the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation to offer free, nutritious lunches to children and teens as part of the Lunch at the Library program. The initiative, which runs through August 8, 2025, provides healthy meals to youth ages 18 and under at 20 participating library branches throughout the county.

Meals will be served Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., though schedules vary slightly by location. No registration or proof of income is required, and all meals must be consumed on site. Lunches will not be available on Juneteenth (June 19) or Independence Day (July 4), when County offices are closed.

“This program continues to be a vital service for families in our communities,” said LA County Librarian Skye Patrick. “We’re proud to once again provide a safe, welcoming space where children and teens can access nutritious meals, discover books, and stay engaged during the summer months.”

LA County Parks Director Norma E. García-González echoed the sentiment. “No family should have to worry about where their next meal will come from, especially when school is out,” she said. “By collaborating with LA County Library to offer free lunches to the youth at 20 library locations, we’re making healthy food accessible and reinforcing that libraries and parks are hubs of support for our communities. We’re proud to help remove barriers so that every child can thrive, learn, and enjoy a safe space this summer.”

Now in its 11th year, Lunch at the Library is part of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and managed locally by the California Department of Education. Additional support comes from the California State Library and the State of California.

Participating library locations include East Los Angeles, Lake Los Angeles, Quartz Hill, Rowland Heights, South Whittier, Woodcrest, Baldwin Park, Carson, Clifton M. Brakensiek, Compton, El Monte, La Puente, Lancaster, Lawndale, Lomita, Norwalk, Paramount, San Fernando, San Gabriel, and Temple City.

For the complete schedule and site-specific serving days, visit [LACountyLibrary.org/free-summer-lunch](https://LACountyLibrary.org/free-summer-lunch).

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation operates more than 180 parks, including neighborhood and community parks, wildlife sanctuaries, nature centers, swimming facilities, and a nationally renowned golf system. It also oversees cultural venues such as the Hollywood Bowl and The Ford.

LA County Library, founded in 1912 and honored with the National Medal for Museum and Library Service in 2023, serves over 3.4 million residents through its 86 branches and innovative outreach services including Bookmobiles and mobile maker labs. The system continues to be a leading example of accessible, equitable public service across Southern California.

For more information about the library and its summer programs, visit [[LACountyLibrary.org](https://LACountyLibrary.org)](<https://lacountylibrary.org>) or follow @LACountyLibrary on social media.

## Cerritos to Unveil Four New Pickleball Courts at Cerritos Park East

Pickleball enthusiasts in Cerritos have reason to celebrate. The City of Cerritos will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. to mark the grand opening of four newly constructed pickleball courts at Cerritos Park East.

The event will take place at Court #1 of Cerritos Park East, located at 13234 E. 166th Street. Attendees will be among the first to experience the newly striped dual-use courts, designed for both pickleball and tennis.

Following the ceremony, the courts will open for drop-in play on a first-come, first-served basis. Local residents and sports enthusiasts are encouraged to bring their paddles and enjoy the fast-growing sport that’s taking over parks across the country.

For more information about the ceremony or the new courts, contact the Cerritos Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

### Sign Up Now for Lakewood’s Save a Life Event

Don’t let tragedy happen around the pool this summer. On Saturday, July 12 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Mayfair Pool, you can take a free 30-minute swim lesson designed to emphasize safety around water

## Cerritos Resident Appointed to Let Freedom Ring Committee



**CERRITOS RESIDENT** Ethan Jones, 2nd from left, was appointed as Councilmember Mark Puido’s Commissioner on Cerritos’ Let Freedom Ring Committee. With Mr. Jones is long-time Cerritos resident Anna Titus.

for kids and parents.


Swim lessons are offered at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. You’ll also learn about the Water Watcher Program and receive a free Water Watcher tag along with other safety information prepared by trained professionals.


Online preregistration is recommended at [lakewoodca.gov/ecatalog](https://lakewoodca.gov/ecatalog) using the keyword “Save a Life.” Call Mayfair Pool at 562-804-4256 for more information. Reg-

istration may be taken at the event if space permits. All ages are encouraged to attend. Activities include: Water Safety/CPR Demonstrations; activity Stations with games and prizes and Life Jacket Fittings.


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Mayfair Pool is located at 5720 Clark Ave.





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June 9 – June 15, 2025

LCCN Staff Report

A noticeable surge in criminal activity swept through Southeast L.A. County this week, spanning multiple jurisdictions. In Pico Rivera, deputies responded to a wave of serious incidents, including multiple aggravated assaults — two involving firearms — alongside repeated shoplifting and vehicle crimes. Bellflower remained a hotspot for both violent and property crimes, including a strong-arm robbery and a series of vehicle burglaries. Norwalk faced an alarming mix of child assault, impersonation, and grand theft, pointing to growing challenges across its neighborhoods. Lakewood dealt with public-area assaults and persistent theft, while Hawaiian Gardens saw two aggravated assaults in a single day — one involving a knife, the other a firearm. Artesia reported a residential break-in and a vehicle burglary, while Cerritos experienced continued auto-related thefts. The scope and severity of incidents this week reflect a region under mounting pressure.Source: Crimemap-per.com

Man Fatally Shot in La Mirada, Sheriff's Homicide Detectives Investigating

A man was fatally shot early Wednesday morning in La Mirada, prompting an investigation by Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department homicide detectives.

Deputies responded at approximately 6:22 a.m. to reports of gunfire in the 14700 block of Firestone Boulevard. When they arrived, they found a man suffering from at least one gunshot wound.

“The male adult victim was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead,” the department said in a statement.

Authorities have not released the victim’s name or any information about a possible suspect. The circumstances leading up to the shooting remain unclear, and no motive has been established.

Firestone Boulevard was temporarily closed as investigators processed the scene, with yellow tape cordoning off the area near a row of small businesses and an industrial park.

“It was surreal,” said Jacob Reyes, who works at a nearby tire shop. “We heard a loud pop, then a bunch of sirens. It’s not the kind of thing you expect around here—especially that early in the morning.”

Another nearby worker, who asked not to be named, said the victim appeared to be inside a parked vehicle when the shooting occurred. “It was quick. I just saw deputies rushing in and paramedics trying to do CPR,” he told Los Cerritos Community News.

Sheriff’s investigators canvassed the area for surveillance video and

interviewed witnesses throughout the morning.

Anyone with information is asked to contact LASD Homicide at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips can be submitted to L.A. Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS or online at lacrimestoppers.org

Artesia

Burglary, Residence  
6/12/25 – 18000 blk Norwalk Blvd  
Vehicle Burglary  
6/12/25 – 11800 blk Frampton Ct

Bellflower

**Assault, Non-Aggravated**  
6/17/25 – Artesia Blvd & Palo Verde  
6/14/25 – 15300 blk Woodruff Pl  
**Assault, Aggravated**  
6/15/25 – 8700 blk Artesia Blvd  
6/15/25 – 8800 blk Artesia Blvd  
6/14/25 – 9600 blk Maplewood St  
**Burglary, Residence**  
6/14/25 – 14500 blk McNab Ave  
**Grand Theft**  
6/13/25 – 9900 blk Ramona St  
6/13/25 – 15700 blk Bellflower Blvd  
**Grand Theft Vehicle**  
6/16/25 – Artesia Blvd & Palo Verde  
6/13/25 – 9100 blk Alondra Blvd  
**Petty Theft**  
6/13/25 – 10900 blk Alondra Blvd  
**Robbery**  
6/13/25 – 10200 blk Artesia Blvd  
**Vehicle Burglary**  
6/17/25 – 15700 blk Ryon Ave  
6/15/25 – 9000 blk Artesia Blvd  
6/14/25 – 14700 blk Lakewood Blvd  
6/13/25 – 17800 blk Balfern Ave

Cerritos

**Residential Burglary**  
6/10/25 – 12500 block Shadydale Ln  
Jewelry was stolen after suspects pried open a rear sliding door to gain entry.  
**Commercial & Other Burglaries**  
6/13/25 – 12200 block Artesia Blvd.  
A business was burglarized after the front door was shattered. The loss is unknown.  
6/11/25 – 17900 block Crusader Ave.  
A generator was stolen from a property after the front door lock was removed.

**Grand Theft Auto (Gta)**  
6/13/25 – 239 Los Cerritos Center  
A 2015 Ford Edge was stolen and later recovered in “as is” condition.  
6/13/25 – 18800 block Carmenita Rd.

An attempted theft of a 2000 Ford Excursion was reported. The vehicle was not taken.

**Vehicle Burglary**  
6/11/25 – 10900 block Alondra Blvd.  
Cash was stolen from a 2016 Honda Civic after the passenger window was shattered.

6/8/25 – 20100 block Harvest Way  
Unknown items were taken from a 2017 Honda Accord after the driver’s window was shattered.

6/14/25 – 11800 block Del Amo Blvd.

Electronics were stolen from a 2015 Honda Accord after the driver door lock was punched.

6/6/25 - 18400 block San Gabriel Ave.  
Gasoline was siphoned from a 2019 Freightliner after suspects punched the bottom passenger-side lock.

Hawaiian Gardens

**Assault, Aggravated**  
6/16/25 – 22400 blk Seine Ave  
6/15/25 – Carson St & Juan Ave  
**Assault, Non-Aggravated**  
6/16/25 – 21900 blk Belshire Ave  
**Burglary, Other Structure**  
6/12/25 – 12300 blk Carson St  
**Petty Theft**  
6/12/25 – 12200 blk Carson St

Lakewood

**Assault, Non-Aggravated**  
6/16/25 – 2600 blk Dollar St  
6/15/25 – 100 blk Lakewood Center Mall  
6/15/25 – 3700 blk E South St  
**Grand Theft**  
6/13/25 – 5200 blk Lakewood Blvd  
6/13/25 – 5400 blk Hersholt Ave  
**Petty Theft**  
6/15/25 – 4100 blk Woodruff Ave  
6/14/25 – 4100 blk Woodruff Ave  
6/12/25 – 0 blk Lakewood Center Mall

La Mirada

**Notable Arrests**  
• Two suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.  
• One suspect was arrested for grand theft.  
• One suspect was arrested for shoplifting.  
**Robbery**  
• A robbery was reported on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd. This incident is still under investigation.  
**Residential Burglary**  
• An afternoon burglary occurred on the 12000 block of Mayes Dr.  
• An early morning burglary was reported on the 12400 block of Ocaso Ave.

**Other Structure Burglary**  
• An early morning burglary occurred on the 15500 block of La Mirada Blvd.  
**Grand Theft**  
• Tires were reported stolen on the 16700 block of Valley View Ave.  
• Tools were stolen on the 12300 block of La Mirada Blvd.

**Vehicle Burglary**  
• A window smash vehicle burglary occurred on the 11600 block of Lisburn Pl.  
• An overnight vehicle burglary was reported on the 12000 block of Gladhill Rd.

**Grand Theft Auto**  
• A sedan was reported stolen on the 14800 block of Mercado Ave.

Norwalk

**Assault, Aggravated**  
6/17/25 – 11400 blk Arlee Ave  
6/14/25 – Bayla St & Norwalk Blvd  
**Assault, Non-Aggravated**  
6/17/25 – 13700 blk Shoemaker Ave  
6/15/25 – 14900 blk Norwalk Blvd

**Grand Theft Vehicle**  
6/17/25 – 12000 blk Firestone Blvd  
6/16/25 – 11800 blk Lindale St  
6/14/25 – 14400 blk Brink Ave  
6/12/25 – 13800 blk Longworth Ave  
6/12/25 – 13900 blk Studebaker Rd

**Petty Theft**  
6/16/25 – 12000 blk Imperial Hwy  
6/16/25 – 11600 blk Rosecrans Ave

**Robbery**  
6/17/25 – NE Horst Ave & Lowemont St  
**Vehicle Burglary**  
6/15/25 – 12000 blk Imperial Hwy

Pico Rivera

**Assault, Aggravated**  
6/16/25 – 6600 blk Lindsey Ave  
6/15/25 – 7400 blk Passons Blvd  
6/15/25 – 9500 blk Rex Rd  
6/15/25 – 6600 blk Loch Alene Ave  
**Assault, Non-Aggravated**  
6/17/25 – 6500 blk Rosemead Blvd  
**Grand Theft Vehicle**  
6/17/25 – 8800 blk Washington Blvd  
6/16/25 – 4700 blk Oak St  
**Petty Theft**  
6/15/25 – 8700 blk Whittier Blvd  
6/15/25 – 8700 blk Whittier Blvd  
**Vehicle Burglary**  
6/16/25 – 8900 blk Washington Blvd.

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body. According to the report, they’ve been detected in our air, drinking water, seafood, fruits, and even human tissue. Italian researchers found up to 223,000 plastic particles per gram in apples, while 81% of global tap water samples tested positive for microplastics. It’s now estimated that the average person consumes up to 250 grams of plastic annually—roughly the weight of a credit card per week.

These particles are not inert. Nanoplastics carry chemical additives—many of which are toxic, carcinogenic, and hormonally disruptive.

Oceans, Forests, Clouds—and You

The report highlights the ways by which MNPs are dispersed: sea spray and breaking waves release particles into the air, clouds capture them, and rainfall redistributes them globally. Forests—once a refuge from urban smog—now capture more airborne nanoplastics than many cities.

In the ocean, gyres concentrate plastic waste into massive patches, such as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, which now covers over 618,000 square miles and contains more than 80,000 metric tons of plastic on the surface.

Agriculture and the Soil Crisis

On land, plastic pollution is affecting our soil ecosystems. In agricultural regions, plastics from mulch films, wastewater, and fertilizers enter the soil, where they alter microbial communities, damage

plant root systems, and disrupt nutrient cycles.

Even bees—essential pollinators in global agriculture—are collecting nanoplastics on their hairs and ingesting particles from water and flowers. The report indicates that plastics in their systems can impair brain function, memory, and spatial navigation—threatening entire colonies and, by extension, the crops they help pollinate.

From Pollution to Geopolitical Risk

The report warns of a future where heavily polluted regions face increased disease burdens, food insecurity, and forced migration. Without global action, plastic pollution could destabilize infrastructure and spark economic crises.

What Can Be Done?

While some international efforts aim to reduce large-scale plastic waste, few effective technologies currently exist to remove or neutralize micro- and nanoplastics. The report “recommends interdisciplinary approaches to mitigate toxicity, implement filtration systems, and develop new materials. Experimental concepts include atmospheric water generator (AWG) technologies and bioengineered solutions to degrade plastics.”

Ultimately, the report is a stark reminder: “Plastics now represent a global crisis unfolding at the molecular level. As these invisible invaders circulate silently through the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat, the question is no longer whether we are affected—but how deeply.”

that resident voices must be heard and taken seriously in the process.

City staff reiterated that the open house was purely informational and that any actual project would undergo public review, environmental study, and require formal approval from the Planning Commission and City Council.

What is a housing element and area development plan?

The housing element is a legally required part of every California city’s General Plan. It must be updated every eight years to identify how the city will meet its share of state-mandated housing targets.

Cerritos’ current housing element was certified by the State of California and covers the 2021–2029 planning period. Rezoning the Bloomfield and South Street site is one of the ways the city intends to meet those obligations by increasing the supply of potential housing sites.

The area development plan, or ADP, is the mechanism the city uses to regulate and guide development in specific areas. According to Cerritos Municipal Code, an ADP is defined as “an instrument for guiding, coordinating and regulating the development of property within a given area.” The code also states, “Area development plans (ADPs) are a ‘Specific Plan’ of development as authorized in Article 8 of Chapter 3 of the State Planning and Zoning Law. They also replace the usual zoning regulations and are required to be consistent with, and carry out the provisions and objectives of…”

Before an ADP is adopted, it must undergo a full public review process, including hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council.

As of now, no project has been proposed for the Bloomfield and South Street property. The city has committed to further public engagement and environmental review should a development application be filed.

For more information, residents can contact Advance Planning Manager Sabrina Chan at (562) 916-1201.

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## ABC Education Foundation Announces Winners of the 2025 CTE Pathway to Success Scholarship



**THE ABC EDUCATION FOUNDATION** awarded this year’s Pathway to Success Scholarships. Foundation Board members, joined by ABCUSD Board President Ernie Nishii and Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow, celebrated recipients Owen Cataluna and Abigail Cordero. Not pictured is Ayanna Sy, who was also honored with a scholarship. Courtesy ABCUSD.

### LCCN Staff Report

CERRITOS — The ABC Education Foundation has proudly unveiled the winners of its inaugural 2025 CTE Pathway to Success Scholarship, honoring exceptional high school students enrolled in one of the 20 Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways offered by the ABC Unified School District. The scholarship program is designed to celebrate student achievement and support those pursuing further education aligned with their career aspi-

erations.

This year, 45 students across the District submitted applications. After a rigorous and competitive review process, three standout students were selected as the program’s first-ever scholarship recipients.

Owen Cataluna of Cerritos High School earned first place. Having completed the school’s BioTech pathway, Cataluna plans to apply his experience toward a career in nursing. In second place is Abigail Cordero, also of Cerritos High School. A participant in the Digital

Arts pathway, Cordero will continue her artistic journey at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she plans to study design and art. Ayanna Sy of Artesia High School claimed third place, having completed both the BioTech and Business pathways. Sy plans to pursue dentistry and hopes to one day open her own dental practice.

“We are incredibly proud of all the students who have invested in the CTE learning experience offered at ABCUSD and those who applied for the scholarship,” said Serina Yuan, President of the ABC Education Foundation. “This year’s winners are exceptional young people who represent the best of our CTE programs. We’re excited to support them as they take their next steps in building upon their CTE learning and expanding career options.”

Each scholarship recipient will receive a financial award to support their post-secondary education.

Founded in 2011, the ABC Education Foundation exists to support ABCUSD schools in areas where State funding falls short. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided more than \$595,000 in total program funding. Its annual mini-grant initiative, launched in 2013, accounts for over \$391,000 of that total. Beyond financial aid, the Foundation has distributed more than 7,500 backpacks filled with school supplies to financially disadvantaged students through its School Essentials for Education Drive (SEED) program, which also accepts direct requests from teachers, administrators, and mental health professionals to meet specific student and classroom needs.

In recent years, the Foundation has helped secure an additional \$3.5 million in grants to benefit the district.

More information is available at [abcedfoundation.org](http://abcedfoundation.org).

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patriotic. Dozens of American flags were displayed, some flown upside down in a traditional signal of distress. Organizers wanted the tone to feel more like a celebration than a protest. Artists played live music, loudspeakers pumped chants and songs through the streets, and the crowd shouted, “Hey, hey, ho, ho, Donald Trump has got to go!”

Some attendees said the protest was also fueled by fear and frustration over recent ICE raids and a tense confrontation with police following a contentious city council meeting the previous evening. “People are afraid because of the tactics ICE is using,” said Whittier resident Maggie Moe.

After the main march, many demonstrators remained near City Hall, holding signs and dancing to music while vehicles honked in solidarity. Others stayed in Uptown Whittier to continue the peaceful demonstration and support local businesses. Organizers encouraged the crowd to patronize shops and restaurants, reinforcing the event’s positive, community-focused message.

The protest was a vibrant stand for democracy, staged in defiance of authoritarianism, state violence, and fear. In the face of division, Whittier came together—with voices raised, flags flying, and democracy on full display.



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# A Soaring Success: 10 California Condor Chicks Hatch at L.A. Zoo

## LCCN Staff Report

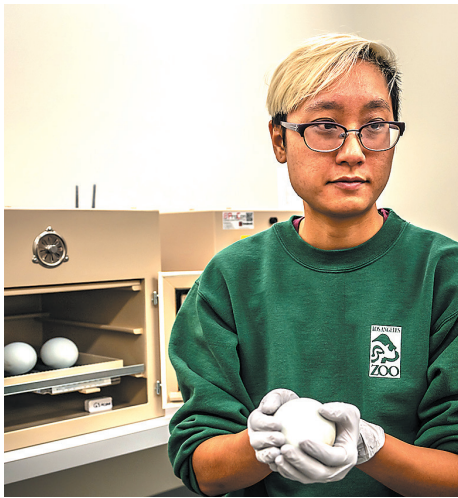
LOS ANGELES — In a season full of hope and hard work, the Los Angeles Zoo has something to celebrate: 10 healthy California condor chicks have hatched this spring as part of the 2025 California Condor Recovery Program, a collaborative effort led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to bring one of North America’s most endangered birds back from the brink.

“These chicks aren’t just birds — they’re living proof of what’s possible when compassion, science, and dedication come together,” said Denise M. Verret, CEO & Zoo Director of the Los Angeles Zoo. “This year’s chicks will eventually help increase the genetic diversity of the wild population of condors. This iconic species represents a conservation win for Los Angeles and for California.”

Each of the 10 chicks hatched this season is doing well, thanks in part to the Zoo’s innovative double brooding method, a technique it pioneered in 2017 where two chicks are raised simultaneously by a single pair of surrogate condors. That practice has since become a model in the broader conservation world.

“The L.A. Zoo’s leadership in breeding California condors clearly demonstrates the marriage between conservation and animal husbandry,” said Misha Body, Deputy Director of Animal Programs. “Our team continues to push boundaries, innovating year after year to ensure the success of this species.”

Though some of the chicks may be retained for future breeding, each one is a candidate for release into the wild—a significant milestone in the decades-long campaign to save the California condor, which in the 1980s had dwindled to just 22 individuals.



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Now, thanks to the efforts of the CCRP, there are more than 500 California condors, with over half flying free in the wild. The CCRP includes an extensive partnership network of tribal nations, federal and state agencies, nonprofits, zoos, and international organizations, from the Navajo Nation and Yurok Tribe to the Oregon Zoo and the Smithsonian Institution.

The L.A. Zoo isn’t stopping at breeding. Dr. Dominique Keller, the Zoo’s Chief Veterinarian, co-authored a groundbreaking scientific study published this month on a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) vaccine trial—an urgent project following the deaths of 21 wild condors from avian flu in 2023. The Zoo was one of only three institutions selected for the trial, further cementing its role as a leader in condor conservation science.

While California condors are not housed in public exhibits, visitors to the Zoo can learn about them during California Condor Talks, held daily from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m., and catch a glimpse of Hope, a non-releasable California condor, during the Angela Collier World of Birds Show at noon each day (except Tuesdays, weather permitting).

For the L.A. Zoo, this breeding season is more than just numbers—it’s a reminder that from the edge of extinction, hope can hatch



10 HEALTHY California condor chicks, like the one above, have hatched this spring as part of the 2025 California Condor Recovery Program.




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TRAVEL SOFTBALL UPDATE

Area Players Putting Together Solid Numbers Within First Summer Tournaments

By Loren Kopff

Whether they are recent high school graduates, or improving their game even more in the likelihood of getting noticed this summer, area softball players have not missed a beat with their early performances. And while the biggest tournaments will take place towards the end of July, the statistics are solid for several players. Here’s a look where most of the stand so far. If I have missed any area players, please post the necessary information on my X account.

18-Under  
Alianna Calderon (Cerritos High/Long Beach City College)-The second baseman and utility player for the (Yorba Linda) BSC Bengals-Nichols leads the team with a .485 average in 13 games. She has 16 hits, 11 RBI, six runs scored, three doubles, two home runs and two walks and has committed one error in 14 chances. Her travel team has already qualified for the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships Premier Division.

Cierra Contreras (Gahr High)-In eight games played with 11 at-bats, the catcher for the (Whittier) USA Athletics-Garcia has four hits and has scored once. She has also been hit three times.

Isabella Gonzalez (Gahr)-The future of Gahr softball in the circle is a key pitcher for the USA Athletics-Rogers Gold where the right-hander has started four of five games, winning four of them and has an earned run average of 1.56. The recent sophomore has allowed nine

hits and four runs in 18 innings of work with 10 strikeouts and the same number of walks. The USA Athletics have qualified for the PGF National Championships Premier Division.

Reese and Riley Hilliard (La Mirada High)-The up and coming sisters have been nothing short of spectacular as both play for the (Anaheim) Orange County Batbusters-Stith, the top team in the nation in The Alliance Fastpitch. In 47 games since the beginning of 2025, Riley Hilliard, a catcher, is second on the team in batting with a .459 average, and has 50 hits, 55 RBI, 31 runs scored, 16 home runs and seven doubles. Her sister, who primarily plays at third, but is also a second baseman, has a .367 average with 36 hits, 25 RBI, 20 runs scored, eight doubles and four home runs.

The Batbusters-Stith, which is in the Super Division, went 6-0 in the Zoom into June showcase tournament and has won 18 straight games and 20 of its last 25 games.

Malaia Huskey (Gahr/California State University, San Marcos)-The recent graduate who is an outfielder for the (Huntington Beach) Explosion Premier has one hit in six games and has scored four times. Her travel team has earned a berth in the PGF National Champion-

ships Premier Division.

Peyton Kingery (Valley Christian High/University of North Texas commit)-The hot-hitting catcher who plays for the (Anaheim) BSC Bengals-Briggs hasn’t been slowing down. In back to back weekends totaling 12 games,

Kingery is batting .370 with 10 hits, eight RBI, eight runs scored, three doubles, two home runs, four walks while striking out just once in 27 at-bats. The Bengals have earned a spot in the PGF National Championships Premier Division.

Alea Medina (Artesia High/California State University, Dominguez Hills)-The former high school center fielder who now plays for the (Los Alamitos) Wildcats-Hunter, is hitting .389 with 12 runs scores, has seven hits, three runs batted in and one triple in seven games since graduating from Artesia. She also has not struck out in those seven games. In addition, Medina has recorded two outs in one game as a pitcher, facing four batters, giving up two hits and one run while striking out one.

Abbygail Perez (Gahr)-Splitting time between first base and as a right-handed pitcher, Perez has three hits for the (Whittier) USA Athletics-Garcia with two RBI and four walks while pitching 15.2 innings and posting a 4.92 earned run average.

Angelina Ratzlaff (La Mirada)-The former high school infielder plays second base for the (Laguna Hills) Firecrackers-Brashear, another team in the Super Division of The Alliance Fastpitch. Ratzlaff is batting .233 in 22 games, has scored 10 runs and driven in three.

Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas (La Mirada/San Diego State University)-Another member of The Alliance Fastpitch, Reyes-Cardenas plays for the Corona Angels-Tyson in the Super Division ranked seventh in the nation. In eight games since the end of high school, Reyes-Cardenas has pitched just over 21 innings and has given up 16 hits and 10 runs while striking out 16 and walking four.

Amanda Urbina (La Mirada/University of Oregon)-A member of the (Huntington Beach) Firecrackers Select-Rico/Brashear of The Alliance Fastpitch’s Super Division, Urbina doesn’t have any

summer statistics. She plays on the left side of the infield.

Katherine Villegas (Cerritos)-The middle infielder for the (Laguna Hills) Firecrackers-Brashear, which plays in the Super Division of The Alliance Fastpitch, is batting .400 with 14 runs scored, 14 RBI, four triples, three doubles and one home run in 40 at-bats.

Rachel Zhang (Valley Christian)-The star pitcher for the Defenders plays for the (Redondo Beach) USA Athletics-Phillips/Lehr where she has pitched seven innings in three games from June 7-9, yielding 10 hits while allowing seven runs and six walks. Offensively, she has a .435 average this summer with nine hits, five runs scores, five walks, two doubles and has driven in a run.

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Choyce Chambers and Aubrielle Ramirez (Valley Christian)-The two stars for the Defenders play for the (Long Beach) USA Athletics-RML where Chambers has gone nine for 27 over the first two weekends in June, scoring nine runs, driving in five and walking three times. She also has one double. Ramirez is seven for 15 with seven hits, two runs and a run driven in.

Zoe Corrales (Cerritos)-The recent sophomore who plays for the (Westminster) USA Athletics-Mathis, has two hits and has scored two runs in nine games since June 7. Her travel team has already qualified for the PGF National Championships Platinum Division.

Briseyda Munoz (Artesia)-Playing for the (Downey) Nemesis 16 Gold team, the first base is batting .450 in nine games played with six runs, six RBI, one double and one walk. She also threw nine pitchers to two batters in one game, walking both with one of them scoring.

Alison Ortega (La Mirada)-The ace of La Mirada’s pitching staff for the next two seasons is a member of the (La Verne) Firecrackers Select RTY of The Alliance Fastpitch’s Super Division which participated in the Top Gun Invitational in Shawnee, KS. While the team didn’t win a game in the suburbs of Kansas City, Ortega pitched four innings against the (Peculiar, MO) Top Gun National last Thursday, allowing three hits and a run while striking out five. The next day, she faced the Tampa Mustangs and went three and a third innings, giving up seven hits, four runs while collecting three strikeouts.

Earlier in the month, Ortega pitched over seven innings, striking out 15, walking one and allowing four earned runs.



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By DAVID OUELLET

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OUTLOOK ON NEW FOOTHILL AREA RELEAGUING

Cerritos To Welcome New Rivals, Territory With Expanded 20-School Conferenc

By Loren Kopff

This is the second in a series of area schools involved in the upcoming Foothill Area releguing that will begin for the 2026-2027 school year. The 20 schools involved in what will be a new conference are from the current 605 League, Del Rio League, Gateway League and Mid-Cities League. This is the third time since the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year that area schools have been involved in releguing.

Cerritos High is hoping the new 20-school conference that will start up for the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year will be as good of a fit as the 605 League has been since the fall of 2018. But the Dons are no strangers to moving as this will be the fourth time in the past 30 years that the school has been part of releguing.

Cerritos moved from the Mission Valley League to the Suburban League for the beginning of the 1998-1999 school year, then the 605 League and now the new mega conference.

“Back in the day, we were trying to build that conference with the seven teams in the Suburban League and add Pioneer to the mix,” said Cerritos athletic director Todd Denhart. “It was voted down three times. The disparity as far as competitive equity in the league was too much, and depending on the sport, too.

“I guess the biggest similarity would be it’s a necessity,” he continued. “We created the 605 League for a reason as far as competitive equity goes. Football-wise, three of the four schools have won league



Mayfair were when the Suburban League was comprised of Artesia High, Bellflower High, John Glenn High, Norwalk High, Cerritos, La Mirada and Mayfair.

“I didn’t foresee it, but it kind of came to light after [the 2023-2024 school year],” said Denhart of Cerritos’ dominance. “Our old principal, [Dr. Patrick] Walker and I and [former athletic director Robert] Adams talked about it a couple of times and said we need to be a little careful here...because we didn’t want to be seen that way. It was in our conscious mind, and we didn’t talk to

nobody reached out to us.”

He continued by saying how he remembered going through the same thing when the 605 League was being proposed and the athletic directors of the six schools reached out to two or three other leagues and asked if they could have five minutes at the beginning of their athletic director meetings and pitched what they wanted and why they were joining forces to form the 605 League.

“Nobody had done that with any of the schools in the 605 League for this [latest] releguing, which we felt was kind of odd,” said Denhart. “So okay, nobody reached out to us. Our proposal is going to be these 20 schools in the Suburban Valley Conference. Nobody has said anything to us; we’re going to leave it the way it is.”

Denhart says the first meeting of the 20 or so athletic directors of the new conference will take place just before school begins in August. Then, for the next 10 to 11 months, the schools will work on a plethora of items with scheduling and transportation being the biggest two.

Among those items will be how the 20 schools will be divided into three or four leagues, what to call those leagues, and the entire conference, and will the schools go off the current CIF rankings or something else. For football, there will be 18 schools as Oxford Academy and Whitney High don’t field programs.

“I think you have to go four [leagues], honestly,” said Denhart. “If you want to include football here, I think what the goal for our conference should be is to maximize our playoff spots. Including football in the conversation, you go, for football only, three leagues of six, which gives you nine [automatic] entries. That would be my number one item on the agenda.”

Denhart believes, in theory, that all the Cerritos sports will benefit from the new 20-school conference to add even more competitive equity. The softball program has won all six 605 League titles to date while the football program has won the past four league championships. The baseball, girls soccer, boys volleyball and girls volleyball programs finished in first place every season before coming in second place this past school year.

One area of concern the 20 schools will be facing is the number of lower level programs they have among their athletic teams. Cerritos fields two or three lower level teams in some programs while other

schools in the new conference don’t. Because of that, Denhart says that hurts Cerritos a bit.

“Our girls basketball [program]; our numbers have dwindled over the last three or four years,” said Denhart. “I don’t know if that’s part of coming out of Covid. Coming out of Covid, everybody wanted to join [out athletic teams]. Our softball team had 22 kids on the varsity roster that first year, but the boys basketball numbers haven’t gone down. I don’t want to blame it on the league, but basketball...our school and our size, we need to field three teams. Some of the schools in our league, with their enrollment numbers, you can’t field three teams. It’s just not feasible.”

When it comes to renewing rivalries when the new conference begins, whether by city, school district or otherwise, there’s a better than 50 percent chance that Cerritos and Gahr High will face each other in league competition, whether coaches or athletic directors like it or not, especially in football.

What was supposed to be an annual game for the Silver Milk Jug has not been played continuously. The two baseball programs haven’t faced each other in over 30 years, and the softball programs have played here and there over the past 28 years. Even the boys and girls soccer programs used to have yearly doubleheaders under the lights at Dr. Hanford Rants Stadium.

“Some sports, it’s not beneficial to either team,” said Denhart of the rivalry with Gahr. “Is [Gahr baseball head coach] Gerardo [Perez] going to come here to play us in baseball? It would be like me playing La Mirada. Nobody benefits from it. If we’re in the same league, then we’re comparable to them, and then we’ll do what we have to do. [Boys basketball head coach] Jonathan [Watanabe] plays them every year, and we’ve renewed the whole football thing; we’ll play them again next year.”

Another big decision the athletic directors will have to agree on is how many teams from the projected four leagues will move up and down each year on a sport by sport basis. Will it be just the league champion and the last place team, which is the model used in the Gateway and Mid-Cities Leagues? Or will it be two teams? If it’s just one team moving in what could be a three-league football scenario, then the fourth place football team could be in no man’s land with little to no chance of movement.

“After this thing gets going, whether it’s one or two move up or move down, the [CIF-Southern Section] rankings don’t matter,” said Denhart. “When we ended our football season [in 2024] in the first round, we didn’t play for the next seven weeks all the way to the state championship. But for seven weeks, our ranking went up, and we weren’t playing.”

Denhart said the process of this releguing went much smoother than he originally thought as far as Cerritos is concerned and speaking on what the 20 schools were looking to do. But the one main reason for this releguing is competitive equity, he continued to add.

“I think it’s in the best interest for our athletic programs and will benefit all our teams,” said Denhart. “Maybe not in year one will all the coaches be happy. But I think two or three years into it, the coaches will say, ‘hey, this was the right thing for us.’”



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(CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: BPB-23-002902  
NOTICE TO: (Aviso a) Jose Antonio Sanchez  
FROM: (De) Isabel Perez, Executor  
ESTATE OF: (Herencia de) Everado G. Sanchez  
A court proceeding has been started which may affect your interests in the estate. Read the document delivered with this Summons.  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file at this court a typewritten response if you want to be heard by the court.  
A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to consider it.  
If you do not file your response on time, you may lose your right to participate in the proceeding or present your evidence. You will not receive another warning from the court.  
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book) .  
La corte ha comenzado a tramitar una acción judicial testamentaria que puede afectar sus intereses sucesorios. Lea el documento enviado con esta citación judicial.  
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Existen otros requisitos legales. Es posible que usted quiera llamar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de aboga a una oficina de ayuda legal (vea el directorio telefónico). The name and address of the COURT is: (El nombre y dirección de la CORTE es) Kern County Superior Court 2100 College Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93305  
The name, address, and telephone number of the filing party's attorney, or the party without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del accionante, o del accionante que no tiene abogado, es) Katherine P. Smaul, Esq. 600 Hampshire Rd, Ste 211, Westlake Village, CA 91361 (805) 201-2552  
DATE: (Fecha) 06/02/2025  
Tara Leal, Clerk (Actuario), by O. Cervantes, Deputy (Delegado)  
NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.  
[SEAL]  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO DETERMINE CLAIM TO PROPERTY  
A petition has been filed asking the court to determine a claim to the property identified in 3, and a hearing on the petition has been set. Please refer to the petition for more information.  
If you have a claim to the property described in 3, you may attend the hearing and object or respond to the petition. If you do not want to attend the hearing, you may also file a written response before the hearing.  
If you do not respond to the petition or attend the hearing, the court may make orders affecting ownership of the property without your input. 1. NOTICE is given that: Isabel Perez, Executor, has filed a petition entitled: Petition to 1. Establish Estate's Claim of Ownership to Property and For Order et al. under Probate Code section 850 asking for a court order determining a claim or claims to the property described in 3.  
2. A HEARING on the petition will be held as follows: Jul 10m 2025 at 8:30am in Dept.: J-1 at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305  
3. The Property that is subject of the petition is:  
2513 Travers Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040  
APN: 6334-014-003  
4. In addition to seeking to recover the property described in 3, the petition also alleges and seeks relief for bad faith conduct, undue influence in bad faith, or elder or dependent adult financial abuse. The petition describes these allegations in detail. Based on the allegations, the petition seeks to recover twice the value of the property described in 3 and requests that the court award attorney's fees and costs to the petitioner.(Prob. Code, §859.) Requests for Accommodations  
Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the hearing. Contact the clerk's office or go to [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms) for Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response (form MC-410). (Civ. Code, §54.8.)  
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COMMERCE COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Special Meeting and conduct a Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 1, 2025**, to consider the following:

**Project Description: Case No. 2022-13: Artesia Place Project:** The Planning Commission will consider a Design Review application to allow the development of 120 residential three-story townhomes that include 24 lower-income affordable units and eight live/work units and a Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 83834 to develop the 120 residential units as condominiums. The Planning Commission will also consider adopting a Revised and Recirculated Environmental Impact Report. This item was previously scheduled for June 17, 2025, but it has been rescheduled for the new hearing date.

**Project Location:** 11709 Artesia Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel Number 7035-007-016, 064) and 17212 Alburdis Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number 7035-020-056), Artesia, CA 90701.

**Applicant:** Jordan Gardner, G3 Urban.

**Environmental Review:** Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), (Public Resources Code Section 2100, et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000, et seq.), a Revised and Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (RR-EIR) was prepared for the project. State Clearing House No. 202208202. The RR-EIR, along with a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), will be considered by the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

Salvador Lopez Jr., Interim Community Development Director  
Phone: 562-865-6262 Ext. 200 or 224  
Email: [Planning@cityofartesia.us](mailto:Planning@cityofartesia.us)

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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.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) on 7/17/2025 at 10:00 AM. Elizabeth Merritt; Saul Ivan Preza Mundo; Armando Rubalcava; Citlaly Mirna Cerezo; Maria Alicia Rodriguez; Jose Castellanos; Rosa Angelica Reyes Cervantes; Rene Flores; Barbara Lynn Kolb; Grecia Solis Martinez; Gustavo Ibarra; Josue Enoc Villareal; Andrew Anguiano; Manuel Gutierrez; Nuvia Monserratt Sillas; Maria Alicia Rodriguez; Euridice Richardson; Anthony Romeo Diaz; Margarita Olwen; Liliana Santiago; Maria del Carmen de la Torre; Jessica Aguirre. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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CITY OF LA MIRADA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2018-06  
VALLEY VIEW AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION  
FROM IMPERIAL HIGHWAY TO ROSECRANS AVENUE

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2018-06, Valley View Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation from Imperial Highway to Rosecrans Avenue. Work includes pavement rehabilitation of Valley View Avenue between Rosecrans Avenue and Imperial Highway including related work such as sidewalks, curb and gutters, cross gutters, curb ramps, utility adjustments, traffic mark-ings and detector loops in the City of La Mirada.

Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting the ARC Southern California website: [https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL\\_Main.asp?mem=29](https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29). Look under PUBLIC PLANROOM and click GO, then search for City of La Mirada from the dropdown list titled "in all compa-ny". You can also contact ARC at (949) 660-1150 or [costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com](mailto:costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com) to request Plans and Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on July 10, 2025. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
DOMINADOR M. ZULUETA  
CASE NO. 25STPB06636  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DOMINADOR M. ZULUETA.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL B. ZULUETA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL B. ZULUETA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/11/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
RESOLUTION NO. 9963

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** that pursuant to the California Mitigation Fee Act (the Act) contained in Government Code Sections 66000 et seq., before increasing certain fees, the City must establish a reasonable relationship between the amount of the fee and the cost of the public facility for which the fee is imposed. A Public Hearing will be held before the City of Santa Fe Springs City Council to consider the following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 9963:** A Resolution to amend Resolution No. 9947 and Resolution No. 9933, approving an update of the City's Fire Services Fee Schedule, Community Services and Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule, Police Services Fee Schedule and amending and revising the City's Master Fee Schedule.

**THE HEARING** will be held before the City of Santa Fe Springs City Council in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** At that time, anyone wishing to speak in regards to this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are invited to attend the Public Hearing and express opinions upon the items listed above. If you challenge the nature of these proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Fe Springs City Council at, or prior to the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** may be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 or, otherwise, e-mail the City Clerk at [cityclerk@santafesprings.gov](mailto:cityclerk@santafesprings.gov). Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the City Council meeting. You may also contact the City Clerk at (562) 868-0511.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6062a, this notice was published twice on June 13, 2025 and June 20, 2025.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** on this item may be obtained at the City of Santa Fe Springs, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 or by telephone or e-mail: (562) 409-7520, [gustavohernandez@santafesprings.gov](mailto:gustavohernandez@santafesprings.gov). Copies of the amended and revised fee schedules and Master Fee Schedule are available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the office of the City Clerk and on the City's website at [www.santafesprings.gov](http://www.santafesprings.gov).

Gustavo Hernandez, Director of Parks and Recreation  
City of Santa Fe Springs, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

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<div>CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS RESOLUTION NO. 9960</div> <div>A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN AN EXISTING DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 12 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING THEREON</div> <div>WHEREAS, this Council has conducted proceedings under and pursuant to the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913, Division 12, California Streets and Highways Code to form the Heritage Springs Assessment District 2001-1 (“Assessment District”), in what is known and designated as:</div> <div>CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS Heritage Springs Assessment District 2001-1</div> <div>WHEREAS, at this time, this City Council is desirous to take proceedings to provide for the annual levy of assessments for the next ensuing fiscal year, to provide for the costs and expenses necessary for continual maintenance of improvements within said Assessment District; and,</div> <div>WHEREAS, at this time there has been presented and approved by this City Council, the Engineer’s “Report” as required by law, and this City Council is desirous of proceeding with the proceedings for said annual levy.</div> <div>NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:</div> <div>SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct.</div> <div>PUBLIC INTEREST</div> <div>SECTION 2. That the public interest and convenience requires, and it is the intention of this City Council, to undertake proceedings for the annual levy and collection of special assessments for the continual maintenance of certain improvements, all to serve and benefit said Assessment District as said area is shown and delineated on a map as previously approved by this City Council and on file in the Office of the City Clerk, open to public inspection, and herein so referenced and made a part hereof, and proposed changes thereto are set forth in the “Report” of the Engineer, incorporated herein as a part hereof.</div> <div>REPORT</div> <div>SECTION 3. That the “Report” of the Engineer regarding the annual levy for said District, which “Report” is for maintenance for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 is hereby approved and is directed to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.</div> <div>SECTION 4. That the public interest and convenience requires, and it is the intention of this City Council to order the annual assessment levy for the Assessment District as set forth and described in said Engineer’s “Report,” and further it is determined to be in the best public interest and convenience to levy and collect annual assessments to pay the costs and expenses of said maintenance and improvement as estimated in said “Report.”</div> <div>DESCRIPTION OF MAINTENANCE</div> <div>SECTION 5. The assessments levied and collected shall be for the maintenance of certain improvements, as set forth in the Engineer’s “Report,” referenced and so incorporated herein.</div> <div>COUNTY AUDITOR</div> <div>SECTION 6. The County Auditor shall enter on the County Assessment Roll the amount of the assessments, and shall collect said assessments at the time and in the same manner as County taxes are collected. After collection by the County, the net amount of the assessments, after the deduction of any compensation due to the County for collection, shall be paid to the Treasurer for purposes of paying for the costs and expenses of said Assessment District.</div> <div>SPECIAL FUND</div> <div>SECTION 7. That all monies collected shall be deposited in a special fund known as</div> <div>SPECIAL FUND CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS Heritage Springs Assessment District 2001-1</div> <div>Payment shall be made out of said fund only for the purpose provided for in this Resolution, and in order to expedite the making of this maintenance and improvement, the City Council may transfer into said special fund, from any available source, such funds as it may deem necessary to expedite the proceedings. Any funds shall be repaid out of the proceeds of the assessments provided for in this Resolution.</div> <div>BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT</div> <div>SECTION 8. Said contemplated maintenance work is, in the opinion of this City Council, of direct benefit to the properties within the boundaries of the Assessment District, and this City Council makes the costs and expenses of said maintenance chargeable upon a district, which district said City Council declares to be the district benefited by said improvement and maintenance, and to be further assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof. Said Assessment District, shall include each and every parcel of land within the boundaries of said Assessment District, as said Assessment District is shown on a map as approved by this City Council and on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and designated by the name of the Assessment District.</div> <div>PUBLIC HEARING</div> <div>SECTION 9. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TUESDAY, THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2025, AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M., IN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, BEING THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, IS THE TIME AND PLACE FIXED BY THIS CITY COUNCIL FOR THE HEARING OF PROTESTS OR OBJECTIONS IN REFERENCE TO THE ANNUAL LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS, TO THE EXTENT OF THE MAINTENANCE, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION, ANY PERSONS WHO WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY SHOULD FILE A WRITTEN PROTEST WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE TIME SET AND SCHEDULED FOR SAID PUBLIC HEARING.</div> <div>NOTICE</div> <div>SECTION 10. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this Resolution. Said publication shall be not less than ten (10) days before the date for said Public Hearing.</div> <div>EFFECTIVE DATE</div> <div>SECTION 11. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.</div> <div>PROCEEDINGS INQUIRIES</div>	
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SECTION 12.	For any and all information relating to the proceedings, protest procedure, any documentation and/or information of a procedural or technical nature, your attention is directed to the below listed person at the local agency or department so designated:
	James Enriquez City Engineer CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS 11710 Telegraph Road Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 (562) 868-0511
APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17 <sup>TH</sup> day of June 2025, by the following vote:	
AYES:	Councilmembers Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, and Mayor Rounds
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
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<div>NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE</div> <div>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the <b>Cerritos City Council</b> adopted <b>Ordinance No. 1049, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.22, ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. City Attorney Summary:</b> This adopted ordinance establishes the Economic Development Commission, an advisory body subordinate to the City Council, and made up of five commissioners who either reside or own a business in the City of Cerritos. The purpose of the Economic Development Commission will be to attract, retain, and enhance economic development opportunities within the City. Each member of the Economic Development Commission will be appointed by a member of the City Council, and it is proposed that the administrative functions and operations of the Economic Development Commission will be handled by the Department of Community Development. The full text of this adopted Ordinance can be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. I, Cynthia Nava, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing <b>Ordinance No. 1049</b> was introduced for first reading on May 22, 2025. Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Cerritos City Council on June 12, 2025, by the following vote: AYES: Hong, Pulido, Tse, Johnson, Yokoyama; NOES: None. /s/Cynthia Nava</div> <div>Published at Los Cerritos Community News, June 20, 2025</div>
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SUZANNE ESTHER GREEN AKA SUZANNE E. GREEN CASE NO. 25STPB05195 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SUZANNE ESTHER GREEN AKA SUZANNE E. GREEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOSEPH R GREEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOSEPH R GREEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent’s WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/08/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: MARK BREUNIG - SBN 175937 BREUNIG LAW, INC. 554 E STREET LINCOLN CA 95648 Telephone (916) 672-2042 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/25 CNS-3933561# LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2025114677 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LIFEKIT KIDS, 11549 GONSALVES ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. REGISTERED OWNER: MUCHWELL LLC, 11549 GONSALVES ST., CERRITOS, CA 90703. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 06/2025. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) / S / MUCHWELL LLC; CEO; ROSSELL ROBLES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/05/2025.In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Busine 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2025119544 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PROJECT-NURSERY, 2108 N STE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816, SACRAMENTO COUNTY. REGISTERED OWNER: CHELLA BABY LLC, 2108 N ST STE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) / S / CHELLA BABY LLC; MANAGING MEMBER; GOUTHAM BALARAMAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/12/2025. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18/25
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2025120598 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, 622 DAWSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90814, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. REGISTERED OWNER: GUILLERMO HOBELMAN, 622 DAWSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90814, AND JAMES HOBELMAN, 622 DAWSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90814. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A MARRIED COUPLE. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 02/2024. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) / S / GUILLERMO HOBELMAN; PARTNER; GUILLERMO HOBELMAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 06/13/2025. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25
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CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
RESOLUTION NO. 9960

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN AN EXISTING DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 12 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, this Council has conducted proceedings under and pursuant to the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913, Division 12, California Streets and Highways Code to form the Heritage Springs Assessment District 2001-1 ("Assessment District"), in what is known and designated as:

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
Heritage Springs Assessment District 2001-1

WHEREAS, at this time, this City Council is desirous to take proceedings to provide for the annual levy of assessments for the next ensuing fiscal year, to provide for the costs and expenses necessary for continual maintenance of improvements within said Assessment District; and,

WHEREAS, at this time there has been presented and approved by this City Council, the Engineer's "Report" as required by law, and this City Council is desirous of proceeding with the proceedings for said annual levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct.

PUBLIC INTEREST

SECTION 2. That the public interest and convenience requires, and it is the intention of this City Council, to undertake proceedings for the annual levy and collection of special assessments for the continual maintenance of certain improvements, all to serve and benefit said Assessment District as said area is shown and delineated on a map as previously approved by this City Council and on file in the Office of the City Clerk, open to public inspection, and herein so referenced and made a part hereof, and proposed changes thereto are set forth in the "Report" of the Engineer, incorporated herein as a part hereof.

REPORT

SECTION 3. That the "Report" of the Engineer regarding the annual levy for said District, which "Report" is for maintenance for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 is hereby approved and is directed to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

SECTION 4. That the public interest and convenience requires, and it is the intention of this City Council to order the annual assessment levy for the Assessment District as set forth and described in said Engineer's "Report," and further it is determined to be in the best public interest and convenience to levy and collect annual assessments to pay the costs and expenses of said maintenance and improvement as estimated in said "Report."

DESCRIPTION OF MAINTENANCE

SECTION 5. The assessments levied and collected shall be for the maintenance of certain improvements, as set forth in the Engineer's "Report," referenced and so incorporated herein.

COUNTY AUDITOR

SECTION 6. The County Auditor shall enter on the County Assessment Roll the amount of the assessments, and shall collect said assessments at the time and in the same manner as County taxes are collected. After collection by the County, the net amount of the assessments, after the deduction of any compensation due to the County for collection, shall be paid to the Treasurer for purposes of paying for the costs and expenses of said Assessment District.

SPECIAL FUND

SECTION 7. That all monies collected shall be deposited in a special fund known as

SPECIAL FUND  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
Heritage Springs Assessment District 2001-1

Payment shall be made out of said fund only for the purpose provided for in this Resolution, and in order to expedite the making of this maintenance and improvement, the City Council may transfer into said special fund, from any available source, such funds as it may deem necessary to expedite the proceedings. Any funds shall be repaid out of the proceeds of the assessments provided for in this Resolution.

BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT

SECTION 8. Said contemplated maintenance work is, in the opinion of this City Council, of direct benefit to the properties within the boundaries of the Assessment District, and this City Council makes the costs and expenses of said maintenance chargeable upon a district, which district said City Council declares to be the district benefited by said improvement and maintenance, and to be further assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof. Said Assessment District, shall include each and every parcel of land within the boundaries of said Assessment District, as said Assessment District is shown on a map as approved by this City Council and on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and designated by the name of the Assessment District.

PUBLIC HEARING

SECTION 9. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TUESDAY, THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2025, AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M., IN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, BEING THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, IS THE TIME AND PLACE FIXED BY THIS CITY COUNCIL FOR THE HEARING OF PROTESTS OR OBJECTIONS IN REFERENCE TO THE ANNUAL LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS, TO THE EXTENT OF THE MAINTENANCE, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION, ANY PERSONS WHO WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY SHOULD FILE A WRITTEN PROTEST WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE TIME SET AND SCHEDULED FOR SAID PUBLIC HEARING.

NOTICE

SECTION 10. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this Resolution. Said publication shall be not less than ten (10) days before the date for said Public Hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 11. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PROCEEDINGS INQUIRIES

SECTION 12. For any and all information relating to the proceedings, protest procedure, any documentation and/or information of a procedural or technical nature, your attention is directed to the below listed person at the local agency or department so designated:

James Enriquez  
City Engineer  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
11710 Telegraph Road  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
(562) 868-0511

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, and Mayor Rounds

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the project described below. You are receiving this notice because your property is located near the project or because you have requested to be notified.

Project Location: : 4845 Durfee Avenue (APN: 6374-015-902) and vacant lot with APN: 6375-016-906

Project Description: General Plan consistency determination for City acquisition of real property from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Environmental Review The determination of General Plan consistency is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) as this review is not considered a "project" subject to CEQA but an administrative action that does not approve a specific development project or result in a physical change to the environment.

The Planning Commission Pubxlic Hearing will be held:

DATE: Monday June 30, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, described in this Notice, or written in correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk prior to or at the public hearing.

Additional information online or in person can be obtained here:

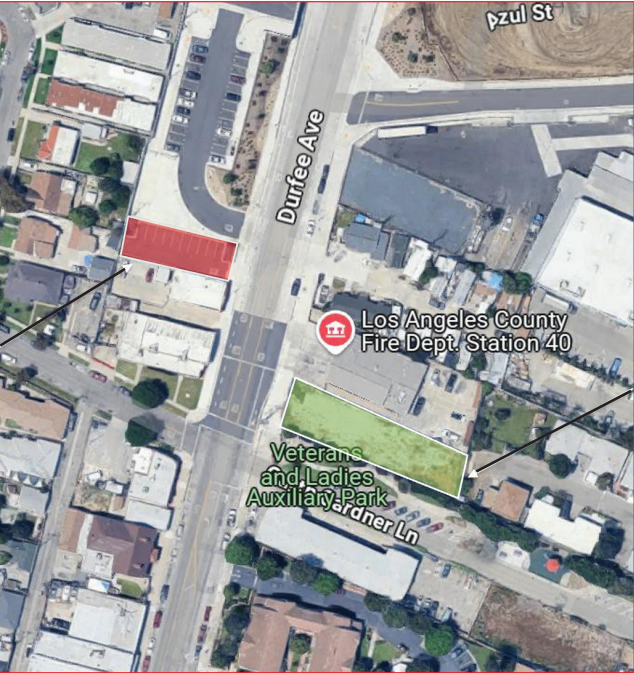
Project Planner: Alvie Betancourt, Director  
abetancourt@pico-rivera.org 562-801-4340  
<https://www.pico-rivera.org/our-city/city-commissions/planning-commission/>

Email public comments to abetancourt@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.  
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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

ATTACHMENT "A"

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