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Cerritos College Robotics Team Shines on Global Stage at 2025 VEX World Championship

In its first-ever appearance, the team placed 25th among nearly 750 elite competitors including major universities.

By Brian Hews

The Cerritos College Engineering Technology Club made history at the 2025 VEX Robotics World Championship, becoming one of only three community college teams among nearly 750 elite competitors from around the globe. In their first appearance, they achieved 25th place in the Technology Division, outperforming numerous four-year university teams and demonstrating that community colleges can excel in innovation, talent, and technical mastery on an international level.

VEX is a robotics platform and competition series designed to promote STEM education through hands-on learning and teamwork. It provides students of various ages with the opportunity to design, build, and program robots to complete specific tasks and challenges. The VEX competitions, including the World Championship, bring together student teams from around the world to showcase their engineering skills, foster innovation, and promote collaboration. The platform emphasizes creativity, prob-

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Judge Denies Huntington Park Election Petition—Despite Admitting Deadline Was Missed

By Brian Hews

In a ruling that had observers scratching their heads, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James Chalfant denied a petition demanding that the City of Huntington Park (HP) hold a special election—despite openly acknowledging that the city had violated state law by missing the statutory deadline to fill a vacant council seat.

The case stems from the February illegal ousting of Councilwoman Esmeralda Castillo.

According to California Government Code §36512(b), a City Council “shall” fill a vacant seat within 60 days of the vacancy—either by appointment or by calling a special election. HP did neither within the legally mandated window.

Instead, well after the deadline, the City Council appointed Nancy Martiz to the seat—a move that, by all reasonable readings of the law, should have triggered a special election.

Even the League of California Cities, the preeminent authority on municipal law in the state, is crystal clear on this point. In their guide Filling Vacancies & Canceling City Council Elections, they write: “[I]f the council seeks to fill the position by appointment but does not do so within 60 days of the vacancy – the special election must be held.”

In other words, HP broke the law. Judge Chalfant agreed.

Then refused to do anything about it. Shall Doesn’t Mean Shall?

Judge Chalfant reasoned that “shall” in the statute didn’t actually mean must—at least not this time. He chose to read the term as directory rather than mandatory, suggesting the law was more of a suggestion than a rule.

Established precedent holds that deadlines imposed on public agencies can only be ignored in cases of absolute impossibility or unforeseeable circumstances. None existed here.

HP was offered three separate opportunities to ask for judicial relief from a temporary stay—on March 24, April 4, and April 15—that could have saved them from violating the law. They refused each time.

“This wasn’t a case of innocent error,” said one legal observer. “The City ran out the clock, then asked the ref to move the goalpost.” Equitable Tolling

In a move that raised even more eyebrows, Judge Chalfant invoked equitable tolling, a doctrine traditionally used to give individual plaintiffs more time when circumstances beyond their control cause them to miss a legal deadline.

But HP never asked for it. According to attorney Albert Robles, HP did not request tolling “because they knew they didn’t act in good faith.” It was Judge Chalfant who raised it sua

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SoCal City’s Latest Bird-Brained Idea: Chirp Your Way Out of a Homeless Crisis

Controversial noise-and-light device aims to move homeless individuals without confrontation, but critics say it’s a band-aid on a systemic crisis.

By Brian Hews

In Southern California’s on-going scramble to manage the visible signs of its homelessness crisis, a new device is making noise—literally. Called the Blue Chirper, this motion-activated box flashes blue strobe lights and emits an irritating cricket-like chirp designed to drive away anyone trying to rest nearby.

It’s not satire. It’s science—sort of.

“You can’t just blast music because that’s disturbing the peace,” Stephen McMahon, the device’s inventor, told Audacy.com. “But if it’s a noise that’s found in nature and it’s not louder than the noise in nature, then there’s nothing they can do about it.”

McMahon, a Santa Monica resident, came up with the idea after struggling with trespassers in his condo’s parking area.

After testing a prototype that combined blue LEDs, allegedly disruptive to sleep, and the persistent chirping of a digital insect, he found success—and demand. He now sells the devices for \$400 each, complete with installation hardware.

“I can’t make them quick enough,” McMahon told the Santa Monica Daily Press, adding that concerns about drug use in local parks have fueled orders. How It Works—And Where

The Blue Chirper is designed

to be discreet but obnoxious. When motion is detected, it chirps and flashes. McMahon claims the sound is below 70 decibels, staying within the National Institutes of Health guidelines for safe exposure.

The devices are already in use across Southern California. At Barney’s Beanery in Santa Monica, one was installed above the patio entrance. “A guy used to sleep in that booth all the time. The second this came on, he was gone,” McMahon told the Santa Monica Daily Press.

A Trader Joe’s shopping center in West Hollywood placed one in a stairwell, where management reported a significant reduction in loitering.

“The blue box joins a growing list of deterrents deployed by Southern California business owners and property managers who have taken matters into their own hands to address the homelessness crisis,” the Los Angeles Times wrote in a recent article. Legal Gray Areas, Ethical Red Flags



The Blue Chirper cost \$400.

While property owners may applaud the device’s effectiveness, not everyone is chirping with joy.

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Inglewood’s New ‘Google Code Next’ Lab to Empower Students Through AI and Coding

While cities build stadiums, Google builds futures—Inglewood’s new lab puts kids on the code-to-career track.

By Brian Hews

There is a new lab to teach technology and AI to youths in Inglewood called Google Code Next.

GCN is an initiative designed to bridge the tech diversity gap by offering computer science education and opportunities to students from underrepresented communities.

The program focuses on building crucial skills in coding,

computer science, and software engineering, setting students on a path toward successful careers in technology. The program’s curriculum covers fundamental computer science concepts, incorporating languages like Python, JavaScript, and HTML/CSS, and participants may also delve into advanced topics like app development and algorithms. Hands-on learning is central to Google Code Next, with coding challenges, collaborative projects, and guidance from experienced mentors. Students also benefit from working directly with Google engineers and other industry professionals, gaining invaluable insights and

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SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN (cutting ribbon) and UCLA Health this week unveiled two new state-of-the-art Mobile Stroke Units (MSUs). The MSUs are more than ambulances—they are mobile emergency rooms equipped with advanced tools including a CT scanner, point-of-care laboratory testing, telehealth connectivity with a vascular neurologist, and clot-busting medications. Photo Credit: Diandra Jay

LOS ANGELES – In a major advancement for emergency stroke care across Los Angeles County, Supervisor Janice Hahn and UCLA Health this week unveiled two new state-of-the-art Mobile Stroke Units (MSUs), expanding the county’s fleet to three. The highly specialized ambulances are designed to diagnose and treat stroke patients in the field, dramatically improving survival rates and reducing long-term disability.

“After a stroke, every minute counts,” said Supervisor Hahn, a long-time advocate for the Mobile Stroke Unit program. “The faster we can get patients the treatment they need, the better their chances of survival and of avoiding long-term brain damage. With three Mobile Stroke Units now serving LA County, we’re giving more residents a fighting chance to recover fully after a stroke and live healthy lives.”

The MSUs are more than ambulances—they are mobile emergency rooms equipped with advanced tools including a CT scanner, point-of-care laboratory testing, telehealth connectivity with a vascular neurologist, and clot-busting medications. These capabilities allow stroke specialists to begin treating patients within minutes of arrival on scene, rather than waiting until they reach a hospital.

Each minute following the onset of a stroke is critical. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 800,000 Americans suffer a stroke annually—one every 40 seconds.

“The expansion of our LA County Mobile Stroke Unit fleet represents a major leap forward in equitable prehospital stroke care,” said Dr. May Nour, medical director of the UCLA Mobile Stroke Unit Program. “By bringing advanced imaging

and treatment directly to patients in the field, we’re shortening the time to diagnosis and intervention when every minute matters. This isn’t just about technology; it’s about delivering lifesaving care where and when it is needed most.”

UCLA Health has operated its original MSU in partnership with LA County since 2017. That unit alone has responded to more than 2,000 emergency calls and treated over 360 patients. The two new units will extend coverage to 33 communities including the Westside, South Bay, Long Beach, and the Gateway Cities. Starting in August, one of the new units will be deployed in the San Fernando Valley—an area identified as having a high incidence of stroke.

The program’s success is built on research as well as practical results. A 2021 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine confirmed that treatment initiated in a mobile stroke unit leads to significantly better outcomes both immediately and three months after the incident.

Supervisor Hahn’s advocacy for mobile emergency care continues a family legacy. Her father, former LA County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, was instrumental in launching the nation’s first paramedic program, which revolutionized prehospital care for heart attack victims. Later in life, he suffered a stroke and lived with partial paralysis until his death.

Funding for the two new MSUs came from philanthropic contributions. The Brett Torino Foundation donated \$6 million to establish the unit that will serve the San Fernando Valley. Heidi and Larry Canarelli of Las Vegas contributed an additional \$6 million to fund the unit based in Westwood.

Artesia Expands Efforts to Deter Illegal Fireworks

In an ongoing effort to promote public safety and reduce illegal fireworks activity, Artesia is expanding efforts to combat illegal fireworks.

The city has partnered with Southwest Patrol, a private security company, to enhance patrols and visibility. These security teams will work alongside the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to help deter and respond to the use of illegal fireworks throughout the community.

This partnership complements other key measures the city has implemented in recent years, including hiring additional deputies for fireworks enforcement patrols, and raising fines for violations, which can be up to \$2,000 per incident. Discharging fireworks on city property, including parks, remains strictly prohibited, and parents of minors caught using illegal fireworks will be held responsible.

“Illegal fireworks pose serious risks to people, pets, and property,” said Mayor Ali Taj. “This partnership reflects our commitment to protecting our community and ensuring everyone can enjoy the summer safely.”

Only “Safe and Sane” fireworks, as marked by the State Fire Marshall, are allowed in the City of Artesia. Safe and Sane fireworks may only be discharged from June 28th to July 4th each year. All other types of fireworks are considered illegal. To report illegal fireworks, call the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station at (562) 623-3500 or file a report online at lasd.org/sorts. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. The City of Artesia reminds all residents to celebrate responsibly and enjoy a safe and festive Fourth of July.

For more information, please contact Artesia City Hall at (562) 865-6262 or visit www.cityofartesia.us.

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sponte—on his own.

According to Robles, even Chalfant seemed unsure of what he was doing. On the record, he admitted, “The court is unaware of any case law concerning tolling of a statutory deadline” in this context. Judicial Estoppel

Robles also argued that HP should be judicially estopped from reversing its earlier position. In prior court filings—before a different Superior Court judge and the Court of Appeal—HP had insisted it would be required by law to hold a special election if it couldn’t make an appointment by April 21.

That claim worked. Relying on HP’s position, the appellate court lifted the stay. But during the June 3 hearing, when confronted with this contradiction, HP dodged the question, and Chalfant let it slide.



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Cerritos Council Celebrates AANHPI Heritage Month, Cerritos Culture



CERRITOS joined communities across the country in observing Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month and Jewish-American Heritage Month (JAHM). From (l-r) Councilmembers Mark E. Pulido and Sophia M. Tse, Mayor Frank Yokoyama, Mayor pro tem Lynda P. Johnson and Councilmember Jennifer Hong. Courtesy city of Cerritos.

The City of Cerritos is proud to join communities across the country in observing Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month and Jewish-American Heritage Month (JAHM).

During its meeting on May 7, the Cerritos City Council presented a proclamation to Hong Lee, President and Co-Founder of the local nonprofit Seniors Fight Back. Additional proclamations were presented in honor of AANHPI Month during the City Council’s May 22 meeting to organizations and individuals. They included the Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce of Cerritos (FACCC), which plays a vital role in supporting the Filipino-American small business community. Individual honorees included Mayette Centeno, who has served in leadership roles with the Filipino Seniors of Cerritos and the Board of the Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles (PHILSELA), and played an active role in the Festival of Friendship event. Victor Fong has been a dedicated mentor and advocate for AANHPI youth, through his service as President of the Cerritos Aquatic Club and support of cultural clubs at Whitney High School. The City Council also presented certificates to officers in Club Magkaisa, Cerritos High School’s Filipino Cultural Club.

In honor of Jewish-American Heritage Month, the Cerritos City Council on May 22 presented a proclamation to Alon (Al) Barlevy. Mr. Barlevy immigrated to the United States from Israel with his parents in 1982 at the age of 13. He has served on numerous commissions and committees from 2005 to 2012 and again from 2023 to the present.

Cerritos is thankful for the contributions of friends, neighbors, and colleagues who have helped to enrich the City’s cultural diversity. Special events and presentations symbolize Cerritos’ commitment to serving others and its appreciation for their impact on countless individuals locally and beyond.

Since its founding in 1956, Cerritos has seen remarkable growth, and become a hallmark for excellence in public service. The current five-member City Council held its first meeting and swearing in ceremony on March 26, 2025. New Councilmembers Jennifer Hong, Mark E. Pulido, and Sophia M. Tse were officially sworn in, and the Council unanimously selected Lynda P. Johnson as Mayor Pro Tem and Frank Aurelio Yokoyama as Mayor. This is Cerritos’ first all- Asian-American City Council, including three members of Filipino ethnicity, and the first majority female City Council. Mayor Yokoyama is the first Japanese-American Mayor of the City of

Cerritos.

In his weekly column on May 9, the Mayor noted the many ways that the City recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses for the impact they have on Cerritos.

Is Cerritos City Hall Downsizing?

By Brian Hews

Cerritos has quietly opened the door to privatizing its Building & Safety operations, issuing a formal request to bring in an outside firm for services.

In the official language, Cerritos is looking for “qualified consultants” to “maintain the safety, quality, and regulatory compliance of built structures.” The move suggests City Hall may be shifting away from full-time staffing toward a contracted service model—a trend that’s been quietly growing in municipalities facing rising pension costs and recruitment challenges.

Notably, Cerritos has designated all submitted proposals as confidential under Government Code § 7922.000, meaning residents won’t know who’s bidding—or what they’re charging—until a contract is awarded. City Manager Robert Lopez told LCCN, “At its April 21 meeting, the Cerritos City Council gave consensus to direct City staff to prepare a request for proposals (RFP) for contracted building and safety plan check and inspection services. Staff will provide an agenda report on this item at a future meeting, during which the City Council will review and consider a potential award of contract.”

Artesia P.C. to Review 120-Unit Townhome Project

Artesia is weighing a major new residential development that could reshape a stretch of Artesia Boulevard and Alburdis Avenue. On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the Artesia Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the “Artesia Place Project,” a proposed 120-unit townhome development that includes a mix of affordable housing and live/work spaces.

The project is next to Ready Mix Concrete just west of Artesia and Pioneer and calls for three-story townhomes. Of the 120 proposed units, 24 would be set aside as lower-income affordable housing and eight would be designated as live/work units—potentially offering residents a chance to operate businesses from home.

Also on the table is a Vesting Tentative Tract Map, which would allow the townhomes to be subdivided into condominiums, indicating that ownership rather than rental is the ultimate vision for the project.

Questions or comments can be directed to Interim Community Development Director Salvador Lopez Jr. at (562) 865-6262 ext. 200 or 224, or by email at planning@cityofartesia.us.

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Ohana, Aloha, and ‘O Makalapua’: Da’ Hawaii Seniors Club Plans Picnic With Music and Heart

By Edna Ethington

Members of Da’ Hawaii Seniors Club of Cerritos met on Thursday, May 22, 2025, to enjoy performances of members and plan for their Club Picnic in the Summer of 2025. Club President Carmelita Tiongson welcomed members and guests and asked David Ethington to lead members in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. She introduced the quartet of Winona Chang, Gloria Kunimoto, Glenda Ujiie, and Gladys Yoshii, to lead members in the singing of Hawai’i Pono’i.

As part of the club’s Ohana, May Birthday Celebrants were honored by the club singing Happy Birthday in Hawaiian and in English, led by Hedy Anduha. Members who were present were Remy Convento, Edna Ethington, Cesar Franco, Winston Goo, Calvin Kunimoto, and Albert Ujiie.

Carmelita then announced that if members wanted to have any guest speakers or perform at the next club’s next meeting on June 26, 2025, they need to notify Program VP prior to the meeting. She also said that the club’s Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025. Her last announcement was that the Club’s Summer Picnic date has finally been secured for Camp Liberty at Liberty Park in Cerritos, for Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Park is in great demand by Cerritos residents so six of the club’s Brave



CLUB OHANA: May birthday celebrants were honored, members who were present included Cesar Franco, Remy Convento, the writer (Edna Ethington), Calvin Kunimoto, Winston Goo, and Albert Ujiie. Photo and cutline by Edna Ethington.

Buddies camped there in shifts, from 4:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to be sure they would be the first in line to ask for the Camp Liberty picnic date. The Brave Buddies were Malu Gascon, Cesar Franco, Irina Soleymani, Carol Roxas, Liberty Santiago, and Carmelita Singson. Hedy Anduha brought doughnuts for the Brave Buddies, and Ann Kho treated everyone to breakfast at Aloha Stacks, Hawaiian style food. Club members thanked the Brave Buddies for securing the picnic date.

Carmelita then introduced Program VP Loke Manetta who announced the members who performed in the Kanikapila part of the program with performers volunteering to sing or dance. Kanikapila performers included Ann Kho, singing a solo of the song “O America,” a duet by Hedy and Larry Anduha of the song “O Makalapua,” and Susan McCormick, Hedy and Larry Anduha singing “That’s the Hawaiian in Me.” The audience was so moved by the last song that nine mem-

bers gathered at the back of the room and danced the hula to “That’s the Hawaiian in Me.”

The last part of the program was the Sing Along of songs led by Susan McCormick and the Audio Techs Cesar Franco, Carrie Kumabe, Irina Soleymani, and Ping Chen. Ping put all the words of the songs on the TV screen so members could join in singing. Songs included “Battle Hymn of the Ageing,” “Blue Suede Shoes,” and “Cuando Caliente El Sol,” an instrumental piece played and sung by Cesar and Irina.

After the meeting is adjourned, members usually sing “Hawaii Aloha” and “Aloha, O’e. However, on this night, Hedy Anduha taught members how to do the hand motions for the hula to “Aloha, O’e,” and members tried to do the hand motions as they sang “Aloha, O’e.”

Danny Chang and Calvin Kunimoto led the singing of “Hawaii Aloha,” and “Aloha, O’e” when the meeting was adjourned after 4:30 p.m.

Cerritos Extends Contract With Southwest Patrol

The Cerritos Council approved an extension with Southwest Patrol through June 30, ensuring continued support for burglary prevention and response efforts.

Southwest Patrol provides supplemental patrols within the City’s residential tracts multiple days per week.

The Southwest Patrol partnership is one of many new initiatives aimed at reducing burglaries in the City, along with prioritization of burglary response alarms, an aerial drone program to support patrol operations, and more. At the conclusion of the contract with Southwest Patrol, it is anticipated that the City will transition to staffing part-time Community Safety Officers, in accordance with direction provided by the City Council.

CCPA Season Concludes

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts season concludes with two exciting performances for June.

Magnificently macabre, “The Addams Family” musical comedy. Wednesday Addams, the princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a respectable man from a good family. Get ready for the clan of Gomez and Morticia Addams to meet the lad and his parents. Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, at 2 and 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$47.

Celebrate the legacy, creativity, and influence of Funk and R&B with “Summer of Soul.” Presented by Entrepreneur Educational Center, the event features Morris Day and The Time, known for their iconic Funk hits; smooth R&B vocalist Howard Hewett, and powerhouse singer Michel’le. Proceeds support EECI’s youth and community programs. Saturday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$74. Get tickets at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the Box Office at (562) 916-8500.

Elvis, Gifts and Good Vibes: Cerritos Senior Center’s Early Mother’s Day Event

The popular Friendship and Early Mothers’ Day event at the Cerritos Senior Center sold out quickly (as usual) this year but the local Red Hat group was able to reserve a table.

The event is a great deal: for only \$15 each, attendees received a catered luncheon of croissant turkey sandwiches, fresh fruit, potato salad, brownie desserts and an assortment of hot and cold beverages. The tables were decorated tastefully with mini gifts for everyone.

Numerous guests also brought contributions for the Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos.

When Elvis returned from his break, he brought a saxophonist to accompany him and many guests rocked and rolled along to favorites from our teenage years.



LOCAL RED HATTERS enjoyed a beautiful, catered luncheon on Friday, May 9 at the Cerritos Senior Center. From left are Sue Solomon, Linda Hernández, Gail Wendland, Sue Carruthers, Mary Ann Quinn, Gail Ross and Thea Siegel.

It was truly a great day for all the moms who attended and a big thank you and kudos to the Senior Center Staff for planning such a memorable event.

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What’s Happening in La Mirada

New Ordinance Expands Backyard Chicken-Keeping

Recent changes to the La Mirada Municipal Code allow all residents living in single-family homes to keep up to six chickens. Previously, only those living in the Farm-Animal Overlay zoned areas, where properties exceed 10,000 square feet, were allowed to raise chickens. Roosters and other poultry birds are not allowed under the new rules.

This move follows requests from residents interested in raising chickens for personal use. Under the newly adopted regulations, residents can now keep chickens provided they follow specific zoning and safety requirements. These include ensuring proper enclosures, managing waste, and addressing concerns related to noise and odor.

Chicken-keeping is restricted to personal use, with a ban on commercial activities and meat processing. Chicken coops and enclosures must meet specific design and sanitation standards, including a requirement that structures be located at least five feet from property lines and dwelling units.

“Backyard chicken-keeping is becoming increasingly popular,” says Community Development Director Manny Muñoz. “These new rules aim to balance the interests of those wishing to raise chickens while limiting the impacts on neighbors.”

The City encourages residents interested in raising chickens to review the new ordinance before they get the animals.

For more information, call (562) 943-0131

Fireworks Regulations

La Mirada’s Public Safety Team will be actively enforcing fireworks and party regulations on July 4. Individuals caught with or using illegal fireworks face a \$1,000 fine. Property owners who allow the discharge of dangerous fireworks on their premises may also receive fines.

Residents are reminded to follow all City regulations. The discharge of fireworks on City-owned property, including parks, streets and sidewalks, is prohibited. The use of Safe and Sane fireworks is only allowed on July 4 from 3 to 10 p.m. Streets may not be blocked to accommodate parties and large gatherings. Residents hosting large parties that disturb the peace may be billed for the costs of breaking up the party.

Trespassing laws will be enforced, and individuals setting off fireworks or celebrating on private property without permission will be cited. Public drinking and intoxication are also prohibited. Residents are encouraged to report criminal activity by calling 911 for emergencies or the La Mirada Community Sheriff’s.

Station at (562) 902-2960 for non-emergencies.

Senior Nutrition at La Mirada Activity Center

The Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority’s (SASSFA) congregate lunch program, Café on the Green, offers nutritionally balanced hot lunches for seniors 60+ at the La Mirada Activity Center on weekdays at 11 a.m. Seniors are encouraged to arrive no later than 11:15 a.m. to be served. There is a suggested donation of \$2.75 and reservations is required. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. Home delivered meals are also available for homebound seniors through SASSFA. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Café on the Green at (562) 947-8787.

Meals On Wheels

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THE HISTORY OF LA MIRADA’S ‘BLUE HILLS’
THE HAMANO FAMILY in 1937. Their farm was located on St. Gertrudes Ave. Story and photo courtesy La Mirada.

Did you know that La Mirada once had a flourishing flower district named Blue Hills? The name was derived from the native lupine flowers that covered the rolling hills of northeastern La Mirada in the springtime. Beginning in the late 1920’s and early 1930’s the Hamano, Iwata, Nakamichi, Nakamura, Kai, Takahashi, Mimaki, Kobayashi, Mizufuka, and Kanegae families raised their families and tended to their flower and vegetable farms in the area.

The Blue Hills area was located east of present-day La Mirada Boulevard and north of Alicante Road. Much of the land was leased from Andrew McNally’s Windermere Ranch. The Japanese-American farming community also established a church on Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Imperial Highway. These farms flourished

and the families would harvest their flowers and produce to sell at roadside stands and markets in Los Angeles. Popular flowers included caspias, chrysanthemums, daisies, larkspurs, snapdragons, and more.

By the early 1960’s, La Mirada’s suburban growth was imminent as homes, schools, parks, and shopping areas developed near the flower and vegetable farms. Only three farms remained: the Hamano farm on Santa Gertrudes Avenue, the Mimaki farm on Foster Road, and the Takahashi farm on Goodman Avenue (present-day Ocaso Avenue).

In 1976, the Takahashi farm was approved for the development of 21 new homes. Soon after, the Mimaki farm was sold and subdivided. The Hamano farm also eventually sold to land developers in 1984.





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From the Mayor’s Desk: June 6, 2025

By Cerritos Mayor
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

Each year around this time, the City of Cerritos focuses its attention on preparing and finalizing a fiscally responsible budget for the next fiscal year.



Cerritos Mayor
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

This includes budget study sessions at City Council meetings with staff to review projected expenditures and revenues, and consider potential modifications to best suit the needs of our community. This work is in direct alignment with the City’s Strategic Plan, our comprehensive and long-term guide to successful City operations. The budget process is in direct correlation with Strategic Goal Number 6, Focus on Fiscal Transparency and Sustainability. This work is incredibly important to strengthening public trust and responsibly managing our resources.

Sales tax is a major source of revenue for Cerritos, making up about one-third of the City’s overall revenues and just over 40% of the General Fund. As of April 1, the sales tax rate in Cerritos is 9.75%, which is lower than in many surrounding cities. However, it’s important to understand that Cerritos receives only a small portion of that total. Of the 9.75% collected on purchases made in Cerritos, the City receives just 1%. The rest is distributed to other agencies: approximately 3.94% goes to the State, and 4.81% is allocated to Los Angeles County for regional programs and services like transportation, social services, and homelessness initiatives. Unlike many cities, Cerritos does not have its own local sales tax, which unfairly limits the revenue that stays in the community. Cerritos also receives relatively low property tax revenue compared to other cities. This is the result of decisions made decades ago

following the passage of Proposition 13. Financial forecasts show the City bringing in less revenue than expenditures, requiring us to make some difficult but necessary decisions about how we move forward. These challenges are largely driven by national economic headwinds that have trickled down to the local level. These circumstances demand strong, steady leadership, and my City Council colleagues and I are fully committed to that responsibility.

Already, we’ve made significant progress through collaborative efforts with staff on department and division budgets, as well as strategic adjustments to managing expenses and strengthening services. We have trust in our knowledgeable City staff to identify thoughtful, effective solutions that align with this Council’s priorities and the fiscal expectations of our residents. The City has an award-winning budget and finance team carrying out this important work. For the 2024 budget year, the City of Cerritos received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The GFOA Award reflects not only the hard work of the Finance and Budget Division, but also the valuable contributions from every department in creating a budget document that demonstrates transparency, accountability, and a commitment to excellence.

The City Council looks forward to another future budget study session, and finalizing our Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. We will do so with transparency and ensure our actions are sustainable to the long-term vitality of Cerritos, in accordance with our strategic goals. The next budget study session is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, with final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget set for Thursday, June 26.

Learn more about the City’s Strategic Plan at cerritos.gov/strategy and view upcoming Council meetings dates and details at cerritos.gov/agendas.

Whittier No Kings/Kick Out the Clowns Parade

Whittier, California - On June 14th, the Truth and Democracy Coalition will host our Whittier No Kings: Kick Out the Clowns Parade in Uptown Whittier. We will meet at 2 pm at City Hall and then parade up and down Greenleaf Avenue. We will have speakers, performers, people in costumes, and music. We are part of a nationwide action to bring attention to the irony that the leader of the free world, the President of the United States, would hold a military parade similar to the ones held in Russia, China, and North Korea.

On June 14, Donald Trump will honor himself with a four-mile military parade in our nation’s capital. President Trump’s parade was inspired by the authoritarian leaders he admires, and will cost taxpayers nearly \$100 million. This action is set to take place during Donald Trump’s military parade in Washington, D.C., on June 14. Instead of allowing this military parade to take center stage, activists will take action everywhere so that the story of America will be front and center that day.

Local organizers, partners, and pro-democracy activists across the country will come together for marches, rallies, and demonstrations to reject corrupt, authoritarian politics in the United States. Donald Trump wants tanks in the streets and a made-for-TV display of dominance for his birthday. This spectacle is meant to make him look like a king. But real power isn’t staged in Washington — it rises up everywhere else.

“From city blocks to small towns, from courthouse steps to community parks, we’re taking action to reject authoritarianism and show the world what democracy actually looks like: people, united, refusing to be ruled.

June 14 is our chance to reflect the absurdity of the regime’s military parade. To meet this moment, The Truth and Democracy Coalition, in coalition with the Women’s March, Whittier Indivisible, and a coalition of other groups, will host community circuses nationwide—bold, creative actions that mirror the chaos divisive propaganda has sown across the country. Together, we’ll set a national record for the most circuses held in a single day while we simultaneously refuse to celebrate a petty clown who desperately wants to be seen as a strongman. We won’t stop until we ensure that democ-

racy is safe for future generations. The Truth and Democracy Coalition works to build a mass movement to save democracy. We confront divisive propaganda and focus on bringing Americans of different religions and ideologies together to defend democracy from the threat of authoritarianism. Our vision is to bring men and women, Republicans and Democrats, radicals and moderates, Socialists, Liberals, and Conservatives together to defend the Constitution and fight for democracy.

We value freedom, truth, and prosperity. Individuals must be free to criticize public policy, advocate for their interests, and decide who should lead them. To this end, citizens must be critical of the information and propaganda they consume. Individuals are the decision makers in a democracy. They need to be educated and informed. Only democracy frees people to speak their truth and advocate for justice and prosperity.

The “No Kings/Kick Out the Clowns Parade” is a national day of action and mass mobilization in response to the increasing authoritarian excesses of the Trump administration. We’ve watched as the Administration silenced activists, deport an American citizen, and defy court orders. We are concerned that these behaviors are harbingers of what’s to come.

Donald Trump is planning a military parade in Washington, D.C. on June 14. This display of might is intended to intimidate opponents and solidify his image as a strongman using public money—we won’t stand by while that happens.

Instead of allowing this military parade to be the center of gravity, we will make action everywhere else. The story of America that day will be people coming together in communities across the country to reject strongman politics.

Alongside local organizers, partners, and leaders from across the pro-democracy movement, we will demonstrate that organized people power outpaces any authoritarian aspirations.

Join us and enjoy the festivities. Bring signs. Wear Costumes. Make noise. Let’s have some fun!

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Senator Archuleta’s Bill to Protect Wildfire Survivors Passes Out of Senate

Sacramento, CA – SB 571, authored by Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera), Senator Jesse Arreguin (D-Berkely), and Senator Suzette Valladares (R-Santa Clarita) passed the Senate floor as part of the Senate’s Golden State Commitment package to address abuses faced by wildfire survivors.

“Our wildfire survivors have already lost so much. The last thing they need is to be targeted by those who would take advantage of their hardship,” Senator Archuleta said. “SB 571 is about justice and compassion for all Californians.”

During the January 2025 fires in Southern California, we saw reports of criminals attempting to take advantage of victims who were displaced by evacuation orders. In addition to the impersonation of first responders, these unlawful actors engaged in looting and property theft rummaging through the ashes of victims homes and personal belongings. The violations of these individuals weaken the public’s trust in those who are charged with protecting them. These abusers and their actions undermine evacuation orders, local official’s authority, and victims’ peace of mind.

Governor Gavin Newsom has also called for stronger protections for wildfire

victims, including making looting in fire evacuation zones a felony. Governor Newsom emphasized, “Preying on people at their most vulnerable is despicable; these criminals are among the worst kinds.”

Ensuring the public can trust first responders and local public safety officials is crucial in keeping communities safe, especially during states of emergency when victims are in disarray. Penalties for these crimes should be proportional to the egregiousness of the pain and exploitation of victims. Strengthening these penalties will protect first responders, communities, and increase trust in California’s ability to respond to state of emergencies and protect victims. SB 571 will ensure California holds those who take advantage of a disaster and victims are held accountable.

“This bill reinforces California’s commitment to standing with wildfire survivors – not only during the emergency, but throughout the long journey to recovery,” Senator Archuleta said.

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By Melinda Myers

There’s just something about a sunflower that makes you stop, smile, and soak up a little extra joy. With their sunny faces turned toward the sky and stems that stretch toward the sun, sunflowers are a gardener’s invitation to delight in the simple wonders of nature. Whether you’re a seasoned grower or planting your first seed, these cheerful blooms offer a summer full of surprises—for you and the wildlife.

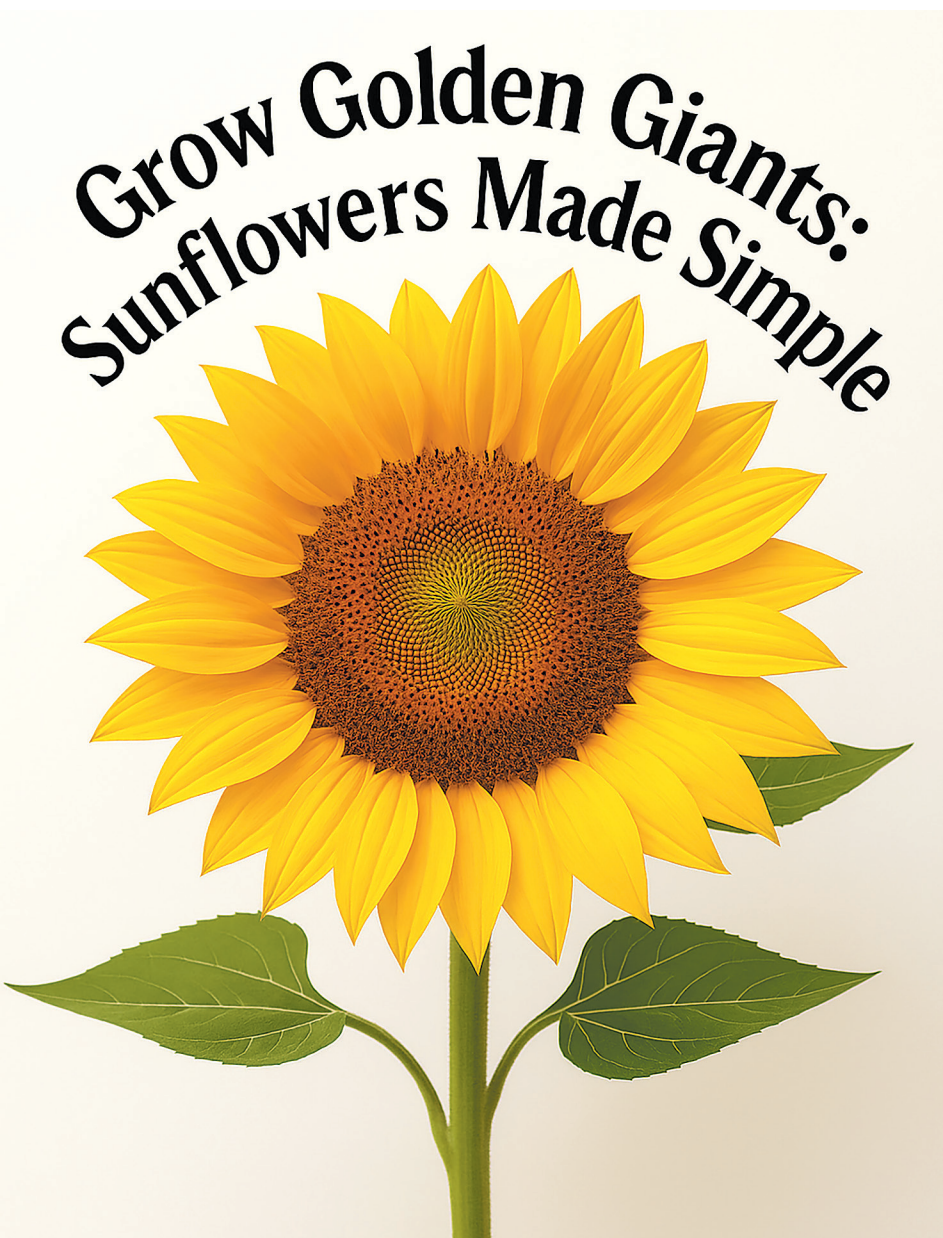
Children especially love watching sunflower seedlings shoot up, as if racing each other to the clouds. And once those golden blooms open, the party really begins. Expect hummingbirds to hover, bees to buzz, songbirds to snack, and squirrels to audition for the acrobatics team as they chase the seeds.

What we call a sunflower “flower” is actually a dazzling cluster of 1,000 to 2,000 individual blooms. The big yellow petals are infertile ray flowers, while the center—packed tight with fertile disk flowers—is where the magic happens. Once pollinated, each disk turns into a seed.

Sunflowers aren’t just a pretty face, either. They’re resilient, thriving in a variety of soils and forgiving of dry spells. It’s no wonder they’ve been cultivated for more than 4,000 years. Native Americans used them for pigments, food, fuel, and even construction. Today, fields of sunflowers grow across the globe for seed, oil, and bird feed.

Still Time to Plant

There’s still plenty of time to plant a sunflower or two—or a whole army of them. Many varieties bloom in as little as 55 days; others take up to 120, so check your seed packet. Sow seeds directly into warm soil (around 60°F)



once all danger of frost has passed. Want an extended show? Stagger your planting every couple of weeks into early summer to keep blooms coming through fall.

Plant seeds 1 to 2 inches deep and 6 inches apart in rows spaced 2 to 3 feet

apart. Once they sprout, thin them by removing every other seedling to give your future giants the room they need to stretch.

Sunflower seeds are tasty treats for birds and critters—sometimes a little too tasty. Protect your planting area

with floating row covers or netting until the plants are strong enough to stand on their own. And if deer roam your neighborhood, consider repellents or fencing to protect the young stems from becoming a buffet.

Sun Seekers by Nature

Keep the soil moist as seeds germinate, then slowly back off to encourage deep, drought-tolerant roots. Fertilize when you plant, and again mid-summer if needed. In most cases, sunflowers don’t need staking, but if your site is particularly windy or crowded, give them some support with wooden or metal stakes and soft ties.

One of the most magical traits of young sunflowers is their heliotropism—their uncanny ability to follow the sun. From dawn to dusk, their blooms track east to west, then reset east overnight. Scientists now link this behavior to a plant’s circadian rhythm. And once the flowers mature, they remain facing east, giving pollinators a warm welcome on cool mornings.

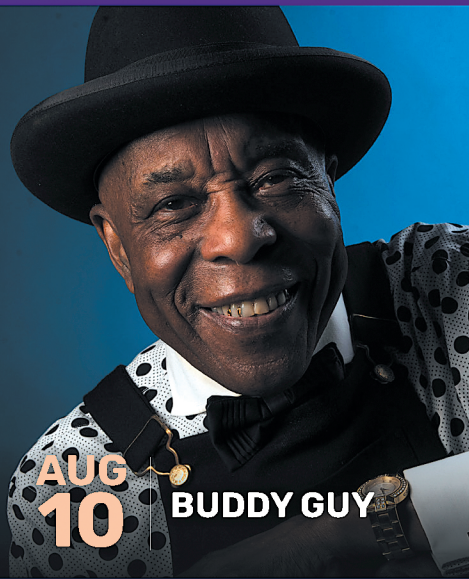
A Bloom Worth Watching

Whether towering above your garden fence or brightening a patio in a pot, sunflowers offer more than just beauty—they’re an experience. Watch them grow, marvel at their visitors, and be sure to save a handful of seeds for yourself. They’re a snack, a memory, and a promise of sunshine next season.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, MN & WI Month-by-Month Gardening, and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” series and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment radio program. VisitMelindaMyers.com



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2025 HMG-COMMUNITY NEWS SPRING ALL-AREA TEAMS:

New Divisional Format Leads To Unexpected, But Pleasant, Deep Playoff Runs

By Loren Kopff

Now, the CIF-Southern Section’s new divisional format which is based off power rankings is complete with all sports, and because of that, competitive equity was the best friend for many baseball and softball teams. Six area baseball teams advanced to the playoffs with Artesia High and Norwalk High, both in Division 7, getting to the quarterfinals while of the five area softball teams who extended their seasons, Cerritos High made it to the Division 5 semifinals.

Here are the recipients of the 2025 HMG-Community News All-Area Teams.

BASEBALL

FIRST TEAM

- P-Noah Irwin (Gahr High)
- P-Riley Jones (Valley Christian High)
- C-Nate Guangorena (Gahr High)
- 1B-Jason Rodriguez (La Mirada High)
- 2B-Dalton Chi (Cerritos High)
- 3B-Maverek Russell (La Mirada High)
- SS-Aiden Aguayo (La Mirada High)
- LF-Jake Curneen (Gahr High)
- CF-Braxton Reed (Cerritos High)

- RF-Kevin Jeon (La Mirada High)
- UTL-Bryce Morrison (Gahr High)
- SECOND TEAM
- P-Jacob Hoosac (Cerritos High)
- P-Jacob Oropeza (La Mirada High)
- C-Raymond Acosta (John Glenn High)
- 1B-Brandon Rivera (John Glenn High)
- 2B-Nico Villafana (Valley Christian High)
- 3B-Lucas Witt (Valley Christian High)
- SS-Seth Dahlenburg (Valley Christian High)
- LF-David Pelayo (Norwalk High)
- CF-Travis Friend (La Mirada High)
- RF-Adrien Ramirez (Gahr High)
- UTL-R.J. Estrada (Valley Christian High)

THIRD TEAM

- P-Kaden Corns (La Mirada High)
- P-Jake Ourique (Gahr High)
- C-Israel Molina (Norwalk High)
- 1B-Quintin Ekstrom (Valley Christian High)
- 2B-Jonah Mason (John Glenn High)
- 3B-Cesar Urueta (Norwalk High)
- SS-Andres Gonzalez (Gahr High)
- LF-Max Douglas (Valley Christian High)
- CF-Taison Miller (Gahr High)
- RF-Micah Tamminga (Valley Christian High)
- UTL-Bert Rodriguez (John Glenn High)



2025 HMG-Community News Player of the Year Riley Hilliard led La Mirada High in batting with a .471 average. The sophomore catcher was also tops on the Matadores with 41 hits and was among the leaders in runs scored (27), runs batted in (25) and extra base hits (17).

HONORABLE MENTION

- P-Daniel Albidrez (Norwalk High)
- P-Daniel Carbajal (Artesia High)



The 2025 HMG-Community News Pitcher of the Year La Mirada High sophomore Alison Ortega proved that she will be a force to be reckoned with for the next two seasons posting an earned run average of 1.61 in 109 innings of work, striking out 125 batters, walking 18 and allowing 25 earned runs.

- C-Kaden Brickner (Cerritos High)
- 1B-Hector Alvarado (Norwalk High)
- 2B-Marcus Castillo (Norwalk High)
- 3B-Josiah Alcala (John Glenn High)
- SS-Adrian Regis (Cerritos High)
- LF-Justin Sagun (Cerritos High)
- CF-Austin Abrahams (Valley Christian High)
- RF-Alex Escobar (Artesia High)
- UTL-Ian Nunez (La Mirada High)

CO-PLAYERS OF THE YEAR-There weren’t too many players who batted over .400 and played in over 20 games, but Cerritos senior second baseman Dalton Chi and La Mirada High senior right fielder Kevin Jeon fell into that category. Chi led all area players with a .449 average with 31 hits, 10 doubles and two home runs while driving in 26. He spent his entire high school career on varsity, playing in 94 games with a .401 average, 79 hits and 64 RBI.

Jeon, who will be pursuing his baseball career at Boston College University, led the Matadores with a .419 average, 31 hits, 26 runs scored, 17 RBI, seven doubles and six home runs.

CO-PITCHERS OF THE YEAR-If you needed someone to go the distance or limit the opposition from touching home plate, then Gahr High senior Noah Irwin and Valley Christian High senior Riley Jones are your guys. In 42 innings of action, Irwin allowed 13 earned runs and 33 hits while striking out 36 and posting a 2.17 earned run average. Irwin went 6-2, had a pair of saves and went the distance three times, all shutouts which came in Gateway League action.

Jones was a workhorse for the Defenders, going 9-3 in 75 innings with 56 hits and 12 earned runs allowed while striking out 108 of the 306 batters he faced. Jones pitched seven complete games and yielded six runs in those games with four shutouts.

COACH OF THE YEAR-Two seasons ago, Norwalk felt like it was on top of the world, capturing the Mid-Cities League, winning 23 games and advancing to the quarterfinals. The Lancers won three games last season and did not pick up a victory in 12 Gateway League contests. But back in the Mid-Cities League in 2025, first-year head coach Jose Rodriguez guided Norwalk to a 17-9 record, good for third place in league, and won 14 of the last 18 games of the regular season. The team’s quarterfinal loss in the playoffs came to top-seeded Channel Islands High, 8-0. It was just the third time the Lancers had been shutout.

SOFTBALL
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EAST VS. WEST ALL-STAR SOFTBALL GAME

Quartet of La Mirada Players Display Talents Against Best of Inland Empire

By Loren Kopff

The final score may not have been what four La Mirada High softball players wanted as they put an end to the 2025 season, but it's about the memories they can put in their scrapbook. The second annual East vs. West All-Star softball game was held at Jennie Finch Field this past Monday evening and despite the 15-1 outcome that made the East team winners, there were plenty of laughs on the field and in the dugouts.

"I was talking [to the other coaches] and we've done it in colleges and stuff, and this field is probably as nice as any college around here," said La Mirada head coach Brent Tuttle. "It's a great setting and it's the halfway point between [all these schools]. Everyone has to travel to come to La Mirada; there's no easy way here. The atmosphere is awesome; right now, you can't beat this. No matter what it is, you have great players out there."

Tuttle said he notified senior infielder Amanda Urbina, sophomore outfielder Reese Hilliard, sophomore catcher Riley Hilliard and sophomore pitcher Alison Ortega at the team banquet, whom he nominated, that they had been selected to participate in the game.

Prior to the game, a home run derby contest involving four players from the East, which consisted of Inland Empire high schools and four from the West, took place. All eight participants, including Urbina, combined to smack over 110 home runs this past season, including 11 from Urbina.

She was the fourth participant, second from the West, to take her 10 swings in which half of them cleared the fence. After the first round, she and Charli Moreno of South Hills High advanced to the next round with five home runs while Aubry McLaughlin (eight home runs) of Roosevelt High and Alyssa Torres (seven home runs) of Valley View High of the East and had enough to move to the second round.

Urbina was first up and after not clearing the fence on her first five swings, she hit the next two and the 10th one out of the park. She and Moreno were involved in a swing-off where Urbina hit the first three over the fence, good enough to move to the finals against McLaughlin. The Roosevelt star, who had 16 home runs in the regular season, went first and hit nine home runs while Urbina managed a third of that.

"I came to school one day and Tuttle asked if I was ready to compete in the home run derby, and I was like, 'oh yeah, I'm down'," she recalled. "I had a great competition. I was staying calm and just letting my hands go."

"We could have had Amanda in it, we could have had Riley in it," said Tuttle. "Riley is dealing a with a little hand thing right now. But Amanda has been our solid home run hitter for years. You saw what she did [in the playoffs] against [Ayala High] in the last game. She wanted to do it and during practice, she hit 13, 14, 15 in a row. But when you have 200-plus people watching you, it's a little different."

La Mirada hit 49 home runs this past season, all coming from the starting nine players who all appeared in either 27, 28, 29 or all 30 games. Urbina, who will be going to the University of Oregon, was the leader of the Matadores during the season.

Shortly after the completion of the home run derby, West starting pitcher Liliana Escobar of JSerra High got Torres to ground out to Urbina before striking out Taelyn Holley of Murrieta Mesa High and McLaughlin. In the bottom of the first, Peyton May of Norco High hit Orange Lutheran High's Kai Minor on the second

pitch. After she stole second, May walked Urbina, who would then be forced out at second as Mia Gomez (Agoura High) was safe, and Riley Hilliard to load the bases. But Moreno struck out and Reese

"This experience has been really fun, especially since my freshman year," said Ortega. "I wasn't playing because [senior Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas] was pitching;

"Tuttle was set on Monse starting," she later said. "I was ready for her to pitch most of the games like she did last year because she's committed to San Diego State University and she's a phenomenal pitcher, one of the best I've ever seen. So, I initially thought that this year was probably going to be like last year where I pitched some games."

La Mirada went 25-5 this past season and despite graduating a dozen players, Tuttle knows he will have enough talent returning next season to have another outstanding season and make a deep run in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. There were five sophomores, three freshmen and two juniors on the team which will be centered around the Hilliard sisters, Ortega, junior Bettie Mae Acevedo and freshman Juliana Rivera.

"It means a lot," said Urbina of her time at La Mirada. "Both my cousins came through here and I knew at a young age I was going to be here. It's been the best four years of my life. I created lifelong friends here and I played with my best friends, and I know I'm going to keep them for the rest of my life."

"They deserved this," said Tuttle of his four La Mirada representatives in the all-star game. "The year they had...Alison stepped up when needed and the Hilliard's are the Hilliard's and they're going to be the Hilliard's. They deserved it and then Amanda. We're fortunate that we had a really good senior group and now we're fortunate to have

three really good sophomores, and I think we had a really good freshmen group coming in. So, we'll see."



PHOTOS BY LOREN KOPFF

FROM DUGOUT LAUGHS TO DERBY BOMBS, these four La Mirada stars, from left to right: sophomore Riley Hilliard, sophomore Alison Ortega, senior Amanda Urbina and sophomore Reese Hilliard closed out their 2025 season in the East vs. West All-Star Game not with a win, but with memories worth more than any scoreboard.

Hilliard fouled out to end the early threat. After that, it went downhill for the West squad. The East scored five runs in the top of the second, highlighted by a grand slam from Cheri Thompson of Martin Luther King High.

Nine batters came to the plate before Ortega replaced Escobar and on one pitch, got Melody Acevedo of Hillcrest High to ground out. But in the next inning, Ortega allowed singles to Camrynn Gordon (Murrieta Mesa) and Leata Sherlin (Corona Centennial High) before King's Gianna Gusman launched a home run to make it 8-0. Those three hitters faced a combined five pitches from Ortega,

"The first three batters; it was definitely tough," said Ortega. "It gave me the chance to realize that I needed to work more on my corners and work on my spins more. Once I did, I was able to produce the pop flies and ground balls. But unfortunately, we made some errors, which is okay. It happens to everyone, and I was able to get the strikeout, which closed out the inning."

"It's been definitely amazing," she later said of her time in the game. "I've been able to get to know each one of them and I was able to realize what their strength was. I'm in a good spot; I'm in a good high school and I'm happy where I'm at right now."

"I think our coaches were telling us too that the scoreboard doesn't even matter; it's just a game to have fun," said Urbina. "It's the last game in these uniforms, so we were all just trying to have fun, no matter what the score was."

After the home run, three of the next five batters reached on errors and with two outs, two more errors were committed. Ortega pitched an inning and a third, gave up seven runs with three being earned, allowed four hits, walked one and struck out one. She would be replaced with Los Altos High's Kaylahni Duenas.

The lone tally for the West came in the third inning when Gomez, who was the named the offensive player of the game, hit a home run over the left field fence. It was one of five hits her team would get. However, after her home run, East pitchers would give up three hits, walk one and strike out eight batters amongst the final 19 batters they faced.

she was the starter. But since she was struggling [this past season], it gave me the power to come up and take leadership. And to be here at the all-star game has given me the chance to prove myself and to just make myself known.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

Kids Camp

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P-Alison Ortega (La Mirada High)
P-Rachel Zhang (Valley Christian High)
C-Riley Hilliard (La Mirada High)
1B-Reese Hilliard (La Mirada High)
2B-Brianna Ramirez (Valley Christian High)
3B-Michelle Meza (Cerritos High)
SS-Amanda Urbina (La Mirada High)
LF-Noelle Martinez (Cerritos High)
CF-Choyce Chambers (Valley Christian High)
RF-Tallulah Ireland (Valley Christian High)
UTL-Aubrielle Ramirez (Valley Christian High)
SECOND TEAM
P-Isabella Gonzalez (Gahr High)
P-Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas (La Mirada High)
C-Peyton Kingery (Valley Christian High)
1B-Kayla Martin (Valley Christian High)
2B-Alyssa Avila (La Mirada High)
3B-Kaleyse Foster (Artesia High)

SS-Nayeli Sanchez (Norwalk High)
LF-Zoe Barrett (Valley Christian High)
CF-Angelie Kennedy (La Mirada High)
RF-Megan Wong (Gahr High)
UTL-Alexis Johnson (Gahr High)
THIRD TEAM
P-Ava Ceron (Cerritos High)
P-Alyssa Hurst (Norwalk High)
C-Alianna Calderon (Cerritos High)
1B-Zoe Corrales (Cerritos High)
2B-Julie Vega (Norwalk High)
3B-Angelyna Conde (La Mirada High)
SS-Katherine Villegas (Cerritos High)
LF-Emma Maldonado (Gahr High)
CF-Malaia Huskey (Gahr High)
RF-Bettie Mae Acevedo (La Mirada High)
UTL-Juliana Rivera (La Mirada High)
HONORABLE MENTION
P-Carissa Galvan (John Glenn High)
P-Alea Medina (Artesia High)
C-Mya Laroya (Gahr High)
1B-Lea Hilbert (Gahr High)
2B-Mylah Burrowes (Gahr High)
3B-Molly Douglas (Valley Christian High)
SS-Britton Brown (Valley Christian High)

LF-Diana Avina (Norwalk High)
CF-Anaya Granflor (Cerritos High)
RF-Demi Lagare (Cerritos High)
UTL-Cierra Contreras (Gahr High)
PLAYER OF THE YEAR-Last season, we didn’t get to see too much of the talent from La Mirada’s Riley Hilliard as an injury forced her to play in nine games. Still, she collected 13 hits with five of them leaving the yard. This season, the sophomore catcher proved why she is one of the biggest threats in Southern California. Hilliard played in all 30 games, leading the Matadores with a .471 average and 41 hits. She scored 27 runs (third on the team), drove in 25 runs (fourth on the team), had 17 extra base hits (second on the team) and was the Gateway League’s most valuable player. As a bonus, of the regular defensive starters, she was one of three players not to commit an error; the other two were the pitchers.
PITCHER OF THE YEAR-The 14 games played and four wins under her belt last season prepared La Mirada’s Alison Ortega for an outstanding sophomore

campaign. She shared time in the circle with San Diego State University-bound Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas and posted a 13-2 record with half a dozen saves, had an ERA of 1.61, struck out 125 batters while walking 18 and had three shutouts.
COACH OF THE YEAR-You don’t need to have a turnaround season if you have gone 58-2 in 605 League games since 2019 or have won at least 15 games since 2021 and nine out of the last 11 seasons. But in her first head coaching job at any high school, Michelle Steck guided Cerritos to a 17-7 record and a trip to the Division 5 semifinals. There, the Dons scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning against West Ranch High and had the potential game-winning run at first base as the rally fell short. Cerritos reached double digits in runs scored nine times and bounced back after losing the first three games of the season.

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

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **27th day of June 2025** sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC – 1679 Custodial Supplies

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA, 90703.

Bids and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at the above address on June 6, 2025 or later.

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP FOR LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Government Code Section 51178.5, a Public Hearing will be held on June 24, 2025, to consider the adoption of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) for the City of La Mirada.

Pursuant to Government Code 51178, the State Fire Marshal shall identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

Updated maps have been released in phases by region throughout California. The State Fire Marshal released the updated maps for Los Angeles County on March 24, 2025.

Written public comments are being accepted by email to malfonso@cityoflamirada.org or by mail at 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638 through June 24, 2025.

The La Mirada City Council is scheduled to review and consider adoption of the LRA La Mirada map via local ordinance on June 24 and July 8, 2025. The agenda and relevant materials for this item will be available online at www.cityoflamirada.org and in person at La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638. Materials will be available the Friday prior to each meeting.

Questions regarding the maps may be directed to malfonso@cityoflamirada.org.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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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 Public Hearing will be held:

DATE:Tuesday, June 17, 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.

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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EMPLOYMENT

Import/Export Management Specialist (Compton, CA)

Set up plans for international logistics systems, networks, shipping operations, shipments, warehouse inventories, and related business direction for marketing & shipment budget. Develop logistics & distribution system enhancement related to the suppliers, partners, production, and distribution capabilities. Review data & reports related to shipments, import/export, and shipping trends in full-service logistics solutions; formulating work protocols for logistics and maintaining documentation related the shipment compliances. 40hrs/wk, Offered wage: \$56,555/yr, 2 yrs of experience as Import/Export Specialist or related required.

Resume to TRUSTWAY EXPRESS INC
Attn: Sung Ho SUN
255 W VICTORIA ST, #500,
COMPTON, CA 90220

LEGAL NOTICES-YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW!

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated. 10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 06/18/2025 at 11:00 a.m

Suzanne Santos
Jeffrey Pierce
Chrystal Del Toro
Vogel Ken
James Williams
Princess Coleman
Summer Simpson
Sharone Clark
Patrice Delandro

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

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CITY OF CERRITOS
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Project Identification: CITY OF CERRITOS BUILDING & SAFETY SERVICES, RFP NO. 1562-25. Project Description: The City of Cerritos is seeking a qualified Consultant to provide contracted Building & Safety services. **Project Specifications:** The City of Cerritos ("City") is seeking proposals by way of this Request for Proposals ("RFP") from qualified entities or individuals ("Consultant") to provide professional Building & Safety services including building official, plan check, and inspection services for the City. The selected Consultant would support the Department of Community Development in maintaining the safety, quality, and regulatory compliance of built structures throughout Cerritos. Questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to Project Manager Sabrina Chan at schan@cerritos.gov. **Sealed Proposals must be received on or before:** 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2025. **Place of Sealed Proposal receipt: The sealed proposal submission must be physically received in the: Office of the City Clerk, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703.** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the proposal is properly marked and received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk at the above-referenced location by the deadline provided will not be considered. **Sealed Proposals must be marked: "RFP NO. 1562-25, CERRITOS_2025 B&S SERVICES PROPOSAL_[NAME OF FIRM]"** No proposal will be accepted unless it has the above referenced information clearly identified on the outside label. **Final selection criteria:** The City of Cerritos will award an agreement on the basis of qualifications, experience, timeline and cost. The minimum qualifications that will be used to evaluate the responses are listed in the Request for Proposals. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. Any requests for information regarding proposals submitted shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened proposals are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 7922.000). By order of the City of Cerritos.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold 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, June 17, 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 is to allow the 120 residential units to be subdivided for condominium purposes. The Planning Commission will also consider adopting a Revised and Recirculated Environmental Impact Report.

Project Location: 11709 Artesia Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel Number 7035-007-016, 064) and 17212 Alburdis Avenue 9 (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

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER
AND TAX COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION
Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation
Code Section 3381

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

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-
DEFAULTED PROPERTY

Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

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

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

The Tax Collector will record a Notice of Power to Sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or the property owner initiates an installment plan of redemption, as provided by law, prior to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Monday, June 30, 2025, when the right to initiate an installment plan terminates. Thereafter, the only option to prevent the sale of the property at public auction is to pay the taxes in full.

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

The Tax Collector will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit the website at tfc.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax -default to the date of Monday, June 30, 2025.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 25th day of April, 2025.

Elizabeth B. Ginsberg

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

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

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

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

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2022 FOR TAXES,
ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2021-2022
2847 \$5,795.27
TORRES, BERNARDO AIN: 6278-013-013
2900 \$377.91
HAMILTON, THOMAS P AIN: 7028-010-039
2906 \$14,635.58
URIARTE, FERNANDO J AIN: 7061-007-021
2927 \$93,833.38
BELLART LLC SITUS:17428 BELLFLOWER BLVD
BELLFLOWER CA 90706-6604 AIN: 7161-008-009

2929 \$1,259.78
BELLFLOWER JOINT VENTURE LP SITUS:17230
LAKEWOOD BLVD BELLFLOWER CA 90706-6222 AIN:
7162-016-052

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2020 FOR TAXES,
ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2019-2020

2845 \$12,029.37
MIRANDA, GLORIA SITUS:15103 CABELL AVE
BELLFLOWER CA 90706-3718 AIN: 6274-021-027

2846 \$9,895.41
YOUNG, PATRICIA TR YOUNG FAMILY TRUST SITUS:9544
HEINER ST BELLFLOWER CA 90706-3060 AIN: 6277-014-
006

2895 \$4,349.88
ILAO, JOEL M AND SHERYL TRS ILAO FAMILY TRUST
SITUS:13711 ALDERTON LN CERRITOS CA 90703-2333
AIN: 7005-018-067

2898 \$10,820.75
MCKAY, DANA SITUS:17811 NEWBROOK AVE CERRITOS
CA 90703-8945 AIN: 7022-008-011

2899 \$6,998.55
KIM, JIN H SITUS:13118 DESTINO PL CERRITOS CA
90703-8607 AIN: 7027-003-009

2901 \$1,258.91
RINCON, ELIJIO A SITUS:12022 183RD ST ARTESIA CA
90701-5705 AIN: 7040-007-018

2903 \$10,117.20
MEDINA, ALFREDO N SITUS:19103 ALLINGHAM AVE
CERRITOS CA 90703-6406 AIN: 7049-011-016

2904 \$55,768.38
SAAVEDRA, MARITZA SITUS:11080 GONSALVES PL
CERRITOS CA 90703-6463 AIN: 7049-017-005

2905 \$14,209.05
BELCHER, MARGARET J TR MARGARET J BELCHER
TRUST SITUS:20408 CLARKDALE AVE LAKEWOOD CA
90715-1409 AIN: 7058-005-008

2907 \$2,028.32
TAUTOLO, FAILAUTUSI SITUS:12507 GRADWELL ST
LAKEWOOD CA 90715-2315 AIN: 7066-007-029

2908 \$15,372.79
BARCELO, SONIA B SITUS:22124 CLARKDALE AVE
HAWAIIAN GARDNS CA 90716-1229 AIN: 7069-004-034

2909 \$3,004.35
MACEDO, SERGIO SITUS:12110 221ST ST HAWAIIAN
GARDNS CA 90716-1558 AIN: 7069-012-059

2913 \$85,956.91
FIVE GOLDEN STAR LLC SITUS:8740 PARK ST
BELLFLOWER CA 90706-8804 AIN: 7107-005-010

2915 \$32,346.64
QI, LUO SITUS:16672 BELLFLOWER BLVD BELLFLOWER
CA 90706-5419 AIN: 7109-013-067

2916 \$20,474.64
ALVAREZ, JAMES W SITUS:17046 CLARK AVE
BELLFLOWER CA 90706-5756 AIN: 7110-020-003

2926 \$7,351.96
SMART, RUTH ET AL SMART, MARGUERITE SITUS:2712
E 56TH WAY LONG BEACH CA 90805-5110 AIN: 7157-010-
003

2928 \$54.78
BARRAZA, ESTHER AND BARRAZA, JOSIE M SITUS:9312
ROSE ST BELLFLOWER CA 90706-6424 AIN: 7162-003-013

2930 \$25,674.36
PISONERO, CRAIG A TR CRAIG A PISONERO TRUST
SITUS:6143 COLDBROOK AVE LAKEWOOD CA 90713-
1027 AIN: 7165-023-047

2932 \$16,116.98
TELLES, STEVEN J AND DENISE SITUS:5619
HAZELBROOK AVE LAKEWOOD CA 90712-1811 AIN: 7170-
019-004

2933 \$127.95
JONES, MARIA C ET AL HARMS, CHRISTOPHER K
SITUS:5755 DEL AMO BLVD LAKEWOOD CA 90713-2309
AIN: 7173-019-030

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2017 FOR TAXES,
ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2016-2017

2902 \$3,890.51
PATEL, SWETA S TR SWETA S PATEL TRUST SITUS:11228
AGNES ST CERRITOS CA 90703-6502 AIN: 7049-005-013

2914 \$16,455.41
ARMENTA, JESUS G C/O C/O CHARLES M GREEN
SITUS:8824 BURTON ST BELLFLOWER CA 90706-4306
AIN: 7107-019-004

2931 \$29,473.49
ZAMPA, FRED D AND DEBORAH L SITUS:5840 PREMIERE
AVE LAKEWOOD CA 90712-1313 AIN: 7167-013-005

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2016 FOR TAXES,
ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2015-2016

2935 \$213.17
MARTINEZ, ROBERT AND SHELLEY SITUS:3843 SNOWDEN
AVE LONG BEACH CA 90808-2228 AIN: 7185-022-028
CN117307 538 May 30, Jun 6, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT #
STEPHANY MARIE AVILES	B141
EBONY NICHOLE BLUE	B487
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485
JEANETTE RENDON	B841

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562
Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.
Published at LCCN 05/30/25 & 06/06/25

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NAME	UNIT
JULIO CESAR ESPARZA	C244/G112
TAYLOR ALLAN CAPLAN PAZ	B165
LYNN ELLEN SPIEGEL	A114

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION
Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation
Code Section 3381

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

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-
DEFAULTED PROPERTY

Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

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

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

The Tax Collector will record a Notice of Power to Sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or the property owner initiates an installment plan of redemption, as provided by law, prior to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Monday, June 30, 2025, when the right to initiate an installment plan terminates. Thereafter, the only option to prevent the sale of the property at public auction is to pay the taxes in full.

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

The Tax Collector will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit the website at tfc.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax -default to the date of Monday, June 30, 2025.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 25th day of April, 2025.

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

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map

book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's Office, 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2022 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

2874 \$18,757.63
MANSAH PROPERTIES INC C/O STEVEN S MANOOKIAN SITUS:301 W WHITTIER BLVD MONTEBELLO CA 90640-5323 AIN: 6349-003-019
2875 \$9,837.50
MANSAH PROPERTIES INC C/O STEVEN S MANOOKIAN SITUS:401 W WHITTIER BLVD MONTEBELLO CA 90640-5231 AIN: 6349-004-016

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2020 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

2176 \$25,105.04
CHAVEZ, EMILY A TR APARICIO FAMILY TRUST SITUS:773 KEENAN ST MONTEBELLO CA 90640-1509 AIN: 5249-005-028
2177 \$4,542.06

ALVIDRES, SAMMY P AND CYNTHIA C SITUS:338 TWICKENHAM AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90022-2329 AIN: 5249-018-021

2194 \$10,843.85
MOUNGAIN, ANN TR ANN MOUNGAIN TRUST SITUS:841 FINDLAY AVE MONTEBELLO CA 90640-1546 AIN: 5267-015-011

2195 \$457.48
MEDINA, PATRICIA Y AND MEDINA, BRANDIS A SITUS:725 LEONARD ST MONTEBELLO CA 90640-1515 AIN: 5267-018-032

2196 \$38,294.76
URIBE, JAYE M SITUS:528 N GARFIELD AVE MONTEBELLO CA 90640-1611 AIN: 5268-028-013
2197 \$38,481.65

THROPAY, JOHN AND MARICELA TRS THROPAY TRUST SITUS:120 W BEVERLY BLVD MONTEBELLO CA 90640-4305 AIN: 5269-012-051

2202 \$17,560.99
YBANEZ, HUGH C ET AL COROMINAS, CRISTINA N SITUS:248 E BEVERLY BLVD NO F MONTEBELLO CA 90640-7009 AIN: 5278-027-070

2876 \$10,049.81
KIM, JIYOUNG SITUS:832 ALOE PL MONTEBELLO CA 90640-5125 AIN: 6350-018-081

2879 \$5,972.31
GARCIA, MANUEL AND MAGDALENA TRS GARCIA FAMILY TRUST SITUS:733 ALBEE ST MONTEBELLO CA 90640-6102 AIN: 6352-002-037
CN117316 616 May 30, Jun 6, 2025



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PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2022 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

2838 \$206,691.85
DOWNEY SQUARE GARDEN LLC SITUS:11101 LA REINA AVE APT 305 DOWNEY CA 90241-4237 AIN: 6254-001-017
2839 \$153,315.69
8211 FIRESTONE LLC SITUS:8211 FIRESTONE BLVD DOWNEY CA 90241-4809 AIN: 6254-009-014

2881 \$1,321.82
ORTIZ, SERGIO TR LA REINA FAMILY TRUST AIN: 6361-006-006

3138 \$4,517.43
LE, MINH TAM C/O C/O GLADYS AIN: 8075-039-028
3139 \$1,361.49

MAGANA, MIGUEL AIN: 8080-015-029
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2020 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

2836 \$5,689.77
DOURAGHI, IRAJ TR ET AL IRAJ DOURAGHI TRUST AND DOURAGHI, AMIN SITUS:7513 PIVOT ST DOWNEY CA 90241-4412 AIN: 6248-003-019

2837 \$38,811.32
CANO, OTONIEL M SITUS:8043 4TH ST DOWNEY CA 90241-3605 AIN: 6251-037-016

2841 \$1,766.20
BEGAZO, ERICK SITUS:8322 EVEREST ST DOWNEY CA 90242-3620 AIN: 6261-006-025

2842 \$1,666.17
TORRES, GUILLERMO AND ALMA SITUS:8519 PURITAN ST DOWNEY CA 90242-4420 AIN: 6263-020-010

2843 \$943.90
SOTO, CAMILA N TR CAMILA N SOTO TRUST SITUS:13418 OBISPO AVE PARAMOUNT CA 90723-2333 AIN: 6264-013-078

2844 \$11,508.92
PARAMOUNT PRO LLC C/O C/O ALI ABAS SITUS:15000 DOWNEY AVE NO 126 PARAMOUNT CA 90723-5821 AIN:

6268-006-082
2849 \$1,468.23
CAMARENA, RODRIGO SITUS:10617 CASANES AVE DOWNEY CA 90241-2914 AIN: 6286-011-003

2880 \$1,999.47
GARCIA, FABIAN E AND LEON, YASAIRA B AND ALVAREZ, MARIA G SITUS:6501 FOSTER BRIDGE BLVD BELL GARDENS CA 90201-1923 AIN: 6357-031-031

2882 \$76,347.95
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT C/O C/O PEMCO LTD SITUS:8464 CHARLOMA DR DOWNEY CA 90240-3313 AIN: 6362-010-009

2883 \$4,693.25
LOPEZ, DENISE R SITUS:7704 ALLENGROVE ST DOWNEY CA 90240-2613 AIN: 6365-012-008

2893 \$11,229.06
CAZARES, BERTHA E AND SITUS:9311 CLANCEY AVE DOWNEY CA 90240-2925 AIN: 6389-003-003

2894 \$142,366.51
ORTIZ, VICENTE TR JUAN MENDOZA TRUST SITUS:9376 RAVILLER DR DOWNEY CA 90240-3060 AIN: 6391-001-058

2896 \$8,246.13
MAGANA, JORGE A AND JENNY AND HERNANDEZ, NYDIA M SITUS:11916 HERMOSURA ST NORWALK CA 90650-7173 AIN: 7009-012-007

2897 \$2,062.10
MENDOZA, JOSE F AND GUADALUPE G AND LOPEZ, RUBEN SITUS:12131 HERMOSURA ST NORWALK CA 90650-7151 AIN: 7009-028-025

3120 \$262.38
TUAZON, KATHERINE M AND GENATO, MARILEN SITUS:11808 LOS ALISOS CIR NORWALK CA 90650-8204 AIN: 8015-014-075

3122 \$807.68
NUNEZ, LUIS A AND LUIS, JOSEFA D SITUS:11425 STUDEBAKER RD NORWALK CA 90650-7540 AIN: 8020-008-012

3123 \$42,651.76
RODRIGUEZ, BERGELINA AND BARRAGAN, ILEANA SITUS:10423 CREWE ST NORWALK CA 90650-7418 AIN: 8021-037-021

3127 \$2,598.02
TURNAGE, RUBY SITUS:10625 BRANSCOMB ST NORWALK CA 90650-2149 AIN: 8051-020-049

3128 \$191.33
GUDAPATI, PAVAN D AND GUDAPATI, ROHITA SITUS:13938 EDGEWATER DR UNIT 111 NORWALK CA 90650-3404 AIN: 8052-017-218

3129 \$11,000.95
ORTIZ, ROBERTO SITUS:13428 CROSSDALE AVE NORWALK CA 90650-3623 AIN: 8053-005-006

3130 \$2,340.45
OWEN, RAYMOND JR AND DIANE TRS OWEN FAMILY TRUST SITUS:13533 DALWOOD AVE NORWALK CA 90650-3628 AIN: 8053-006-012

3131 \$5,989.05
LOPEZ, EDDIE AND RUTH SITUS:13917 ROSETON AVE NORWALK CA 90650-3824 AIN: 8054-031-001

3132 \$6,140.01
MARTINEZ, JULIAN P JR SITUS:14045 MANSA DR LA MIRADA CA 90638-3527 AIN: 8059-017-008

3133 \$3,030.07
GARCIA, FRANCISCO AND MARTHA TRS GARCIA TRUST AND GARCIA, IVETTE M SITUS:14254 SAN ARDO DR LA MIRADA CA 90638-4310 AIN: 8061-033-010

3134 \$8,676.77
RODRIGUEZ, FRANCISCO AND MARTINEZ, SANDRA L ET AL RODRIGUEZ, KAREN G SITUS:13113 LIGGETT ST NORWALK CA 90650-5139 AIN: 8070-009-018

3135 \$23,259.50
CAMPOS, LETICIA SITUS:14719 DARTMOOR AVE NORWALK CA 90650-6017 AIN: 8072-034-024

3136 \$338.60
REYES, LLESENIA C AND CORNEJO, GLADIS R SITUS:11869 EXCELSIOR DR NORWALK CA 90650-5823 AIN: 8073-027-027

3140 \$5,181.62
RAMIREZ, CARLOS JR SITUS:11927 MOLETTE ST NORWALK CA 90650-6550 AIN: 8080-019-033

3141 \$1,355.53
TELLEZ, LINDA M AND MURILLO, SEBASTIANA SITUS:11953 CHESHIRE ST NORWALK CA 90650-6508 AIN: 8080-021-025

3142 \$2,723.13
BONILLA, ROBERTO S AND ROSALINDA C SITUS:12168 MOLETTE ST NORWALK CA 90650-6663 AIN: 8080-034-017

3143 \$8,873.62
MADRIZ, JOSE ET AL PEREZ, ROSA L SITUS:12103 LOWEMONT ST NORWALK CA 90650-6617 AIN: 8080-036-036

3144 \$60,430.53
MONTAYA, TINA ET AL CALIZO, CARLA SITUS:15723 SEAFORTH AVE NORWALK CA 90650-7366 AIN: 8082-014-034

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2019 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

2840 \$20,192.86
ZIPPERIAN, DAVID C TR DAVID C ZIPPERIAN TRUST SITUS:12303 GLYNN AVE DOWNEY CA 90242-3627 AIN: 6261-004-017

2848 \$19,253.27
VICTORIA, SIRENIO AND MARIA SITUS:13726 CORNUTA AVE BELLFLOWER CA 90706-2510 AIN: 6281-014-012

3121 \$15,766.49
ROBINSON, VANESSA AND MAXIE, CHRISTOPHER D SITUS:11518 CECILIA ST SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670-4308 AIN: 8017-015-019

3126 \$9,175.74
KOSAREFF, NANCY SITUS:13506 LA JOLLA CIR UNIT F* LA MIRADA CA 90638-3319 AIN: 8037-025-042

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR 2018 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

3137 \$4,986.05
MEDINA, PORFIRIO A SITUS:14732 DALWOOD AVE NORWALK CA 90650-5621 AIN: 8075-022-008

CN117311 607 May 30, Jun 6, 2025

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF REBECCA FLORES

Case No. 25STPB05777

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of REBECCA FLORES

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jesus G. Flores in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jesus G. Flores be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 20, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:
MOLLY PITRUZZELLI ESQ

SBN 271279
TRUST LAW PATNERS LLP

275 E CALIFORNIA BLVD
CN117091 FLORES May 30, Jun 6,13, 2025

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF

William J. Swain, Jr.
CASE NO. 25STPR05715

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-ested in the will or estate, or both, of: William J. Swain, Jr.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Gwenda P. Swain in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Gwen-da P. Swain 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 Es-tates Act with full authority . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking cer-tain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to inter-ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 6/20/2025 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST. LOS ANGELES CA 90012

STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.

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

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LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

PUZZLE ANSWER: SLEEPINGBAG

All Systems *Mako*: Surgeon’s 2,000th Robotic Procedure Marks a New Era in Orthopedics



MILESTONE: Andrew Wassef, M.D., medical director of the MemorialCare Joint Replacement Center and the OR team marked his 2,000th Mako robotic-assisted joint replacement surgery.

By Laurie Hanson

Orthopedic surgeon Andrew Wassef, M.D. recently reached a milestone performing his 2000th joint replacement surgery using Mako robotics at MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center.

Dr. Wassef has been in practice for 12 years and has been working with LBMC for about 10 years. As a Southern California local, he went to Long Beach Poly for high school, did his undergraduate work at Loyola Marymount University, and went to Howard University in D.C. for medical school. He did his orthopedic residency at the University of Toledo Medical Center in Ohio, and his fellowship training in adult reconstruction at the Joint Replacement Institute in Los Angeles.

“Reaching this milestone is not just about the number of surgeries—it’s about the thousands of lives we’ve helped improve through advanced technology and patient-centered care,” Dr. Wassef said.

“The Mako system has transformed joint replacement, allowing us to provide greater precision with less invasive procedures,” he explained. “With the help of Mako, we can take each patient’s specific anatomy into account, resulting in better patient outcomes.”

Dr. Wassef was fortunate to realize early in his career that Mako was the future of joint replacements, and he became fully invested in understanding and mastering the technology.

His 2,000th procedure was performed on Jacqueline, a 75-year-old patient receiving a Mako-assisted left knee replacement. After years of severe knee pain and limited mobility, Jacqueline is experiencing a smooth recovery and is expected to return to a more active, pain-free lifestyle thanks to the benefits of robotic-assisted surgery.

“Accomplishing the 2,000th Stryker Mako robotic-assisted total joint replacements was a team effort,” Dr. Wassef said. “The coordination of our highly skilled surgical teams are what makes it possible to efficiently care for our total joint patients.” LBMC’s teams include specialized surgical nurses, surgical technicians, anesthesiologists, physician assistants, Mako product specialists, and physical therapists.

“Mako has completely changed my practice over the years and has revolutionized the global orthopedic community’s understanding of joint replacement surgery,” Dr. Wassef said. “I have been heavily involved in teaching this technology as I serve as a National Instructor for Stryker and certify surgeons on the use of Mako. The experience I have gained using robotics over the years has directly benefited my patients, and I continue to feel that this is a very powerful tool.”

MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center became the market leader and

made the bold decision to bring it back to the area locally in 2016. Though there are other facilities in Southern California that offer Mako SmartRobotics, MemorialCare Long Beach continues to lead the way. They recently became the first hospital in California to obtain the new Mako 4.0 robot, according to Dr. Wassef.

“We are also the first hospital in the world to perform a robotic-assisted revision total hip replacement using the Mako THA 5.0 program,” he added. “We were honored to be chosen as the first to utilize this new amazing robotic platform and are very proud to offer such cutting-edge technology to the patients of our surrounding community.”

The Joint Replacement Center at MemorialCare Long Beach specializes in hip, knee, shoulder, and ankle replacements. Their comprehensive services include pre-operative education, personalized surgical plans, and post-surgical rehabilitation, and they are led by top orthopedic specialists.

The center is recognized as one of Newsweek’s America’s Best Orthopedic Hospitals, and is at the forefront of robotic-assisted surgery. By offering innovative solutions, their patients recover faster and have an improved quality of life. With the Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery, the surgeons have precise, quick-recovery outcomes, with most patients moving the same day and returning home within two days.

“What we have seen over the years of performing Mako robotic-assisted total joint replacements is that patients recover at a faster rate,” he added. “The amount of trauma is significantly reduced due to the high level of precision while performing the surgery and the haptic-guided safety boundaries that the robotic platform provides.”

“When MemorialCare acquired their first robot, it only had the ability to perform partial knee replacements and total hip replacements,” he said. “However, it was already obvious how beneficial this technology would be to patients.”

Many of Dr. Wassef’s patients are very active, and he feels confident that they can get back to enjoying their activity of choice, whether it is pickleball, tennis, golf, or skiing.

“Mako has made it possible for me to be as minimally invasive as possible, equating to shorter and more predictable recovery times,” he explained. “This is a very exciting time to be a Joint Replacement Specialist, and I feel lucky to be passionate about my practice!”

For more information about robotic-assisted joint replacement at MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center, visit memorialcare.org/lbjointreplacement or call 562-933-4014.

Ballet Summer at Segerstrom Center

By Lydia E. Ringwald

The Segerstrom Center for the Arts welcomes two of America’s most renowned ballet companies this summer, presenting two of the most iconic ballets in the classical repertoire to delight, entertain, and inspire Southern California audiences.

Miami City Ballet will perform a full-length *Swan Lake* in five performances, June 20–22 and July 27–28, while American Ballet Theatre brings five performances of the beloved romantic ballet *Giselle* to the stage, June 24–27.

For *Swan Lake*, acclaimed choreographer Alexei Ratmansky offers a unique reconstruction of the original 1895 Marius Petipa version first presented at St. Petersburg’s Mariinsky Theatre. Ratmansky’s restoration

seductive Odile, disguised as Odette to deceive the Prince. Siegfried mistakenly pledges his love to Odile, breaking the spell and dooming Odette. In one of ballet’s most emotional moments, Odette performs the iconic Dying Swan solo before she and the Prince meet their tragic end.

This iconic sequence, performed by the world’s greatest ballerinas over the past century, continues to enchant and move audiences.

Themes of love, betrayal, and redemption run deep through *Swan Lake*, and while the romanticism may feel antiquated to some, its emotional truth remains timeless. Ratmansky’s interpretation offers modern audiences a chance to rediscover this classic with fresh urgency and technical brilliance—featuring breathtaking leaps and spinning fouettés that defy gravity.

American Ballet Theatre’s *Giselle*—on stage July 24–27—offers another romantic masterpiece. First performed in 1841, this two-act tale of unrequited love and ultimate forgiveness remains a staple of the classical canon. ABT’s world-class dancers bring depth and elegance to this emotionally rich production.

It’s a rare privilege to experience both *Swan Lake* and *Giselle*, performed by two of the world’s leading ballet companies, right here in Orange County.

For ballet lovers who want to experience both productions, Segerstrom Center is offering a summer ticket discount.

Visit segerstrom.org for tickets and more information.



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breathes new life into the historic masterpiece, fusing the grandeur and romanticism of the original with the athleticism and freedom of today’s dancers.

More than 50 dancers in dazzling costumes—faithful to the 1895 design—will fill the stage, accompanied by Tchaikovsky’s haunting score performed live by the Pacific Symphony. Dramatic sets depicting medieval palaces and misty lakes provide a captivating backdrop as the timeless fairy tale unfolds.

The story follows Prince Siegfried and his love for the enchanted Princess Odette, cursed to live as a swan by day by an evil sorcerer. In a cruel twist, the sorcerer sends his daughter, the

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In West Hollywood, city officials are now investigating whether the device violates local noise ordinances. If they find it’s noncompliant, they’ll tell the property owner to remove it and suggest alternatives.

Some business neighbors and passers-by say the chirp isn’t just annoying—it’s cruel. “It’s like nails on a chalkboard,” one person told Audacy.com. Others called it “a high-tech way of saying, ‘You’re not welcome here.’”

Advocates argue these devices are part of a larger, deeply flawed strategy: relocate and ignore which does not solve homelessness; it just pushes people down the block.

Outside the Box—And Outside California?

So far, the Blue Chirper has not migrated beyond California. There are no

confirmed installations in Oregon, Washington, or other states. Regions like Oregon are taking a service-first approach, with nonprofits deploying mobile sleeping trailers equipped with lockable pods to house the unhoused, KPTV.com reported.

Washington State, too, has focused on housing and utility assistance programs rather than deterrent technologies.

Sound-based deterrents have been tried elsewhere—infamously, a Portland 7-Eleven used high-pitched tones to discourage loitering—but those efforts often met public backlash and were eventually discontinued.

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In an era where California cities face lawsuits over encampment sweeps and legal pressure to provide shelter beds, the Blue Chirper is a loud reminder of how far cities will go to control public space—without addressing the people who inhabit it.