

ABCUSD School Closure Plan Sparks Backlash at Board Meeting

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By Brian Hews

ABC Unified School District's controversial plan to close four elementary schools and reconfigure middle school grades drew sharp criticism and emotional public comment at a June board meeting, with more than two hours of testimony pushing back against the district's proposed path forward.

Facing a projected enrollment decline of over 5,300 students—a 26% drop by 2029—the district is moving to consolidate Aloha, Furgeson, Juarez, and Stowers Elementary Schools while transitioning all middle schools to a 6–8 grade model. District officials have cited underutilized campuses, declining enrollment, and fiscal pressures as key drivers behind

the plan.

But parents, students, teachers, and community members filled the boardroom to capacity, voicing concerns about program disruptions, equity, student well-being, and the long-term implications for the district's identity. The proposed closure of Stowers Elementary, home to both a Mandarin Dual Immersion track and the district's International Baccalaureate program, emerged as a major flashpoint. Several speakers pointed to the unique academic offerings and growing enrollment at Stowers as evidence that the school should be spared.

Furgeson Elementary also drew strong support, with parents and employees citing the school's recent literacy gains under a state grant, its deep roots in the Hawaiian Gardens community, and concerns that the closure would disproportionately impact working-class and Latino families. Staff warned that shuttering the campus could destabilize students

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Lighting Fuses and Funding Football: Cerritos Boosters Go All in to Help Program



PHOTO BY BRIAN HEWS

CERRITOS HIGH FOOTBALL Boosters rolled up their sleeves and managed the TNT Fireworks booth on Artesia Blvd.

By Brian Hews

The Cerritos High Football Boosters rolled up their sleeves and managed the TNT Fireworks booth over the past few days to raise much-needed funds for the Dons football program.

The booth, strategically located on Artesia Boulevard near the Artesia Post Office,

saw a steady stream of patriotic shoppers looking to light up the sky—and support local student-athletes while doing it.

All proceeds from the booth go directly toward equipment, uniforms, and other essentials for the Cerritos High football team. The Boosters thanked the community for its support, noting that every sparkler and smoke bomb sold brings them one step closer to a winning season.



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SOROPTIMIST OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS' 53RD ANNUAL INSTALLATION

By Brian Hews

CERRITOS, CA — Under the empowering theme “Behind every little girl, there’s a village of women saying: YES, YOU CAN!”, Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos (SIAC) held its 53rd Annual Installation on June 21, 2025, at the Cerritos Senior Center, honoring a legacy of service, education, and sisterhood.

The event brought together a vibrant crowd including council members from both Artesia and Cerritos, as well as Artesia's mayor, all showing visible support for the organization's mission to improve the lives of women and girls through education and training.

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement dedicated to helping women achieve economic empowerment—especially those facing significant barriers. SIAC's local chapter is made up of 50 dedicated members, including two male volunteers who were acknowledged as valued contributors to the group's success.

Community Partner Awards were a highlight of the evening. Dr. John S. Kim, MD, of CMC was recognized as a long-time sponsor of the club, while Mr. Luis Carrion of Berkshire Hathaway was commended for years of support, including printing promotional materials and hosting club meetings at his office. Both honorees received warm thanks for their continued generosity and commitment to the club's mission.

The Installation Ceremony was coordinated by Event Chairs and committee members, whose efforts helped ensure a seamless celebration. The evening also served as a testament to the powerful partnerships SIAC has cultivated across the community.

Coyotes in California: What You Need to Know About the Law, Local Control, and Who to Call

By Brian Hews

As sightings of urban coyotes grow more frequent across Los Angeles County and beyond, residents are increasingly asking LCCN: what exactly can we do about them?

The short answer? It depends—but California state law provides a framework, and Los Angeles County has a list of approved professionals for when nature gets a little too close for comfort.

Coyotes are classified as nongame mammals under California law. This means they are not protected like endangered species, but also not fair game for random extermination.

It is legal to trap or kill coyotes without a hunting license, but only under specific conditions, and local ordinances may impose further restrictions.

One key rule: the use of poi-

sons is strictly prohibited, as is any method considered inhumane under the California Department of Fish and Wildlife code.

Firearms are regulated by municipal code—so don't expect to handle it with your uncle's rifle in your backyard unless you're out in the desert with proper permits.

If a coyote has injured or killed pets or livestock, landowners or their agents can apply for a depredation permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The process starts by reporting the incident to the local CDFW office. A wildlife officer will investigate and confirm whether depredation occurred. If confirmed, the department may issue a permit that allows the take—meaning the legal killing—of the offending coy-

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ICE Caught Urinating Outside at Pico Rivera School



The El Rancho Unified School District released video that showed ICE and Border Patrol agents urinating at a school campus in Pico Rivera. The district says the agents were from both ICE and CBP, and they brazenly urinated behind storage boxes right near a playground. The storage containers were also visible from a neighboring public park and nearby Valencia Elementary School.

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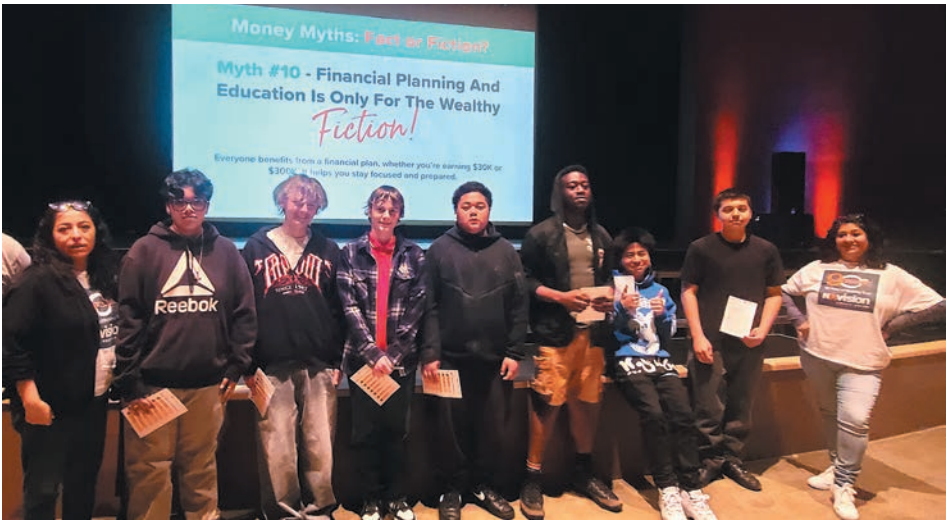
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Credit Union Brings Real-World Money Lessons to Lakewood High Students



CHECKING AND BUDGETS: Some of the over 100 students who participated in Nuvision’s “7 Money Milestones,” a framework designed to help teens create a roadmap to financial wellness.

By LCCN Staff Report

More than 100 Lakewood High School students took a hands-on crash course in financial literacy this past April, thanks to a partnership between Nuvision Credit Union and financial educators from HowMoneyWorks.com. The one-day seminar, titled How Money Works, was part of Nuvision’s long-standing commitment to empowering young people with the real-life money skills they need to build a secure financial future.

Students from all grade levels—freshmen through seniors—took part in the interactive session, where they learned practical strategies for managing finances, budgeting, saving, building credit, and avoiding common financial pitfalls.

The seminar was centered around the “7 Money Milestones,” a framework designed to help teens create a roadmap to financial wellness. Students also participated in a lively round of “Financial Fact or Myth,” a game that helped bust long-standing money misconceptions while offering useful

tips on managing income and debt.

Nuvision’s partnership with Lakewood High goes back to 2016, and the annual seminar has become a highlight of the credit union’s broader effort to improve financial literacy across its service areas.

“Financial literacy is an important part of our mission,” said Nuvision CEO Roger Ballard. “We want to give young people the tools to make smart money decisions now, so they can build strong futures as adults.”

According to HowMoneyWorks.com, more than 4.5 billion people around the world are impacted by financial illiteracy—a problem they call the number one economic crisis. By bringing programs like “How Money Works” directly into classrooms, Nuvision hopes to change that, one student at a time.

As students face increasingly complex financial decisions earlier in life, Nuvision’s work ensures that at least one thing is clear: understanding how money works can pay off for life.

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and families who rely on the school not just for academics, but for support services and a sense of stability.

Opposition to moving sixth graders to middle schools was also significant. Parents and students described the proposed transition as developmentally premature, raising concerns about bullying, loss of leadership opportunities, and weaker academic outcomes. Many expressed support for K-6 models and suggested the district explore alternative reconfiguration options, including K-8 campuses or program-based campus consolidation.

Despite the strong pushback, the board acknowledged the financial realities the district faces. Seven of the district’s 19 elementary schools and two of its five middle schools currently serve fewer than 400 students. The district has also seen a growing number of out-of-district transfer students, many of whom gravitate to schools with specialized programs—some of which are now targeted for closure.

After hearing from the public, the Board voted 7-0 to bring the consolidation and reconfiguration proposal back as a formal action item at a future meeting. Staff was directed to incorporate public feedback and additional data into a revised plan, which may still evolve as the district seeks to balance community priorities with operational sustainability.

The meeting served as both a warning and a rallying point. The district is clearly at a crossroads, and the months ahead will determine whether ABCUSD can preserve its signature programs while addressing steep demographic shifts.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

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ote or coyotes. The application requires detailed documentation, including the date, time, photos, and location, and is usually granted only after non-lethal deterrents have failed.

Most city animal control departments don’t trap or remove healthy coyotes unless they pose an immediate threat. The go-to agency in unincorporated Los Angeles County is the County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures Department, which coordinates with CDFW.

For residents who prefer hiring a professional, the National Wildlife Control Operators Association maintains a directory of certified operators. These individuals are licensed to humanely remove

nuisance wildlife, including coyotes, and may be your best bet if deterrents like fencing, motion-sensor lights, or hazing tactics haven’t worked.

In wildlife management terms, depredation refers to damage or loss caused by a wild animal to domestic property—typically livestock or pets. When this happens, a depredation permit becomes a legal option to remove the responsible animal. But don’t confuse it with nuisance behavior like loitering near a schoolyard or walking down the sidewalk. That’s part of the SoCal ecosystem now.

State and local agencies all agree on one thing: prevention is more effective than removal. That means securing trash bins and compost, removing pet food and fallen fruit from your yard, keeping pets

indoors at night, installing coyote rollers or tall fencing, and using motion-activated lights or sprinklers. In most cases, co-existing is not just the humane option—it’s also the legally safe one.

If a coyote is seen strolling your block or eyeing your cat, you have options—but vigilante action could get you in trouble. Check with your city’s animal control office, review local ordinances, and consider contacting a licensed wildlife control operator listed through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the National Wildlife Control Operators Association.

For those in Los Angeles County, the full list of wildlife control operators is available through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s regional contact page or by visiting wildlife.ca.gov.



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Local Students Shine at 2025 SkillsUSA Championships

LCCN Staff Report

Several standout students from the Southeast Los Angeles area earned national recognition at the prestigious 2025 SkillsUSA Championships, held June 25–26 in Atlanta, Georgia. The event, known as the largest hands-on showcase of career and technical education in the world, featured over 6,500 competitors across 114 occupational and leadership categories, covering an area equivalent to 31 football fields.

Representing local schools with pride, these students earned Skill Point Certificates, a national credential awarded to competitors who met rigorous industry standards during their events—signifying they’re job-ready in their respective fields.

From Mayfair High in Lakewood, Team G—consisting of Daisy Teniente, Roman Diaz, and Maximo Ramos—was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in the Outstanding Chapter category, highlighting excellence in chapter organization and leadership.

Two students from Waite Middle School in Norwalk also earned national recognition: Angelo Rodriguez, a Norwalk resident, received a Skill Point Certificate for Pin De-

sign, showcasing creativity and precision in graphic design.

Wendel Cook, from Pico Rivera, earned his certificate in Job Skill Demonstration A, a contest that requires competitors to perform a hands-on job skill with clarity, accuracy, and professionalism.

SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis praised the student achievements, saying, “This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels.”

Participants at the SkillsUSA Championships demonstrated a wide range of skills—from robotics and aviation maintenance to public speaking and criminal justice—judged by over 1,200 industry professionals from 850 businesses, corporations, and unions. The competition serves as a vital bridge between education and employment, providing students a platform to prove their readiness for high-demand careers.

All were honored at a celebratory closing awards session on June 27 at State Farm Arena, home of the Atlanta Hawks.

Rep. Tran Hits the Road to Oppose Big Ugly Bill



As debate heated up in Washington over the GOP’s tax bill, Democrats scrambled to make it to the Capitol in time to cast their votes in opposition—even if it meant hitting the road.

Rep. Derek Tran (right), who represents Cerritos and Artesia, faced an unexpected travel snag when his flight to Washington was rerouted to Pittsburgh due to severe weather. Rather than miss the vote, Tran teamed up with Pennsylvania Rep. Chris Deluzio, and the two lawmakers carpooled the roughly four-hour drive from western Pennsylvania to Washington, D.C.

Artesia Beefs Up Illegal Fireworks Enforcement



Artesia has partnered with Southwest Patrol, a private security company, to enhance patrols and visibility to combat illegal fireworks.

LCCN Staff Report

In an ongoing effort to promote public safety and reduce illegal fireworks activity, the Artesia has expanded 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 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.

“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.



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Summer is in Full Swing at the California Science Center

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Parents looking to combine fun and education this summer won't have to look far. The California Science Center in Exposition Park is offering a range of interactive exhibitions, IMAX films, and hands-on experiences for children and families — all with free general admission.

GAME ON! Science, Sports & Play

One of the center's newest exhibits, GAME ON! celebrates the science behind sports and play. With more than 25 interactive experiences, visitors can test their reaction times in softball, try their hand at basketball dribbling, or experience yoga, swimming, and board sports — all while learning how physics and biology influence athletic performance. The exhibit also features virtual guidance from local Los Angeles athletes.

Dogs! A Science Tail

Back for a limited time before heading overseas, this visitor favorite explores the extraordinary sensory world of dogs and the unique bond they share with humans. Through immersive, multisensory experiences, guests can discover how dogs see, hear, and smell the world in ways humans can't.

Ecosystems

This popular gallery lets families explore diverse environments — from the Kelp Forest, where visitors can participate in Q&A sessions with divers, to the Rocky Shore, featuring touch tanks with live marine life. Other sections highlight deserts, polar zones, deep-sea vents, rivers, and even the L.A. urban ecosystem.

World of Life

In World of Life, guests explore how living things develop and survive. The Life! Beginnings area features hands-on exhibits about reproduction and development, while the Bodyworks Theater introduces visitors to Tess — a 50-foot human body simulator full of animatronics and special effects.

Fire! Science & Safety

This exhibit focuses on the science of fire prevention. Guests can test fire extinguishers, learn kitchen safety, and explore how to protect homes and pets from fire hazards.

Goose Bumps! The Science of Fear

Explore the biology of fear with fun, interactive experiences designed to safely trigger reactions to loud noises, animals, falling sensations, and more — while explaining how fear helps keep us safe.

Endeavour Together: Parts and People

While the real Space Shuttle Endeavour is temporarily off display during the construction of its new permanent home, Endeavour Together gives guests a close-up look at shuttle parts, the external fuel tank, and the people behind the shuttle program — including footage of Endeavour's unforgettable journey through the streets of Los Angeles.

IMAX Films

For those wanting a break from hands-on science, the Science Center's seven-story IMAX theater is showing four high-impact films for an additional fee:

Superhuman Body 3D – Dive into the wonders of the human body.

Blue Whales 3D – Discover the largest creatures on Earth.

The Blue Angels 3D – Go inside the cockpit with the Navy's elite flying team.

Antarctica 3D – Experience life in one of the most extreme places on the planet.

ExploraStore and Online Access

The on-site ExploraStore offers a range of themed merchandise, including plush dogs, science toys, and apparel. For those who can't visit in person, the Center also offers free virtual field trips for K–5th graders and at-home science activity guides via its website.

The California Science Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is free. IMAX films require a ticket purchase. For tickets, virtual experiences, or more information, visit [californiasciencecenter.org]

Bellflower Happenings

Walk and Talk With Bellflower's City Council

Join Bellflower's elected officials for a morning of community and conversation on Saturday, July 12 at 8 a.m. Participants will meet on the path next to the Fire

Museum and The Mayne Events Center, 16400 Bellflower Blvd., for a warm-up before embarking on a walk along the Bellflower Bike Trail. The route includes a stop at Caruthers Park with the option to continue further toward Lakewood Boulevard. The pace will be light, and the conversation neighborly.

Affordable Pet Vaccine and Microchip Clinic

On Sunday, July 13 from 8 to 10:30 a.m., VetCare and SEAACA will host an affordable pet clinic at Thompson Park, located at 14001 Bellflower Blvd. Services include \$12 rabies vaccinations, microchipping, and wellness exams. No appointment is required. For more information, visit vetcarepetclinic.com or call (800) 988-8387.

Summer Streetfest Returns to Bellflower

Summer heats up with four more Thursday nights of live music and family-friendly fun during Bellflower's Summer Streetfest. Festivities run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Bellflower Boulevard between Flower and Mayne. On July 10, Stone Soul will bring Motown and Classic Soul vibes. July 17 features The Trip with Classic Rock hits. On July 24, Suave takes the stage with Latin rhythms, and the series wraps up on July 31 with 80z All Stars playing high-energy 80s rock and pop. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music and community.

Support Students: Donate Backpack and School Supplies


Now through July 7, the Bellflower Volunteer Center, located at 16614 S. Clark Ave., is collecting backpacks and school supplies for local students in need. Residents are encouraged to donate to support families across the city. For more information, contact the Volunteer Center at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2331.



Adaptive Recreation Summer Party – July 11, 6–8 p.m.

Held at Thompson Park, this special event is designed for individuals with adaptive needs and their immediate families. Participants must be accompanied by an adult caregiver aged 18 or older. The evening includes games, entertainment, and community connection in an inclusive environment. For more information or to register, call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2261.


City Partners with Good Soil Industries to Enhance Public Spaces

The City of Bellflower has launched a partnership with Good Soil Industries to provide beautification services throughout the community. GSI is a local non-profit that offers transitional employment and job training to individuals facing barriers such as homelessness and poverty. Their work includes landscaping, replanting, and improving green spaces such as Library Gardens, the Flora VistaWoodruff fountain, and the PE Depot. The partnership aligns with Bellflower's strategic goals to improve visual appeal and support inclusive workforce development.





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A Statement From the City of Lakewood

Over the last month, the Federal Government’s enforcement of Immigration laws has been front page news across the L.A. Metropolitan area (and the Nation).

The events that have transpired have generated scenes of chaos and disruption, aggravating our already deeply polarized society. The issues at play are complicated and blend political, legal and emotional issues. Lakewood is a very diverse community made up of people with many shades of opinion on these matters, which makes it difficult to express a common message. Nonetheless, these events and issues are ones that are so impactful on our community that they warrant a statement despite the differing and legitimate perspectives amongst the members of our community. The intention is not to further the divide in the community, but to reflect the complexity of the issues and hopefully find common ground in our shared values of compassion, safety, peaceful dialogue and respect for the law and for individuals as humans.

Like all of you, we have watched over the past weeks as federal immigration enforcement efforts have ramped up throughout Southern California. Many communities have been touched by these enforcement operations, including our own City of Lakewood just a few days ago. We understand how polarizing this issue has become locally and nationally and, to be very clear, we vigorously support and defend everyone’s right to lawfully and peacefully express their views on this or any other political issue. But we will never condone violent attacks against law enforcement officers--local, state or federal--who are lawfully performing their duties even when disagreements exist about the policy decisions that are directing their efforts. And we will support any person expressing their first amendment rights in a peaceful and lawful manner. The first amendment is not a partisan issue. This

is what is demanded by our Constitution and our federal and state laws.

Our Core Values include placing a priority on public safety and creating a community where everyone feels welcome and safe. This has never been predicated on one’s immigration status. This includes our approach to utilizing the spirit of the law to deter, apprehend and hold accountable those who intend to do us harm; one’s immigration status is not a factor as to who is held accountable and who receives support.

While Lakewood and the L.A.C. Sheriff’s Department have no advanced knowledge of or involvement in these immigration enforcement operations, we have witnessed how chaotic some of them have become and how they have instilled fear among many American citizens and undocumented residents who have no criminal history.

The enforcement of federal immigration laws is not within the city’s purview, but the safety and physical and mental well-being of our community and its residents are fundamental concerns for this city council. To the extent that the current federal enforcement operations have gone beyond targeting dangerous and criminal individuals, the effect has been a sense of distress and disruption to segments of our business community and to the families and individuals.

We stand firmly for the dignity and well-being of every member of our community. We urge compassion, peaceful dialogue and respect in response to these events.

If the current level of enforcement is going to continue, we encourage our federal policy makers to re-focus immigration enforcement on those who have a history of victimizing our communities. We also believe that all future law enforcement actions, regardless of the focus, should be consistent with legal due process, the spirit of the law and with the appropriate amount of transparency and compassion for all involved.

A Message from Cerritos Mayor Frank Yokoyama

Since our founding as the City of Dairy Valley in 1956, Cerritos has seen remarkable growth. This is due in large part to community-driven support and investments to make our City welcoming for all to live, work, and do business.



Cerritos Mayor
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

Longtime Cerritos businesses like The White Lotus Florist, which the City Council recognized with the Business Spotlight for June, embody that spirit of quality service that our City strives to provide.

Efforts to attract and retain businesses and patrons to the City of Cerritos are fundamental to Strategic Goal number 4: Strengthen Economic Development, and symbolic of our Strategic Plan theme, “Cerritos in Progress.”

In addition to recent business openings, I was excited to announce at last week’s State of the City that we’ll will soon welcome Tokyo Central/Marukai, a Japanese market, at the former Pacific Sales in Cerritos Towne Center. This market expands Cerritos’ al-

ready strong international-based stores and restaurants, offering Japanese goods and supporting cultural engagement.

For our business patrons and Cerritos residents as a whole, it is important that you feel valued and have a positive experience in our City.

During our meeting on June 26, I joined my City Council colleagues in recognizing Juneteenth and Pride Month. Acknowledging the positive impact of African Americans and members of our LGBTQ+ community continues the City Council’s commitment to celebrating cultural diversity and strengthens community engagement.

Creating opportunities for business growth and showing appreciation for our people builds upon the “Cerritos in Progress” theme and helps to fulfill our Strategic Goals.

The City of Cerritos is committed to these goals, and each of you has the ability to help shape our collective progress ahead. Thank you for your support in our City’s continuous improvement and forward momentum. For more information on the Cerritos Strategic Plan and our goals, visit cerritos.gov/strategy.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I want to commend you and your staff for publishing the three letters that appeared in the 6-27-25 issue of the Los Cerritos Community News, written by Kathleen Limon, Artesia Mayor Ali Sajjad Taj, and yourself, Brian Hews. All three contained issues very close to my heart and for which I have strong feelings.

It hurts seeing our country being arbitrarily torn apart and its founding values and Constitution being inexcusably flaunted in front of us and all the world. And it is heart-

breaking to watch our current administration carrying out such a brutal and unrelenting campaign against its own people, not to mention those who have risked their lives to arrive in our country seeking safety, a better life, and a democracy that has always promised to: “Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!” I am resisting!

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By LCCN Staff Report

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OUTLOOK ON NEW FOOTHILL AREA RELEAGUING

Norwalk Athletics in a Perfect Position With New 20-School Conference on Horizon

By Loren Kopff

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

When Norwalk High was in the seven-member Suburban League up to end of the 2017-2018 school year, most of its athletic programs were in the middle of the pack. When the 605 League was formed, it left the Suburban League with four schools- Bellflower High, La Mirada High, Mayfair High and Norwalk.

In a four-team league, only the top two would get automatic berths to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs and Norwalk was on the outside looking in more times and not. Things got better when the league joined forces with the San Gabriel Valley League and the Lancers found themselves

playoff contenders even more. Now that a new 20-school mega conference has been approved for the start of the 2026-2027 school year, Norwalk feels it can find more playoff opportunities with more top three league placings.

David Snyder, who has been Norwalk’s athletic director for the past 10 years, admitted he had mixed feelings when talks of the new conference were first mentioned. He was excited about his athletic teams again being put into desirable leagues based off competitive equity. But, at the same time, it was another, ‘holy smokes, how are we going to do this’ situation?

From the fall of 2007 and for the next 10 years when Norwalk was in the original Suburban League, Snyder said he felt the Lancers were not in a good place even though the fall teams had racked up more league titles than the other two seasons.

The 2009-2011 and 2014 boys cross country teams won league titles while the girls claimed first place in 2015 and 2016. The football team and girls volleyball team each had one league title, both coming in 2013, while girls tennis shared first place with Cerritos High in 2014. In the winter, the boys wrestling team won the 2012 title, the 2012-2013 girls basketball team shared first place with

Mayfair while boys soccer were champions in the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons. In the spring, the 2009 and 2016 softball teams were tri-champs with La Mirada and Mayfair, the 2010 boys volleyball team were co-champs with Mayfair and the 2008 boys track and field team shared first place with Cerritos.

Once the 605 League was formed, the Suburban League had dropped to four schools and Snyder said his athletic programs across the board were in a worse position because the Lancers struggled to make the playoffs in many sports. With two automatic berths earned, La Mirada and Mayfair would grab them. In fact, from the fall of 2018 to the spring of 2022, only boys soccer and girls basketball finished in first or second all four years while the 2019 boys volleyball team and the 2022 softball and boys tennis teams grabbed one of the two automatic berths of the major sports.

“When we joined the Suburban Valley Conference (for the 2022-2023 school year), it was actually better for us,” said Snyder. “Because we’re not a top tier [with] any team. We’ve had runs of luck with girls and boys volleyball; we’ve had runs of luck with baseball and softball. But football has always been a middle-tiered sport for us, and it was apparent that most of the time we weren’t going to make the playoffs in the old system. In the Suburban Valley Conference, we made the playoffs in [two of the three years], so it was a good system for us. Now, with the 20-team conference, this is going to be very interesting because we’re going to have to divvy up between three different leagues within the conference.”

For 11-man football purposes, there will be 18 teams that realistically should be put into three leagues of six teams as Oxford Academy and Whitney High do not field programs. For the other sports, minus a few that Norwalk doesn’t field like boys and girls water polo, the thought is that there will be four leagues of five teams each, making it better for 12 teams in a particular sport to get an automatic berth in the playoffs. For football, that number would be nine.

While nothing has been determined yet when it comes to the number of leagues for each sport, Snyder said he doesn’t believe it will go to a four-league conference because it would create, as he described it, a logistical nightmare.

“I mean, could it work,” he pondered. “Sure, it could work. But, no matter what, there’s going to be issues; there’s going to be a lot of issues.”

Since the Suburban Valley Conference was formed and broken off into the Gateway League, or top five teams in each sport, and the Mid-Cities League, for the other six teams in each sport, the Lancers have won a Mid-Cities League title four times amongst the major sports and tied for two others. On each occasion, it has been a different sport.

“I was happy about [the Suburban Valley Conference],” said Snyder. “I know my bosses weren’t too happy about it because they thought Norwalk would be left behind. But I looked at the numbers and I looked at the quality of the leagues Norwalk would be in, especially in football. So, I felt we were in a much better position in the new league.”

Whether it has been in the Gateway League or the Mid-Cities League, the Lancers have experienced a relatively consistent status with their major sports, finishing in first place seven times, second place six times, third place eight times and





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TRAVEL SOFTBALL

Former La Mirada Standout Helps Team Mexico Win the Triple Crown Sports International Challenge

By Loren Kopff

The final summer before her collegiate chapter has begun in a grand way for recent La Mirada High graduate Angelyna Conde. The third baseman was part of Team Mexico which captured the Triple Crown Sports International Challenge’s Silver Bracket championship after getting past Team Israel 8-5 this past Sunday at the Christopher Fields in Westminster, CO.

Conde went two for two and scored once in a scrimmage against Team Japan last Thursday before going four for six with a walk and drove in a pair of runs in three pool play games in which her team went 1-2.

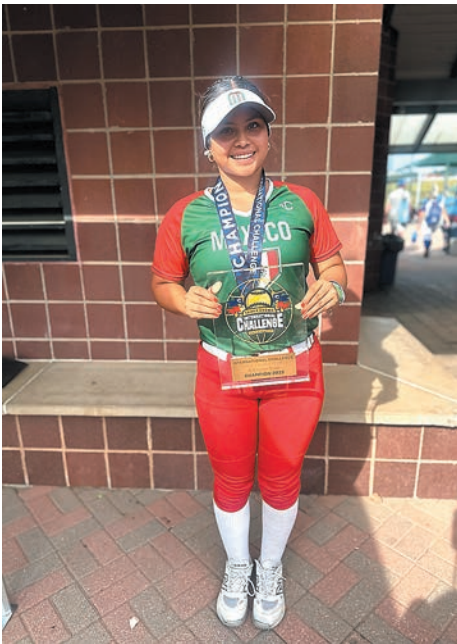
Against Team South Korea in the first playoff game last Saturday, Conde went one for three and scored once in a 15-0 win. This past Sunday afternoon in a 15-2 win over Team Polynesia, the future Texas Tech University athlete was hitless in two at-bats before going one for two with a double and a run batted in against Team Israel.

Conde and her travel softball team, the (Garden Grove) West Coast Lady Dukes-Blanco, are in the Denver metropolitan area as one of 42 teams participating in the Triple Crown Sports Colorado 4th of July Fireworks Power Pool tournament where it faced the (Redlands) Athletics Mercado-N. Price and the (Roseburg, OR) NW Bullets-McGee this past Wednesday. Conde went one for two and had an RBI in a 6-3 victory against the Athletics Mercado-N. Price, then picked up another hit and RBI while scoring a run as the Lady Dukes tied the NW Bullets 7-7. The Lady Dukes played the Colorado Bombers Gold-Goldmann out of Castle Pines, and the (Houston) AM Academy-Herrera/Reyes on July 3 to wrap up pool play action with elimination play beginning on Friday and ending on Sunday.

Alison Ortega, who is midway through her stellar high school career at La Mirada, was representing Team Spain. However, her travel team, the (Hacienda Heights) Firecrackers Select RTY, played in five games of the Triple Crown Sports P5 Patriot Games, which began last Thursday in Fort Collins, CO. Ortega appeared in four of the five games, pitching 10 and a third innings, allowing 15 hits, eight earned runs while striking out eight batters and walking half a dozen. She made it back to Westminster to appear in this past Sunday’s game against Team Ireland where she pitched the top of the fourth and fifth innings. yielding seven hits, five runs, striking out one and walking one in a 10-8 loss.

Her travel team is in the TCS Colorado 4th of July 16-U National Power Pool Box Brackets where it slammed the (St. Louis Park, MN) Midwest Speed-Wagner 13-1 and the (Gretna) Nebraska Gold 8-1 this past Tuesday. She went all six innings against the Nebraska Gold, scattering seven hits, allowing just an unearned run and striking out three. This past Wednesday, the Firecrackers Select RTY knocked off the Tampa Mustangs-Rene/Pynes 4-1 as Ortega pitched a complete seven-inning game, allowing five hits, another unearned run and struck out five. Later in the day, her team fell to the (Montgomery, TX) Hotspots National-Galloway 9-1.

The third area player to play in the International Challenge was Valley Christian High pitcher and outfielder, Rachel Zhang, who was representing Team Chinese Taipei/Taiwan which split a pair of pool play games and defeated Team Spain 7-2 last Saturday in a crossover game. In the three games, plus two scrimmage contests, Zhang pitches three and a third innings,



Recent La Mirada High graduate Angelyna Conde poses with the Triple Crown Sports International Challenge Silver Bracket Championship trophy after Team Mexico defeated Team Israel 8-5 this past Sunday in Westminster, CO.

giving up six hits, four earned runs, striking out four and walking four.

This past Sunday against Team Cuba, Zhang got four outs, yielding four hits, five earned runs while striking out two and walking two. Team Chinese Taipei/Taiwan won 11-9 before falling to Team Japan 10-5 in one semifinal and then to Team Canada 15-1 in the third place game. She did not pitch in either of those games, but in the nine games played in the International Challenge, she had a pair of hits in seven at-bats, scored once and drove in a run.

Zhang’s travel team, the (Redondo Beach) USA Athletics-Phillips/Lehr, is in Boulder, CO for the 29th annual Louisville Slugger IDT where it defeated the (Plainville, MA) Rhode Island Thunder CL and the (Bentonville, AR) Ark Vision by identical 7-1 scored this past Tuesday. Zhang batted in the leadoff spot against the Rhode Island Thunder CL and went one for two with a run scored and walked once while getting another hit in the second game. The USA Athletics-Phillips/Lehr would square off against the (Morgantown) PA Strikers National-King and the Wildcats Elite-Bauer out of Cook County, IL this past Wednesday and the (Pearland) TX Impact Gold-Jackson and the (LaGrange) Ohio Outlaws-Wolff/Acord on July 3 before playing the (Honolulu) HI Kamikaze and the (West Richland) WA Angels-Benson on Friday.

Here’s a quick recap of other area softball players in their respective Colorado tournaments over the 4th of July holiday week and weekend.

18-Under National Power Pool, 60 teams

Malaia Huskey, (Gahr High/California State University, San Marcos), plays for the (Huntington Beach) Explosion Premier. Against the (Kingwood) Texas Rip-tide in the second pool play game of this past Wednesday, Huskey went hitless in two at-bats as her team dropped a 6-5 decision.

Peyton Kingery, (Valley Christian/University of North Texas commit), plays for the (Anaheim) BSC Bengals Briggs. In the second game this past Tuesday, Kingery played in left field and was hitless in three at-bats against the (Kansas City) Top Gun National 25/26. The Bengals went 1-3 in the pool play games.

Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas, (La Mirada/San Diego State University), plays for

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fourth and fifth place five times each. Only boys tennis in 2023 and girls flag football last season did Norwalk finish in the final two spots.

With that said, when the powers that be decide on how many leagues they would like in the new conference, figure on Norwalk to be in the middle league, or middle two leagues in many sports while football may be grouped in with powerhouses like Downey High, La Serna High or Mayfair depending on how this upcoming season goes.

“It’s been very successful for us in the Suburban Valley Conference,” said Snyder. “And sports that get left out of it, like cross country...the first year of the Suburban Valley Conference our girls were chasing down an impressive Warren team and came in first place. Cross country has always been something Norwalk’s been good at, boys and girls.”

When it came time for the Foothill Area relegating vote on May 1, Snyder was unable to attend the event. But Norwalk principal David Olea and assistant principal Christina Moreau were in attendance. What came as a surprise to Snyder was that El Rancho High was allowed to leave the Del Rio League and join the Almont League instead of becoming a 21st school in the new conference.

With the new conference, Snyder believes his boys and girls volleyball programs, for sure, will benefit from being in a better place while he thinks his baseball and softball programs won’t feel the impact from it.

“Football could end up screwed,” he added. “They could end up in the upper [league] with La Serna, La Mirada and all those schools. La Mirada has been left lobbying heavy to get out of that upper [league]. Time will tell; we’ll know after this season is over. I just get this distinct feeling that Norwalk is going to get screwed on this.”

When it comes to the challenges that the 20 schools will face, Snyder believes the biggest challenge will be combining the 605 League, the Del Rio League, the Gateway League and the Mid-Cities league into one big conference which eventually will be divided accordingly sport by sport. He continued by saying each league has been used to doing things their own way

until next school year.

“Now, we’re more familiar, of course, with the 605 League teams,” he said. “But the Del Rio League is coming in; it’s a lot of sports, and you never know what you’re going to get as far as the A.D.’s, [and] with the coaches. In some leagues, coaches have a lot of say. We had to clamp that down this [past] year because some of the teams in the old San Gabriel Valley League...the coaches had a lot of say. They’re not the ones putting their necks out for this stuff. This is the A.D.’s.

“The A.D.’s need to have the final say on everything,” he continued. “I think it’s going to be kind of a power struggle between coaches and A.D.’s, and then A.D.’s and the other A.D.’s from the other leagues coming in. That’s what I think. I hope I’m wrong, but that’s what I think.”

One transition into the new conference that should not have much of an effect on Norwalk is the fact that many of their non-league contests in any given sport have been against the schools from the 605 League and the Del Rio League. So, when the Lancers face them in league competition, it won’t be anything new. Snyder says that it smooths things over a lot that Norwalk has played California High, Pioneer High and Whittier High a lot.

Then there’s that better than 50 percent chance that Norwalk will renew old Suburban League rivalries with Artesia High, Cerritos and John Glenn High in every sport for league games.

“We always have the rivalry with Glenn, except in football now,” said Snyder. “The [Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School] District office wants us to play La Mirada for football for the Mayor’s Trophy. We do what we’re told, but I am friends with all those A.D.’s. Todd Denhart for Cerritos is a great guy; he’s a standup dude.

“I can work with those guys; I’ve been working with those guys,” he added. “So, it’s not a bad situation to be in with this coming together of teams because with these schools, we all know each other.”

One thing Snyder was adamant about is that he looks to see what is fair for everyone and has never put his team first. He said that he’ll look to see how he can get them what they need. But no matter what happens, Snyder said he’s looking forward to seeing what happens with the new conference.

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18-Under Fireworks Power Pool, 42 teams

Zoe Barrett, (Valley Christian/Clark Atlanta University), plays for the (Downey) Nemesis Elite. In a 19-4 win over the (Olathe, KS) KC Peppers-Lazor, this past Wednesday, Barrett went three for three, scored three times and reached on a walk. Later in the day in a 9-8 loss to the (Duncanville, TX) Firecrackers DFW-Martinez, she went two for three, had a bases-clearing double in the bottom of the first inning and a solo home run on the first pitch of the fifth inning.

Alianna Calderon, (Cerritos High/Long Beach City College), plays for the (Yorba Linda) BSC Bengals-Nichols. In the first two pool play games this past Tuesday, Calderon went a combined two for five with a double and a run scored. Both hits and the run came against the (Aurora) Colorado Angels-Quimby Gold in a 5-4 victory.

16-Under Supplemental Power Pool, 70 teams

Zoe Corrales, (Cerritos), plays for the (Westminster) USA Athletics-Mathis. In an 8-0 loss to the (Pinecrest, FL) Rock Gold-Manetta this past Tuesday, Corales came in as a pinch hitter in the top of the fourth inning but did not have an at-bat.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 854

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO.852: For approval to construct, operate, and maintain an unmanned 58’-high monopine wireless telecommunication facility and related equipment, at 12545 Florence Avenue, and adopt a Notice of Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3 (Small Structures).

APPLICANT: Smartlink on behalf of Tarpon Towers.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission find that the proposed project is considered to be categorically exempt, pursuant to Section 15303 (Class 3, small structures) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because new construction of small structures is categorically exempt.

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and express their opinion on the subject item listed above. Please note that if you challenge the afore-mentioned item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the office of the Commission at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS may be submitted in writing to the Community Development Department at City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670, or otherwise e-mail your comment to the Planning Commission Secretary at esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.gov. Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning Commission hearing. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (562) 409-7550.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Cynthia Alvarez, Administrative Intern, via e-mail at: CynthiaAlvarez@santafesprings.gov or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7519.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular Meeting and conduct a Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 15, 2025**, to consider the following:

Project Description: Case No. 2022-13: Artesia Place Project: The Planning Commission will consider a Design Review application to allow the development of 120 residential three-story townhomes that include 24 lower-income affordable units and eight live/work units and a Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 83834 to develop the 120 residential units as condominiums. The Planning Commission will also consider adopting a Revised and Recirculated Environmental Impact Report. This item was previously scheduled for June 17, 2025, and July 1, 2025, and has been rescheduled for the new hearing date.

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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.

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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com ending on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Name	Unit #
Brittany Bowen	E26
Alix Cole	H68
Carrissa Snyder	A50
Patrick Ferrill	H12
Veronica Pedraza	H20
Todd Johnson	I54
Maria Morales	L35

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Self Storage Management Company Bond #: WLI1254152

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the Corona Angels-Tyson. In the first pool play game this past Tuesday, Reyes-Cardenas pitched a perfect bottom of the fifth inning, striking out one against the (Scottsville, KY) Louisville Sluggers-Wathan as part of an 11-2 victory. Later in the day, she pitched five and a third innings, scattering six hits while giving up a pair of runs, striking out two and walking three in an 8-4 win over the (Pearland, TX) Impact

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CITY OF ARTESIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council 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 Monday, July 14, 2025, to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-34: Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 2, Article 45, of the City of Artesia Municipal Code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units to comply with recent changes in State Law, and finding the action to be statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Under Public Resources Code § 21080.17.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on January 21, 2025 and voted to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance.

Project Location: Citywide within residentially zoned districts and mixed use districts that allow residential uses.

Members from the public who would like to address the City Council may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion.If you wish to provide written comments, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, by 12:00 pm on the date of the public hearing, If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.

If you challenge any action related to this public hearing in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Jennifer Alderete, Interim City Clerk at the above contacts. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35. 102-35.104 ADA Title II).

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Project Description: The project consists of establishing the Downtown Artesia Specific Plan and amending the General Plan and Zoning Code to reflect the new Specific Plan.

The Artesia Downtown Specific Plan would implement new land use, zoning, and development standards to guide the scale of future development and growth in Artesia’s Downtown district as the city prepares for the planned expansion of a new Metro light rail line (referred to as the Southeast Gateway Line Branch) that would connect southeastern Los Angeles County communities, including Artesia, to Downtown Los Angeles. The new Metro light rail line extension is anticipated to connect to Pioneer Boulevard in 2035

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on July 1, 2025, and voted to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed project.

Project Location: The Artesia Downtown Specific Plan encompasses the blocks adjoining Pioneer Boulevard to the southeast and ending at 180th Street to the north. The northern portion of the project site (north of the Southeast Gateway Line) is bounded by Alburtis Avenue and Corby Avenues to the west, 180th Street to the north, Arline Avenue to the east, and 188th Street to the south. The project site extends south of the Southeast Gateway Line to the future Pioneer Boulevard Light Rail Station and includes the area between 188th Street and the La Belle Chateau Mobile Home Park, and Pioneer Boulevard on the east and Jersey Avenue on the west.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 250651-JS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/licensee(s) are: KHANITHA CHAREUNSOUK AND SOMPHANH CHAREUNSOUK, 5465 DEL AMO BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
Doing Business as: MR & MS LIQUOR MARKET
All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/licensee(s), is/ are:
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: GUR GGG INCORPORATION, 5465 DEL AMO BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC LICENSE and is/are located at: 5465 DEL AMO BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The type of license to be transferred is/are: 21-1319 OFF SALE GENERAL now issued for the premises located at: SAME
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW BP INC, 6281 BEACH BLVD SUITE 100, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is JULY 28, 2025
The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$140,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$20,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$140,000.00; ALLOCATION TOTAL \$140,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
Dated: JUNE 19, 2025
KHANITHA CHAREUNSOUK AND SOMPHANH CHAREUNSOUK, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
GUR GGG INCORPORATION, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. 25NWCP00299
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MISTY ROSE ALVARADO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ROBERT ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ to BERT ALVARA-DO RODRIGUEZ. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date AUGUST 18, 2025, at the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650. A HEARING will be held AUGUST 18, 2025 at 8:30 AM., DEPT. R, ROOM 606. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11/25

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday July 15th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT
MICHAEL SILVAS MARTINEZ	E258

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562
Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage Inc. at 4160 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 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, July 15th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAMEUNIT #
KATHY L ONEILC22

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
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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, July 15th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAMEUNIT #
TANIA IVETT ATILANO CRUZA300
ADRIAN STEVEN GUEVARAB221
PAULA RAGONEB442 / A259 / A258 / A257

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
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CITY OF ARTESIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PLACE 2025-26
DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES ON THE
PROPERTY TAX ROLL

The City of Artesia intends to collect delinquent solid waste service charges on the tax roll at the same time as the general taxes of the City.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City Council of the City of Artesia has caused a written report to be prepared and filed with the City Clerk regarding the City’s delinquent solid waste service charges for fiscal year 2025-2026. Such report contains a description of each parcel of real property receiving solid waste services furnished by the City and the amount of the delinquent charges for each parcel for fiscal year 2025-2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. the Artesia City Council will conduct a public hearing on the above described report and the placement of the delinquent solid waste charges on the property tax roll. At the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests to the reports and the placement of the charges on the property tax roll. The hearing will be located at the Artesia City Hall Council Chambers, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701. The report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk at 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701 and available upon request.

If you wish to provide written comments, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, by 12:00 pm on the date of the public hearing, If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Artesia City Clerk’s Office at (562) 865-6262 or by email above.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ROSEL BALES AKA ROSEL TABANERA BALES
CASE NO. 25STPB07054
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROSEL BALES AKA ROSEL TABANERA BALES.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RAYNELL BALES AND ROSEMARY BALES in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RAYNELL BALES AND ROSEMARY BALES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/25/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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
J. PETER WAKEMAN, ESQ. - SBN 116317
WAKEMAN LAW GROUP, INC
4500 E. THOUSAND OAKS BLVD., #101
WESTLAKE VILLAGE CA 91362
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