

Central Basin Attorney Violated Public Records Request Act, Then Withheld Emails

Emails concern communications between Director Juan Garza and Central Basin attorney Victor Ponto, who has made questionable legal rulings favoring Garza.

By Brian Hews

Emails from a public records request sent under the Freedom of Information Act by Los Cerritos Community News are being withheld by Central Basin attorney Victor Ponto, with Ponto citing attorney-client privilege as the reason for not producing the emails.

LCCN had requested all emails from or to Director Juan Garza from February 1, 2024 to the present, which at the time was May 25, 2024.

During that time frame, emails were being exchanged concerning

two controversial Central Basin audits and GM Alex Rojas’ paid administrative leave.

Ponto, who is responsible for answering record requests, violated the FOIA by failing to answer the request in the required ten-day window on June 4.

LCCN emailed on June 4 and received no response; the next FOIA-mandated date to answer was June 18, fourteen days later. LCCN emailed again at that mark and received no response.

Finally, on June 20, after several more emails, LCCN received a response, with Ponto writing as if he had just received the request, once again violating the FOIA.

“The District will determine whether it possesses records responsive to your Request on or before July 3, 2024.”

All tolled Ponto would take 38 days to answer what was an easy request; inside sources re-

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PHOTO BY BRIAN HEWS

GARDEN’S CASINO EMPLOYEES FIGHT FOR THEIR JOBS

EMPLOYEES of The Garden’s Casino in Hawaiian Gardens traveled to Assemblyman Tri Ta’s Orange County office last week to chat with the Ta concerning Senate Bill 549, a bill that would allow California tribes to sue cardrooms claiming the cardrooms are violating the tribes’ rights. The bill would cost thousands in jobs at the cardrooms. Ta is on a committee that moved the bill forward in the Senate this week.

CA. Assembly Committee Approves Bill That Would Kill Cardroom Jobs

Bill would cut \$500 million in tax revenue statewide; California and local communities would lose \$5.6 billion in economic output and 32,000 good-paying jobs

Hawaiian Gardens, the Gardens Casino provides 78% of the city’s revenue; in Commerce, the Commerce Casino provides 50% of the city’s revenue.

But California voters are smart and rejected Prop. 26 by a two-to-one margin, but evidently, State Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) was not one of the smart ones.

Despite the severe economic consequences, Newman last year pushed a bill similar to Prop. 26, Senate Bill 549, the Tribal Declaratory Relief Act of 2023, a hurried gut-and-amend bill that would give sovereign tribal governments a new Private Attorney General Act (PAGA).

SB 549 began as a measure dealing with education, but in June 2023, Newman substituted verbiage – lifted almost word for word from Prop. 26.

California cardrooms legally operate games approved by the Attorney General. Many variations of traditional poker and California games are played. Each game is different, and each one is approved separately.

SB 549 would allow any or all these games to be challenged in court; every game would



State Senator Josh Newman authored the job-killing bill.

have to be adjudicated, meaning the judge would have to analyze the rules and implementation of the game, which could take years and clog the courts.

In a time of record deficits, SB 549 would cut \$500 million in tax revenue statewide; California and local communities would lose \$5.6 billion in economic output generated by cardrooms and 32,000 good-paying jobs that generate \$1.6 billion in wages annually.

According to the California Cardroom Alliance, the economic harm will happen quickly before any litigation is resolved. Filing the lawsuits under PAGA will immediately disrupt banking services while litigation is pending, contending that the

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517 Pounds of Illegal Fireworks Seized In Lakewood



ENFORCERS: a Deputy Sheriff and Public Safety Officer with the fireworks cache seized July 3.

This past Wednesday night, Lakewood fielded a team of Deputy Sheriffs and city Public Safety Officers who patrolled city streets and responded to reports of illegal fireworks use.

Four citations were written, with fines up to \$2,000, and 517 pounds of illegal fireworks were seized.

Lakewood officials stated that July 3 is traditionally a lighter night for illegal fireworks use and reporting, but that the city rolls out a strong presence against illegal fireworks that night in preparation for July 4th.

In other news, three were arrested in online illegal fireworks

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La Mirada to Hold Special City Council Election for District 2

A special municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 5.

Staff Report

La Mirada will hold a special election to fill the seat vacated by Andrew Sarega on November 5.

All candidates must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter residing within the City limits at the time nomination papers are issued. Candidates must also reside in Council District 2.

Candidates must make an appointment with the City Clerk to file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers.

The nomination period for candidates ends Friday, August 9.

There is no cost to be issued nomination papers. If a candidate chooses to submit a candidate statement to be printed in the Voters Information Pamphlet, there will be a \$500 fee due at the time of filing of the nomination papers and candidate statement.

Candidates are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Fair Political Practices Commission committee and campaign reporting requirements.

For FPPC information and advice, call (866) ASK FPPC or visit www.fppc.ca.gov.

For general questions about the election or to make an appointment to file nomination papers, contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 943-0131.

La Mirada's Stroll in the Park July 25

Join family and friends (and probably some local elected officials) at La Mirada's annual Stroll in the Park concert on Thursday, July 25 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Creek Park.

Creek Park is located at 12065 Santa Gertrudes Avenue, in La Mirada.

Three live performances by Pop & Soul band "Soul3Sixty," Latin, Pop, and Salsa band "Tabu," and high energy arena rock band "Typical Gypsys" will ensure all are entertained.

Several Night Market vendors will provide food options for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. and the live music begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the evening festivities.

Teen Volunteers Needed at Cerritos Library

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking responsible, dependable and enthusiastic teens to help library staff. Applications for the 2024 Fall session will be available starting Monday, July 8, 2024. The session runs from Tuesday, September 3, 2024 through Saturday, December 21, 2024.

The program is open to students ages 13 years and older attending grades 7-12 during the Fall 2024 school year. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to pass a criminal background assessment, in accordance with City policy. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteent@cerritos.us.

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Supervisors Hahn and Horvath Want to Expand Board to Nine

LOS ANGELES (CNS) - Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Lindsey Horvath unveiled a proposal last Wednesday to revamp county government, wanting to expand the Board of Supervisors from its current five members to nine.

Their proposal would also establish an independent ethics commission and make the county CEO an elected position.

Since the measure requires a change to the County Charter, the proposals will have to be approved by voters. Hahn and Horvath will present the proposal to the full board next week, with the goal of placing it on the November ballot.

“The Los Angeles County government has remained unchanged since 1912, before women had the right to vote and the population was 500,000,” according to a statement released by the supervisors announcing the proposals. “Today, five elected supervisors serve the most populous county in the nation, each representing 2 million constituents. Now is the time to reform Los Angeles County’s form of government to be responsive to our region’s greatest challenges.”

The proposals also include a commission that would review the county Charter every 10 years, creation of a Department of Budget and Management and a County Legislative Analyst, annual open departmental budget hearings and creation of a task force to oversee the implementations of the changes.

“We can no longer let a dated bureaucracy prevent us from more effectively addressing our homelessness crisis, making real progress on justice reform, or actualizing a government where Angelenos can meaningfully be at the decision-making table,” according to the supervisors’ statement. “Reform has been studied for decades -- the time to act is now. This is

the change our communities have called for and now voters have an opportunity to bring Los Angeles County into the 21st Century this November.”

Other possibilities suggested in the motion included:

- an extended process allowing more time for public review of proposed motions that go before the board for a vote, sometimes within days of being published;
- a procedure for routinely evaluating the county charter, county codes and board “parliamentary processes”;
- a review of the county’s budgeting process with an eye toward increasing “efficiency, transparency and equitable outcomes”;

The concept of expanding the board has surfaced repeatedly over the years but it has never gained traction. Voters have rejected the idea on eight different occasions.

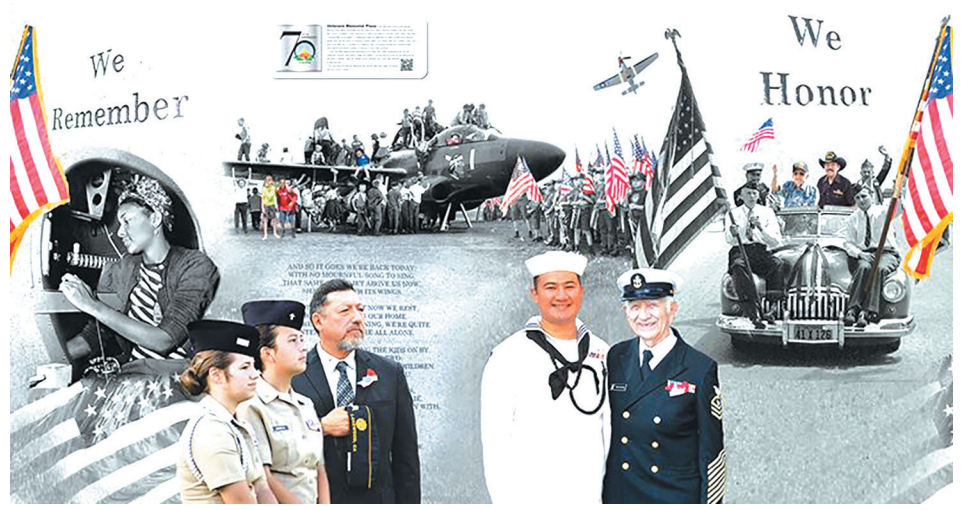
But Hahn and Supervisor Hilda Solis both advocated strongly during the February 2023 meeting for a renewed exploration of the idea.

“There was a time that five supervisors made sense,” Hahn said. “When my father (Kenneth Hahn) was elected in 1952, the county’s population was just over 4 million.”

But Hahn noted that each of the five supervisors now represent roughly 2 million people. She said her district includes 32 individual cities, along with unincorporated areas. And the vast sizes of the districts has led to challenges in ensuring proper representation for all ethnic communities, some of which are overwhelmed in districts of 2 million people.

Hahn acknowledged the repeated rejection of similar efforts by voters in the past, but said last year she is “hopeful it will be different” this time.

Lakewood’s Newest Utility Box Project Will Salute Veterans



LAKWOOD THEN AND NOW is part of the celebration of the city’s 70th anniversary of incorporation. The newest design announced will recognize military veterans.

Staff Report

Lakewood has a new project to beautify many of the utility boxes at intersections around town. The city is designing and installing wrap-around murals that blend neighborhood-focused historical photographs, generally in black and white, with colorful images of the vibrant, diverse community that is Lakewood today. In this way, Lakewood’s past and present will be woven together.

Called “Lakewood Then and Now,” the project is part of the celebration of the city’s 70th anniversary of incorporation.

Lakewood Then and Now is unrolling in phases. The first utility box was installed in late May, at the corner of Clark Avenue and South Street, with a Mayfair Park and Pan Am Fiesta theme. Lakewood has about 50 of these utility boxes, so new murals will be installed in stages in the months and years ahead until all of them have become reminders of the city’s past and present. The murals are made

of a durable material and protected by an anti-graffiti coating.

Just in time for the July 4th holiday, the newest design announced will recognize military veterans, who were a major part of the initial population of Lakewood and who continue to be honored by the community for their service.

The design will be installed on a utility box at Woodruff Avenue and Centralia Street, close to Del Valle Park, and will feature images of the park’s jet plane, veterans memorial, military veterans, Lakewood High School JROTC cadets, and a Rosie the Riveter Douglas Aircraft employee from the 1940s.

The design of each mural includes a unique QR code that links to a page on the city’s website. The page captions the photos in that mural and provides historical notes about the surrounding neighborhood. The Del Valle Park area mural is expected to be installed in a few weeks, and the webpage for it will be available at that time.

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games are not legal. This will impact cities, 30,000 cardroom employees, and the large and small business owners who sell goods or provide services to cardrooms.

Despite Prop. 26 losing by a 2-1 margin, and all the bad economic and job data, California Assembly's Governmental Organization Committee, Chaired by Asm. Blanca Rubio (D-West Covina), voted 15-1 to move Senate Bill 549, out of committee and to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, dealing a blow to privately owned cardrooms in California.

Chair Rubio and Vice-Chair Tom Lackey (D-Palmdale) took the low road, registering "Not Voting" on the roster, as did Mike Gipson (D-Gardena), who has private cardrooms in his district.

The bill now moves to the Asm. Appropriations Committee.

Keith Sharp, President of the California Cardroom Alliance told Los Cerritos Community News, "We are disappointed with the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee's decision to prioritize the interests of wealthy tribal casinos over the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Californians who depend on cardroom jobs and the cities that rely on this revenue. SB 549 poses serious risks to these communities by allowing tribal nations to sue law-abiding California businesses without granting these businesses similar legal protections. This imbalance threatens the local economies supported by cardrooms. Despite facing a \$9 billion industry, we remain committed to advocating for our jobs and communities."

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veal LCCN that emails on CB's system can be searched and found very quickly.

But not all emails were produced with Ponto citing attorney-client privilege. Attorney-client privilege typically applies to confidential communications between an attorney and their client made for the purpose of obtaining or providing legal advice. In the context of a public agency, the "client" is usually the agency itself rather than any individual board member.

But the privilege is likely moot; at the time of the emails, Ponto was CB General Manager, rendering all emails open to a records request, yet Ponto wants to produce only some.

LCCN emailed all CB Board members, along with Ponto and Lopes, without a response.

Where is the L.A. District Attorney?

As for Ponto, this was not his first foray into allowing illegal public agency votes.

LCCN published an investigative article last week outlining how Ponto was jumping from different public agency roles from 2023 to '24, like Leonard DiCaprio in the Steven Spielberg movie Catch Me If You Can.

And when Ponto was hired by an agency, Brown Act and Government Code violations soon followed, just like at CB.

Illegal Vote 1:

In Feb. 2019, the Adelanto City Council, with Ponto as its attorney, placed City Manager Jessie Flores on paid administrative leave pending the results of an internal investigation.

The move was done in closed session with a non-agendized vote, as reported by the Victorville Daily Press.

Ponto later informed the public that the Flores item was an emergency walk-on, requiring immediate action without notice. Ponto did not provide a reason for the

council's decision regarding Flores.

The VDP criticized Ponto's actions, and two council members informed the VDP that they had no knowledge the vote on Flores' was scheduled.

Flores was eventually rehired in an open session. In contrast to when Ponto placed Flores on leave in a closed session, he did not announce that the discussion to reinstate Flores was an emergency walk-on item.

Illegal Vote 2:

The Flores vote was exactly the scenario Ponto used to hire Central Basin's current GM Elaine Jeng, who, in emails obtained by LCCN, has made it very clear will not abide by chain-of-command rules, already making decisions that are clearly under Board purview.

At a May 2024 Central Basin Special Meeting, Ponto allowed Directors Juan Garza and Martha Camacho Rodriguez to walk on a non-agendized item to hire Jeng.

Just like Adelanto, and Monday's Garza motion to remove Chacon, Ponto defended his decision by calling it an emergency walk on item; this time Garza had enough votes and they hired Jeng.

In addition to the Brown Act violations, Ponto's maneuvers at Adelanto and Central Basin violated Government Code 54956 which states, "any action to approve the contract of a local agency executive [Jeng] must be taken at a regular board meeting and cannot be approved at a special meeting of the board."

Illegal Vote to Hire Ponto:

Prior to becoming Central Basin's attorney in December 2023, Ponto was already putting a lot of miles on his car as California City's attorney; "Cal City" is near Mojave City about 120 miles north of Los Angeles off the 14 freeway.

Like Adelanto, Ponto's hiring at Cal City occurred under a cloud. Ponto had "been asked to leave" from his position at Los Angeles-based Olivarez Madruga so

he moved to Burke, Williams, Sorensen – taking his paying clients with him – and was then hired by the City Council.

The Cal City's Council vote to hire Ponto was finalized in a special meeting violating the Brown Act. The Mojave Desert News wrote, "an executive position selected to the city attorney must be approved by the City Council in open session at a regular meeting."

According to the Mojave Desert News, one councilmember said she felt the city was being used as a bargaining chip for the revenue coming with Ponto and that the move was due to the Ponto changing from Olivarez to Burke.

Just a few weeks later, in January 2024, Ponto was appointed as interim City Manager for Cal City when City Manager Michele Martinez resigned citing "concerns for her safety due to threats from outside influencers."

Similar to the Cal City Council, Ponto was hired in December 2023 under a cloud at Central Basin. After a new board majority led by the now-retired Michael Gualtieri and current Director Juan Garza inexplicably fired Bob Baker, who had guided the agency competently, they hired Ponto.

Illegal vote 4:

Just weeks later, like he did at Adelanto, Ponto sanctioned an illegal vote to place then-GM Rojas on leave. Under Central Basin's Administrative Code, the vote required a 4/5ths majority of the board and 6 out of 7 votes under Rojas' personal employment contract; neither vote number was met.

Yet, just like he did with the hiring of Jeng, Ponto ruled the vote numbers were lawful, allowed the vote, and placed Rojas on leave. Then-President Michael Gualtieri then immediately led the charge to appoint Ponto as Central Basin General Manager.

At that time, Ponto was City Manager, General Manager and General Counsel at three different public agencies.

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Body Found in Storm Drain Off 91 Freeway in Artesia Identified

A 25-year-old man whose body was discovered in a storm drain off the eastbound Artesia (91) Freeway in Artesia was identified last Tuesday by the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner.



Nicolas Quesada from family's Gofundme page.

The discovery was reported about 6:15 p.m. last Saturday just east of Pioneer Boulevard, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics responded and confirmed the victim died at the scene.

He was later identified by the medical examiner as Nicolas Quesada.

Crime Summary

La Mirada

June 24-30, 2024

Notable Arrests

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

Aggravated Assault

• An assault was reported on the 15500 block of La Fortuna Dr. This incident is still under investigation.

Arson

• An arson occurred on the 14400 block of Gardenhill Dr. The incident is an ongoing investigation.

Other Structure Burglary

• A burglary was reported on the 16300 block of Phoebe Ave.
• An early morning burglary occurred on the 14300 block of Industry Cir.

Vehicle Burglary

• Two afternoon vehicle burglaries occurred on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.

Grand Theft

• Tools were reported stolen on the 14500 block of Alondra Blvd.
• A theft was reported on the 13800 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

• A sedan was reported stolen on the 14000 block of Belcher St.
• An attempt vehicle theft was reported on the 15800 block of Alicante Rd.
• An afternoon theft of a sedan occurred on the 16000 block of Orsa Dr.
• An early morning theft of a SUV occurred on the 15000 block of Stanton Ave.
• A van was reported stolen on the 14900 block of Valeda Dr.

Lakewood Equestrian Center in Danger of Closing

By Brian Hews

More than 100 horses are in danger of being displaced, including some that are too old to be moved and would need to be euthanized, after Lakewood announced it could no longer afford to run the Lakewood Equestrian Center.

But after three hours of input from a capacity crowd of the center's supporters, the council decided to take one more stab at finding a way to keep it open.

The Center is a 19-acre holdover before the post-World War II economic boom paved the way for urbanization with mass-produced houses.

The Center also houses miniature horses and some mules. Some of the horses are old and have been retired, while others are used for training.

Part of the land the equestrian center sits on is owned by the county. Another portion is owned by SCE.

The city has announced plans to wipe the equestrian center out and build a park with pickleball courts.

The City Council halted their vote on the issue to give people more time to come up with a proposal for taking it over, but the facility needs at least \$6 million in repairs and SCE is owed more than \$40,000 on the lease.

"We have nowhere else to go," Noah Grove, who boards his animals at the facility, told KTLA's Jennifer McGraw. "Huntington Beach Equestrian Center, they are full and have a 35-horse waitlist. I'm actually from Huntington Beach.

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Lakewood's Special Assignment Team operation targeted individuals offering illegal fireworks for sale on social media.

Deputies posed as buyers and responded to online ads offering illegal fireworks for sale in the Lakewood area.

Each seller responded, agreeing to meet with the "buyers." When the sellers brought the illegal fireworks to complete the sale, they were arrested for possession and sale of dangerous fireworks.

Two of the suspects face felony charges because they possessed more than 100 pounds and a third faced a misdemeanor charge. All three suspects were booked at Lakewood Sheriff's Station.

The Sheriff's Department has made more than 10 illegal fireworks busts.



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Double the Benefit of Every Gardening Task

By Melinda Myers

You can double the benefit of every gardening task while keeping your garden looking its best. You'll reduce your workload, help your landscape flourish, and have more time to enjoy its beauty.

Don't spend time and energy bagging and hauling landscape trimmings to the recycling center. Put it to work in your garden.

Use shredded leaves, evergreen needles, herbicide-free grass clippings, or other pest- and weed-free organic material as mulch.

Spread a one-to-two-inch layer of these materials over the soil around annual and perennial flowers and vegetables.

Spreading organic mulch over the soil surface helps conserve moisture, suppress weeds, moderate soil temperatures, protect the soil during heavy rains, and improve the soil as it breaks down.

Besides all these benefits you'll be burning calories and strengthening your

muscles.

Convert larger tree and shrub trimmings into wattle fences, arbors, or plant supports.

Or chip them into mulch to spread around trees and shrubs or as pathways throughout the landscape.

You don't need to buy a chipper but may want to team up with your neighbors to rent one.

Maintain a two-to-three-inch layer of mulch around these plants. Keep the mulch away from the tree trunks and crowns of the plants.

Still more landscape trimmings? Start a compost pile if your municipality allows it. Transform plant-based kitchen scraps and landscape trimmings into a valuable soil amendment. Do not add meat, fat, or bones that can attract rodents.

Avoid adding weeds gone to seed, perennial weeds like quackgrass and bindweed, and plants infected with disease or insects. Most gardeners do not compost at high enough temperatures to kill these organisms, so they get added back to the garden with the compost.

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Artesia High graduates, another senior-to-be, have etched footprints in softball program

By Loren Kopff
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It may sound like the law firm of Medina, Soto and Torres, but instead, those three softball players have kept the Artesia High program strong for the past four seasons. Now, as Vanessa Torres and Maya Torres set their eyes on collegiate softball next month, Alea Medina hopes to be the leader next spring in her senior season of a program that has been building since 2019.

Behind the growth of these players has been head coach Ed Blanck, who after four successful seasons, recently announced his retirement from not only the school, but his travel softball team. Medina, Soto and Torres have each batted no worse than .364 the past two seasons at Artesia and last summer they were the top three hitters for their travel team, the (Lakewood) Southern California Athletics-Rivera/Blanck.

"It's been a blessing to tell you, because the talents that you get to come into high school are pretty rare," said Blanck. "Then when you get good talent like this, it's an absolute pleasure. With those three girls, they have been a great help in teaching [the other players]. It was awesome."

Torres has been pulling double duty for the Pioneers as she has been a strength in the circle as one of the top pitchers of the 605 League in addition to swinging a hot bat. As a junior, Torres batted .446, had 33 hits, 23 runs batted in, scored 16 runs and was walked 13 times. This past season, she was second on the team with a .448 average, scored 29 times, had 25 RBI and

smacked a team-high seven home runs. In the circle, she went 9-6 for a team that finished 13-8-1, the third straight season the Pioneers won at least 10 games. Torres was also the league's Most Valuable Pitcher.

Last summer, Torres led the So Cal Athletics with a .405 average, had 17 hits and was walked 10 times and in 15 games played this summer, she is batting .393 with 11 hits, three of which for extra bases, has nine RBI and just as many runs scored and has drawn 11 walks. In 28 at-bats, she has struck out just once.

"Maya, on her pitching, needed to work harder," said Blanck. "And then I needed her to concentrate on every pitch. That was hard to do sometimes in the 605 League because some of the teams aren't as strong. And she can play anywhere on the infield."

Torres, who will be playing at Whittier College, said her time at Artesia has been 'pretty fun' and she had an idea of what to expect and what it was going to be like after watching her older sister, Charlene Fregoso, don the red and black from 2017-2020.

"I tried to work as hard as I can to be able to help my high school team," said Torres. "I wanted us to get far in [the playoffs this past season] and make a name for ourselves. We didn't exactly get far, but we definitely made a name for ourselves these past couple of years."

Soto batted .449 as a junior with 35 hits, 27 RBI, and 23 runs but led the Pioneers with 27 RBI this past season. She also scored 28 runs, which was second on the team and was second last summer with a .357 average and scored 10 runs. Soto was a 605 League first team member this past season.

"I've gone through a lot with her as far as high school, getting her eligible to play," said Blanck. "Then this year...wow, she finally matured and got everything going. She played behind the plate and at third base. Hitting-wise, she led in RBI's and



PHOTO BY LOREN KOPEFF

PLAYERS: (l-r) Vanessa Soto, Alea Medina, and Maya Torres have helped Artesia High stay near the top of the 605 League. They are also key components of the (Lakewood) Southern California Athletics-Rivera/Blanck travel team.

had very solid hits. With her, it was like, 'aww, I didn't get a good hit'. But I would tell her she had two RBI. I worked with her on that aspect of the game, which is going to...I'm telling you, [Orange Coast Community College], where she's going to go, is going to be so happy when they get her."

"Memorable, to say the least," said Soto of her time at Artesia. "I think the memories of the team have been the greatest part of my whole softball experience. I loved our roster and all the girls...we just played together so nicely. We knew how to communicate well because we had that communication on and off the field. It was great."

Medina, who admitted she wished she had one more year with Soto and Torres, shined as a sophomore when she batted

.474, had 36 hits, scored 41 runs, was walked 18 times and stole 22 bases. This past season, she was third on the team with a .414 average and 34 runs. Her patience at the plate was nearly spot on as she drew 24 walks and stole another 22 bases. She too was a 605 League first team member.

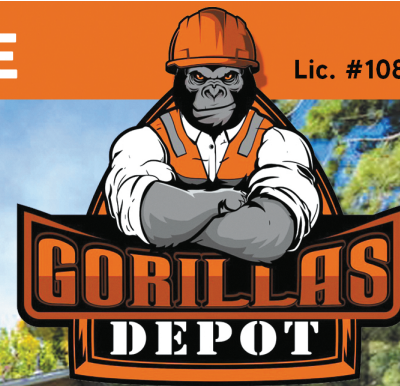
"Alea didn't have any confidence in herself," Blanck recalls. "I kept giving her positive feedback. It took me a year to get her on my travel ball team because she didn't think she was good enough for my travel ball team. I kept telling her, 'yes, you're going to be my starting outfielder'. Finally, it took a lot of talking and then she came out and as you can tell, she has that positive attitude and it's getting stronger and stronger now that she's [going to be]

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a senior. Her aggressiveness at bat and stealing bases is awesome.”

“We’ve been knowing this was going to happen,” said Medina of the others graduating last month. “I do feel like I’m being left behind, but we’ve had good times together. I’m just making sure not to take any of these weekends for granted and just looking forward to the rest of the [summer] with them.

“It’s been amazing,” she continued on her Artesia career. “I grew up playing with these girls, so we all clicked immediately. The bond was there from the beginning.”

In 15 games this summer, Medina is batting a solid .406 with 13 hits, has scored 15 runs and has drawn 10 walks. She leads the So Cal Athletics with eight walks. Blanck said he saw a growth and maturity when the three came to Artesia in the fall of 2020 (2021 for Medina).

“As a high school coach, I gave them roles of responsibility and held them accountable for who they were responsible for,” said Blanck. “So, like Vanessa, she’s a catcher and she worked with the catchers. In that aspect, teaching the junior varsity catchers how to block, how to throw. Maya, I used as a pitcher to show the j.v. girls how to pitch and the other girls on varsity who came in.”

As far as Torres being held accountable for the pitchers early in her high school career, she said it wasn’t too much of a surprise.

“I’ve done that before, and it was pretty nice being able to help my teammates,” said Torres. “I knew I was up for the expectation because I had already known some of the pitchers.”

“At first, I never interpreted myself as being a leader,” said Soto. “I knew I was one of the ones who was able to pump up the girls when needed and I knew that I was that person who could get their energy up.”

He added that Medina was accountable for the outfielders and taught them how to throw the ball and how to run angles.

“It honestly made me feel good and it just made feel like leader on the team,” said Medina. “Being as young as I was, it helped me with my confidence a lot. My freshman year, I was playing on a different travel ball team, the USA Athletics, and I wasn’t playing. I was on the bench every single game. So, going into my freshman year, I had nothing because I wasn’t playing.

“It was a rough start for me, but throughout the season, it got a lot easier because Coach Ed knew the type of player I was,” she continued. “He just helped me build up that confidence again. He made me the player I am now.”

If having Medina, Soto and Torres on the So Cal Athletics wasn’t enough, two more recent Artesia graduates are also on the team. Irma Gonzalez, who batted .363, scored 25 runs and had 18 RBI and Melissa Mendoza, who was fourth in average (.393), had 18 RBI and scored 18 runs, have been vital for the Pioneers and the So Cal Athletics. Torres, who has known Gonzalez for a long time, said she knew all five of them would be at the same high school, but as far as being teammates for the So Cal Athletics, that was kind of a coincidence, but not exactly a surprise, in her words.

“Irma was another one that didn’t have confidence in herself,” said Blanck. “I had to keep reminding her how good she was. When she finally started believing it, then those RBI’s would come up. She batted second in my lineup [at Artesia] and she was part of Alea scoring. I could sacrifice her because she was also fast. If I could get those two on, I know I’m going to get a run.”

But still, Medina, Soto and Torres have been the backbone of the program and have been the most prolific trio the Pioneers

have seen in at least a quarter of a century.

“I’ve been playing with Vanessa since the sixth grade, so we’ve been together for awhile now,” said Torres. “And Alea, I’ve known since my second [recreation] ball team. So, we’ve already had that bond coming into high school and I knew they were both reliable players that I could count on. If I needed them, they would be there, not just for me, but for the entire team.”

“I was not expecting to come to [the So Cal Athletics] coming into high school,” said Medina. “But I think knowing that I had girls from high school coming to this team made it a lot easier of a decision, and I don’t regret that decision. I love that we brought more girls to the team.”

Blanck, who is in his 70s, leaves Artesia with a 45-35-1 record and of the 10 head coaches the program has had since 1998, he is the only one with a winning record. It should be noted that in the past 27 seasons, the Pioneers have had five seasons in which they were above .500. His 45 victories are second behind ex-Artesia great Dayna Coleman (Feenstra), who compiled a 59-67 mark over seven seasons.

The reason Blanck is leaving Artesia is because he retired from his profession five years ago to coach the Pioneers and remain in softball. He had also been involved with the Artesia Punishers travel organization for many years before joining forces with Tim Rivera, who was also involved with the Punishers.

“I want to start enjoying my retirement, not that coaching high school was not fun,” he chuckled. “I had a great time coaching it; I wanted to experience that. When I retired, I wanted to coach high school. Well, I did it and now I’m 71 and I want to enjoy my RV.”

“Coach Ed had been asking me since my freshman year to join the So Cal Athletics,” Soto recalled. “I was still stuck with my other [travel] team, the (Buena Park) Orange County Strikeforce and I was little hesitant because he had an 18-Under team, and I didn’t know if I was ready for that. But I got to play with the girls and honestly, I don’t regret any decisions I’ve made because this team is great and the coaches are great.”

Blanck admitted he almost stayed one more season because of Medina. But, his daughter, who played for the Punishers in the early 2000s, is moving to South Carolina and needs her father to help her with the cross-country move. Blanck also has four grandchildren out that way, so as he put it, “it’s a perfect time where I’m going to go help with my family”.

“They are the best kids I’ve ever coached,” said Blanck. “When great athletes like them respect you and listen to you and pay attention and do what you ask, what can you expect? These girls are going to be achievers in college and they’re going to be awesome.”

The So Cal Athletics are hoping to land a spot in the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships later this month. Blanck is also hoping to get Medina signed to a college, which she has already been looked at by several institutions.

Now, with most of the core group having graduated and Blanck retiring from coaching, it’s up to Medina and soon to be senior Kaleyse Foster to be the focal point of the Pioneers so they can pass the torch off to next season’s underclassmen.

“Me and Kaleyse had said that if my sister [assistant coach and former Artesia standout Alyssa Medina] wasn’t coaching, that we weren’t going to play softball anymore because Coach Ed is an amazing coach,” said Medina. “He built up that program. It’s hard, but we made the decision that we’re going to keep playing; we’re going to finish it out because you just can’t stop. We want to keep the program going, keep building it up and make those [underclassmen] keep the program going.”

TRAVEL SOFTBALL UPDATE: Area athletes wrapping up TCIC, more playing in another prestigious tournament

By Loren Kopff
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The travel softball scene shifted to the popular Triple Crown Sports Colorado Fourth of July Sparkler and Fireworks Tournament, which ends Sunday, and several area players are a part of one or both of those events.

This is the 55th Fireworks Tournament and the 22nd year for the Sparkler Tournament. Catcher Rebecca Eckart (La Mirada High/University of Notre Dame) represented Team Mexico in the TCIC, which won all three of its pool play games, then defeated Team Italy 7-2 in the single elimination playoffs before falling to Team Cuba 3-1 this past Sunday.

Last Friday, Eckart was hitless in one at-bat but drew a walk in a 10-2 victory. Immediately after the win, Team Mexico blasted Team Netherlands 12-2 as Eckart went two for three, drove in a pair of runs and scored once. She had a run-scoring double in the bottom of the first to begin the scoring and scored two pitches later.

Last Saturday morning, Eckart didn’t play as Team Mexico eased past Team Germany 9-2, but this past Sunday morning against Team Italy, Eckart went three for three before going one for three in the semifinal loss to Team Cuba.

In the bronze medal game against Team Japan, Eckart was hitless in one at-bat and drew a walk in a 13-1 setback.

Representing Team Chinese Taipei, which split its first two pool play games, is Valley Christian High pitcher and outfielder Rachel Zhang. Last Friday morning, Team Chinese Taipei fell to Team Philippines 8-3 as Zhang was hitless in her lone at-bat and gave up just one hit in two innings of striking out four batters.

But she gave up four runs and walked two as all the damage off Zhang was in the bottom of the first inning. Right after the game, Zhang was a spectator as Team Chinese Taipei got past Team Dominican Republic 10-8.

Trailing 4-0 after half an inning, Team Chinese Taipei scored six times in the bottom of the first and added two more in each of the next two innings. Last Saturday morning, Zhang pitched four innings, struck out four, gave up two hits and an unearned run as part of a 4-4 tie against Team Canada. She would also go hitless in her one at-bat.

Later in the day, Zhang again went hitless in her only at-bat as her team fell to

the Chinese Taipei National Team 4-3. In the Triple Crown Sports 16-Under National Power Pool of the Sparkler and Fireworks Tournament, V.C. catcher Peyton Kingery is with her (Riverside) BSC Bengals-Briggs team that defeated the (Beech Grove) Indiana Magic Gold-Moore/Carmichael 7-5 and the (Kanehoe) LK Black Hawai’i 20-17 this past Tuesday before falling to the (Wentzville, MO) Unity-Slezak 17-8 this past Wednesday.

Kingery did not have an at-bat against the Indiana Magic but combined to go four for seven with three RBI and a run scored in the next two games.

Gahr High’s Malaia Huskey and V.C.’s Branna Ramirez play for the (Fountain Valley) Explosion-Kim/Adame which defeated the (Bensenville, IL) Chicago Cheetahs-Connolly 5-2 before falling to the (Mesa) Arizona Storm National-Appel 6-4 this past Tuesday. The Explosion then lost to the LK Black Hawai’i 11-6 this past Wednesday. Huskey went one for two and drove in a run in the first game.

Angelina Ratzlaff of La Mirada and Katherine Villegas of Cerritos play for the (Westminster) USA Athletics Gold-Rogers, which lost its first four games by a combined score of 44-19. Ratzlaff went a combined two for 10 on those games with a double, run scored and two RBI.

In the 18-Under Supplemental Pool, the Corona Angels-Tyson is home to La Mirada pitcher Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas, a San Diego State University commit. The Corona Angels squeaked past the (Pearland, TX) Impact Gold-Jackson 2-1 before falling to the (Chino Hills) Orange County Batbusters-Stith 15-8 this past Tuesday. Reyes-Cardenas worked one inning, gave up two hits and two earned runs.

V.C.’s Zoe Barrett and Choyce Chambers are with the (Downey) Nemesis Elite Gold, which split a pair of games this past Wednesday in the 18-Under Fireworks Power Pool. In a 16-8 loss to the (Littleton) Colorado Batbusters-Acree, Chambers went two for three, drove in a run and scored a run while Barrett was hitless in one at-bat coming off the bench. The Nemesis then defeated the (Rocklin, CA) Hype Fastpitch-Watson as Chambers went one for three and scored a run while Barrett went two for two and had two RBI.

The (Garden Grove) West Coast Lady Dukes-Blanco, with La Mirada’s Alyssa Avila and Angelyna Conde, won a pair of games this past Tuesday. In an 11-7 win over the (Tucson) Impulse-Nielson, Conde went three for four, scored twice and drove in a run with a solo home run in the top of the fifth inning. In a 9-8 win over the (Savage, MN) Catalyst National MN, Conde went three for four, scored four times and had two RBI on a home run in the top of the seventh while Avila had a top of the fifth inning double and later scored.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Artesia on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the following officers:

Two (2) Members of the City Council Full Term of Four Years

The nomination period for these offices begins on Monday, July 15, 2024, and closes on Friday, August 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. If an incumbent fail to file his or her nomination by the close of filing, the filing period will be extended for five (5) days for all non-incumbents, ending Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

If no one or only one (1) person is nominated for an elective office, the City Council, at a regular or special meeting held before the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election may adopt one of the following courses of action as prescribed by Elections Code Section 10229: (1) if only one person is nominated, appoint the nominated person to the office; (2) if no one has been nominated, appoint eligible electors to the office; or (3) if either no one or only two persons have been nominated, hold the General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024.

The polls, vote centers and/or vote-by-mail drop-off boxes shall be open and the procedures for submitting votes-by-mail or votes at polls and vote centers shall be in accordance with those times and procedures established by the County of Los Angeles, except as otherwise provided in the Elections Code of the State of California.

/s/ Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

Dated, July 5, 2024

Posted at City Hall and Albert O. Little Community Center on July 5, 2024

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CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & CEQA EXEMPTION
A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO AMEND PART 4 (R-3, R-4 MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICTS) AND PART 6-A (MU, MU-DT AND MU-TOD, MIXED USE ZONE DISTRICTS) WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING) OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

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

PROJECT: A Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) to amend Part 4 (R-3, R-4 Multiple-Family Residential Zone Districts) and Part 6-A (MU, MU-DT, and MU-TOD, Mixed-Use Zone Districts) within Title 15 (Land Use), Chapter 155 (Zoning) of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code to comply with State Housing Element requirements.

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

APPLICANT: City of Santa Fe Springs

CEQA STATUS: The Zone Text Amendment is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the common sense exemption, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment" as defined in Public Resources Code section 21068 and in CEQA Guidelines, section 15382, as being a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment. Consequently, no other environmental documents are required by law.

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and express their opinion on the items listed above. Please note that if you challenge the aforementioned items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence 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 the Planning Commission Secretary, Esmeralda Elise, at: esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.org. Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning Commission meeting. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (562) 868-0511 ext. 7550.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Laurel Reimer, Planning Consultant, via e-mail at: LaurelReimer@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7054.

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Hawaiian Gardens on Tuesday, **November 5, 2024**, for the purpose of electing two (2) Members of the City Council for the full term of four years.

The nomination period for these offices begins on **Monday, July 15, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.** and closes on **Friday, August 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the City of Hawaiian Gardens are not filed by **August 9, 2024** (the 88th day before the election) the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, **August 14, 2024**, to nominate candidates other than the person(s) who are the incumbents on the 88th day before the election, for that incumbent's elective office. This extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by § 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, Elections Department will determine the days and hours of operations for Vote Centers (polls) throughout the County. 11-day Vote Centers open on October 26, 2024, and 4-day Vote Centers open on November 2, 2024. Voters can find a Vote Center at www.LAvote.gov.

On November 5, 2024, Election Day Vote Centers (polls) will be opened from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 BERYL K. BROOKS
 CASE NO. 24STPB07168

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BERYL K. BROOKS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRYON P. BROOKS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRYON P. BROOKS 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: 07/25/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & CEQA EXEMPTION
A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTIONS 155.865 (APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE) AND 155.866 (CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR APPEAL) WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING), OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

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

PROJECT: A Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) to amend Sections 155.865 (Appeal and Effective Date) and 155.866 (City Council to Hear Appeal) within Title 15 (Land Use), Chapter 155 (Zoning), of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code.

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: Citywide, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

APPLICANT: City of Santa Fe Springs

CEQA STATUS: The Zone Text Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations).

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and express their opinion on the item listed above. Please note that if you challenge the aforementioned item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence 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 the Planning Commission Secretary Esmeralda Elise at EsmeraldaElise@santafesprings.org. Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning Commission meeting. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (562) 868-0511 ext. 7550.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Vince Velasco, Senior Planner, via e-mail at: VinceVelasco@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7353.

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CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & CEQA EXEMPTION
A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO AMEND TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING) AND CHAPTER 157 (WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES) REGARDING NONCONFORMING SITUATIONS, OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

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

PROJECT: A Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) to amend Sections 155.062, 155.380, 155.450, 155.456, 155.460, 155.461, 155.535, AND 155.637, AND REPLACE SECTIONS 155.385 THROUGH 155.404 (NONCONFORMING USES) WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING) OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND TO AMEND SECTION 157.03 WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 157 (WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES), OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

APPLICANT: City of Santa Fe Springs

CEQA STATUS: The Zone Text Amendment is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the common sense exemption, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment" as defined in Public Resources Code section 21068 and in CEQA Guidelines, section 15382, as being a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment. Consequently, no other environmental documents are required by law.

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and express their opinion on the items listed above. Please note that if you challenge the aforementioned items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence 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 the Planning Commission Secretary, Esmeralda Elise, at: esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.org. Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning Commission meeting. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (562) 868-0511 ext. 7550.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Laurel Reimer, Planning Consultant, via e-mail at: LaurelReimer@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7054.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 THOMAS LEE GILLESPIE
 CASE NO. 24STPB07170

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of THOMAS LEE GILLESPIE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JANIS GILLESPIE AND JON GILLESPIE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JANIS GILLESPIE AND JON GILLESPIE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/07/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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 PLACENITA CA 92870
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 LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR SITE CLEARING OF SIX EXISTING STRUCTURES AT 11462 AND 11504 178TH ST. ARTESIA, CA [THE "PROJECT"]

BID NUMBER: 2024-109

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701 up to 4:00 p.m., August 6, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting the City of Artesia's website at: https://www.cityofartesia.us/bids.aspx

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT. A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit will be on July 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at 11462 178th St. in Artesia, Ca. 90701. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder's Bid non-responsive. No allowances for cost adjustments will be made if a Bidder fails to adequately examine the Project site before submitting a Bid.

PREQUALIFICATION. The City will only accept Bids from Bidders who have been prequalified for the Project. Any Bid received from a Bidder who has not been prequalified for the Project will be returned unopened. Please contact Leslie Nacionales-Tafuya at (562) 865-6262, Extension 246, or by email at lnacionales-tafuya@cityofartesia.us prior to bid submission in order to prequalify for the Project.

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

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

BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class B Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission. The successful Contractor must also possess or obtain a current City business license.

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

BIDDING PROCESS. The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

By: Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk Date 7/5/24 & 7/12/24

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CITY OF LA MIRADA STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2023-07 NEIGHBORHOOD SLURRY SEAL AREA 5

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2023-07. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC) at https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online. Work includes roadway slurry seal including providing traffic control, crack sealing, weed abatement, Type II Latex Slurry Seal, and installation of pavement striping and markings in the City of La Mirada.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on July 30, 2024. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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CITY OF BELLFLOWER NOTICE OF ELECTION

TAKE NOTICE that a Special and General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Bellflower on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the following officers:

For three Members of the City Council

Council District 1 – Short term of two years Council Districts 2 and 4 – Full term of four years

Declaration of Candidacy forms will be made available not earlier than July 15, 2024, and not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024, at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 during regular business hours. Any person seeking to obtain or file nomination documents should contact the City Clerk's Office via phone at (562) 804-1424, extension 2220 or via email at cclerk@bellflower.org. City Hall regular business hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; and alternating Fridays, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be closed on Fridays, July 19 and August 2, 2024.

If nomination papers for a Council Member whose term is expiring are not filed by August 9, 2024, then the voters will have until 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2024, to nominate candidates, other than that incumbent Council Member.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made pursuant to Elections Code § 10229.

Vote Centers (the polls) will be open on Election Day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The number of vote centers and the number of days vote centers will be open before Election Day in the City of Bellflower are yet to be determined by the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk.

Persons requiring multilingual assistance regarding information in this notice may contact the City Clerk's Office.

Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk Dated: July 2, 2024

For a translated version of this notice or more information regarding this election, please visit www.bellflower.org or contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2220.

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Untuk versi terjemahan pemberitahuan ini atau informasi lainnya terkait pemilihan ini, harap buka www.bellflower.org atau hubungi Kantor Sekretaris Kota di nomor (562) 804-1424, ekstensi 2220.

このお知らせの翻訳版やこの選挙に関する詳細情報をご希望の方は、www.bellflower.orgをご覧ください。市書記官事務所に電話 ((562) 804-1424 内線 2220) でお問い合わせください。

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Para obtener la versión de este aviso en otro idioma o la información adicional sobre las elecciones, visite el sitio web www.bellflower.org o póngase en contacto con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal al (562) 804-1424, ext. 2220.

Para sa isinaling bersyon ng abisong ito o higit pang impormasyon tungkol sa halalan na ito, mangyaring bumisita sa www.bellflower.org o makipag-ugnayan sa Tanggapan ng Klerk ng Lungsod sa (562) 804-1424, ext. 2220.

หากต้องการหนังสือแจ้งนี้เป็นฉบับแปลหรือข้อมูลเพิ่มเติมเกี่ยวกับกาเลือกตั้ง โปรดเข้าไปที่ www.bellflower.org หรือติดต่อสำนักงานปลัดเทศบาลที่หมายเลข (562) 804-1424 ต่อ 2220

如需本通知的翻譯版本或有關於本選舉的更多資訊，請查閱網站 www.bellflower.org，或聯繫市書記官辦公室，電話：(562) 804-1424，分機 2220。

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CITY OF LA MIRADA STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2023-08 SLURRY SEAL OF IMPERIAL HIGHWAY FROM WICKER DRIVE TO EAST CITY LIMITS, AND ARTESIA BOULEVARD FROM VALLEY VIEW AVENUE TO KNOTT AVENUE

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2023-08. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC) at https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29. Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online. Work includes roadway slurry seal including providing traffic control, crack sealing, weed abatement, Type II Latex Slurry Seal, and installation of pavement striping and markings in the City of La Mirada.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11:15 a.m. on July 30, 2024. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF 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 16th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

Table with 2 columns: NAME and UNIT#. Rows include HERNANDEZ, LAURA YESSENIA (A118), HOSANG, BRANDON STEVEN (B328), JONES, CHARLES JERMAINE (B485), PADILLA, MIGUEL (B780), SMALLEY, DAISHAWN LEE (B212).

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. Publication Dates: 06/28/24 & 07/05/2024

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ACCESS SERVICES
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

BID NO. 20240501-4398
VARIOUS REPAIRS AT THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Notice is hereby given that Access Services ("Access") will receive sealed bids up to, but not later than **3:00 PM (PT) on August 6, 2024**, for the award of a contract for:

Bid No. 20240501-4398 - Various Repairs at the Eligibility Center in Commerce, CA

All bids shall be on the form provided by Access. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract and Bid Documents.

All bids shall be made and presented on forms furnished by Access. Bids shall be received at Access Services, located at 3449 Santa Anita Ave., 2nd Floor, El Monte, CA 91731 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time.

Sealed bids are to be either hand delivered or sent via courier services, USPS does not deliver to the above address. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the bidder.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and jobwalk will be conducted on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM (PT) at Access Services' Eligibility Center (Bidders are to meet at the front entrance) located at 5747 Rickenbacker Rd., Commerce, CA 90040. The site visit is expected to last less than one hour. Contractors are required to attend the jobwalk.

Each Bidder shall possess at the time that this Contract is awarded, a Class A or B or D-8/D-28 or C-10 or C-7 Contractor's License, current and legally issued by the State of California Contractor's State License Board, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3300. The successful Bidder must maintain the license in good standing throughout the duration of this Contract.

As security for its Bid, each bidder shall provide with its Bid Form, a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by Access Services, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Access Services, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, within five (5) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with Access Services for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Project.

This is a prevailing wage job. The successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are available on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. Bidders and Bidders' subcontractors shall comply with the registration, qualification and any other requirements pursuant to sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 of the California Labor Code.

The deadline to submit questions related to this solicitation is July 25, 2024, prior to 2:00 PM (PT). Questions regarding this solicitation should be submitted to purchasing@accessla.org and copied to nimori@accessla.org. Any questions submitted after the date and time specified may not be considered.

Access reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. The award of the Contract, if made by Access, will be to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid packet for this project is available for download at accessla.org and publicpurchase.com.

Kimberlie Nimori, Procurement Coordinator
Access Services

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CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on **Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 56: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF MODIFICATIONS TO LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 21.30 WITHIN THE ZONING DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE FARM ANIMAL ZONING DISTRICT AS IT RELATES TO CHICKENS AND APPROVING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider staff's report and recommendation and all other testimony and public input prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department offices located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. You may contact the Community Development Department at (562) 943-0131 should you have any questions concerning this item. Final action by the City Council will occur at a subsequent public hearing that will be duly noticed.

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

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

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

Manuel Muñoz
Community Development Director

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted Ordinance No. 1045, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING CHAPTER 2.15 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE TWO-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR 2022-24 ADVISORY BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. **City Attorney Summary:** Current City law provides that members of the City's advisory boards, commissions, and committees, who are appointed by the City Council, serve two year terms subject to an automatic extension for not more than 90 days pending the qualification of their successors. The adopted ordinance amends Chapter 2.15 of the Cerritos Municipal Code to automatically extend the 2022-2024 terms only, for the appointed members of the City's advisory boards, commissions, and committees, for not more than 180 days pending the qualification of their successors. The full text of this adopted Ordinance can be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 1045** was introduced for first reading on June 13, 2024. Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 27, 2024, by the following vote: AYES: Councilmembers – Barrows, Johnson, Yokoyama, Vo, Solanki. NOES: Councilmembers – None. ABSENT: Councilmembers – None. ABSTAIN: Councilmembers – None. /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CU 24-09

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") to allow accessory on-site alcohol sales at an existing 11,400-square foot restaurant located within the General Commercial ("C-G") zone at property located at 17308 Bellflower Boulevard.

Pursuant to the authority and criteria of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental assessment was conducted for this project. This Project was determined to be Categorical Exempt. CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301 (Existing Facilities) exempts activities that involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This activity would allow an existing restaurant to sell alcohol on-site and does not involve any construction. Accordingly, this activity involves a negligible expansion of the proposed use and no further review is required.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City's website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2011. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to Eliana Muñoz at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at emunoz@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge this 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 City at or before the Public Hearing.

ELIZABETH C. OBA
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia Planning Commission will hold a Regular Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00pm on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following projects:

Project Description: **Case 2024-14:** The Planning Commission will consider Resolution No. 2024-09P for a request to operate a retail use for a flower shop in an existing building located at 18021 Pioneer Blvd in the Service and Professional (C-S-P) zone.

Applicant: Vivekanandan Krishnan

Location: 18021 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning Department has determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 for Existing Facilities.

Project Description: **Case 2024-17:** The Planning Commission will consider Resolution No. 2024-08P for a request for Conditional Use Permits for 1) Automated Drive-Through Carwash with Self Vacuum Stations 2) Design Review for a Two-Story Commercial Retail Building with Electric Vehicle Charging Stations 3) A Comprehensive Sign Program and 4) Lot Merger for the proposed development located at 11701 South Street in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone

Applicant: Dong Ah Development Inc.

Location: 11701 South Street, Artesia, CA 90701

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning Department has determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15332, Class 32 Infill Development.

Members from the public who would like to address the Planning Commission may appear at the public hearing during the consideration of this item and state their opinion. If you have written comments that you wish to submit, please deliver them to the Artesia City Clerk's Office, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, or by email: ccamarena@cityofartesia.us prior to the start of the public hearing. If you have questions about this notice or the proposed action, please contact the Artesia Community Development Department at (562) 865-6262 or by the 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.

Peter Kann,
Planning Manager

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
FREDERICK CLEEK MITCHELL
CASE NO. 24STPB06428
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FREDERICK CLEEK MITCHELL.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CLINTON RAY MITCHELL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CLINTON RAY MITCHELL 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: 08/08/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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