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MEMBERS of Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, the United States’ first all-female professional mariachi group. They are celebrating their 30th anniversary with a concert on Friday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. **Photo courtesy of Mariachi Reyna.**

All Female Mariachi Band Celebrates Thirty Years, Induction Into the Smithsonian

By Laurie Hanson

For some parents with children, passing a heritage love of music from one generation to the next is at the forefront of their lives.

The same is true for Jose Hernandez, who founded Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, and his daughter, Maria Crystal, who performs in the United States’ first all-female, professional mariachi group. They are celebrating their



PICTURED (l-r) are Jesus Hernandez, Crystal Hernandez, and her father, Jose L. Hernandez.

30th anniversary with a concert on Friday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

José founded Mariachi Sol de México, Mariachi Heritage Society, and Mariachi Rams. Born in Mexicali, Baja California, he comes from a long line of mariachis that can be traced back to the 1860s.

When he was six, Jose started singing for neighbors, charging a nickel a song. By the 4th grade, Jose picked up the trumpet. Later, he performed mariachi music with his brothers throughout high school and was a part of Disneyland Resort’s mariachi ensemble in Frontierland.

In 1981, he departed and established Mariachi Sol de Mexico, shattering musical barriers and advancing a genre of songs from the “Golden Age” of Mexican cinema and rancho music.

Nominated for four American Grammys and 13 Latin Grammys,

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L.A. County Sups. Reject Homeless Encampment Mandate

By Brian Hews

This past July 30, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors passed its first formal policy in response to the June 28 U.S. Supreme Court decision, which allows cities to cite or arrest people for camping, sitting, sleeping, or lying in public spaces, even if no shelters exist by rejecting that approach, and will continue to use its “care first” outreach teams to move the unhoused into temporary housing.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna took a firm stance and stated that the Sheriff’s Department does not arrest people solely for being homeless

However, if individuals pose a threat to public safety or commit a crime, the De-

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Local Election Races Take Shape, Last-Minute ABCUSD Filing is Questioned

By Brian Hews

The filing deadline closed this past Wednesday at 5 o’clock for several local races, including ABC Unified, Bellflower USD, Central Basin Water, El Rancho Unified, Montebello USD, Norwalk/La Mirada and Little Lake School Districts, and the Water Replenishment District, but not without intrigue.

Former long-time ABCUSD board member and teacher Leticia Mendoza filed weeks ago to run for ABCUSD’s Trustee Area (TA) 1. At 4:55 p.m. Wednesday, five minutes before the deadline, according to the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder’s website, it looked like Ms. Mendoza was going to run unopposed.

Soon after, Lauren Lyon appeared to have filed to run against Ms. Mendoza in TA 1. However, it was later revealed that while

Lyon’s name appeared on the website, she had yet to file the necessary papers officially. LCCN received a screenshot taken at 5:00:19 of the Registrar-Recorder’s website, confirming that Ms. Lyon had submitted her name but had not completed the official filing process.

If the paperwork was submitted but not filed, Ms. Lyon would be unable to run. LCCN is waiting for confirmation from the Registrar-Recorder’s office, as of press time they have not answered.

In other races, Cerritos’ Tatiana Yokoyama Bui, the sister of Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama, will compete with Anu Gupta for ABCUSD’s TA No. 4, while Sophia M. Tse (Area 5) and Francisco Noyola (Area 7) will be unopposed.

In Bellflower, BUSD’s TA

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LCCN EXCLUSIVE

Questionable Take-Over of Central Basin Board Meeting Led to Hiring of GM

By Brian Hews

Questions are swirling around a June 24 Central Basin Board meeting concerning the hiring of current Interim General Manager Elaine Jeng that involved a mid-meeting adjournment and whether a subsequent reconvening was properly made under parliamentary procedures.

Called upon for his advice, the mid-meeting adjournment was tacitly approved by CB Attorney Victor Ponto which would have made the reconvening illegal, rendering any actions taken after the adjournment null and void.

On the June 24 board agenda, among other things, was item 9F which called for a vote to hire current interim General Manager Elaine Jeng.

One month earlier, Jeng was unlawfully added to the May agenda by Appointed Director Juan Garza and VP Martha

Camacho without the required 72-hour notice, a violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Four board members voted to hire Jeng, despite the illegality of the agenda item including Vice President Martha Camacho and directors Juan Garza, and Thomas Bekele.

One week later, Central Basin received a “demand to cure” letter from a law firm that called out the illegal hiring and demanded Jeng be added legally to the June agenda.

Acknowledging that they violated the Brown Act, the group, along with attorney Victor Ponto, placed Jeng - this time with proper notice - on the June agenda.

But between the May and June meetings, Director Thomas Bekele announced he was retiring. It was documented by the CB staff on May 22, with paperwork sent out to nominate a new

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API Caucus Reception Honoring Asm. Mike Fong



CERRITOS COUNCILMAN Frank Yokoyama (3rd from right) and Artesia Councilman Ali Sajjad Taj (4th from left) joined the League of California Cities API Caucus for a reception honoring 2024 Vincent Chin Civil Rights Champion, Assemblymember Mike Fong, (6th from left) who was recognized for his outstanding leadership and unwavering advocacy within the API community.

La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Awards 2024 Scholarships



CONGRATULATIONS: Karissa Guzman and Paola Mayoral Jimenez received Certificates of Recognition for their outstanding academic achievements and involvement in service activities at Cerritos College and in their communities.

Cerritos Library Book Sale

Stock up on books, music and movies at the Friends of the Cerritos Library book sale on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be sold at bargain prices.

The sale takes place inside the Library, near the Craftsman area. Sale hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 17 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 18. The Sunday sale will offer fill-a-bag for \$4 per bag for Friends of the Library members and \$5 per bag for non-members. Come early for the best selection. The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue in the Cerritos Civic Center.

For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

La Mirada Farmers Market

Get the best of late-summer fresh produce at the La Mirada Farmers Market! The Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is the ultimate destination to treat your taste buds and discover crafts and gifts. On Saturday, August 3, and every first Saturday of the month, the Farmers Market will feature live music, crafts for kids, and giveaways.

The Farmers Market includes 20 to 25 vendors each week in the City Hall parking lot by Civic Center Drive. La Mirada businesses interested in becoming a vendor should contact VenaVer Events at venaverevents@gmail.com

For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) awarded Academic Achievement Awards to two women from Cerritos College at its April 18, 2024, meeting at the ABCUSD Adult Education Center in Cerritos.

Karissa Guzman and Paola Mayoral Jimenez received Certificates of Recognition for their outstanding academic achievements and involvement in service activities at Cerritos College and in their communities.

Each of the women will receive a scholarship of \$1,500 upon confirming their enrollment at a four-year college or university in fall 2024.

Karissa, is a 26-year-old “re-entry student,” who maintained a 4.0 GPA while completing five associate of art degrees in mental health and behavior sciences at

Cerritos College.

Paola, is a 19-year-old “transfer student,” and is a first-generation Latina seeking a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) career. She had a 3.56 GPA at Cerritos College with a major in aerospace engineering.

She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a member of MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) program, and NCAS (NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars) program, in which she competed in their Engineering Design Challenge. She was a past chief of staff of ASCC (Associated Students of Cerritos College). Karissa and Paola received congratulations and certificates of recognition from U.S. Rep. Michelle Steel, State Sen. Bob Archuleta, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

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June Berk Honored With Pioneer Spirit Award



ABCUSD BOARD VP Ernie Nishii and family celebrate Nisei Week in Los Angeles and congratulate June Berk, wearing lei. Berk was honored with the Pioneer Spirit Award. Japan Ambassador Kenko Sone and his wife were in attendance.

La Palma's Civic Expo & National Night Out



LA PALMA'S Civic Expo & National Night Out 2024 drew around 800 visitors to Central Park for an evening of community, civic engagement and the Motown sounds of Stone Soul. First responders, City staff and civic partners came together to showcase the services available to residents and neighbors alike. Among the booths at this year's Civic Expo were EDCO, the Orange County Health Care Agency, the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the La Palma Toastmasters.

La Palma Candidates For Three Open City Council Seats

The La Palma City Clerk's Office announced three candidates for the three open district seats in La Palma's 2024 General Election. The candidates are District One - Debbie S. Baker (Incumbent); District Three - Vikesh P. Patel; and District Five - Mark I. Waldman (Incumbent).

Since only one candidate was nominated for each of the three open district seats, the final nominees will assume their respective district seats following the November 2024 election and will be sworn in at the December 10, 2024, City Council

Meeting.

La Palma voters will still have the opportunity to vote on Measure W on the November 2024 ballot, which, if enacted, would limit City Council members to three consecutive terms in office, with a four-year out-of-office period required to reset the term limit. If not enacted, term limits would remain the same at two consecutive terms in office, with a four-year out-of-office period required to reset the term limit. For more information, please visit www.cityoflapalma.org/termlimits.

New Policies for Tennis & Pickleball Courts in La Palma

The La Palma City Council at its August 6, 2024, meeting approved new policies for the use and reservation process for the five tennis and pickleball courts in Central Park, allowing for free play and limited reservations for La Palma residents.

According to these Council-approved policies, all courts will be open for free use until 10 p.m., unless a La Palma resident pays a reservation fee to book a specific court time or if the court is reserved for a City-approved instruction class.

Moreover, only two of the four pickleball courts will be available for reservations, according to this adopted policy. Reservations will only be accepted one month in advance of the desired reservation date but no later than one business day prior to the desired time. Each La Palma household is limited to 2 reservations per week.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Recreation & Community Services division, 714-690-3350.

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Project 2025 Calls to Eliminate the Department of Education

Have you heard of Trump's Project 2025? It is the Right-Wing re-making of government that Trumps' administration (if he wins) will implement immediately starting Jan 21, 2025. The plan will almost entirely affect America's middle class, low-income earners, and the poor. Trump claims he has nothing to do with the plan, but over 140 people from his previous administration helped author the plan.

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By Royel M. Johnson and Morgan Polikoff, University of Southern California Rossier School of Education

While Donald Trump has pretended to disavow the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, it is clear that the Project 2025 will shape his administration's priorities if he's elected.

When it comes to K-12 and higher education, Project 2025 is a bold blueprint for disaster in American education.

If implemented, it would unwind critical protections for American school-children, college students, and erase any effort from the federal government to improve America's schools.

Eliminate the Dept. of Education

Perhaps the most alarming recommendation in Project 2025 is the elimination of the U.S. Department of Education, shifting these responsibilities entirely to state and local levels.

While America has a history of local and state control in education, federal supports like the Office for Civil Rights have been essential in enforcing equitable access to opportunity, particularly for low-income students and students of color.

Not to mention programs like Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that have been vital in supporting underserved student populations and encouraging states to raise expectations for student learning.

Project 2025's proposal to move these programs under the Department of Health and Human Services or phase them out entirely is a deliberate attack on decades of progress in educational equity.

To put forth such recommendations against the backdrop of COVID-19 recovery, when student achievement has declined precipitously and absenteeism has skyrocketed, is all the more troubling.

Now is the time when schools need more support, resources, and guidance to improve.

Dismantling the federal effort to improve schools would be a disaster for students, teachers, and parents alike.

Attacks on Public Schools

Under the guise of “school choice,” the writers of Project 2025 seek to undermine public education.

This agenda is already playing out in red states, where voucher programs and Education Savings Accounts are being rapidly expanded, costing state governments millions of dollars and largely supporting affluent parents who

were already enrolling their children in private schools.

In the context of declining enrollments driven by demographic changes, now is hardly the time to be diverting public monies to unaccountable private schools.

This will put our most vulnerable schools—those tasked with helping our most underserved students—at risk of school closure.

We are not knee-jerk opponents of private and charter options for families, but the research makes very clear that these alternative options work best in a context where there is great oversight and accountability.

Ironically, that is precisely the opposite of the approaches advocated in Project 2025 and rolling out in red states.

Everything we know about school choice tells us that these reforms will not work and will put tremendous fiscal pressure on local public schools, to boot.

Rolling Back Federal Student Loan Program

Project 2025's proposals for higher education are equally concerning. The plan calls for rolling back federal student loan programs and shifting toward private sector lending, which we know have been especially predatory to folks of color and low-income families.

This move could severely limit access to higher education for these

students who too often rely on federal loans to afford college.

Undermining Diversity in Higher Education

Moreover, the emphasis on promoting “intellectual diversity” and reducing the influence of accreditation agencies risks undermining efforts to create inclusive and supportive campuses.

Accreditation agencies play an important role in maintaining academic standards and ensuring that institutions provide a safe and equitable learning environment.

Weakening their oversight will certainly open the door to discriminatory practices and lower educational quality.

The stakes this November election couldn't be higher. Project 2025's proposals, if implemented, would dismantle federal support systems, divert funds from public schools, and undermine efforts to create diverse and equitable learning environments.

We must remain vigilant and vigorously reject efforts to reverse the strides we've made, ensuring that every student, regardless of their background, has unfettered opportunity to thrive. The future of our education system depends on it.

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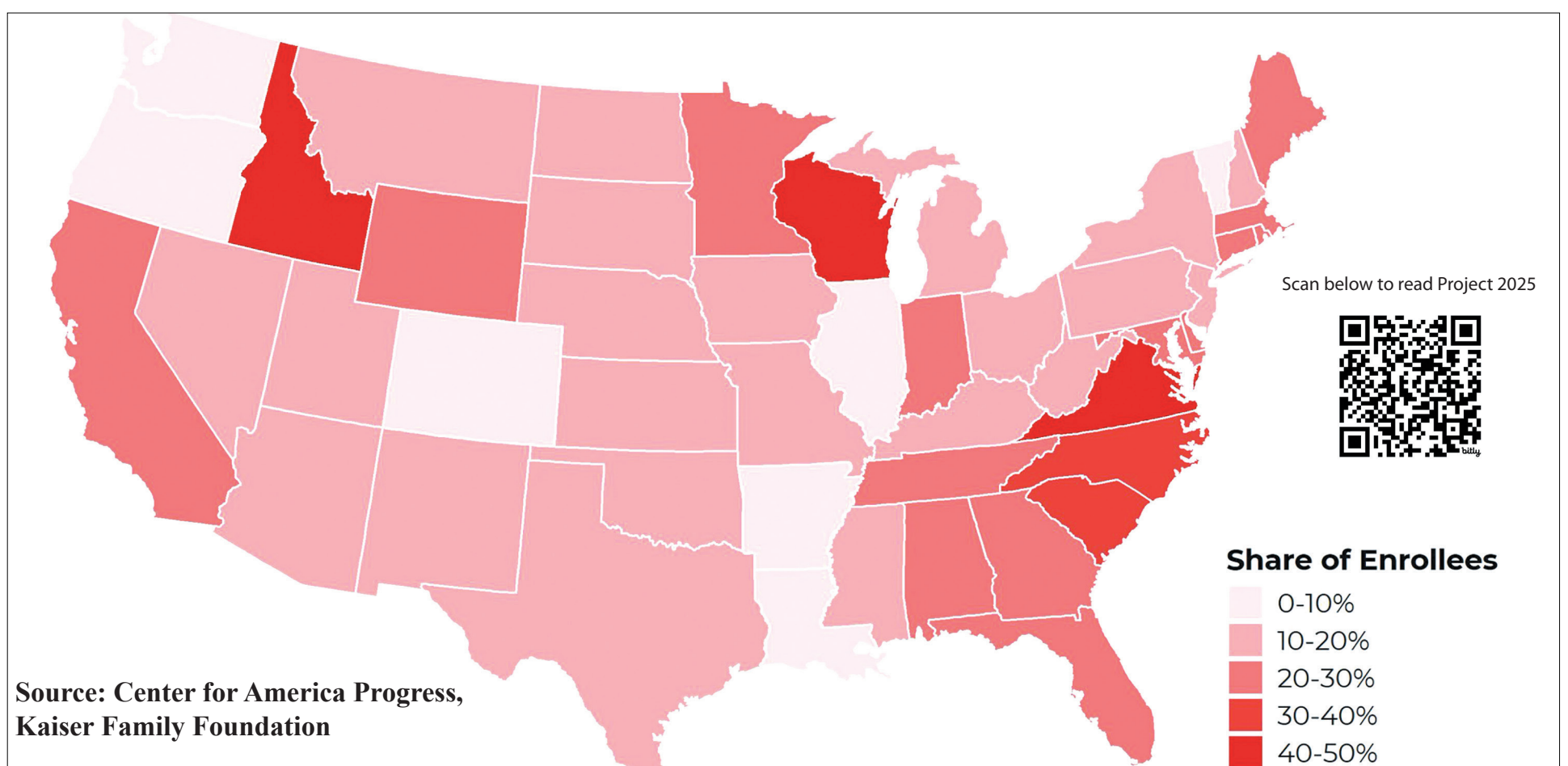
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Are You on Medicaid or Medicare?

Share of Medicaid Enrollees at Risk of Losing Coverage Under Project 2025



Source: Center for America Progress, Kaiser Family Foundation

AFFECT EVERYONE: Most people think Medicaid just goes to poor people in urban areas. When some Medicaid cuts came after the pandemic, it's became clear that Medicaid actually funds rural hospitals, nursing homes, and other medical care and treatment for Americans in all demographics. This includes the 90 million people on Medicaid, 38 million of whom are children. Project 2025 proposes massive cuts to Medicaid (and Medicare), which would have a devastating impact on the healthcare system. It would put limits on how long you can stay on Medicaid and introduce work requirements, kicking a huge number of Americans off Medicaid. As the map shows, Project 25 would kick 40-50% off Medicaid in Virginia, Wisconsin, and Idaho. The map shows that every state would be affected, a massive change to a program that is central to our healthcare system and to the lives of people who cannot afford their own healthcare. **Charts and graphs from Steven Rattner, @SteveRattner.**

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José has recorded and produced for artists such as Selena, Vicente Fernandez, Linda Ronstadt, Green Day, Luis Miguel, Bryan Adams, and the Beach Boys.

He and his group performed for five U.S. presidents, including Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. They also served as cultural ambassadors for Mexico, North Korea, and China and sold out shows from New York's Lincoln Center to Viña del Mar in Chile.

His daughter, Maria Crystal, recently completed her bachelor's degree in music education at Texas Christian University. She is a member of Mariachi Los Rams, the official Mariachi band for the Los Angeles Rams football team, and performs with Mariachi Reyna.

Ms. Crystal believes that mariachi is not just a man's world. "Women's interpretation of mariachi music brings a whole new perspective to the stories of old," she explained. "After all, some of the greatest voices in mariachi have been women. Lucha Reyes, Lucha Villa, Lola Beltran, Aida Cuevas, Linda Ronstadt and so many more."

"Women in mariachi bring a new twist to the genre and drive forward the impact of this genre around the world," Ms. Crystal added. "Women increase the preservation and continued celebration of mariachi."

"Though it took time for Mariachi Reyna to be taken seriously, the quality of their music proved the men wrong," she said. "We were able to gain the respect of our male counterparts."

According to Jose, the group also gave little girls something to look up to. This was his reason for creating Reyna. It initially provided a guiding star for young girls participating in his afterschool mariachi music education nonprofit, the Mariachi Heritage Society. Three decades later, Reyna continues to blaze a trail for women pursuing mariachi music.

Many of the original Mariachi Reyna members were once students of the Mariachi Heritage Society. Jose created the group to address the need for more women present in mariachi at the professional level.

The Mariachi Heritage Society is a children's nonprofit afterschool program founded by Jose in 1991. Its purpose is to meet the growing need for cultural immersion and preservation of mariachi music in the next generation. The society is based in Walnut, California. It offers afterschool programming to the Santa Ana School District, Newport Mesa School District, El Monte School District, Garden Grove School District, and Anaheim School District.

Depending on the school year, the Mariachi Heritage Society has between 600 and 1,000 students who participate in the music program.

"When I first began the Mariachi Heritage Society, it was an even split between male and female students," he explained.

"The boys would come up to me all the time and express their interests and dreams of being part of Sol de Mexico and other mariachi groups. The girls, however, needed a group to look up to. And thus, Mariachi Reyna was born."

"Many of our female students look up to Reyna, aspiring to be part of the group one day," he said. "It is priceless seeing the little girls look up to the Reynas when they perform. They see themselves in each of the 'Reynas' that are on stage." It is remarkable seeing the impact they have made for women in mariachi."

Jose established Reyna in 1994. As a world-renowned mariachi musician and director of Mariachi Sol de México, he went on to spread the news throughout the mariachi community from Fresno to Tucson that he was holding open auditions in Los Angeles to form the first all-female mariachi group in the U.S.

"I knew I had to represent women in mariachi at a high, professional level," he said. "I did not want it to be just a gimmick. I want them to project a sound that will blow everyone away. I do not want them to say that for girls, they play 'pretty good.'"

Experts have determined that Reyna, as the first female mariachi group in the U.S., maintains significant historical importance for its contributions to the mariachi world. The very first female mariachi group, Las Perlitas Tapatias, started in Mexico.

"I am honored to be part of mariachi music history by establishing Reyna," said Jose. "In the 30 years of performing, they have risen to worldwide acclaim."

Reyna is the first group of its kind to have signed to a major record label in 1998, releasing their first studio album, "Solo Tuya." Others include "El Mejor Mariachi Femenino Del Mundo" (2002), "Compañeras" (2008), "Entre Mariachi y Corazón" (2014), "Mariachi Reyna de Los Ángeles" (2018), "¡Que Vivan Las Mujeres!" (2021), "Alma De Reyna" (To be released during September 2024).

They have performed for high-profile celebrities and leaders, including at John Travolta's 50th birthday celebration in 2004, with private performances for George Harrison, Tom Cruise, Oprah Winfrey, the Obama White House Cinco de Mayo Celebration in 2009, and Tom Petty's wedding in 2001.

They were also chosen in 2018 to record an album for the Smithsonian Folkways Tradiciones/Traditions Series of Latino music albums, produced with support from the Smithsonian Latino Center.

Reyna did a Cameo featured in soundtrack for the Disney's "Seabiscuit" in 2003 and appeared in a PBS documentary entitled "Compañeras" in 2008, while also doing a Cameo in Cartoon Network series "Victor and Valentino" in 2022. They were the featured ensemble accompanying Aida Cuevas in the 2015 album "Pa'que Sientas Lo Que Siento."

The group was also nominated for Best Regional Mexican Album, "Compañeras,"

at the 52nd Grammy Awards, and Best Ranchero, "Compañeras," at the 10th Latin Grammy Awards.

Reyna rehearses for two hours once a week; however, the ladies studied their instruments for years before joining the group. Many of them completed their college education in instrumental performance, and all have auditioned live before Jose.

Current Mariachi Reyna musicians are Samantha Cabral (Buena Park) – trumpet; Linda Uhila (Chula Vista) – trumpet; Monica Salinas (Las Vegas, Nev.) – violin; Maria Crystal Hernandez (Newport Beach) – violin; Laura Peña (Long Beach) – violin; Brisa Peña (Tucson, Ariz.) – violin; Romina Huerta Grijalva (San Fernando) – violin; Julie Murillo (Los Angeles) – violin; Elizabeth Garcia (Oxnard) – guitarron; Monica Hernandez-Leyva (Long Beach) – vihuela; Angelica Hernandez (Albuquerque, N.M.) – guitar; Giovanna Cabral (Buena Park) – harp.

"I am so proud to see my daughter be part of Mariachi Reyna," said Jose. "She has a true passion for mariachi and is excited to make an even bigger impact with the group."

Ms. Crystal sings for Reyna besides playing the violin. Born and raised in Newport Beach, she grew up around Mariachis with her father, Jose, an uncle, and cousins, who all inspired her to pursue her craft.

Like her father, she began her musical pursuit early, with mariachi slowly but surely being introduced year after year. Her musical training started when she was four when she took up the violin and piano and sang. Her first major performance was in 2005 at the annual Mariachi Sol de México show at the Balboa Bay Club & Resort, where she sang a rendition of the Los Cuates Castilla classic "El Pastor."

"Mariachi music is vibrant, passionate, and unique," Ms. Crystal said. "The stories I can tell through this genre are like no other. It is history in song. The thought of performing the same songs my ancestors played is remarkable. I love representing and preserving my cultural heritage through mariachi music."

She enjoys being a role model for young girls interested in the genre.

"It is possible to be in this world," she explained. "With a dedication to your instrument and understanding mariachi music inside and out, you can succeed."

Her advice for children interested in mariachi is to consume as much music as possible by listening to albums and live recordings and attending concerts—anything that will help them get accustomed to the playing style.

"I also recommend training in classical instrumentation for whatever instrument you play, as that's a great foundation before branching off into mariachi," she added.

For more information about the Mariachi Heritage Society and to donate to the nonprofit, please visit online at www.mariachiheritagesociety.com/donate.

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NORWALK BACK IN THE MID-CITIES LEAGUE, HOPES TO REBOUND FROM FRUSTRATING SEASON

By Loren Kopff
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NORWALK LANCERS

3-7 overall last season, 0-5 in the Gateway League, sixth place
23-25 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Ruben Guerrero (fourth season, 19-14)
Lost 28 seniors out of 52 players from 2023 opening day roster
Last time made the playoffs: 2022

2024 schedule, opponent's record last season in parenthesis.

Aug. 23	@ Montebello (4-6)
Aug. 30	Santa Fe (9-4)
Sept. 6	BYE
Sept. 13	John Glenn (6-4)
Sept. 20	Linfield Christian (8-4)
Sept. 27	@ Locke (0-9)
Oct. 4	@ Compton Early College (first season)
	Gahr (7-4)
Oct. 11	@ Firebaugh (3-7)
Oct. 18	Paramount (4-6)
Oct. 25	
Nov. 1	@ Lynwood (7-6)

For the first time since 2019 in a full season and fourth since 2011, Norwalk High had a losing season. Part of that can be attributed to the Lancers shifting to the Gateway League from the Mid-Cities League, the benefit of coming in first place in the 'lower' league of the Suburban Valley Conference. But life in the 'upper' league of the SVC wasn't kind to the Lancers where they failed to win a league contest for the third time since 1999. Head coach Ruben Guerrero cites the inability to close games as the reason Norwalk had the record it did.

"We had the opportunities they were given to us; we just couldn't capitalize on them," he said. "There were some underlying reasons why we just couldn't close the door on some games and give ourselves a shot at the playoffs."

Because of the last place finish, Norwalk moves back to the Mid-Cities League which is more comparable to the squad the Lancers have this season. Nearly half of the players from last season graduated, leaving a lot of positions to be filled with either players who spent much

time on the bench, or first-time varsity members.

But, with all the questions and concerns, this is Norwalk football, and the Lancers always find a way to adjust to a new season. The Lancers will be young this season, but most of that youth was part of a successful freshmen/sophomore team who has experience in winning games.

Guerrero would like to give a shout out to his coaching staff of Jose Abrina, Sam Gomez, George Hernandez, David Laugheed, Ed Moreno, Ricardo Moreno and David Wilde, who comes over from Sunny Hills High.

OFFENSE

For the most part, the Lancers were their usual selves with the double wing offense as they put up 312 points, including over 40 in four of the first five games in which they went 3-1. Senior Nicolas Barrera, who was a backup to Rylee Sosa last season, is the quarterback. Barrera took over when Sosa got injured and when he was behind center, Guerrero said he was a gamer who stepped up and toughed it out until he got injured himself.

"It's a testament to what kind of kid he is because he played for a quarter injured," said Guerrero. "He didn't let me know anything was going on. He's a tough kid; he's got command of the team and this offseason he's really worked on becoming the best leader he can be. He's worked really hard to become QB 1 and since he knew he was going to be QB 1 he's relishing that opportunity; he's maximizing it and he's done a great job for us."

Barrera's backup is going to be junior Axel Bustamante, who was the leader of the frosh/soph team that went 8-1 last season. The Lancers lost a substantial chunk of the running game when Caleb Mitchell graduated. But there is still plenty of tough yards to be gained that should make the team a major force in a different-looking Mid-Cities League. Seniors Papo Lieataua and Ezra Mueller are slated to be the top two backs in the complicated offense for most opponents.

"He's matured a whole lot and he's grown since last season to the point where now, everybody looks up to him because they know that he has that quality about him where...he just loves to play football," said Guerrero of Mueller. "He works hard; he plays hard, and people gravitate to that. He's been uplifting the guys to elevate their game as well."

Mueller gained close to 1,800 yards last season and scored 18 touchdowns up to the final game. Expect nothing short of that this season as Guerrero said he will be the featured running back. Battling for the third back are juniors Diego Cerritos, a returner from last season's team, and Derek Sandoval, who is moving up from the frosh/soph team. Juniors Edward DeLeon and Daron Walker, a transfer from John Glenn High, will also battle for a position in the backfield, giving the Lancers probably more depth than they've had in a long time.

Guerrero says the running game will be solid no matter who wins the competition between Cerritos and Sandoval while senior Diego Urueta (right side) and junior Jacob Baker (left side) will be

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No. 3 will see three newcomers: Daniel Allen Buffington, Maurina M. Cintron, and Gregory H. Johnson. Mayra Garza in Trustee Area 4 will be unopposed.

In Division 1 of the Central Basin Municipal Water District, there will be a highly contested election between two incumbents: Martha Camacho and Leticia Vasquez. Their two seats were combined due to AB 1794, leading them to compete against each other. Other candidates vying for the seats include Jose De Leon, Jose R. Gonzalez, and Lemeika Rhashaan Pope. However, Vasquez, who received over 40,000 votes in the last election, is likely to be the leading contender.

Central Basin Municipal Water Division 2 will see several candidates, the best known is Gary Mendez. Others include Josue Alvarado, Lisseth M., Flores-Franco, Fernando Islas and Max A. Ordonez.

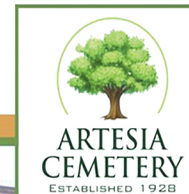
Division 4 will finally see an elected board member take the seat after the passing of former Assemblyman Phil Hawkins

in 2022. Director Juan Garza, who was appointed to fill Hawkins' seat in 2022, will run against Dora Sandoval a well-known City Commissioner and union representative.

The same Martha Camacho who is running for Central Basin Division 1 is also running for TA 1 at Cerritos College against incumbent and current vice-president Mariana Pacheco. In TA No. 2, incumbent Dawn K. Green will run unopposed. Mariana Rios will take over TA No. 4 after Marisa Perez announced she was leaving, and incumbent Sandra Leticia Salazar will run unopposed.

In the Norwalk-La Mirada USD's TA No. 1, Esperanza "Espie" Free will run against Miguel Rivera. In TA No. 3 Christopher Joe Garcia will run against Board President Jose M. Rios. In TA No. 7, David Constantine will compete with Becky Langenwalter. Unknown Elizabeth Peterson will run against Robert "Rob" Katherman, Board VP and Division 2 Director at the Water Replenishment District. John Paul Drayer will run against WRD Division 5 Director Vera Robles Dewitt.

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the tight ends.

Senior left tackle Anthony Lemus, sophomore left guard Jordan Ballinger, junior center Tristan Romero, senior right guard Robert Mosqueda and sophomore right tackle Zion Burris will occupy the offensive line.

"One of the big things in this offseason we've been working on is our mental game," said Guerrero. "Physically, these guys have been working hard; we're not going to have a problem being physical. But it's the mental game that I think these guys have worked on a lot this offseason; kind of gelling together and coming together as a unit. I told them we're going to reach the heights that our mental capacity allows us to. I think that's what is different from last year."

DEFENSE

The Lancers allowed 286 points allowed, but over 30 in all five league games and at least 59 points three times. In their three wins, they allowed a total of 14 points and three of the losses were one-possession outcomes.

"We just couldn't find a way to close the door," said Guerrero. "If we could have picked up at least two of those games, then we might have had a shot of the playoffs. The record shows we were two wins away and we had four opportunities, and we couldn't capitalize on those."

Senior Joel Espinoza and Lieataua are locks to be on the defensive line while Burris and Mosqueda are battling for the nose guard spot. In the secondary, Guerrero is looking at Sandoval and Walker to be the cornerbacks with junior Andres Escobar at safety while in the linebacker positions, it will be Cerritos and Meuller on the outside and senior Caesar Sando-

val and sophomores Onosai Faamatau and David Ibarra competing for the inside linebacker spots. Seniors Juan Campos and Jimmy Guerrero are also expected to find a spot in the secondary or at linebacker.

"We've made some adjustments in the offseason and these guys are flying around in practice," said Guerrero. "In our summer seven on seven passing leagues, we've seen some glimpses of a lot of progress, and I think that's one of the areas that we're going to improve in. We're going to put a better showing out on the field defensively. Again, these guys are working on being mental giants."

SCHEDULE

Yes, the Lancers went winless in their five Gateway League games last season. But they showed they could compete with the big boys. Norwalk led Dominguez High 22-20 at the half before losing by two points to the Dons, trailed Downey High 21-10 at the half, were tied with former Suburban League rival La Mirada High 13-13 at the half and scored 28 points against another former Suburban League opponent, Mayfair High. Now, Norwalk moves back to the Mid-Cities League where Guerrero feels confident his team can finish in the top three.

"Even though we were in the [bigger] league, we had a pretty good showing," said Guerrero. "For the first parts of the game, we pushed even the big teams around a little bit. But against teams like that, you have to play a near-perfect game. We put a good quarter together, but we just couldn't seem to hold onto that, and then you kind of saw the separation between the high caliber teams and us."

Before getting to league play, the Lancers face repeat opponents in Glenn, Linfield Christian High and Locke High. Last season's 44-8 beatdown over Glenn could be worse this season based on who

the Eagles have. But as is the case with any city rivalry game, you throw the records out.

Norwalk hasn't played Montebello High since 2008, a 65-20 victory, but the game that Guerrero is excited about is the second game of the season. Despite the proximity of the two schools, Norwalk hasn't played Santa Fe High since 1999 when the Chiefs blasted the Lancers 37-0 at Excelsior Stadium.

"Montebello reached out and we signed up with them," said Guerrero. "They've historically had a long track record of being a real tough team. They've had success [recently] and we feel appreciative that they called, and we look forward to a great game. It should be an old school Friday night high school game."

After facing Linfield Christian, the Lancers should have no problem with their next two opponents, one of which is fielding a team for the first time, before getting to Gahr High, which may decide who wins the league. The Gladiators knocked off the Lancers 26-6 two seasons ago. If the Gahr game isn't bad enough, then the last game of the season at Lynwood High could come down to third place if the league title hasn't been decided yet.

"What gets me is a little bit of a roller coaster of emotions because the first year [of the Mid-Cities League], we were riding high and the second year, we were with the big [boys]," said Guerrero. "Now, it's like we're back to where we can be competitive, [and] things are looking up. The kids know it, we know it. It's just that we're in a place where we can be competitive. A lot of things can go our way. We don't want to look past anybody, but we're very optimistic about being back in the Mid-Cities League."

HOME COMING

The ones who were around in 2022 remember the 22-6 home loss to Gahr which led to a three-way tie with Bellflower High for first place in the league. That was the first meeting with the Gladiators since 2005, which was the second of a home and home series, both of which were also Gahr victories. The Lancers smashed Locke last season on homecoming night, just the second time in over 25 seasons Norwalk had faced a non-league team on the big night. In the last three homecoming games, Norwalk has outscored its opponents 149-14 and since 1998, the Lancers are 15-10 in homecoming games.

FINAL COMMENT

"I'm very excited about this year's team," said Guerrero. "I'm very excited about what they've been bringing to the table; what they've been bringing to practice. They've worked hard in the weightroom, they've worked hard at practice, they're real go-getters and we're fired up. I'm very grateful to my coaching staff for everything that they've done. We have newcomers to the staff, but I'm very appreciative for everything they've done all and the sacrifices they've made so far. Things are just looking up; things are looking up all the way around."

TAKE-OVER from page 1

Director to replace Bekele on May 23. His resignation is on video.

But Bekele, an ally of Garza and Camacho, disputed his May resignation statement and illegitimately attended the June meeting to cast his swing vote to hire Jeng.

When the item to hire Jeng was reached, CB Board President Art Chacon

stood up and announced he was adjourning the meeting, saying, "We have an illegal vote because Thomas Bekele is here, who resigned weeks ago. I am adjourning the meeting."

Fireworks erupted with VP Camacho yelling several times, "You don't have the authority to adjourn the meeting, and you're out of order" until Chacon finally walked out. The Board Secretary asked CB attorney Victor Ponto "for the record" if Chacon had the authority to adjourn the meeting.

Ponto stated, "He has the ability to adjourn the meeting, but we have a quorum. Let's take a recess and discuss." Listen to Ponto's statement below.

After some time, VP Camacho and Board members Garza, Bekele, and Crawford entered the room, with Camacho saying, "We are reconvening this meeting." Absent was Chacon and Director Leticia Vasquez.

The Board Secretary quickly asked Ponto, "For the record, legal counsel, is it ok to continue an adjourned meeting?"

After saying Chacon "had the ability" to adjourn the meeting an hour prior - which would have prevented a reconvening - Ponto stated, "Yes, the meeting could continue." Listen to Ponto's statement below.

But then Ponto inserted a caveat into his statement, "If there is any doubt or question about the validity [of the meeting continuing], then that 'individual' can go to court. and seek clarification." Vice President Camacho called the meeting to order and quickly moved on to item 9F to hire Jeng.

But in her haste to hire Jeng, VP Camacho, who has never acted as President of the CB Board, did not properly call the meeting to order under Robert's Rules of Parliamentary procedure.

Any public board meeting that is adjourned must be called back into order using a "motion" and then a "second" by one of the board members.

VP Camacho should have said, "I move we open the meeting," and then one of the board members should have stated, "I second."

But that did not happen with VP Camacho starting the meeting without a motion.

If a person would "go to court," as Ponto said, and dispute the reconvened meeting, there would be serious questions about whether the meeting was official, rendering anything after Chacon's adjournment unofficial, including the hiring of Jeng.

If the court ruled Jeng's hiring void, any actions taken following her hiring, such as approving contracts or firing employees, would be unenforceable because Jeng was never an official agent for Central Basin.

The likely outcome, according to one attorney who frequently consults with LCCN, but wants his name withheld to stave off attacks from certain CB Board members and their cohorts said, "If it went to court, the judge would end up in the middle and ask the board to start the meeting again from the beginning."

In an email, Garza told LCCN, "Mr. Ponto said President Chacon had the ability to adjourn, if he followed the adjournment procedures as laid out in [sic] Robert's rules of order."

But Ponto did not say "if he followed the adjournment procedures as laid out in Robert's Rules of order."

Ponto originally said, "He has the ability to adjourn the meeting, but we have a quorum."

Told that is all Ponto said, Garza wrote, "Because Mr. Ponto stated that President Chacon has the ability doesn't mean he concurred that the meeting was adjourned at that point in time."

Garza later wrote, "Take it to court and we'll let a court of law decide."

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CITY OF BELLFLOWER**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION SEEKING A LOAN THROUGH CHAPTER 3.1 OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PLAN TO SYLVESTRE MADRIGAL JR. OWNER OF RICHIE'S HOT CHICKEN TO FINANCE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS AT 10003 ALONDA BLVD. IN BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider an application seeking a loan through Chapter 3.1 of the City of Bellflower Economic Development Business Assistance Plan to SYLVESTRE MADRIGAL JR. OWNER OF RICHIES HOT CHICKEN LOCATED AT 10003 ALONDRA BLVD. IN BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA.

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 City Clerk's Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2220. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at cclerk@bellflower.org. For more information, please contact Karla Pineda, Management Analyst II, at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2013 or via email at kpineda@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.

MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER OUTDOOR POOL IMPROVEMENTS**

**IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER
SPECIFICATIONS NO. 23/24-06**

The City of Bellflower is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk’s office, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706, until 11:00 a.m. on:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time.

As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project (“Project”) which consists of an AQUATIC CENTER OUTDOOR POOL IMPROVEMENTS and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City’s Public Works Department. The Engineer’s Estimate of cost is \$765,000. Bids will be publicly opened on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specification No. 23/24-06 as adopted by the City’s City Council on August 12, 2024, which is filed with the City’s Public Works Department. Copies of these plans and specifications may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Public Works Department, 9944 Flora Vista Street, Bellflower, CA 90706 for a non-refundable fee of \$35.00. Plans and specifications can be mailed for an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 per set.

Mandatory jobsite walk will be held **Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM** at 14001 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706. Prospective bidders will have opportunity to examine the project site and are encouraged to raise any questions associated with the project and site. Attendance of the jobsite walk is mandatory for parties wishing to submit a bid as the Prime Contractor.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions which can be found at www.bellflower.org.

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.dir.ca.gov.

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4, to be nonresponsive.

[IF APPLICABLE: The contractor to whom the contract is awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants for employment, as set forth in Executive Order 11246 and 11375.]

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code (“PCC”) § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor’s request.

DATED this 12th day of August 2024.

CITY OF BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

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**LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF BELLFLOWER
URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1433**

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS BEING ISSUED TO CONSIDER ADOPTING REVISED ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Urgency Ordinance No. 1433 is summarized as follows:

Urgency Ordinance No. 1433 temporarily prohibits entertainment permits being issued to consider adopting revised entertainment permit regulations.

Urgency Ordinance No. 1433 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Council Members – Sanchez, Santa Ines, Dunton, Morse, and Mayor Koops

Effective date: August 12, 2024. For a copy of Urgency Ordinance No. 1433 please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (562) 804-1424.

Approved as submitted above:
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney

ATTEST:
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, August 27, 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: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 21.30 WITHIN THE ZONING DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE FARM ANIMAL ZONING DISTRICTS AS IT RELATES TO CHICKENS AND APPROVING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

At the hearing, the City Council will consider the Planning Commission and staff’s 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. These proposed amendments were previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at a duly notice public hearing held on July 18, 2024.

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 CITY COUNCIL AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Manuel Muñoz
Community Development Director

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINIS-TER ESTATE OF:
JEANNE KHAN
CASE NO. 24STPB09020
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin-gent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of JEANNE KHAN.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHRISTINE KHAN BARRETT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHRISTINE KHAN BARRETT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent’s lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to admin-ister the estate under the Independent Ad-ministration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to inter-ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 09/09/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 62 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the peti-tion, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objec-tions with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowl-edgeable 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 as-sets or of any petition or account as provid-ed in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA
Unclaimed Deposits**

This is a public notice that the City of Pico Rivera (“City”) is in possession of certain unclaimed monies. A specific list of unclaimed monies and individual names of potential claimants is available on the City’s website at <https://www.pico-rivera.org/index.php/unclaimed-property/> and at the Adminis-trative Services Department.

Anyone who has a legal claim to the Unclaimed Property must file a written claim at the address below within 45 days from the first publication date of this notice, or else funds will become City property.

**City of Pico Rivera, Administrative Service, Finance Division
6615 Passons Blvd. Pico Rivera CA 90660
www.Pico-Rivera.org**

Ph: 562-801-4392 or Email: FinanceDepartment@Pico-Rivera.org

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2022-03
CITY HALL FOUNTAIN RENOVATION**

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. 2022-03. Work includes demolition of existing raised planter boxes, fountain equipment, electrical equipment, portions of the existing fountain pool floor concrete slabs, and brick hardscape and railing adjacent to the City Hall cantilever walkway.

Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on October 9, 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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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2024162746
FILE NO: 2023156038
DARE FILED: 1-12-18
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES):AXIMA LOGISTICS,AXIMA LOGISTICS, 1001 W. WALNUT STREET, COMPTON CA 90220
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): SST INTERNATIONAL, INC., 1001 W. WALNUT STREET, COMPTON CA 90220
State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Business was conducted by: a CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ SST INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CFO, JIN S LEE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on AUGUST 2, 2024
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How will new rules affect home buying?

Commissions on sales could decline — or not. ‘We are in for a little bit of a wild ride,’ one agent says.

By Andrew Khouri

For decades, if you wanted a real estate agent to help you buy or sell a home, the model was static.

At the close of escrow, the seller typically used their proceeds to pay a 5% to 6% commission, with half going toward their agent’s brokerage and half going to the buyer agent’s brokerage.

Now, industry rules that critics contend held commissions at those levels are about to change.

Proponents hope the changes, set to take effect Saturday, will make it easier for consumers to negotiate and put downward pressure on commissions and even home prices. But there’s also concern buyers could be saddled with additional upfront costs at a time when housing is wildly unaffordable for the masses.

Much is uncertain.

“I think we are in for a little bit of a wild ride,” said Tori Horowitz, a Compass real estate agent who specializes in the Hollywood Hills.

Indeed, what is changing is complicated and the results unknown. Agents have spent countless hours talking with their brokerages about the ins and outs of changes that stem from a legal settlement between the National Assn. of Realtors and home sellers.

Under the old system, listing agents had to publish an offer of compensation to the buyer’s broker when listing homes on NAR-affiliated multiple listing services, or the MLS.

Although listing agents were allowed to offer zero dollars in the compensation field and the Realtors have said commissions were always negotiable, several antitrust lawsuits alleged the requirement to post an offer reduced competition and kept commission rates artificially high.

In large part this was because buyer’s agents “steered” their clients to homes that offered higher commission rates, according to the lawsuits.

Andra Ghent, a professor of finance at the University of Utah, recalls that when selling homes in the past, the contracts her agents handed her to sign were already filled out with a 6% commission, to be split with the buyer broker.

“I was never asked, are you OK with this?” Ghent said. “That was the default.”

Buyers had even less power to bargain — finding their own representative’s payment preset by the other side of the transaction.

In other countries, consumers pay far less, with total commissions often about half what they are in the U.S., according to research from Norm Miller, emeritus professor of real estate at the Univer-

Repair Center Operations Supervisor needed by DJI Service LLC in Cerritos, CA. Define, dvlp, & implmnt operational procdrs to streamline repair processes & introduce new prod service policy; analyze, optimize, & implmnt working process in the robotics manufacture & test processes at the repair center; implmnt qlty control measures; allocate resources to meet operational demands; maintain adequate inventory lvl. Req. Master’s deg in Ops Mgmt or Engg; knowl of optimization theory, control theory, & sim modeling. Salary \$108,014/yr. Send resume to tiffany.d@dji.com ref job#755724.

Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated.
10753 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 on 09/04/2024 at 11:00 AM
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Paulo Aguiar
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Ashley Merritt
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Yakima Powell-Lee
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Kim Bradley
The auction will be listed and advertised on
www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Congressman is target of ethics complaint

Rep. Ken Calvert’s campaign dismisses claims that he didn’t disclose investments.

END CITIZENS UNITED, a liberal watchdog, raised questions about real estate owned by GOP Rep. Ken Calvert, who is seeking reelection in

