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Interim City Manager Files Whistleblower Lawsuit Against Montebello

The lawsuit accuses Councilman David Torres of harassment, retaliation and gender discrimination.

By Brian Hews

Yet another employee has filed a discrimination lawsuit against the Montebello City Council, this time by Montebello Interim City Manager Arlene Salazar. In the lawsuit, Salazar accuses Councilman David Torres of harassment, intimidation, and retaliation. The lawsuit also slammed current City Manager Raul Alvarez, accusing him of harassment and retaliation.

Salazar is currently out on-

paid administrative leave, placed there through no fault of her own.

The harassment and intimidation started in 2019 when Torres bypassed then-City Manager Rene Bobadila by emailing Salazar directly, putting Salazar in an extremely awkward position.

With his emails, Torres blatantly violated Sections of the Montebello Municipal Code.

It was not just Salazar who was affected by Torres's actions. His behavior created a toxic culture inside City Hall, demanding several other city employees answer his emails, thereby putting them in an awkward position with their bosses.

As a result of the toxic culture

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ABC and NLMUSD Science Teachers Awarded for Delivering Quality Lab Experiences to Students

The teachers will receive \$15,000 (ES) and \$20,000 to build quality labs at their respective schools

By John Miles

Twenty-four science teachers have been named regional winners in the annual Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge, including two teachers from the ABC and Norwalk-La Mirada School Districts.

In what is termed the "Carson Asset," NLMUSD's Escalona Elementary School teacher Jackie Nguyen took home an award as did Ross Academy of Creative and Media Arts Middle School teacher Oscar Espinoza.

Sponsored by Shell USA, Inc. [Shell] and administered by the National Science Teaching Association [NSTA], the competition encouraged K-12

teachers who have found innovative ways to deliver quality lab experiences with limited school and laboratory resources to share their approaches for a chance to win a school science lab makeover support package.

"Now they have the chance to build the lab of their dreams. We commend all of the regional winners for their creativity, resourcefulness and commitment to their students."

"These science teachers have implemented remarkable science programs, providing high-quality lab experiences for their students with very little resources, often using their own funds," said Erika Shugart, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer at NSTA.

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HAHN HONORS PAWS FOR LIFE K9 RESCUE

SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN (center) recognizes the Paws for Life K9 Rescue, which pairs incarcerated people with shelter dogs in need of socialization and training. In December 2022, the BOS approved Hahn's motion that brought Paws for Life to the County's Secure Youth Treatment Facility at Barry J. Nidorf juvenile hall in Sylmar, allowing youth to, among other things, prepare shelter dogs to be adopted.

The Origin of the Norwalk Social Service Center and Alondra Library: The Untold Short Story on Its 50th Anniversary

By Miguel Vigil Lopez

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of recognizing the struggle of community activists and the right to equal services in this Southeast Los Angeles County sector, a working-class and student movement garnered outstanding accomplishments for residents in Barrio Norwalk and the One-Ways in particular and for Norwalk in general.

The so-called city fathers of Norwalk never anticipated that they would be confronted by a hearty band of resident activists seeking equitable treatment for the Mexican/Chicano population of this suburban bedroom municipality of 80,000 inhabitants at the time.

Well, Norwalk, too, was touched by the sweeping changes occurring throughout the U.S. during the 1960s and 1970s. The country was in the throes of its worst military debacle called Vietnam; the country was aflame in protest; President Johnson declined his party's nomination for a second term, and both Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy perished at the hands of assassins.

However, President Johnson's "War on Poverty" was still in vogue after the worst series of urban riots nationally in the history of the nation.

The day's call to action was the demand for equality and civil rights through struggle, protest, and redress of grievances. Pres-

social service centers to attend to the needs of poor residents in the target areas, and commercial development.

The presumption to initiate such projects in a local community was resident buy-in and commitment to see the projects through to completion. In other



THE CORNER of Pioneer and Alondra just east of the Social Services building, circa 1960.

ident Johnson's response to the social eruption was the creation of "urban renewal programs" (later called redevelopment), which included cleaning blighted areas with new housing, preferably for low-income residents,

words, someone had to organize the community into a local area council and submit the funding application, meaning it had to be resident-initiated and direct-

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Golden Bell Award Honors Little Lake City School District



TEAMWORK: Employees of the Little Lake City School District's Family Resource Center. The center has been awarded the distinguished Golden Bell Award by the California School Boards Association. This prestigious award acknowledges educational programs that demonstrate innovation and excellence in addressing the most pressing challenges facing today's schools.

Santa Fe Springs, CA – The Little Lake City School District announced that its Family Resource Center (FRC) has been awarded the distinguished Golden Bell Award by the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

This prestigious award acknowledges educational programs that demonstrate innovation and excellence in addressing the most pressing challenges facing today's schools.

The FRC has become an essential lifeline for students and families within the district, providing a wide range of services including food distribution, mental health resources, and educational support. Its holistic approach aims to remove barriers to learning by addressing core issues such as housing insecurity, hunger, and access to basic necessities.

"The Golden Bell Award is a testament to the impact our Family Resource Center has had on improving student success," said Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of the Little Lake City School District. "Thanks to the hard work of our FRC staff and strong community partnerships, we ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally."

Since its inception in 2016, the FRC

has played a crucial role in supporting vulnerable populations such as foster youth, homeless students, and English learners. In the past year alone, the center has served over 928 students, providing much-needed stability through programs like "We've Got Your Back" and collaborations with local health providers.

Receiving the Golden Bell Award underscores the district's ongoing commitment to removing obstacles that hinder student achievement. As the FRC continues to grow and evolve, the district is eager to further its mission of ensuring that all students have access to the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

"We are honored to receive this recognition, and we look forward to continuing our work with community partners to meet the needs of our students and families," said Gina Ramirez, Board President of the Little Lake City School District. "This award is a reflection of the dedication and care that goes into building a strong and supportive educational community."

For more information on the Family Resource Center or the Golden Bell Award, please visit www.llesd.net.

Extra-Space Cerritos Self-Storage Sold

Hines has acquired the three-story, 260,000-square-foot Extra Space Storage facility in Cerritos.

Built in 2019, the Class A storage facility is considered a valuable asset due to the limited supply of storage in the area.

Hines Senior Director Pete Shearer

described the acquisition as "an attractive opportunity," highlighting the strategic importance of the facility in a market with constrained storage options.

The purchase aligns with Hines' investment strategy in high-quality assets with strong demand.

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ment to their students."

To enter the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge, K–12 science teachers located in select school districts near Shell assets were asked to describe their school's current laboratory resources, explain why laboratory upgrade support is needed, and describe their approach to science education instruction using their school's current lab facilities.

A panel of science educators then reviewed and selected the top entries. The elementary-level regional

winners each receive a school science lab makeover support package valued at \$15,000, and middle and high school-level regional winners receive a school science lab makeover support package valued at \$20,000.

The regional winners now advance to the national phase of the competition, where they will have a chance to win an additional \$5,000 of support to attend a future NSTA National Conference.

All national winners will be honored during a special evening celebration during the conference.



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Tatiana Yokoyama-Bui Kicks Off ABCUSD Campaign



ABCUSD 4: On September 22, Tatiana Yokoyama-Bui was joined by her brother, Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama, family, friends, supporters, union leaders and public officials at her campaign kickoff for ABC School Board #4.

Soroptimist of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Offers Grants to Women

Norwalk, CA—Women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families and seek financial assistance to continue their education or receive training can now apply for the Soroptimist Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women. Applications are available online at <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>. For questions contact Karen Ayala, Live Your Dream Chair at karenayala4593@gmail.com. The application deadline is November 15, 2024.

The Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs club will provide a \$1,000 cash award to six award recipients, one of whom will then advance to the Soroptimist Desert Coast Region level, where recipients could receive up to an additional \$5,000. The program culminates with three finalist \$10,000 awards.

Recipients can use the Live Your Dream Award to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. This includes tuition, books, childcare, carfare, or any other education-related expense.

The Live Your Dream Award provides over \$2.8 million in cash awards to head-of-household women in need each year. Since the program's inception in 1972, more than \$40 million has helped tens of thousands of women achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. A study conducted by The Fels Institute of Government, a research and consulting organization based at the University of Pennsylvania, confirmed the efficacy and impact of this program. It improves the recipients' quality of life; builds their confidence; strengthens their self-determination and makes them want to, in turn, help others.

Lakewood Rotary Bicycle Give Away at City Expo



ABOVE: The city of Lakewood held its annual Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo that included the Lakewood Rotary's Bicycle Give Away.

Seen in the photo above is Lakewood Rotarian, Tania Whiteleather (right), presenting a bicycle helmet to Ali Jaser, 8 years old, at the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo.

The Lakewood Rotary Club presented twenty youth bicycle helmets and two youth bicycles to lucky winners.

Over 150 children participated in the bicycle safety booth.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood was chartered in October 1954, the same year of incorporation of the city of Lakewood.

It has had many distinguished members over the years with Dan A. Boone serving as the inaugural President.

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Project 2025 Proposes Eliminating Aid for Families and Businesses Rebuilding After Storms

In the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the Southeast is tasked with the difficult work of rebuilding homes, businesses, and lives. Federal agencies play a critical role in providing swift support to these families and businesses reckoning with extreme weather events.

One such resource is the Small Business Administration's (SBA) disaster loan program—the federal government's largest source of disaster recovery funds for survivors, which provides low-interest direct loans to small-business owners and households who need to repair and rebuild their properties.

Southern states on the Gulf Coast, such as Texas, Florida, and Louisiana, are often hit the hardest by extreme weather events; and new analysis from the Center for American Progress finds that the disaster loan program also disproportionately aids affected individuals in those states.

Yet Project 2025—a far-right road map that would gut the country's nearly 250-year-old system of checks and balances—proposes, on page 750, an “end to SBA direct lending disaster loan program.” Project 2025 suggests privatization.

The proposal by Project 2025 would force families and businesses facing some of the hardest moments of their lives—including those in Hurricane Helene's path—to bear even more of the costs associated with natural disasters. Project 2025 would abandon American families and small businesses in a time of crisis, leaving them with fewer tools and resources to rebuild their lives.

Eligibility for many disaster recovery resources and aid from the federal government, including the SBA's disaster loan program, hinge on federal disaster declarations. Since 1980, the number of disaster declarations has steadily increased.

From 1980 to 1989, the federal government declared 286 disasters, whereas in the past 10 years—from 2014 to 2023—that number more than quadrupled to 1,267, an increase of 443 percent.

Yet in its section on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Project 2025 proposes FEMA increase the threshold for disaster declarations, thereby making it more difficult for states and localities—and, by extension, the families and businesses—to qualify for federal aid after disaster strikes.

The SBA's disaster loan program and FEMA is an increasingly relevant resource as climate change makes extreme weather events not only more common but also more intense and more costly.

The National Centers for Environmental Information estimates that since 1980, there have been 391 confirmed extreme weather and disaster events where losses reached at least \$1 billion, an average of 8.7 costly storms each year. But in the past five years, that average has more than doubled to 20.4. And a new record was set in 2023, with 28 storms reaching the billion-dollar mark.

Yet, *according to Project 2025's own analysis*, 90 percent of this disaster aid goes to homeowners, as opposed to small businesses. So the



WOULD BE CUT OFF: A Florida resident inspects damages of his house after Hurricane Helene made landfall. Project 2025 would cut off SBA disaster funds for homeowners and businesses to rebuild and proposes FEMA increase the threshold for disaster declarations, thereby making it more difficult for states and localities—and, by extension, the families and businesses—to qualify for federal aid after disaster strikes.

program that 2025 wants to cut not only helps local economies bounce back, but the loans play an even more critical role in helping individuals and families begin the long road to recovery.

The program serves every state in the country, but those in areas facing intensifying climate risks are more likely to rely on this assistance to rebuild. Since 2017, three Republican states on the Gulf Coast—Florida, Texas, and Louisiana—consistently benefited the most in terms of number of disaster loans. In total, the trio of states had the highest number of loans approved and received the most aid. In every year, one of these three states topped the list for most aid received.

However, loans also go to families and businesses facing disasters that get far less national attention. In 2024

alone, loans were made available to Michiganders in Kalamazoo and other neighboring counties after an EF2 tornado struck on May 7. Some residents in South Carolina were also eligible for loans after a thunderstorm with winds as high as 80 mph struck Berkeley and neighboring counties on June 10.

No one can stop disasters like Hurricane Helene from striking, but we can expect our government to be prepared to act swiftly and efficiently when they do—especially as these tragedies become more common and more devastating due to climate change. Instead, the far-right architects of Project 2025 would abandon American families and small businesses in a time of crisis, leaving them with fewer tools and resources to rebuild their lives.

And....

Calls to Dissolve the NOAA Including the Hurricane Center and National Weather Service

Like the weather forecast? Information about hurricanes like Helene and how long the heat wave will last?

Well, if Trump wins and he implements his Project 2025, say goodbye to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and its six main offices, including the 154-year-old National Weather Service.

“Together, these form a colossal operation that has become one of the main drivers of the climate change alarm industry and, as such, is harmful to future U.S. prosperity,” the document says.

NOAA provides important free data such as weather forecasts and satellite observations, lifesaving information about hurricanes, heat waves, atmospheric rivers and other extreme events.

The breaking up of NOAA is really an effort by Trump and his cronies to block or make less available information about climate change.

The 922-page document was published by the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington, D.C.

NOAA is the largest agency under the U.S. Department of Commerce and uses about half of the department's \$12-billion budget.

In typical Republican 1% fashion, the plan wants to privatize the NOAA stating that forecasts provided by private

companies such as AccuWeather are more accurate than those provided by the National Weather Service, and so it recommends that the NWS “fully commercialize its forecasting operations,” or enter partnerships to sell its data.

In a statement, AccuWeather stated the company has not suggested that the National Weather Service privatize its operations, nor does it agree with the view outlined in the plan.

In fact, AccuWeather and many other agencies and research institutions depend on NOAA's ground instruments, satellites, balloons, weather models and forecasts to aid in their own outlooks.

NOAA has been a key resource in the federal government in providing information about climate change and communicating the risks on the horizon that has impacts.

The NOAA section was written by Thomas Gilman, who served in the Commerce Department during Donald Trump's presidential administration. Before that appointment, Gilman was closely tied to oil and gas interests.

In recent weeks, Trump has distanced himself from the plan—stating on social media that he knows nothing about Project 2025 and that he has “no idea who is behind it.”

However, the plan includes contributions from other members of his



Republican administration: Top Advisor Steven Miller; HUD Secretary Ben Carson; Secretary Christopher Miller; Intelligence Dir. John Ratcliffe; Transportation Sec. Steven Bradbury; Labor Sec. Patrick Pizzella; Border Chief Mark Morgan; Immigration Chiefs Tom Homan and Ken Cuccinelli.

Trump's name is mentioned in the document more than 300 times.

Project 2025 isn't solely focused on weather. Its sweeping recommendations include plans to restrict abortion and contraceptives, cut Social Security, outlaw pornography, end marriage equality, end student loan relief efforts and eliminate other federal agencies such as the Department of Education.

On the environment, it calls for increased Arctic drilling, the deregulation of the oil industry, the repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act—President Biden's landmark climate legislation—and withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, among other recommendations.

Project 2025 also calls for the repeal of the U.S. Department of the Interior's America the Beautiful Initiative. That plan, sometimes referred to as 30x30, seeks to conserve at least 30% of the U.S.'s land and waters by 2030, and has been hailed by environmental groups as a crucial step for reversing habitat and species loss and ensuring access to nature for future generations.

Message From ABCUSD Sophia Tse on Measure BB Progress

Dear ABCUSD Community,

As we approach the six-year anniversary of Measure BB, the \$256 million bond for school improvements and modernization, my fellow board members and I want to thank the ABCUSD community for your support. Because of you, we've been able to make significant upgrades to our schools, which will continue to benefit students for years to come.

Measure BB came about after the Board's Facilities Ad Hoc Committee spent 2016 and 2017 working on a Long Range Facilities Master Plan. The committee held 18 meetings, visited 24 schools, and gathered community input to create a plan that addressed our schools' needs. This plan became the basis for Measure BB and has guided all the improvements we've made since.

I'm proud to report that we are on track to finish the work as promised, within the 10-year time-frame. Thanks to Measure BB, our schools are seeing real improvements.

We started with elementary schools - upgrading playgrounds, installing water bottle filling stations, and adding security cameras. Next, we focused on high schools, where the work is mostly done. These upgrades include better security, new technology, improved classrooms and restrooms, as well as new science labs and media centers.

Middle schools like Carmenita, Ross, and Tetzlaff have also been upgraded, with work continuing at Fedde and Haskell. These schools received similar im-

provements to security, technology, classrooms, restrooms, and media centers.

After visiting the schools, I'm especially impressed with the new classrooms, science labs, and media centers. These spaces are helping students learn and work together more effectively.

Next, we'll return to our elementary schools. Bragg Elementary is serving as the model for improvements across all elementary schools. At Bragg Elementary, we are focusing on security, technology, classrooms, restrooms, and media centers.

School safety is a top priority. All schools now have mass notification systems in every classroom, improved fire alarms, and more security cameras. Soon, we'll be adding key card access to classrooms and automatic door locks for emergencies like active shooter situations. We're also improving building identification, including markings visible from the air, for better emergency response.

The funds from Measure BB are being released in four parts. The first, Series A, was issued in 2019, Series B in 2022, and Series C was recently sold. We've been fortunate to receive strong bids from several large financial institutions for each series, ensuring we keep taxpayers' costs as low as possible. We plan to sell the final series within the next few years.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee was formed to review how bond funds are spent, ensuring a high level of accountability. We can't thank the members of the Citizens' Oversight Committee enough for their ongoing work in reviewing Measure BB expenditures and maintaining transparency.

It's exciting to see all these improvements happening at our schools. Since the Facilities Ad Hoc Committee created the Facilities Master Plan, we've stayed focused on making sure our schools are

safe, modern, and welcoming places to learn.

I have requested that the District hold a bus tour, showcasing school improvements made through Measure BB in mid-November.

Please be on the lookout for more information about the bus tour soon.

Thank you again for your support of Measure BB and for helping us improve our schools for the future.

*Sincerely,
Sophia Tse
President*

ABCUSD Board of Education

Scholarship-Marc Stirdivant for Justice 2024

The Marc Stirdivant Scholarship for Justice 2024 is now accepting applications from students entering/exiting 9th to 12th grade. Students may submit art, essays, or videos focusing on civil liberties and injustice. Submissions are due by midnight on October 19, 2024. More information can be found on the scholarship's at: tunacanyon.org/marc-stirdivant-scholarships-for-justice/



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ed for the proposal to be acceptable as viable.

Therefore, between 1971 and 1972, on the heels of the student walk-outs at Excelsior High School (March 1970), along came a community consultant from the Los Angeles Economic Youth Agency (E.Y.O.A.) named Norm Weiss to lend a hand.

Norm was the same consultant who contacted Nativo Lopez at the time to assist in writing the original proposal to fund a community youth center, El Centro Aztlan de Norwalk (1970), as a successor youth center to the previous Norwalk Teen Post on Front St., led by Max Avalos.

This was the first successful grass-roots endeavor to organize local residents

around issues of importance to them and their families. By the time Mr. Weiss offered additional assistance in launching an urban renewal project, much water, and struggle had run under the bridge in Norwalk in a relatively short span of time.

Again, this was 1970-72, in a strategically placed city, which was ripe for renewal after the completion of the 605 Freeway. Mexicans were concentrated in the most blighted areas of the city; smaller dilapidated housing tracts with some streets still unpaved that flooded during the rainy seasons; poorly lit streets; under-served by city hall and overly patrolled by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, which routinely broke up family parties, and participated in occasions of police brutality with many arrests.

The three main barrios at the time were Barrio Norwalk, the One-Ways, and Carmelas. The Norwalk student walk-outs, which lasted weeks in March 1970, had made their mark at Excelsior High School and shaken the very foundation of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District.

Mexican students comprised roughly 30 percent of the total district enrollment of tens of thousands. They were the most educationally underserved, with the highest drop-out rate, least prepared to attend college, the lowest number of Mexican teachers, counselors, and administrators, the highest rate of suspension, victims of corporal punishment, generally prevented from any relevant cultural experience, and were being directed into military service.

At its inception, the Norwalk student movement had no adult support other than Mrs. Beatrice Vigil Lopez, and it required parental allies in its fight for student justice.

That special month in 1970 created enough community noise that parents

started to pay attention to the issues, and thus, the United Parents Association of Norwalk (U.P.A.N.) was founded the same year as the student strike.

It was comprised of the student's parents, who could better confront school district authorities and negotiate student demands. After successfully settling many of the students' major complaints, U.P.A.N. was ready for new challenges.

It addressed issues of lack of political representation on the school board and city council, and even conducted voter registration drives and ran candidates for office; they questioned police brutality and police-community relations and demanded the Cerritos Community College Board to create curriculum relevant to Mexican heritage, and of course denounced community blight in Norwalk.

The Vigil-Lopez, Huereque, Gonzales, Garcia, Sanchez, Steager, Ramirez, Quiñones, Arebalo, and Hernandez families were the leaders and activists of this local movement.

As these leaders and other community residents began connecting the dots regarding socio-economic and educational failure, they decided to remedy the most outstanding issues with an institutional legacy, a social service center.

As a result, Nativo Vigil Lopez invited Norm Weiss to U.P.A.N. meetings to present the possibility of initiating an urban renewal project. This project aimed to revitalize the community by addressing housing, education, and social services. It would take conducting a neighborhood census, circulating petitions to garner local support, and establishing a local area council of neighborhood residents from the target area.

The determination for Barrio Norwalk & the One-Ways, as the largest concentration of the three Mexican barrios, was selected.

In fact, these forward-thinking leaders concluded that centering a social service center and library off Alondra Blvd. and near the high school would be the ideal combination for all concerned.

The members of U.P.A.N. overwhelmingly embraced the project and began the work in earnest. It took numerous weekends of volunteers "walking the walk," regrouping, lobbying city officials, and exhibiting real ambition to conduct the census and circulate the petitions.


Finally, with the loyal assistance of Norm Weiss, Robert Arebalo, Nativo Vigil Lopez, and the standing committee, the application was submitted with the eventual support of the Norwalk City Council.

It was a "win-win," as popularly expressed today. The money would come from the federal government, with the support of local residents and the political endorsement from the city council, to build low-income housing, a community social service center, and a library, and clean out the pestilence of the remaining milk dairy located in the middle of the barrio.

After the dairy was removed in the following years, additional housing replaced the "barrio eye sore" and set the trend towards community clean-up. U.P.A.N.'s project eventually was crowned with absolute success, as can be observed today in the 50th year of this history.

This is the historical origin of the Norwalk Social Service Center and Alondra Library, an institutional legacy born out of a social struggle for change and a demand for equity by people concerned with the neglect in their community and the social welfare of their peers.

Let this be the reason for our celebration and the commitment of those who continue to serve our community.



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created by Torres, several city employees filed labor complaints against him, compelling the city to initiate a costly investigation in late 2021.

Several employees, including Salazar, were interviewed with the investigators “sustaining” multiple allegations of misconduct against Torres. In an investigation such as the one of Torres, “sustained” means that there was enough evidence to prove that the allegations were true and violated a policy.

In May of 2022, the investigation findings were presented publicly at a City Council meeting where Torres was in attendance. However, the City Council majority of Torres, Georgina Tamayo, and Scarlet Peralta ignored the investigation and instead attacked Salazar for testifying as a witness in the investigation.

Sometime after the meeting, the lawsuit alleges, Torres turned up the harassment on Salazar by “engaging in conduct that materially impacted the terms and conditions of Salazar’s employment, including but not limited to berating and humiliating her on multiple occasions.”

Torres’s incessant harassment forced Salazar to file a claim with the city in September 2022 for violations of the Montebello Municipal Code and the California Labor Code, which slowed the harassment...for a few months.

Torres, Peralta, and Tamayo then began systematically taking authority away from City Manager Rene Bobadilla. Following the appointment of Torres, during one of his first City Council meetings as mayor, Torres placed and voted on an agenda item to strip Bobadilla of most of his administrative authority, including his hiring power.

At the time, sources told Los Cerritos Community News that Torres, Peralta, and Tamayo “had it in” for Bobadilla. The three put so much pressure on him that the embattled city manager could no longer take the harassment and went on voluntary leave in January 2023, eventually resigning in May of 2023, putting Salazar in charge and back into the sites of Torres, Peralta, and Tamayo.

The City Council was already battling Salazar over city issues, including a civil engineering company named Infrastructure Engineering (IE), which “was pressuring City Councilmembers to award it a contract with the city.”

Salazar was against IE, telling the City Council several times that awarding a contract to IE, previously known as Advanced Applied Engineering, would result in oversight problems and a gross waste of public funds.

Salazar’s assertions about IE were based on the company’s performance in another contract with the city, which ended up getting audited by California’s Independent Office of Audits and Invest-

tigations.

Based on that audit, project costs totaling over \$479,000 were, according to the state, “not in compliance with state and federal regulations.” In addition, the audit cited a potential conflict of interest that involved a “city consultant.”

Despite Salazar’s warnings about IE, the City Council chose to continue with the company, a decision that raised concerns about the city’s financial management. The company recently signed a large contract with the city in September of this year.

By June 2023, residents were fed up with Torres, Peralta, and Tamayo, announcing a recall effort against the city’s then-Mayor Torres, Peralta, and Tamayo, citing their treatment of the former city manager and the city’s public affairs director, Michael Chee, who had filed fresh claims accusing Torres of retaliating against him.

The claim involved Torres, Peralta, and Tamayo voting to “defund” Chee’s position. At the meeting, Torres described the decision to eliminate the public affairs director’s position as a financial one, explaining that he believed the department was too “top heavy.”

Chee countered, saying Torres and his allies on the council retaliated after Chee and others criticized Torres’ conduct when he was a councilman.

Chee called the action “petty” and “vindictive,” adding he was given no due

process or advance warning of the action to eliminate a job he was actively working in.

Around that time, the city hired Raul Alvarez as City Manager. Alvarez had zero large municipality budget and operations experience; his career consisted of a stint on the staff of former Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, eventually leaving under a cloud, according to sources. Alvarez was employed in Lynwood and eventually ended up in Huntington Park as Assistant City Manager before his hiring by Montebello.

Alvarez wasted no time becoming Torres and his ally’s attack dog. In his first several months as city manager, Alvarez took actions to marginalize and oust multiple women holding executive management positions in the city, several of whom were black and Latino.

Starting January 2024, Alvarez increasingly sidelined Salazar in a manner “that was publicly humiliating and made it difficult for her to perform critical job responsibilities,” including barring Salazar from weekly meetings, one-on-one meetings with various Department Directors within the city, closed session city council meetings, even community events such as Rotary and Soroptimists events.

Finally, in June of this year, according to the lawsuit, City Attorney Arnold-Alvarez Glasman, on orders from Alvarez, walked into Salazar’s office during a Zoom meeting and personally handed her a notice placing Salazar on paid leave.

LCCN confirmed with Salazar that the delivery by Glasman had occurred.

Since then, according to the lawsuit, the city has attempted to discredit Salazar and, according to sources, has initiated an “investigation” into Salazar.

The sources tell LCCN that former Bell Gardens Police Chief Keith Kilmer is spearheading the investigation.

When contacted by LCCN, Montebello Councilman Torres wrote, “Despite 17 witnesses and 8 claims filed against me, none of those claims turned into harassment lawsuits under the government code in which they were filed. In fact, all claims expired on September 14 of this year when the two-year statute of limitations was reached. I still maintain my actions were appropriate and protected. As for the whistleblower claims, I can’t comment on pending litigation at this time.”

Torres did not comment when asked about the costly discrimination investigation that investigators “sustained.”

Councilwoman Angie Jimenez did not mince words and defended Salazar, “The current state and work culture in our city has been highly discriminatory against women since a new City Manager Raul Alvarez came to Montebello back in November of 2023.

All of the employees he placed on administrative leave are not only high-ranking professionals but have all been women, black, and Latinas.

“Most employees who have resigned since he arrived have been women who have left for fear of being alienated or retaliated against. Their resignations have all been forced.

“Ms. Salazar has been a pioneer in her field and earned her seat at the table by creating waves and opportunities for other women; she should have never been treated as she was. Neither should any women forced to resign or separate from the city.

“This is a story that needs to be told, and I hope that LCCN takes the time to shed some light on the misogynistic male chauvinistic environment that the city of Montebello has become under its new leadership of Raul Alvarez, Councilman David Torres, and old-guard City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glassman.”



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La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Branch Makes Plans for 2024-2025

By Edna Ethington

Nineteen members of the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) met on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at the "Den" at Heritage Park in Cerritos, to enjoy an International Potluck and to make plans for the year.

Gourmet Group Chair Joan Flax said that there will be three dinners planned for the third Saturdays of the month on October, January, and March, with a fourth one planned for the entire group and the end of the year. Contact Joan Flax for host houses, dates, times, and menus.

Great Decisions Chair Dorothy Edwards announced that there will be two more meetings this year, with the topic being "High Seas" in September, and "The Pandemic" in October. Meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., at Dorothy's home. A new series will begin in January.

Readers Theater Chair Esther Aronson announced that all the meeting this year will take place at her home on the first Thursdays of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. with reading of plays at 6:45 p.m. Members take turns bringing snacks and there are fees for membership in the group and for postage for the play booklets. The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 3, 2024. Contact Esther for more information.

Cover to Cover Chair Thea Siegel announced that this group will meet different locations for book discussions each month on the second Thursdays of the month,

starting at 1:00 p.m. Member Mary Ann Quinn will be hosting the October 10 meeting in home. Contact Thea for the locations of future Cover to Cover meetings.

After the Interest Group leaders finished discussing their groups, Harriet announced that the October Program will feature Margo Reed, a speaker from the League of Women Voters, who will be giving information about the 12 propositions that will be voted on in the November elections. She then received reports from appointed committee chairs of the branches' committees.

Public Policy Chair Sondra Cohen provided handouts for the AAUW California State Public Policy Priorities for 2023-2025, the 2024 Ballot Positions which AAUW takes a stand, and a 2024 Voter Guide for the candidates running for the 45th Congressional District in which the majority of our branch member live. Sondra urged members to sign up for the online Action Alerts which addresses California AAUW issues, and also the online wo-Minute Activist which addresses AAUW National issues.

For the AAUW Fund, Gail Ross volunteered to serve temporarily as the AAUW Fund Chair. Gail and Thea Seigel said that there are several options available for fundraisers with different restaurants that can be arranged that will help raise funds. Gail said the Fundraising Cruise to Catlina and Ensenada in February will also raise funds for the AAUW Fund. Joan Flax said that her Jewelry Sale on November 9 will be a "mini fundraiser" for AAUW Fund. Contact Gail or Joan Flax for more information.

Since there is no Membership VP, Joan Plyman volunteered to help with membership duties and helped members to sign the attendance sheet for this meeting. She also helped to deliver to members the new Branch Directory which was prepared by



Photos and I.D. By Edna Ethington

POTLUCK: Pictured at the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW's International Potluck at Heritage Park in Cerritos, are left to right, Historian Patricia McClelland, AAUW Fund Chair Gail Ross, and Cover to Cover Interest Group Chair Thea Siegel.

Marilyn Forsstrom. Joan also volunteered to take charge of Falcons Nest at Cerritos Community College which helps provide students with personal needs. Joan will be collecting donations of cosmetics, lotions, sanitary supplies, other personal needs, and clothing, at the October 17 meeting. Contact Joan for more information.

Celia Spitzer did a great job of arranging for the meeting to be held at "The Den" at Heritage Park. She thanked Sue Carruthers for her hospitality and providing decorations, paper goods, utensils, and water for today's meeting.

Administrator Harriet invited members to share a piece of good news about their families while donating \$1.00 for the AAUW Fund. Five members responded and shared good news about their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren!

At the end of the evening, Harriet said that our branch meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the ABC Unified School District Adult School Auditorium at 20122 Cabrillo Lane, Cerritos, CA. with Social Time at 6:30 p.m. and guest speakers at 7:00 p.m. followed by business meetings. Her final announcement was that the January 16 meeting will be changed to January 15.

Members and guests are reminded to come to ABCUSD Adult School Auditorium on October 17, 2024, to come at 7:00 p.m., to hear Speaker Margo Reed from the League of Women Voters on the topic of the 12 Propositions that will be voted on in November. For more information about the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW, contact Administrator Harriet Moses at 714-994-1487.

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Grow Fresh Herbs to Flavor Holiday Meals

By Melinda Meyers

Grow, harvest and season your holiday meals with fresh herbs grown indoors in a windowsill garden. Add to the experience by using potted herbs and a few holiday adornments to dress up the table. You and your family will enjoy snipping a few fresh herbal sprigs to season your meal to your own taste.

Include herbs your family likes, those that complement your menu and are easy to grow indoors like basil, oregano, parsley, chives, thyme, and sage. Purchase plants so they will be ready to harvest for the holidays. Many garden centers now carry herb plants year-round; some grocery stores sell them in their produce department.

Grow plants in individual containers or plant several in one larger decorative pot. Select a container with drainage holes and one that complements your table setting. Use a quality, well-draining potting mix when transplanting herbs into another container.

Place a saucer or tray under pots with drainage holes to protect your furniture. Or double pot plants when using a decorative container that lacks drainage holes. Plant herbs in a smaller pot with drainage holes or set several pots in a larger container. Place pebbles in the bottom of the decorative pot. This elevates the inner pots above any excess water that collects in the bottom of the decorative pot, help-

ing avoid root rot and the need to empty the water in the saucer.

Dress up any meal by creating an edible centerpiece with your herb plants. Set them on a decorative placemat to protect the tabletop and add a few seasonal items to complete your display.

Grow herbs in a sunny window such as an unobstructed south-, east-, or west-facing window when they are not decorating the table. Consider adding artificial lights if sunlight is limited and the plants have leggy stems and pale leaves. Keep the lights about 6 to 12" above the tops of the plants and leave them on for six to eight hours if supplementing the natural light. Leave them on for 14 hours a day, if this is the only light source. Set the plants on a reflective surface to help shine light back up into the bottom of the plants.

Avoid drafts of hot and cold air and water thoroughly as needed. Some herbs like basil, oregano, parsley, and marjoram like soil to be slightly moist but not soggy while chives, thyme, and sage like it a bit drier.

Grow basil to dress up a pizza, salad, or soup with a few leaves. Add some oregano to season any tomato-based dishes such as pizza and pasta. Use fresh thyme to flavor cheese, eggs, tomatoes, and lentils.

Chives' mild onion flavor is great on potatoes, but consider adding it to soups, dips, seafood dishes, and omelets. Just snip a few leaves and cut them into smaller pieces before adding them to your dish.

Parsley is high in vitamin C and is often added to soups, pasta, salads, and dressings. Harvest a sprig at the end of the meal to freshen your breath.

Add several pairs of snips and let everyone add their favorite herbal seasonings to their meal. You may need to show your guests how to harvest and use the



GROW HERBS that complement your family's favorite recipes and are easy to grow indoors like basil, oregano, parsley, chives, thyme, and sage.

herbs to get them started. Let them know that harvesting the herbs encourages new growth for future use.

Make this year's holiday meals memorable. Invite your guest to enjoy the fresh flavor and fun of seasoning their meals right at the table.

Melinda Meyers has written over 20 gardening books. Meyers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Meyers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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WEEK FIVE FOOTBALL

LOPEZ INJURED AS ARTESIA'S OFFENSE INEFFECTIVE IN SECOND HALF AGAINST ESTANCIA

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on X

COSTA MESA-For the first half of Artesia High's contest at Estancia High, it was everything expected from a pair of teams entering with a combined record of 8-1. Both scored on their first two possessions of the game and by halftime, it was 21-21.

Then the Eagles took the lead for good to begin the second half, and added a safety one play later, all within the first four and a half minutes of the half. After that, the defenses took over and the Pioneers couldn't sustain much in a 30-21 loss at Jim Scott Stadium, giving them their first loss in six games this season.

To add insult to injury, senior quarterback Charlie Lopez, who has accounted for 54 percent of Artesia's total yards this season, left the game in the final minute as he was trying to rally his team. In the second to last possession for the Pioneers, Lopez had consecutive plays of negative yardage, one resulting in a fumble in which he recovered under a pile of Estancia players. When Artesia got the ball back with 53.3 seconds left in the game, he threw an incomplete pass, but the Eagles were called for a personal foul infraction after Lopez got drilled in the front side of his body.

Artesia head coach Connor Crook said Lopez was complaining about pain in either his stomach or ribs as he was being attended to inside the 10-yard line near the Estancia sideline. When he finally stood up after being on the turn for several minutes, he started holding his forearm while walking back to the

Artesia sideline.

"I think I'm going to have to talk to the doctors about it," said Crook. "I think he'll be okay, but we're going to check him out."

Junior quarterback Joey Peck came in and after an eight-yard pass to senior wide receiver Eduardo Ordaz, threw three straight incomplete passes to end the contest. But the Pioneers began the game like a team that was going for a sixth-straight victory, and it was all about Lopez and senior running back Julius Padilla. The latter began the game with a 17-yard run and would add runs of 11 and 12 yards on consecutive plays later in the drive.

On the eighth play of the drive, Lopez scored on a 13-yard run, which would be a theme the remainder of the first half. Estancia came back and rode the legs of Jeff Brown, its leading rusher this season, who gained 23 yards on the first three plays, then tied the contest on a three-yard run with 4:47 left in the stanza.

The Pioneers would need five plays to regain the lead with Lopez scampering 34 yards for a touchdown with 2:05 left. But that was short-lived as Brown tied the game with his 60-yard run less than a minute later. The game would take somewhat of a slight turn as Lopez and Padilla gained 20 yards on the final three plays of the quarter, then Artesia took eight minutes off the clock to begin the second quarter, only to see a fumble at the three-yard line end the scoring threat.



"That was big and that was something that was kind of a point of emphasis all week when we were talking about offense," said Crook of the fumble.

"When you play good teams, it comes down to a few plays, and usually it's the plays where mistakes are made. I told them all week if we make mistakes, it's going to be a long night, and we made some mistakes tonight."

That would prove costly as the Eagles went the other way and took their first lead with 38.3 seconds left before halftime, a 34-yard touchdown pass from Heriberto Sanchez Martinez to Brandon Bettinghausen. Artesia stayed in the game because junior Joe Thomas returned the ensuing kickoff 51 yards, then Lopez made it three for three with his 21-yard score with 17.7 seconds left in the half.

He would gain 112 yards on 15 carries in the half while Padilla added 91 yards on 12 rushes as the two accounted for all but two plays in the half. On the other side of the field, the Eagles had the ball for less than eight minutes but gained 240 yards, thanks to the passing of Sanchez Martinez and the running of Brown, who combined for 215 yards.

The 21 points scored by Artesia in the half was already the most Estancia had given up in any game this season. Coming into the game with the Pioneers, the Eagles had posted two shutouts, allowed seven points to Katella High and lost to University High 13-6.

"I don't think they threw us off guard," said Crook. "We knew they were going to be tough and they're 3-1 coming into this. Their defense, especially, has been really good the first four games, so we knew it was going to be a battle."

The Eagles began the second half with the ball and on third and nine from their own 41-yard line, Sanchez Martinez connected with Joseth Zarate Groth for a 10-yard pass play. Brown then picked up 15 yards and four plays later, Bettinghausen hauled in a 30-yard touchdown pass. With the Pioneers beginning their initial drive of the half at the 14-yard line, a bad snap from center landed in the end zone where Estancia pounced on the pigskin for a safety and the last score of the game. It was the third bad snap from center in the contest and the Pioneers would be limited to 34 yards on 17 plays the remainder of the game.

"Same thing; little mistakes like that affect the game against good teams," said Crook. "We've played a couple of teams that we were fortunate enough to be maybe more skilled or athletic than, and then those mistakes don't really affect us in those games."

"We still made those mistakes in those games, but the kids overcame them," he continued. "But when you play good teams, and we're going to eventually play good teams in the future, mistakes like that will kill you."

Estancia had a chance to go up 33-21 with 3:02 left in the third quarter, but a 38-yard field goal attempt from Steve Sanchez was unsuccessful. The Pioneers, behind a battered and bruised Lopez, drove from the 20-yard line to the Estancia 46-yard line. But on the third play of the fourth quarter, he was picked off by Sean Sweeney at the 23-yard line and the Pioneers would not get past their 32-yard line the rest of the way. It was the first of just two passes he attempted while finishing with 101 yards on 21 carries with five of those carries went for negative yardage.

"If he was good to go, he's good to go," said Crook. "And the doctors said he was good, and [Lopez] said he was good. When a kid is trying to tough something out, we'll put him back in and let him tough it out."

Padilla ended the night with 110 yards on 17 carries while on defense, junior lineman Maximus Garcia had nine tackles, followed by sophomore linebacker Robert Garcia with eight tackles and five each from senior lineman Gerson Juarez and senior linebackers Ahkil Sampson and DeAngelo Tucker. Brown led Estancia with 178 yards on 21 carries while Sanchez Martinez completed 16 passes, nine straight at one point in the second half, for 211 yards.

Artesia will play its final non-league game on Friday when it hosts Channel Islands High, a team it has never faced before and is 1-4 after losing to Bolsa Grande High 38-0 last Saturday. The Raiders have scored 35 points and have been blanked twice.

"I know they're in a rough spot and they got a new coach late," said Crook. "But he's an NFL guy, so I'm sure he's gotten some buzz around campus or whatever. I'm sure they'll be okay. They didn't have a good season last season. But they have one win, which is one more than they had last season. We'll be ready to go."

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD.

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CERRITOS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PUTS UP A FIGHT BUT FALLS TO 605 LEAGUE-LEADING WHITNEY IN FIVE SETS

By Loren Kopff
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There is a changing of the guard in the 605 League for girls volleyball and Whitney High is on the brink of the program's first league title since 2000. The Wildcats survived a scare from five-time defending league champion Cerritos High and rallied for a 16-25, 25-19, 25-17, 22-25, 15-12 victory this past Tuesday.

Whitney improved to 18-7 overall, 6-0 in league and swept the Dons, which entered this season with 50 straight 605 League victories since the inception of the league. Cerritos dropped to 14-11, 4-2, thus giving Whitney a league-clinching date as early as Friday when it visits last place Pioneer High.

Cerritos was primed to even the season series with its crosstown rivals, leading 5-0, 8-3 and 9-5 in the fifth set. But Whitney sophomore opposite hitter Sophia Fu had a pair of aces after kills from senior outside hitter Rachel Moyher and junior middle blocker Olachi Anyama respectively to tie the set at 9-9. Later with the score 12-12 and beginning the second rotation, Moyher placed her 13th and final kill in the left corner, followed by an ace from sophomore setter Janelle Sales and a kill from senior middle blocker Chiugo Aayama.

The fifth set was made possible because the Dons had bounced back from

losing sets two and three and outscored the Wildcats 10-7 in the second rotation of the fourth set.

"It's tough; I don't want to walk out of here with moral victories," said Cerritos head coach David Cuthbert. "I'm proud of my kids; they fought really hard tonight. The effort was there the whole time. With a young group, sometimes the execution wasn't always there, but they fought really hard. It would have been easy to just roll over because we struggled in one of those early sets."

Cuthbert was talking about the third set when Whitney held a commanding 15-5 lead at the end of the first rotation. The Dons would score four straight points, then three consecutive points moments later to make it 20-13 after an ace from senior libero Gaby Colombo.

There were six ties and four lead changes in the first, the last coming on the first of back to back aces from Cerritos sophomore opposite hitter Ceana Merino, making it 8-7. The hosts, on senior night, would put the set away when Colombo reeled off four straight points to make it 21-13.

They were looking to go up two sets to none when they leads of 10-5 and 15-9. But Moyher's kill gave Whitney an 18-17 lead and sophomore outside hitter Emma Prowse proceeded to serve three more points. After getting just two aces in the first set, the Wildcats had a better performance in the next set, with seven in the second set, four coming in the second



CERRITOS HIGH SENIORS, from left to right, Sophia Toney, Brooke Lozano, Ariel Cawili, Gaby Colombo, Xitlally Gonzalez, Jadalynn Pasana-Hidalgo, Kelly Ogasawara and Casey Chuanico played their last regular season home match this past Tuesday against Whitney High. Despite a match-high 19 kills from Lozano, it was Whitney which spoiled the party in a 16-25, 25-19, 25-17, 22-25, 15-12 victory. **PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF**

rotation which began with Cerritos up 16-14.

With the pressure now on the Dons, they had a fast start to the fourth set, coming back from a 4-0 deficit to take a 12-8 lead. Even though Whitney tied things up twice, the Dons were able to take a 22-17 lead on the strength of two kills each from senior outside hitter Brooke Lozano and senior middle blocker Sophia Toney, plus

a combined block by the two.

"That's our first fifth set [of the season] for this group, so it's a new experience," said Cuthbert. "Fifth sets are hard; you have to play your best and you have to win the points that matter in the end."

Prowse led Whitney with 15 kills while Olachi and Chiugo Anyama added eight and six kills respectively. In the

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GATEWAY LEAGUE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

NORWALK PUSHES GAHR TO BRINK OF PLAYOFF ELIMINATION AS MATCH ENDS ON CONTROVERSIAL PLAY

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One thing was certain when the Norwalk High girls volleyball team hosted Gahr High last Thursday in a pivotal Gateway League match to end the first round. Gahr was either going to snap a season-long six match losing streak, or the Lancers were going to defeat the Gladiators for the first time in five matches.

The latter happened, but not without some controversy as Norwalk escaped with a 25-16, 25-18, 19-25, 27-25 victory. After Norwalk senior middle blocker Samantha Munoz had given her team a 26-25 lead, the second time the Lancers had led in the set, Munoz had a tip at the net that tricked over and landed on Gahr's side to end the match. After several minutes of discussion between a member of the Gahr coaching staff and Joe Soto, the down referee, the match was officially over.

"Honestly, I saw [Munoz] hit the net first," said Gahr assistant coach Alex Quan-Madrid. "I saw her hand kind of swiping it. That's what I feel like I saw, and obviously it's a bang-bang type of play. So it's hard to see everything that happened. I thought at the worst, we could have gotten a replay, just to be fair to the teams."

"I didn't hear the exact conversation; I kind of had glimpses of it," he later said. "But I think the main thing is that, as a former ref, I understand that the down ref is the one making the net call and the up ref is calling other things. So, that should have been the down ref's call."

"It was nerve-wracking," said

Norwalk head coach Paola Nava. "With the momentum and everything, I just told these girls now we have to expect everything. We have to do our job; play clean volleyball. At the net, we were making a lot of errors into the net, and we were bumping into each other when balls were coming over."

How important was the match as the first round of league play concluded? The win put Norwalk, 11-12 overall, 2-2 in league action and good for third place while Gahr dropped to 15-16, 0-4. Had Gahr come out victorious, there would have been a tie for third place along with La Mirada High. With four matches left in the regular season, Downey High stands in first place while Warren High had a 3-1 league mark.

Gahr jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the opening set on the strength of three straight aces from junior outside hitter Genesis Islas and one from sophomore setter Lauren Blanco. The Gladiators would have the lead until Norwalk senior setter Zaidee Zepeda's first kill tied the set at 10-10 to end the first rotation, then served an ace for her team's second lead of the set. Serving would be the story of the first set as the Lancers had nine aces while the Gladiators had five. But despite the win, Norwalk also had five serving errors in the set.

"We definitely came out with a lot of

errors; missed served and miscommunication," said Nava. "I'm not sure if it was a mental stuff the girls were kind of thinking where I'm not aware of in their head or if it was an off day. But there were a lot of controlled errors that we made on our end that could have easily been solved. It was a messy win; the girls did pull it off. But I think it could have been a definitely cleaner game."

Other than three ties in the early moments of the second set, Norwalk never trailed in the second set as Munoz got her game into high gear. Held to no kills in the first set, Munoz had seven in the second set as the Lancers had scoring stretches of six in seven points, making it 15-9, and five in six points, making it 21-14.

"I think I tried my best to keep the energy going and let the girls know that [if we give up] one point, then just shake it off," said Munoz. "I think we did get a little comfortable at first. But we still pushed through and that's all that matters."

The third set would feature five ties and two lead changes within the first rotation, and Zepeda's second kill of the match put Norwalk up 16-15. But a kill from Gahr freshman outside hitter Violet Hackworth gave the serve to sophomore libero Jayden Sydenham where she had a pair of aces after senior outside hitter Kyla Jones slammed her sixth kill. After

an ace from Norwalk senior opposite hitter Diana Avina, Jones had a kill, then served the final five points of the set.

With Gahr feeling it was gaining the momentum edge of the match, it reeled off eight straight points early in the fourth set thanks to Sydenham's six aces. Later in the first rotation, the ninth kill from Jones put Gahr up 18-9.

But, as she has done all season long, Norwalk sophomore outside hitter Mirei Sanchez had her best stretch of the match. The 6'1" star had five kills to take her team's deficit from eight points to four.

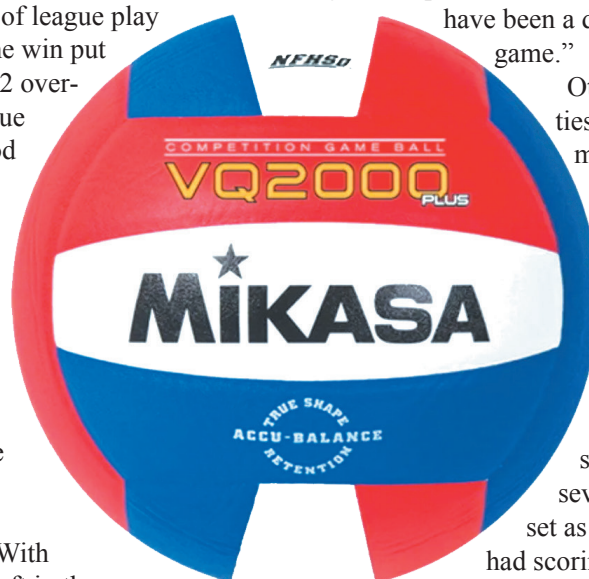
"I think that's the tricky thing about volleyball," said Quan-Madrid. "It's very much a game of momentum. You can see a good team win [the first] two and then lose three straight or be on a 10-point run and all of a sudden you give up a 10-point run."

Following a timeout, it was Avina's turn to shine as she had a kill and three aces as the Lancers roared back to tie the set at 19-19. Avina had been the fourth server through the first three sets, but Nava changed the serving rotation for the fourth set, and it paid off. Nava's first three servers were now the last three servers as it was Avina, Sanchez and junior libero Nayeli Sanchez.

"Overall, our opposite [hitter] Diana is a really, really strong server," said Nava. "She places the ball very well. Granite, she does make those serving errors here and there. But overall, her consistency in serving is there. She has a lot of runs. In every match that we've played, she's gone on multiple serving runs."

Gahr was inching closer to a win and sending it to a fifth set when the ninth ace from Sydenham put the Gladiators

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serving department, Fu and freshman libero Kelsie Kato each had five aces while Sales and senior outside hitter Janice Li added three aces a piece.

The Dons were led by Lozano (19 kills, freshman setter Ally Veron (14 kills), sophomore outside hitter Avery Updike (10 kills), Toney (eight kills), and Merino (seven kills, five aces). And while the Dons said farewell to eight seniors, who played their last regular season match at home, the future looks bright for the program with the play of their combined eight freshmen and sophomores.

"In the setting department, we have two [young] setters as well," said Cuthbert. "We're going to look to them a lot in the future. I'm excited for what's going to come. But we have to make sure we learned the lessons from this year. This year is a really, really important year in our program's history because we have to learn those lessons and be ready to step forward for big games in the future."

Whitney hosts John Glenn High on Tuesday while Cerritos still has the inside track to finish the regular season in second place and can assure itself of that with wins against Oxford Academy on Friday and Artesia High on Tuesday, both of whom are currently tied for third place, a game behind Cerritos.

"I care little for streaks," said Cuthbert. "The [league champion] banner up on our wall is not going to tell us anything about streaks. Every year, it's a different group of kids. So, nobody owns that streak. It's of non-importance to us. We're about settling into our season and trying to win there rather than worrying about history."

In other girls volleyball action, Artesia has won two straight, including a 23-25, 25-23, 25-23, 25-21 win over Oxford Academy this past Tuesday. The Pioneers (6-7, 3-3) will visit Glenn on Friday.

Any chance of Gahr High getting back in the postseason race began on Oct. 3 when the Gladiators hosted La Mirada High. Gahr began the week at 15-16 overall and winless in four Gateway League matches. The team will also host league-leading Downey High on Tuesday before going to second place Warren High on Thursday.

Glenn swept Pioneer 25-20, 25-16, 25-20 this past Tuesday to improve to 11-7, 2-4 as the Eagles hosted Western High on Oct. 3 while Norwalk High defeated La Mirada 18-25, 25-22, 21-15, 25-21

this past Tuesday in a pivotal Gateway League tilt. La Mirada, which will also visit Downey on Thursday, fell to 9-11, 1-4 while Norwalk (12-12, 3-2) hosted Downey on Oct. 3 and will welcome Warren on Tuesday.

Valley Christian High swept Whittier Christian High 25-8, 25-16, 25-18 this past Tuesday to improve to 18-4, 4-1 to stay close to Village Christian High for the top spot in the Olympic League. Those to faced each other on Oct. 3, then the Defenders will visit Pacifica Christian High of Orange County on Tuesday before hosting Heritage Christian High on Thursday.

FOOTBALL

Channel Islands High (1-4) @ Artesia (5-1)-The Pioneers will try to rebound from their first loss of the season when they host a struggling Channel Islands team. Artesia fell to Estancia High 30-21 las Friday and did not score in the second half for the first time this season. Senior quarterback Charlie Lopez continues to be the leader, passing for 398 yards and four touchdowns, though three interceptions, while rushing for 620 yards on 73 carries with 10 touchdowns. Senior running back Julius Padilla has 172 yards on 19 carries and senior wide receiver Ahkil Sampson has 11 receptions for 194 yards. Those three players and the rest of the Artesia offense should feast on a porous Channel Islands defense that lost to Bolsa Grande High 38-0 last Friday.

The Raiders, who are on a four-game winning streak, have scored 35 points this season, but only a safety on the last three games. They have had seven straight losing seasons and are coached by Jeremiah Valoaga, who played at Channel Islands and was in the NFL from 2017-2021, then the United States Football League.

Prediction: Artesia 49, Chan. Islands 7
Lynwood High (4-1) @ Gahr (2-3)-The season began with two straight losses, then consecutive wins before a 43-26 loss to Los Altos High on Sept. 20. Now, Gahr begins Mid-Cities League action against Lynwood, a former San Gabriel Valley League rival. Gahr's defense has not been the best, giving up at least 35 points in four of the five games. Senior Markell Slaughter is trying to spark the inconsistent offense, rushing for 442 yards and scoring eight touchdowns on the ground, catching 149 yards on 10 receptions and combining with junior Roman Acosta in the passing department for 677 yards on 49 completions.

Even though Gahr has owned Lynwood for years, this might be the toughest

meeting as the Knights are the defending CIF-Southern Section Division 14 finalists. This is not the same Lynwood program that had six losing seasons from 2015-2021 and has currently lost eight straight games to Gahr, including last season's 38-0 affair. All four wins this season have been shutouts, including a 28-0 win last Friday against Manual Arts High. The lose loss came to South Gate High on Aug. 29, a 24-0 decision. Quarterback Jordan Sewell has completed 30 passes for 669 yards and nine touchdowns while running back Ernest Delce has gained 543 yards on 37 carries with nine touchdowns.

Prediction: Lynwood 35, Gahr 14

Grace High (3-2) @ Glenn (1-4)-The struggles continue for Glenn, which lost to Irvine-based University High 38-0 last Friday, the second time the Eagles have been blanked. In fact, Glenn has scored just five touchdowns this season, and a safety. This is the third of five straight home games and is Glenn's homecoming game.

Grace lost to Oak Park High 52-26 on Sept. 20 and has lost two of its last three games. The Lancers, who hail from Simi Valley, are led by Ethan Lasecla, who has passed for 1,097 yards and 10 touchdowns while rushing for 844 yards and 14 more scored to account for all but three of the team's touchdowns. His favorite target is Alex Van, who has caught 16 passes for 485 yards and five touchdowns.

Prediction: Grace 42, Glenn 7

Downey (4-1) @ La Mirada (1-4)-After a week off following a daunting non-league schedule in which La Mirada allowed at least 38 points in its four losses, the Matadores get set for an equally daunting Gateway League slate. Last time out, La Mirada fell to La Habra High 48-21 on Sept. 19. Junior quarterback Santino Garcia has passed for nearly 900 yards and three touchdowns but has thrown seven interceptions. La Mirada features four running backs with at least 144 yards while junior Jordan Lauago leads the receiving department with 379 yards and seven touchdowns.

Downey's lone loss was to Red Mountain High out of Mesa, AZ, a 35-32 defeat on Sept. 20 and the Vikings are led by quarterback Oscar Rios, who has passed for 1,543 yards and 12 touchdowns and rushed for 448 yards with seven more touchdowns. Running back Bernardo Blanco has gained 442 yards on 71 carries with eight touchdowns and Rios' favorite target is Damani Porras, who has 31 receptions for 598 yards and nine touchdowns.

Prediction: Downey 38, La Mirada 14
Norwalk (4-1) @ Compton Early College (0-5)-This game will be played at Compton Community College. As expected, Norwalk roughed up Locke High 51-8 last Friday as senior running back Ezra Mueller rushed for 218 yards on a dozen carried and scored a pair of touchdowns. Junior running backs Diego Cerritos and Derek Sandoval combined to rush for 226 yards and three touchdowns as Norwalk's rushing attack has gained 2,137 yards and scored 25 touchdowns. This too will be a Mid-Cities League opener and the Lancers, who have scored 225 points, will be facing a first-year school.

The Rising Phoenix lost to La Quinta High 48-14 last Friday and have been outscored 297-65 this season, including consecutive games of allowing at least 70 points. The school's first ever football game was a 47-38 setback to Centennial High. Compton Early College was established in 2015.

Prediction: Norwalk 56, Compton Early College 7

GAME OF THE WEEK

Capistrano Valley Christian High (3-2) @ Valley Christian (5-0)-Another team which had its bye last week was Valley Christian as Ironwood League action begins on Friday. The Defenders eased past Sierra Vista High 36-14 on Sept. 20 and have scored at least 28 points in four of the five games.

All Austin Abrahams has done this season is score touchdowns. The senior quarterback has thrown for 1,030 yards and nine touchdowns while rushing for 233 yards and 10 more touchdowns. Junior Dylan Teays is the recipient of 12 receptions for 354 yards and seven touchdowns and the V.C. defense has posted 14 sacks.

The Eagles are also coming off a bye and before that, lost to St. Margaret's High 28-21. Their other loss was on Sept. 6 to Banning High, 40-10. However, in the three victories, Capo Valley Christian has scored 34 points twice and 38 in the other. Running back Joshua Monroe has gained 631 yards and found the end zone eight times while quarterback Nate Richie has completed 62 passes for 610 yards and six touchdowns with no interceptions.

Three players on defense have combined for 13 sacks, led by Duffy Kessler's six and the Eagles have picked off opposing quarterbacks eight times.

Prediction: Valley Christian 31, Capistrano Valley Christian 21

*Last week's predictions: 3-1
Season to date: 24-10*

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up 23-20, and a serve into the net moments later put Gahr up 24-21. But the 18th and final kill from Mirei Sanchez and two aces from Zepeda tied the score at 24-24. Hackworth's 11th kill gave Gahr its second set point, but another serving error, the 17th for the Gladiators, allowed Munoz to do her thing to end the match.

"She's been great; she has one of the best attitudes on the team," said Quan-Madrid of Hackworth. "She has a drive that's really hard to coach. So, to have her out there competing at that high level, really going hard every single time and taking ownership for every mistake she makes, is really a joy to have a player like that. We have a lot of high hopes for her for the upcoming years."

Jones, the most experienced returning player, had 10 kills while junior Jessalyn Ecevedo pitched in with four kills. Gahr would also serve 24 aces with nine coming from Sydenham and eight more from Islas.

"We have a pretty big senior in Kyla Jones right now and we have a couple of other seniors that have contributed a lot," said Quan-Madrid. "But the majority of our team is pretty young. We have a little bit of inexperience, but there's definitely a learning gap that we had to get to, to get to where we are right now. I feel like as frustrating as these losses can feel sometimes, I'm really proud of the work that they've done to close that skill gap that can be so competitive at times."

Besides the performances from Munoz and Mirei Sanchez, senior opposite hitter Brenda Quezada quietly had seven kills. Avina had seven aces, followed by six from Zepeda and five from Mirei Sanchez.

"It was definitely important [to win]," said Munoz. "Obviously, we're in a new league, so there's a lot more [better] competition. I think we worked hard; we had a little ups and downs throughout the game, but we definitely pushed through."

Gahr began the second round of league against La Mirada on Oct. 3 and will host Downey on Tuesday before

travelling to Warren on Thursday. Gahr went 22-12 last season and tied for third place in the league. With the 37 combined wins in just under two full seasons, the Gladiators have one more than winning 18 each in the 2018 and 2019 seasons. It's the best two-year, or close to two-year stretch by Gahr in over 25 seasons.

"I think this team is more skilled than last [season's] team," said Quan-Madrid. "But the last team, because of that senior leadership; that four years of [high school] experience... it's a different team. It's really hard to compare apples to oranges. It is disappointing to see that we don't have the record to reflect the growth and the skill that we believe the team has and that we've seen the team do."

"The first two sets I think we kind of took control on our serving side and we were placing balls," said Nava. "Coach Enrique [Garcia] and I were letting the girls know where to serve. I think we had a pretty good grip on that. In the third set, [Gahr] had their libero change and I think it definitely had an advantage on their side. I think our girls took it by

surprise and they got frazzled by it."

She continued by saying Gahr did not look like a team that had lost six straight matches. After visiting La Mirada this past Tuesday, Norwalk hosted Downey on Oct. 3 and will entertain Warren on Tuesday.

"This league can change up and down in a matter of seconds," said Nava. "I'm not saying [Downey and Warren] are not beatable; we could have put up better fights and I think next time we match up with them, we will. The girls are still hungry, and they understand a lot can change with these [next] four games."



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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, October 17, 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 items:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 19 AND SITE PLAN REVIEW: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL AN ORDINANCE AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND SITE PLAN REVIEW TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD AT 14655 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD, WITHIN THE FREEWAY COMMERCIAL (C-F) ZONING DISTRICT AND FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15303 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the environmental assessment, staff report and recommendations, as well as all 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 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 the project. The Planning Commission's action on these items will be advisory only, final consideration of the proposed project by the City Council will occur at a subsequent public hearing. The City Council public hearing 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 Community Development Department, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. Comments may also be emailed directly to the project planner, Eric Garcia, at egarcia@cityoflamirada.org. Emailed comments must be received by Thursday, October 17, 2024, by 12:00 p.m.

Please notify the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 at least four days prior to this hearing should you require 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.

Eric Garcia
Senior Planner

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 240458-SP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: BUNBUNBAO EXPRESS INC, 11314 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703
Doing Business as: BUN BUN BAO
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: SS THAI CERRITOS LLC, 11314 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 11314 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA 90703
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW BP, INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is OCTOBER 22, 2024
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: TEAM ESCROW BP, INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last date for filing claims shall be OCTOBER 21, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
BUYER: SS THAI CERRITOS LLC
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T.S. No. 123474-CA APN: 7049020010 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/8/2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 11/12/2024 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/16/2014 as Instrument No. 20140508181 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: LYNN D. GREEN AND CATHLEEN A. GREEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11122 BERTHA PLACE, CERRITOS, CA 90703 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$560,913.56 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 123474-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. 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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA**

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing pertaining to the item listed below:

HEARING BODY:	Planning Commission
DATE OF HEARING:	October 16, 2024
TIME OF HEARING:	6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter.
LOCATION OF HEARING:	City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

PUBLIC HEARING: Case No. PLNG2024-0082.The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to review an amendment to Section 18.90.080 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code to comply with new limits on local authority to regulate Accessory Dwelling Units ("ADUs") and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units ("JADUs"), and make minor revisions as requested by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD

Those who wish to testify in favor of or in opposition to the item listed above will have an opportunity to do so at the public hearing. If you challenge the above-listed 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 submitted to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director

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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 10/16/2024 at 11:00 AM

Dean Ligon
Donald Smith
Michael Jay Katz
Alexander Florez
Brandon Harding
Susan Wright
Amazing K9 Training

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

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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA
NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Pico Rivera on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

For Member of the City Council (Vote for no more than three)

Andrew C. Lara
Erik Lutz
Genaro Moreno
Monica Sanchez

As a reminder, the vote centers will be opened between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Cynthia Ayala, CMC
City Clerk

Dated this 4th day of October, 2024

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday October 15th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT
ACOSTA, ADAN	F102
ACOSTA, ADAN	G140
LESBIA YESENIA FLORES	C203
DELVONDRE BERNARD GARDNER	C225

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

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that 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, October 15th, 2024, at 9:00AM.

NAME	UNIT #
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485

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

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Cerritos City Council** adopted **Ordinance No. 1047, 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, through and including the last day of the month in which the Mayor is selected pursuant to Section 404 of the Cerritos City Charter as part of the 2025 annual Mayoral Transition, pending the qualification of his or her successor.

The full text of this adopted Ordinance can be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. I, Cynthia Nava, Acting City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 1047** was introduced for first reading on September 12, 2024. Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on September 26, 2024, by the following vote: AYES: Councilmembers – Barrows, Johnson, Yokoyama, Vo, Solanki. NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None. /s/Cynthia Nava, Acting City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Cerritos City Council** will review and consider the item listed below at a regular meeting on **Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.: Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 1046, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS ADDING CHAPTER 2.42 TO TITLE 2 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA POLITICAL REFORM ACT. City Attorney Summary:** The California Political Reform Act (the Act), among other provisions, regulates campaign disclosure requirements for elections in the state. The Act requires specified persons and entities to file campaign statements that disclose campaign expenditures, contributions, and other officeholder or campaign information by specified deadlines. The Act also authorizes local agencies to adopt ordinances to allow electronic filing of campaign statements. The proposed ordinance would amend Title 2 of the Cerritos Municipal Code to accept electronic filing of campaign statements for persons and entities required by the Act to file them.

A copy of the full text of this proposed Ordinance can be viewed or obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekends and observed holidays excepted) at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703, city_clerk@cerritos.us, or (562) 916-1248. This meeting will be conducted in person in the Cerritos City Council Chamber, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.gov. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public meeting. Public comments can be provided during the meeting or via email to city_clerk@cerritos.us or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the legislative body prior to the meeting and retained with the official meeting record. Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the meeting in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Cynthia Nava, Acting City Clerk

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2024-02
PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY FRONT ENTRANCE ADA RAMP**

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. 2024-02. 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 ADA ramp improvements at the City of La Mirada Public Works office in the City of La Mirada.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11:00 a.m. on October 28, 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 ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of Artesia City Hall located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Project Description: Case No. 2024-21: The Planning Commission will consider Resolution No. 2024-13P.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
BARBARA MCKINNEY
CASE NO. 24STPB09283
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BARBARA MCKINNEY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by IVAN FREEMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that IVAN FREEMAN 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: 10/30/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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Resolution 2024-13P recommends that the City Council of Artesia adopt an Ordinance adding Article 46 (Short-Term Rentals) to Chapter 2 to Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the City of Artesia Municipal Code regarding a prohibition on short-term and vacation rentals throughout the City and making a determination of exemption under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c) (2) and 15060(c)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the proposed amendment will not result in a significant effect on the environment and alternatively finding the amendment is categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) and 15061(b)(3).

Project Description: Case No. 2024-26: The Planning Commission will consider Resolution No. 2024-14P.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ROBERT L. CHERRY
CASE NO. 24STPB10397
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT L. CHERRY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRANDY DICKSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRANDY DICKSON 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: 10/24/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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Resolution 2024-14P recommends that the City Council of Artesia adopt an Ordinance adding Article 47 (Smoke Shops Prohibited) to Chapter 2 to Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the City of Artesia Municipal Code regarding a prohibition on smoke shops through the City. The proposed ordinance proposes an limited exception for two existing smoke shops to continue operating with the City and to relocate one time, each. The recommendation also makes a determination of exemption under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the proposed amendment will not result in a significant effect on the environment and alternatively finding the amendment is categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) and 15061(b)(3).

Project Location: Citywide.

Members of 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: planning@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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DOROTHY JO LOWE AKA DOROTHY JO ROBERTSON LOWE
CASE NO. 24STPB10289
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DOROTHY JO LOWE AKA DOROTHY JO ROBERTSON LOWE.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHARON ROBINSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHARON ROBINSON 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: 10/11/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 844**

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

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 844 – To allow the establishment, operation, and maintenance of ambulance services use on property located within the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) Zone.

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: 10740 Forest Street / Viewpoint Ambulance Services

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

CEQA STATUS: The Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332, Class 32 (Infill Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project Categorically Exempt.

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 Jimmy Wong, Associate Planner, via e-mail at: JimmyWong@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7451.

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**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 733
AMENDMENT TO MODIFICATION PERMIT CASE NO. 1255**

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

AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 733 – To increase the processing capacity of an existing recycling facility from 1,500 tons per day (TPD) to 2,500 TPD, to allow for the processing of organic waste, and to expand the hours of operation.

AMENDMENT TO MODIFICATION PERMIT CASE NO. 1255 – To waive the requirement for the full number of parking spaces.

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: 9010-9030 Norwalk Boulevard (APN: 8168-001-044, -815) / David Fahrion on behalf of Universal Waste Systems Inc., 9016 Norwalk Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

CEQA STATUS: Upon review of the proposed project, staff determined that additional environmental analysis is required to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The applicant has retained Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning to prepare the necessary Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The draft CEQA documents are finalized and an NOI (Notice of Intent) to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration was posted in the LA County Recorder's Office and to the State Clearinghouse to initiate the mandatory 20-day public review period on July 2, 2024.

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 Alejandro De Loera, Assistant Planner, via e-mail at: alejandrodelaera@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7358.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)**

Escrow No. 10603-TT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are: LENG YOU, 17230 DOWNEY AVENUE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706-6105. The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: 17230 DOWNEY AVENUE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706-6105. As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: NONE.

The name(s) and address(es) of the buyer(s) are: SOVANN POV AND SONITA SOPHY, 17859 BALFERN AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL of a certain DONUTS SHOP business known as GLADYS DONUTS and which are located at: 17230 DOWNEY AVENUE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706-6105.

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is OCTOBER 22, 2024 at the office of: FIRSTSTAR EXPERTS REALTY & MORTGAGE, INC., 9550 BOLSA AVE SUITE 213, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683. This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. If so subject, the name and address of the person with who claims may be filed is: FIRSTSTAR EXPERTS REALTY & MORTGAGE, INC., 9550 BOLSA AVE SUITE 213, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683, and the last date for filing claims by shall be OCTOBER 21, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

SOVANN POV AND SONITA SOPHY, BUYER

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**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 803**

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

AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 803 – To allow the expansion of the previously approved gymnastics facility into the adjacent tenant space at 10833 Shoemaker Avenue, within the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) Zone.

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: 10829 & 10833 Shoemaker Avenue / Majestic Gymnastics

THE HEARING will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

CEQA STATUS: The Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA guideline, the project is Categorically Exempt.

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 Jimmy Wong, Associate Planner, via e-mail at: JimmyWong@santafesprings.org or otherwise by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7451.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9903
FLOWER STREET**

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider testimony for and against the acquisition of property located at 9903 Flower Street.

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.

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

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**County of Los Angeles Department of
the Treasurer and Tax Collector**



Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

**Notice of Online Public Auction of
Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax
Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2024B)**

Whereas, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online public auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online public auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, October 19, 2024, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online public auction at <https://www.govease.com/los-angeles>.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online public auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, December 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, December 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online public auction at <https://www.govease.com/los-angeles> beginning Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector at ttr.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at <https://www.govease.com/los-angeles> and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order

at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to State law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at ttr.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@ttr.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at assessor.lacounty.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 26, 2024.

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
Treasurer and Tax Collector
County of Los Angeles
State of California

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

**PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF
TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE
POWER OF SALE(SALE NO. 2024B)**

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