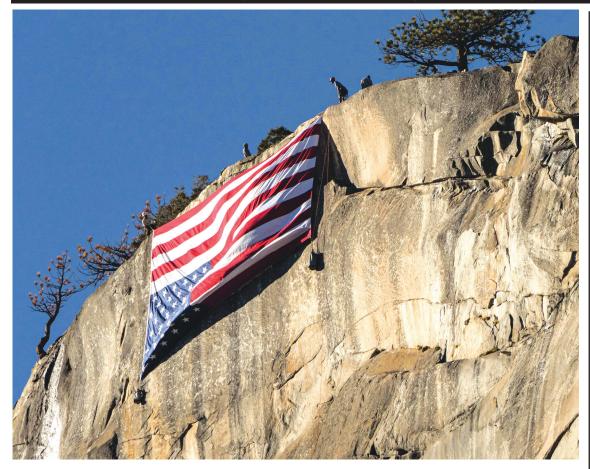
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## PROTESTERS DISPLAY UPSIDE-DOWN FLAG AT YOSEMITE

A GROUP OF CLIMBERS, some who used to work for the Park Service, intended to raise awareness about how recent federal job cuts could threaten the country's parks. Over 1,000 jobs were cut at parks all over the nation, already there is trouble at the parks and difficulties in securing tickets.

# La Mirada Based Company Sets the Stage (Red Carpet) for the Oscars

Steve Olive, who has worked in the event carpet business for more than three decades, is the man the Academy trusts.

By Sarah Bahr **New York Times Edited by LCCN** 

On a recent weekday morning in La Mirada, Steve Olive, 58, walked among hundreds of carpet rolls in red, green and lavender in his 36,000-square-foot warehouse.

Laid out on the floor was a 150-foot stretch of rug, delivered by truck from Georgia a few days before, in the custom shade of Academy Red that is only available for the Oscars.

Mr. Olive himself may not be famous, but celebrities have strolled the plush craftsmanship

of his carpet for nearly three de-

His company, Event Carpet Pros, located just east of Alondra and Valley View, has supplied carpets for the Oscars, Golden Globes, Grammys and Emmys, as well as for Disney, Marvel and Warner Bros. movie premieres and the Super Bowl.

He has crafted custom designs like a shimmering, sunlit pool carpet for the 2023 "Barbie" world premiere and a green-and-black ectoplasm drip carpet for the "Ghostbusters" world premiere in 2016 that took a month to create.

But this week — after a brief stint with a champagne shade two years ago — the Oscars opted for tradition and returned to a carpet in Mr. Olive's exclusive Academy Red. The 50,000-square-foot rug was installed outside of the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles on Tues-

day, in preparation for the ceremony this weekend.

Growing up in Cerritos, right next door to La Mirada, Mr. Olive never thought he would leave the state. After graduating from high school, an opportunity arose to work as the bodyguard for 1980s acts like Mötley Crüe, George Michael and the Thompson Twins. Mr. Olive, a 6-foot-2 former linebacker, did not think twice.

He was working local security backstage at a Thompson Twins concert, he said, when he got a lucky break. "The band bodyguard had to fly back to England, and they asked me if I could start immediately," he said. "I was like, 'I'm in."

He was on the road for about five years, aand did not like it. His brother-in-law, Mr. Clyne, who had been installing tents around the country, saw a need for a company that specialized in event flooring. He asked Mr. Olive if he would be interested in starting one with him.

In the beginning, Mr. Olive said, they were a hustle-fueled operation, putting rolls of AstroTurf under tents at small events to hide the ground and enlisting friends to help with installs.

They pitched themselves to events that might be interested in their services. Soon, Mr. Clyne set his sights on one of the biggest events of all: the Academy

"We got involved from reaching out to the academy, and other vendors and contacts we had in the business that referred us," he said, and, in 1997, the Oscars bit.

In addition to marquee events

[ See **RED CARPET**, page 8 ]

# LCCN EXCLUSIVE

# **Huntington Park Council Illegally Removes** Councilwoman, HPPD Alleged in Scheme

The Council hired former La Mirada Councilman, now-lawyer Andrew Sarega to file bogus charges against the councilwoman.

## By Brian Hews

Los Cerritos Community News has learned that the Huntington Park City Council abruptly and likely unlawfully removed Councilwoman Esmeralda Castillo at its February 18 meeting, alleging she did not live in Huntington Park.

The men on the council, Vice Mayor Arturo Flores and Councilmembers Jonathan Sanabria and Eduardo ""Eddie"" Martinez, voted to remove Castillo. Later in the meeting, Mayor Karen Macias indicated she voted no.

The sudden removal by Flores, Sanabria, and Martinez is alleged by Castillo to be a result of a January 6, 2025, harassment complaint she filed with the city "regarding harassment, discrimination, and hostile work environment."

In the complaint, Castillo leveled explosive allegations of sexual harassment and a persistent hostile work environment, including bullying and profanity during closed session meetings against Flores, Sanabria, Martinez, and City Manager Ricardo Reyes. Castillo alleged the three constantly belittled, even questioning her overall authority and her authority to appoint commis-

Castillo said that Mayor Karina Macias attempted to diffuse the harassment but was "shut down by the overpowering harassment of Councilmember Sanabria, Councilmember Flores, and Councilmember Martinez."

Castillo also alleged that City Manager Ricardo Reyes tacitly approved the men's behavior and never reprimanded the three for

Castillo ended the complaint, writing, "These discriminatory, harassing, and retaliatory actions

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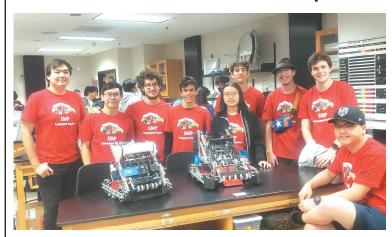
# **Artesia Awards Grants** to Local Non-Profits **Through New Program**

The City of Artesia is pleased to announce the award of grants to several local non-profit organizations through its Community Benefit Grant Program, which is funded by contributions from the City's three cannabis businesses as part of their Community Benefit Agreements.

The grant program, designed to support non-profits providing valuable services to Artesia residents, was established under a Pilot Funding Policy approved by the City Council on August 12, 2024. For the calendar year

[ See ARTESIA, page 8 ]

# **Biola Robotics Team Places First at Competition**



THE BIOLA ROBOTICS TEAM, in its first year of competing, earned first place for all of California in the Vex Robotics competition.

## By Brian Hews

Not bad for its inaugural year. The Biola Robotics Team, in its first year of competing, earned first place in autonomous skills for all of California Vex Robotics and is currently at the top of the leaderboard to go to the world competition for robotics.

The Biola Team competed on February 15th in the Mount San Antonio Vex Robotics Competi-

California VEX Robotics is

an educational robotics program encouraging students to design, build, and program robots to compete in challenges.

VEX Robotics Competition (VRC) and VEX IQ Challenge (VIQC) organize competitions for different age groups.

In VEX Robotics Competitions, there are two key types of skills-based challenges. One is the Driver Skills Challenge, in which a team manually controls

installed by Olive's company outside of the Dolby Theater Tuesday.

THE ICONIC RED CARPET: The 50,000-square-foot rug was

Olive grew up in Cerritos. Credit: Getty Images.

# Under New Ownership, 'bb.q Chicken' Visits Cerritos



**THANK YOU:** New owners and representative from *bb.q Chicken* visit Cerritos City Hall. Always enjoying food is Daryl Evans (holding food), Cerritos Councilmembers Frank Yokoyama and Lynda Johnson, and City Manager Robert Lopez.

## LCCN Staff Report

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bb.q Chicken celebrated its grand opening of its Cerritos location on February 20, 2025, marking a new chapter under new ownership.

Although the restaurant has been serving the community for some time, this event symbolized a fresh start and renewed commitment to delivering Korean fried chicken.

The celebration was attended by Cerritos Mayor Naresh Solanki, the Mayor Pro Tem, and City Council members who delivered speeches and presented an official proclamation, recognizing bb.q Chicken's contribution to the local dining scene.

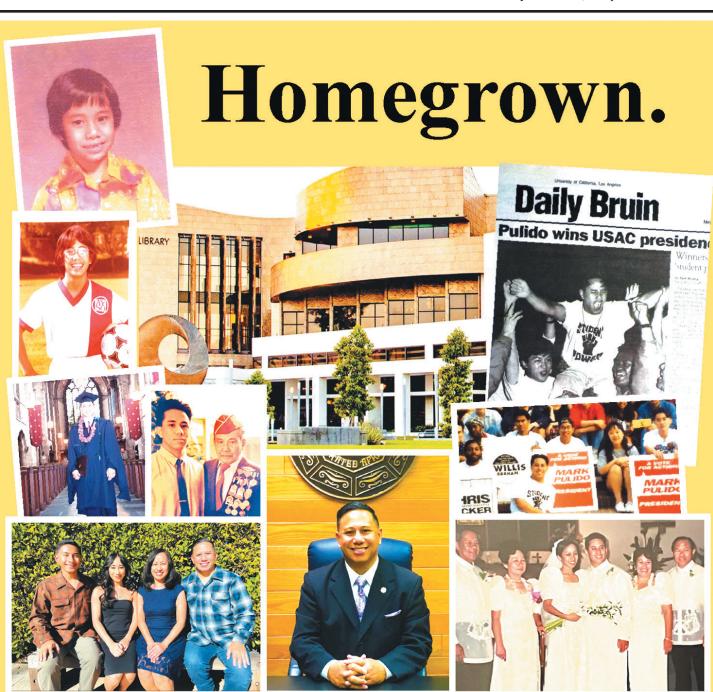
As part of its appreciation for the hard work and dedication of local community members, bb.q Chicken Cerritos

extended its gratitude by delivering its signature chicken to several local organizations, including several departments at Cerritos City Hall departments, local fire stations 30 and 35, and to several YMCA employees.

A statement from the company read, "bb.q Chicken Cerritos is excited to continue serving the community with high-quality, authentic Korean fried chicken and looks forward to building lasting relationships with local residents and businesses."

bb.q Chicken is located at 11322 South St. in Cerritos Landmark Square near the Amazon fresh store. They are open Monday—Sunday 11AM – 10PM

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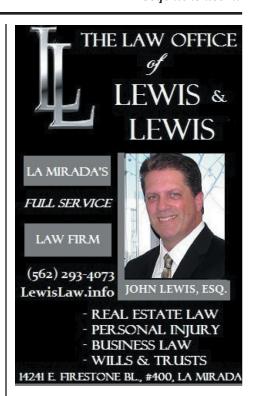
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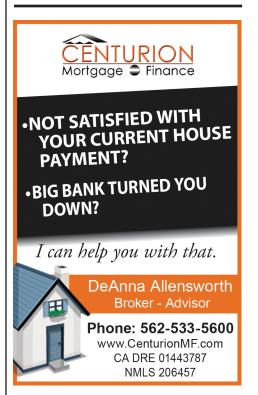
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# Passings: La Mirada Resident Neusa Sani Marilo

Neusa Sani Marilo, age 86, of La Mirada, California, passed away peacefully at her home on February 11, 2025, with her son and daughter-in-law at her side.

Born on September 21, 1938, in São Paulo, Brazil, to the late Angelo João Sani and Christina de Leone Ortoni, Neusa grew up in a close-knit Italian-Brazilian family within the vibrant metropolis of São Paulo. Although an only child, she was surrounded by a large and loving extended family of cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Her mother, an accomplished seamstress, instilled in Neusa a love of beauty, even crafting many of her Carnival costumes. Neusa's faith, nurtured by her parents and in Catholic grade school, became a cornerstone of her life. Her lifelong passion for music blossomed early, encouraged by a beloved aunt.

At the age of 24, Neusa earned a degree in piano and music pedagogy from the Instituto Musical de São Paulo. While her father's health declined, Neusa bravely supported her family, working in various clerical positions.

In the late 1950s, during a vacation to the coastal community of Santos, Neusa met Michael, the love of her life. They married in 1964 and, with sponsorship from Michael's brother, emigrated to the United States shortly thereafter, seeking a new beginning. The birth of their son solidified their decision to remain in America. Neusa later brought her mother to the U.S., a bittersweet occasion as her father passed away just before the trip he was to have taken with her.

For nearly 40 years, Neusa shared her love of music as a piano teacher, nurturing the talents of children and young adults in both private and studio settings. She graced events with her musical gifts, including a solo performance at the Nixon Library. Beyond her musical talents, Neusa was also an accomplished artist whose oil paintings earned awards and recognition. She was a true partner to Michael, and her contributions were essential to the success of their businesses. From cooking to bookkeeping to handling the administrative details, she played a vital role. A devout Catholic, Neusa prayed the rosary daily, her faith a constant source of comfort and strength. She and Michael enjoyed 54 years of marriage until his passing in 2020. Neusa was known for her



PM at Rose Hills Memorial Park Visitation Center, with a Rosary service beginning at 7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Beatitudes of Our Lord Church, 13013 Santa Gertrudes Ave., La Mirada, CA 90638. Eulogies will be shared at 10:30 AM, followed by Mass at 11:00 AM. Committal will follow the Funeral Mass at Rose Hills Memorial Park, 3888 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, CA 90601. In honor of Neusa's lifelong love of music, guests are warmly invited to wear something musical if they wish.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions made to the American Stroke Association or a charity of your choice. The family welcomes memories and messages at https://www.rosehills.com/obituaries/whittier-ca/neusa-marilo-12245335 in their online guestbook.

The Marilo family extends their deepest gratitude to family and friends who were a constant source of support throughout Neusa's time of need, and to the hospice and palliative care team of Providence St. Jude for their compassionate, thoughtful care. They were truly angels on earth.

# Neusa Sani Marilo gentleness, kindness, generosity, and unwavering faith. Her playful spirit and silly jokes brought smiles to the faces of everyone she met. Neusa is survived by her only child, Joe (Christy) Marilo, and many nieces, nephews and cousins both locally and in Brazil, as well as dear family friends of many decades. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Michael Marilo, and her parents, Angelo João Sani and Christina de Leone Visitation and Vigil will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 9:00

# **SCHEME** from page 1

have caused significant emotional distress." She then asked for an outside investigation. "I am asking that an independent, unbiased investigation be conducted by a third-party who is hired and overseen by city attorney Arnold Glasman."

It was just a few days later when Flores, Sanabria, Martinez, City Manager Ricardo Reyes allegedly hatched their plan to oust Castillo, hiring a "special council" attorney and using Huntington Park Police Depart-

## Gotcha moment

Castillo has maintained that her current home address is on Saturn Ave and that she has lived in the city for over 20 years. But recently, she has admittedly been spending time in South Gate caring for her elderly parents.

That was enough for Flores, Sanabria, and Martinez to allegedly hatch a scheme using the Huntington Park Police Department in retribution for the January harassment complaint.

The alleged acts are similar to the frame-up of a member of the Los Angeles City Council, Carl Jacobson, who was known for his staunch anti-corruption stance. Jacobson was arrested in a set-up situation and accused of being in a compromising situation with a woman in a parked car. He said he was framed, the set-up orchestrated by the LAPD in collusion with criminals Jocobson had been investigating. An investigation eventually exonerated Jacobson, exposing a conspiracy involving police authorities and criminals.

The Huntington Park Police Department, allegedly at the direction of Flores, Sanabria, and Martinez, went after Castillo using a frame-up scenario similar to what happened to Jacobson.

In early February, Huntington Park police officers simultaneously visited Castillo's home in Huntington Park and her elderly parent's home in South Gate and found Castillo in the South Gate home. Castillo said that the only items found at her parents' home were "my computer and cell phone; all my other stuff was at my house."

But that was apparently enough evidence for attorney Andrew Sarega to report Castillo did not live in the city, which triggered her removal from the City Council on February 18.

Sarega was hired by City Manager Reyes, appointed as a "special council" to investigate Castillo. But Reyes, along with Flores, Sanabria, and Martinez, should have investigated Sarega.

Sarega was an extremely controversial councilman in La Mirada who missed several meetings annually and was passed over as mayor several times due to his behavior at regular meetings. An LCCN investigation found Sarega's campaign committee deliberately concealed four \$1,000 donations from La Mirada voters in the final weeks of his 2017 campaign, resulting in a fine by the Fair Political Practices Commission. In addition, Sarega was hit with two other violations, once again deliberately hiding campaign donations from residents by failing to file two pre-election statements.



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Screenshot of Sarega's Linkedin account showing his lie about his term as Mayor.

Sarega abruptly resigned from the La Mirada City Council after finally being appointed Mayor in May 2024 to run for City Council in Anaheim, where he suffered a humiliating loss.

Sarega has only been a lawyer for two years. According to sources, his stint at Olivarez, Madruga, was short and very rocky. In researching his employment, LCCN found Sarega lying bald-faced on his LinkedIn account, stating he was Mayor of La Mirada for eleven years from 2013 to 2024.

During the February 18 meeting, the council came out of closed session with City Attorney Arnold Glasman stating on video, "the second closed session item was discussed with the four members, at this time I will call up the special council [Sarega] to provide his report from the closed session discussion."

Castillo was held out of the meeting and denied due process and the chance to defend herself by Flores, Sanabria, Martinez, Reyes, and Sarega. Mayor Macias registered her disgust with the process and was the lone no vote to remove Castillo.

Sarega stated at the public dais, "The council met in closed session and they were provided information regarding the residence of an individual councilmember. A determination was made that the councilmember is an ineligible elector and lacks residency in the city. We duly provided notice that her seat has been vacated." Sarega did not produce or hold up evidence of the alleged infraction.

When Sarega finished, Castillo could be seen quickly leaving the dais. She was not out of the camera's view when Vice Mayor Arturo Flores could be seen quickly taking Castillo's nameplate off the dais.

At that time, Sarega was seen giving a file to City Manager Reyes, who proceeded to give Castillo a piece of paper. On that paper was a typed letter - on City Manager letterhead – giving Castillo notice to vacate

There was no typewriter in City Council chambers so the letter was obviously typed before the closed session, a strong indication of collusion between the City Council, Reyes and Sarega.

The letter read, "Please allow this letter to serve as an official notice from the city of Huntington Park that your office as an elected member of the Huntington Park City Council has been vacated with [sic] immediate effect. The city has conducted a thorough investigation into allegations that you lacked residency in the city and were [sic] hence disqualified from holding elected office in the city. The result of the investigation has confirmed that you indeed are not qualified and have not been for some time to hold elected office in the city. At this time, please return all city property."

Calls into the Huntington Park Police Chief were unreturned as were emails to the City Council.

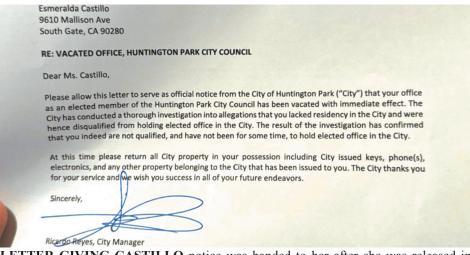


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LETTER GIVING CASTILLO notice was handed to her after she was released in closed session based on evidence from Sarega, who was hired as a "special council."

By Alex Portée

Brian Gibbs expected to spend his most recent Valentine's Day doing what he loved: teaching visitors about the history and wildlife of Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa. By day's end, his job was gone, one of many cuts currently sparking concern for the future of the country's national parks.

Roughly 1,000 National Park Service employees were fired by the Trump administration earlier this month, as reported by the Associated Press. Among those impacted was Gibbs, 41, who was an education ranger.

After learning Feb. 14 would be his last day on the job, Gibbs described his devastation in a Facebook post that has seemingly struck a nerve. The post, in which he asked those who read it to "share this truth widely," has been shared more than 232,000 times on the social media platform, drawing attention to national park layoffs across the country.

"I am a father, a loving husband and dedicated civil servant. I am an oath of office to defend and protect the constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic. I am a work evaluation that reads 'exceeds expectations,' the post reads in part. "I am the 'fat on the bone."

"I am the open trail hiked by people from all walks of life. I am the highlight of your child's school day. I am the Band-Aid for a skinned knee," the post says. "I am the one who taught your kid the thrush's song and the hawk's cry. I am the wildflower that brought your student joy."

"But mostly I'm just tired," the post continues. "I am tired of wiping away my wife's tears and reassuring her that things will be OK for us and our growing little family that she's carrying. Things are not OK. I am not OK.'

Gibbs tried to focus on what he planned for the day: developing snowshoe lessons for families and carrying out the other duties that always filled him with pride.

"I would go out in the morning with our country's flag and raise the flag and salute the flag, and at the end of the day, bring it back down and fold it," he recalls. "It was a great honor, and I took it that way to heart every single time."

By mid-afternoon, Gibbs' access to his government email and professional records had been abruptly revoked. Still, he hadn't received confirmation of his job status. It wasn't until the end of his shift that his supervisor texted him to confirm his role was "terminated effective immediately."

"According to the letter I received, I 'failed to demonstrate fitness or qualifications for continued employment' because my 'subject matter, knowledge,



EDUCATION RANGER Brian Gibbs was one of over 1,000 National Park Service employees who was fired by the Trump-Musk administration. The emailed letter read that he failed to demonstrate qualifications for continued employment because his subject matter, knowledge, skills and abilities did not meet the department's needs. Gibbs had recently received a performance rating of "exceeds expectations" with no critical feedback.

skills and abilities do not meet the department's needs," Gibbs said.

For Gibbs, who spent years working in environmental education, this felt contradictory to the experience he accumulated, the work he did and the feedback he received from superiors. Hired under a conditional competitive service status,

he was working as a park ranger at Effigy Mounds National Monument for a one-year probationary period. He says that despite receiving a performance rating of "exceeds expectations" with no critical feedback, he was still fired.

Gibbs' immediate concern is his growing family. His wife, Emily, will give birth to their second child this summer. In addition to job security, the loss of health insurance has added stress on him and his wife.

"I think I get to keep my insurance for a couple more weeks, thank goodness," Gibbs says. "Then I have to figure out if we can hop onto my spouse's insurance, which is going to be a lot more expensive."

For now, his financial future feels unclear. "We live in a rural part of America. There are very few jobs in my field," he adds. "It feels really scary, like we may have to uproot again."

More, Gibbs worries about what these layoffs mean for the parks, the people who protect them and the future of conservation. His concern is particularly focused on Effigy Mounds National Monument— a 2,526-acre park home to breathtaking hiking trails, rare wildlife, over 2,500 years of Indigenous history and over 200 sacred burial and ceremonial mounds.

As rangers and park employees like him are removed from their posts, Gibbs fears these landscapes — which are dependent on education to inspire preservation — will also grow quiet in the absence of voices advocating for them.





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# **Cerritos Honors Meritorious Marine**



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**HONORING:** At the event is from (l-r) Daisy Lagasca, Gregg Florance (Quilts of Valor), Charles Sooter, L/Cpl Simon Karsky, Mayor Naresh Solanki, Diane Searer (background), Hanna, wife of L/Cpl Karsky, former Cerritos Mayor George Ray, Jerri Florence (Quilts of Valor), Laurie Forward, Alexander Perez.

## LCCN Staff Report

The past Saturday Cerritos honored Lance Corporal Simon Karsky from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, for his exemplary service.

L/Cpl Simon Karsky, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), was hosted and honored by the Mayor and City Council which presented Karsky with a proclamation to honor him for his exemplary service.

Karsky and his wife, Hanna, spent the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals compliments of local sponsors.

Karsky was born in in Pleasanton, Texas where he graduated from Pleasanton High School in 2022.

Upon graduation, he immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attended MCRD San Diego starting in June 2022.

Due to his prior JROTC experience, he graduated from Recruit Training in

September 2022 with a rank of Private First Class (PFC).

PFC Karsky's first duty assignment was the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion where he was assigned to the Engineer Support Company, Heavy Equipment Platoon as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He was promoted to Lance Corporal (L/Cpl) in March 2023.

In October of 2024, Karsky was selected to support Bravo Company, 1st Platoon in completing their Combat Tactical Evaluation in preparation for their upcoming deployment.

L/Cpl Simon Karsky has proven himself to be an excellent leader and proficient in his military specialty. L/Cpl Simon Karsky has distinguished himself through his high standards, work ethic, and performance, in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

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# LCCN Endorses Pulido, Surti, and Patnaik for City Council. Vote No on Measures J and K

The choices are clear for Cerritos residents.

Los Cerritos Community News strongly endorses former Mayor Mark Pulido and former Economic Development Commissioners Riaz Surti and (Pat) Ashok Patnaik for Cerritos City Council in next week's election.

The credentials of the three speak for themselves.

Pulido knows his hometown, where he has lived for 53 years. During his City Council tenure, he was appointed as Mayor twice. Crime went down when he was on the City Council, and tax revenue increased, generating additional infrastructure and public safety funds. Pulido has an impressive list of endorsements from both sides of the aisle, including Attorney General Rob Bonta, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, former L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe, former Congressman Alan Lowenthal, current Congressman Derek Tran, Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, former Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu, AFSCME 619 -Cerritos Employee's Union, the Association of L.A. Deputy Sheriff's L.A. County Firefighters Local 1014, the L.A. League of Conservative Voters and Biz Fed Pac.

Similar to Pulido, candidate Riaz Surti has lived in Cerritos for over 45 years. A seasoned businessman and entrepreneur, he became the youngest Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise owner in the history of the company. In just twelve years, he started Crave Foods, a food distribution company. Surti knows the city's business, serving on the Cerritos' Economic **Development Commission for over** four years. Surti is endorsed former L.A. County Supervisor, former Mayor of Cerritos, Don Knabe; Congressman Derek Tran; Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Sliva; Cerritos Councilman Frank Aurelio Yokoyama; Former Mayor of Cerritos Grace Hu; former Mayor of Cerritos Mark Pulido; Ernie Nishii, President, ABC Unified School Board of Trustees; Tatiana Yokoyama Bui, ABC Unified School Board of Trustees; Ali Taj, Mayor, City of Artesia; AFSCME 619 -Cerritos Employee's Union, the Association of L.A. Deputy Sheriff's and L.A. County Firefighters Local

Completing the trifecta of highly qualified Cerritos candidates in "Pat" Ashok Patnaik. A Cerritos resident for over 25 years, Patnaik is a dedicated civil servant who has served on commissions for over 20 years. Patnaik was on Cerritos' Safety Commission, the Parks and Rec Commission, and the Economic Development Commission. Like Surti, Patnaik is a seasoned businessman and a long-

time commercial banker serving small businesses. With an MBA from Pepperdine, he knows what running a business is all about and will bring that experience to Cerritos as a Councilman. Patnaik has an impressive list of endorsements, including Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos Councilman; Lynda Johnson, Cerritos Councilwoman; Mark Pulido, former Cerritos Mayor; Dr. Joseph Cho, former Cerritos Mayor; Tatiana Yokoyama Bui, ABC School Board Trustee; Dr. Al Barlevy, former Cerritos Planning Commissioner and Nick Kim, former Cerritos Planning Commissioner, AFSCME 619 -Cerritos Employee's Union, the Association of L.A. Deputy Sheriff's and L.A. County Firefighters Local 1014.

LCCN urges residents to vote NO on Measures J and K. NO IS GOOD. Measure J is bad for Cerritos. J requires the city to spend more money on this stand-alone election to get fewer voter turnout and election services. Measure J FREEZES the March of odd year election date, setting that election date in the city charter. It would require a charter amendment vote by residents to change future election dates. This is blatantly voter suppression and bad for democracy. Odd-year elections see about 20% voter turnout, compared to about 80% in November of

even years, so fewer people have a say in our city council. Stand-alone elections run by the city are more expensive than consolidated elections run by the county—this year's cost about \$120k more than a consolidated election. Despite the promise of better service with a city-run election, we are paying more but getting FEWER services than we get in LA County-run elections. Fewer hours, fewer polling places, and confusion about the availability of same-day voter registration. LCCN opposes this charter amendment and hopes that the people of Cerritos will vote NO on Measure J and that the incoming city council will move the election date backward by 4 months to move the election to a consolidated even-year election.

Measure K is touted as a "charter cleanup," but the main changes seem to be in the role of the City Treasurer. The charter currently has the City Treasurer appointed by and serving at the City Council's pleasure. K moves the City Treasurer's appointment to the City Manager. The charter also currently has the City Clerk overseeing payment demands, and that duty is moved to the City Treasurer. So, the text on the ballot explaining the charter cleanup is false. LCCN opposes this change based on a lack of transparency and truthfulness. No on Measures J and K.

## **Dear Editor:**

Donald Trump once was the host of a reality TV show. These past weeks it feels like Trump is running our country as if he is the main character in a TV soap opera. He seems to constantly want to grab everyone's attention in the oddest ways like renaming the Gulf of Mexico!? In Trump's inaugural address to our nation he claims that he believes God saved his life in order to make America Great Again. He professes that his proudest legacy will be that of a peacemaker and unifier. He will lead America to be the most respected nation on earth, inspiring the awe and admiration of the entire world. Since it was Martin Luther King Day, Trump also said that in King's honor we will strive to make King's dream a reality. He will meet every crisis with dignity and he will stop all government censorship and bring free speech back to America. During the first couple of weeks of Trump's second presidency Trump has done the exact opposite of all the above.

Make America Great Again "means allowing government elected officials to condemn those who think differently, and silence and vilify everyone who does not

agree with the views of President Trump. Trump's proposal to fire thousands of federal employees is heartless to all those families who will be out of work. That is not what a peacemaker does. Hiring only people who profess loyalty to his ideology is not laying a foundation for the open dialogue necessary for constructive conversations of a thriving democracy. Republicans in Congress and even judges during Trump's presidency are fearful to speak their mind or to go against anything he says because they will be demonized , physically threatened, mocked or fired. This form of running a government is the opposite of bringing back free speech. Instead of working towards unity between all representatives in Government; Republican and Democrat, Trump has emboldened and given free reign to one unelected billionaire Elon Musk to follow the same pattern of squashing open dialogue and take control of our government as if he were a king.

The fatal mid-air collision at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport-Contrary was one of Trump's first crises as President. Rather than meet it with dignity and compassion, Trump reacted by blaming others before he had the facts and then by firing several hundred Federal Aviation Administration. Sounds like the move of Trump on The Apprentice, not of a President.

Showing the polar opposite to promoting free speech and bringing Dr. Martin Luther King's dream a reality, Republicans are proposing House Resolutions that condemn open dialogue and show Americans that in Trump's America, religious liberty will be confined to those who follow one particular kind of Christianity. On January 23, 2025 H.REs.59 was introduced to Congress expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the sermon given by the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde at the National Prayer Service on January 21st, 2025 at the National Cathedral was a display of political activism and condemning its distorted message. Anyone who viewed the prayer service heard Rev Budde ask our new President to "have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now". She named immigrants, and gay, lesbian, and transgender children as some of those people who are now scared. Rev. Budde shared that Jesus went out of his way to welcome those whom his society deemed as outcasts. Trump's less than dignified response was to label her a "Radical Left hard line Trump hater." Government time spent on introducing House Resolution 59 shows Trump's Administration making America Petty, not Great. It is now acceptable for the government's leaders to publicly mock and disparage Christian leaders that don't preach in the way President Trump likes. Republican representative Mike Collins wrote on Elon Musk's social platform X

that Reverend Budde should be added to the deportation list.

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In comparison, a Christian leader like televangelist Rev. Paula White is rewarded. Trump has just appointed Rev. Paula White to lead the Presidential Commission on Religious Liberty. Rev. Paula White is the kind of Christian leader that has told her followers that to oppose Trump is to oppose God.

The MAGA Republican Party way of making America Great stands for "my way or the highway". Another example of Trump punishing free speech instead of welcoming free speech is that the Trump White House has indefinitely banned the Associated Press from the Oval Office and Air Force One because it still refers to the Gulf of Mexico instead of the Gulf of America as Trump now has decided it should be called. The AP mentions both names because while it acknowledged Trump's decree, it also wanted to recognize that it still has customers around the world that still refer to this body of water as the Gulf of Mexico. The AP news has been signaled out yet other global outlets have made similar decisions.

Lastly, let us consider this Bible passage since President Trump chooses to claim his presidency is God ordained. Not so long ago he launched his \$60 "God Bless The USA Bible" for sale.

"Those who say, I love God, and hate their brother or sisters, are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have for him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4:20-21)

What has happened to America's decades old bipartisan support for overseeing global efforts to improve health and education and decrease poverty and hunger? America's programs like USAID and NGO's are what made America respected. Helping less fortunate nations is what God calls us to do. It's what inspires awe and admiration of the entire world. I do not believe that allowing billionaire

Elon Musk to write on his platform X this past week, "We spent the weekend feeding USAID to the wood chipper" is what will bring America respect and admiration from other nations. Trump says our country will not forget our God. But saying we will not forget God must be supported with actions that show that we love and care for our brothers and sisters. Can America do a better job with managing waste in government programs? Of course! There is always room for improvement. But to out and out dismantle government programs created decades ago is reckless and irresponsible. It will cause many people in need to suffer.

Trump's first weeks of presidency of indiscriminate mass deportations of undocumented workers, proposing to send immigration detainees to Guantanamo Bay without due process of their rights, abruptly ending funding for NGO's, and USAID, and disparaging individuals who encompass the LGBTQIA+ community, are just a few examples of acts that lack love, mercy and compassion for our brothers and sisters.

It is not too late to take a stand. What path are you going to take to "Make America Great"? We can all strive in our community to organize, educate and voice our opinion to our elected leaders in Government to do the right thing.

Kathleen Limon Pico Rivera

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## **RED CARPET** from page 1

like the Screen Actors Guild Awards, the Country Music Association Awards and the MTV Video Music Awards, the company also handles orders for weddings, birthday parties, corporate events and golf tournaments.

With approximately 70 employees, Event Carpet Pros handles as many as 30 orders and 10 installs per day during awards season, completing a total of more than 30,000 projects each year. The carpets are made from recycled materials and are recycled after the events.

Mr. Olive used to go to the premieres, he said, but he now lets other members of his staff handle the on-site work.

"I haven't been much of a film person, but I used to be," he said. "Since Covid happened, I got away from the films, because you had to go to movie theaters."

One of the company's most frequent customers is Craig Waldman, the president and chief creative officer at 1540, an event production company based in California whose clients include Marvel, Disney, Netflix and Apple.

Over more than 30 years, he and Mr. Olive have worked on thousands of events together, including the "Captain America: Brave New World" and "Bad Boys: Ride or Die" world premieres.

"To know him is to know a man who will do whatever it takes," said Mr. Waldman, adding that his longtime collaborator was now more like family. "He's old school in the best way — someone who values relationships, craftsmanship and getting the job done right."

"I'll get a call at midnight, and someone will say, 'We forgot to order carpet for our event tomorrow. Can you show up by 10 a.m. with 20 rolls of black carpet?" Mr. Olive said. "And we'll be there."

# **ARTESIA** from page 1

2025, the following organizations have received funding for their projects, which contribute to the community in meaningful ways:

- Artesia Historical Society: Constructing a replica bell tower for the historic 1875 Artesia Grammar School bell.
- Friends of Artesia Library: Expanding library programming with additional adult and youth services.
- Saahas for Cause: Providing public health education and outreach to the South Asian community in Artesia.
- South Asian Network: O ering health and citizenship programs, including workshops and clinics.
- Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club: Supporting community programs, including holiday basket donations, eyeglass donations to students, and contributions to City events.

In total, \$99,000 was distributed to non-profit organizations providing services to the residents of Artesia. All grant recipients will submit a report at the end of the year detailing how the funds were used and the impact of their programs.

"We are excited to provide this funding to organizations making a positive impact in our community," said Artesia Mayor Ali Sajjad Taj. "These grants ensure that important programs and services will continue to benefit Artesia's residents and strengthen our local community."

For information about future funding opportunities, including the 2026 application period opening in October 2025, please contact the City of Artesia at (562) 865-6262.

# L.A. County Recruiting Pool Lifeguards For Summer 2025

**LCCN Staff Report** 

Summer lifeguard applicants must first take a required swim exam by March 1.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) is recruiting lifeguards for the upcoming summer season. Potential lifeguards must first undergo a swim examination by March 1 to determine if they are eligible to apply.

With pools set to open in June, LA County Parks is looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our team and help ensure safety for swimmers.

This summer, LA County Parks aims to provide ample lifeguard coverage at over 30 pools across LA County. Lifeguard positions are open to individuals who are at least 16 years old, offering



competitive pay ranging from \$23.87 to \$25.87 per hour, upon completion of the certification academy.

The swim examination is a 300-yard swim that must be completed within the time limit of 6 minutes and 30 seconds. Candidates who pass this exam will then be placed on the eligibility list, and training starts in April.

To schedule a swim test, candidates should contact their local LA County Aquatics Office. Deadline to apply and complete the swim examination is Saturday, March 1, 2025.

To apply go to: parks.lacounty.gov/lifeguard-recruitment/

## **BIOLA** from page 1

the robot using a controller; the goal is to score as many points as possible within one minute. No autonomous programming is involved—it's purely based on the skill of the driver(s).

The second test is the Autonomous Programming Skills Challenge, in which the robot operates autonomously using pre-written code with no driver control. Teams use sensors, vision systems, and precise coding to navigate and complete tasks without human intervention.

A team's final ranking in the Robot Skills Challenge is determined by adding their best Driver Skills and Autonomous Programming Skills scores.

In its first year, the Biola Team's robot scored the highest number of points in California. In simultaneous world competition, Biola ranked 47 out of 300+ teams for skills, putting the team on pace to qualify for world competition.

The next competition is this weekend at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

The Biola team: President/Mechanic is Jaran Mann; Vice President/Programmer is Ryan Ong; Treasurer/Mechanic is Christian Meineke; Mechanical Captain is J.T. Lam; Mechanical Vice-Captain is Tyler Hill; social media manager/mechanic is Ben Stewart; the remaining mechanics are Yile Lin and Chris Gruyutch, and the last programmer is Mark Wanis.



# ABCUSD Measure BB Citizens' Oversight Committee Opening



The ABC Unified School District's Measure BB Citizens' Oversight Committee has openings for the following representatives:

- ➤ Senior Citizens' Organization Representative Must be an active member of a senior citizen's organization.
  - ➤ Taxpayer Organization Representative Must be active in a bona fide taxpayer association.
- Community-At-Large Representative (2 openings) -Must be a resident in a community served ABCUSD.
  - ➤ Parent of Enrolled ABC Student Representative -Must be a parent or guardian of a child currently enrolled in ABCUSD.

This committee was established as part of Measure BB, the \$258 million school facilities improvement bond passed by voters in November 2018. The committee is responsible for ensuring the proper spending of Measure BB funds by carefully reviewing expenditures. The committee typically meets quarterly but may convene more frequently if necessary.

Applications for the position can be found online at www.abcusd.us.

For further questions, please contact the Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer's Office at (562) 925-5566, extension 21257.

ABCUSD Medida BB
Puestos Vacantes del Comité de Supervisión Ciudadana

El Comité de Supervisión Ciudadana de la Medida BB del Distrito Escolar Unificado ABC tiene puestos vacantes para los siguientes representantes:

Representante de una Organización de Personas de la Tercera Edad - Debe ser miembro activo de una organización de personas de la tercera edad.

Representante de una Organización de Contribuyentes Debe ser miembro activo de una asociación de
contribuyentes de buena fe.

Representante de la Comunidad en General (2 puestos vacantes) - Debe ser un residente en una comunidad servida por ABCUSD.

Representante de Padres de Estudiantes Inscritos en ABC - Debe ser un padre o tutor de un niño actualmente inscrito en ABCUSD.

Este comité se estableció como parte de la Medida BB, el bono de mejora de las instalaciones escolares de \$258 millones aprobado por los votantes en noviembre de 2018. El comité es responsable de garantizar el gasto adecuado de los fondos de la Medida BB revisando cuidadosamente los gastos. El comité normalmente se reúne trimestralmente, pero puede reunirse con más frecuencia si es necesario.

Las solicitudes para los puestos se pueden encontrar en línea en www.abcusd.us.

Si tiene más preguntas, comuníquese con la Oficina del Superintendente Delegado/ Director Financiero al (562) 925 - 5566, extensión 21257.

# Senator Bob Archuleta Celebrates the Designation of the Armenian Monument as a California State Historical Landmark

By Brian Hews

This week, Senator Bob Archuleta (D-Norwalk) celebrated the State designate of the Armenian Genocide Martyrs Monument as a California State Historical Landmark.

The former mayor of Montebello, Archuleta, has deep roots in the community from his tenure with the Montebello Police Department and now as a Senator. He has long recognized the Monument's critical importance to the Armenian community in Montebello, where it is located.

"Having worked closely with the Armenian community over many years and participated in numerous Genocide Remembrance Day ceremonies, I celebrate with them on this momentous day," Senator Archuleta said. "The Martyrs Monument is not only a celebration of a rich cultural history but also a solemn reminder of our duty to remember and act."

Constructed as a modern, sculptural interpretation of traditional Armenian Church architecture, the Armenian Genocide Martyrs Monument holds the distinction of being the first major Monument dedicated to the Armenian Genocide in the United States and the first of its kind on public land. Its establishment in 1968 was made possible through the dedication and efforts of the Armenian American community and has become a powerful symbol of pride and remembrance for the diaspora.

"Montebello stands with Senator Bob Archuleta to take this meaningful step in recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the Armenian Genocide Martyrs Monument," Montebello Mayor Salvador Melendez said. The city's Armenian American community made it possible to construct the Monument, which symbolizes ethnic pride for the Armenian diaspora, particularly those living in Montebello and the surrounding region."

The Monument plays a vital role in community observances and events, commemorating fifty years of reflection on the Armenian Genocide and embodying the cultural revival that unified the Armenian diaspora in the 1960s. Senator Archuleta also noted that in light of recent events – including the forced displacement of over 100,000 Armenians from Artsakh in 2023 – the need to preserve and honor this memorial has never been more urgent.

"The Armenian Genocide Martyrs Monument in Montebello being designated as a California State Historical Landmark is important not only to me but to Armenian Americans across California as it serves as a cultural landmark and a reminder of the importance of remembering the Armenian Genocide," said Assemblymember John Harabedian and Chair of the Armenian Legislative Caucus.

According to city officials, Montebello, located within the 30th Senate District, is home to the oldest Armenian community in Los Angeles County. "Recognizing this monument as a California State Historical Landmark is a commitment to preserving a legacy that not only honors the past but also educates future generations about the enduring spirit of resilience and cultural identity," Senator Archuleta said.

Senator Archuleta's work over the years to make this designation a reality underscores his steadfast dedication to honoring California's diverse cultural heritage and ensuring that historic landmarks continue to inspire and educate communities statewide.



**SENATOR ARCHULETA** at the dedication speaks about the importance of making the Armenian Martyr's Monument a Historical Landmark in the city of Montebello.

The Armenian Genocide was the systematic mass killing and expulsion of Armenians by the Ottoman Empire during and after World War I, from 1915 to 1917, with continued persecution until the early 1920s. It resulted in the deaths of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians.

The Ottoman government, led by the ruling Committee of Union and Progress (CUP), sought to eliminate the Armenian population, whom they suspected of being disloyal and sympathetic to Russia, a wartime enemy of the empire. Rising nationalism within the empire also contributed to the targeting of minority groups.

In 1915 the Ottoman government arrested and executed hundreds of Armenian intellectuals and leaders in Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul). This date is now commemorated as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

Armenians were forced on death marches into the Syrian desert, often deprived of food and water, and subjected to mass executions, starvation, and disease.

Armenian homes, businesses, and lands were seized, and entire communities were wiped out.

Many Armenian children were taken and placed in Turkish or Kurdish families, and Armenian cultural and religious sites were destroyed or repurposed.

Turkey, the successor state of the Ottoman Empire, denies that a genocide occurred, arguing that the deaths were a result of war and internal conflict rather than a deliberate plan.

Many countries, including the United States, France, Germany, and Russia, officially recognize it as a genocide.

Historians and scholars overwhelmingly agree that it was a genocide under the definition established by the United Nations Convention on Genocide (1948).

The Armenian Genocide remains a critical issue in Armenian identity and international relations, particularly between Armenia and Turkey.



# CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 3A GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

# Whitney's first trip to semifinals ends in five-point loss marred by early turnovers

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on X

MONTEBELLO-Since 2008, Whitney High has seen its girls basketball program get as far as the CIF-Southern Section divisional quarterfinals seven times before this season. One of those quarterfinals appearances came during the 2019-2020 season when head coach Myron Jacobs took over the program.

But in their semifinal debut last Saturday, the Wildcats were as nervous as any team could have been, turning the ball over nine times in the opening quarter, passing up open shots and shooting 15 percent from the field. Despite the numbers, Whitney trailed Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High by three points after the first quarter. And despite taking a pair of leads later in the game, the 605 League champions fell short of their goal of a divisional championship in a 41-36 defeat to the Cardinals. Whitney now waits to see what division it will be placed in, who it will play and where when the brackets to the CIF Southern California Regionals are leased on

"Look, it was a great season," said Jacobs. "I wasn't too happy with the gym; they had a big rim on one side. But at the end of the day, we still have to play, and we gave ourselves a chance. But it came down, ultimately, to our defense. It was a sloppy game on both sides."

Following the game, Jacobs spoke to his team for roughly 15-20 minutes and put blame on himself, stating that he should have made a better adjustment, taking his team out of the trap and going back to its strength, which is half court defense.

The Wildcats (23-9) trailed 8-4 with 2:01 left in the opening quarter before their first scoring run gave them their first lead of the game. A free throw from senior Allie Yamaguchi was the last point by either team in the stanza and a basket from senior Sarai Carter just over two and a half minutes into the second quarter made it 8-7. Two minutes after that, senior Haylie Wang sank a pair of three throws and

the Wildcats had their first lead. But CSHM, which wasn't much better in the shooting department, closed out the final 2:43 of the half on an 8-2 run, highlighted by a three-pointer from Leilani Dominguez. It would be her only basket of the night as she added five free throws to her point total for the game.

The first half was probably the worst the Wildcats had all sea-

son, connecting on only three of 27 field goals, getting 15 rebounds and turning the ball over 15 times. But the team also had 10 of its 18 steals. Meanwhile, CSHM was six of 20 from the field in the half. When it all said and done, the 36 points was the third lowest of the season.

"We killed ourselves," said Jacobs of the shooting. "[Sophomore] Alyssa [So] couldn't throw a penny in the ocean if she wanted to. At this point, that's basketball; my girls were exhausted. This is the longest Whitney has ever played [in a season]. Again, there's no excuses out in the world. Like my parent's told me, I did one hell of a job; we did one hell of a job. This is a

Dominguez and Marina Leiva began the second half with two points each as the Cardinals had their biggest lead of the game at 20-11. But Carter's three-pointer with 5:25 left in the third quarter and a basket off one of her three steals 25 seconds later gave some hope in an offense that was three of 29 from the field for the first 18:35 of the game. Later in the stanza, So scored consecutive baskets off assists from Wang and with 3:08 left, it was 23-20.

CSHM would continue to lead by two to five points until 6:01 remained in the game. At that point, Whitney would begin its largest run of the night as a pair of free throws from Wang kick started a 7-0 run.

But with 3:09 left in the game, Alicia Lara hit two free throws to give the Cardinals the lead for good at 35-33. In fact, the Wildcats missed their last six field goals

of the game and would connect on 10 of 52 shots. Wang led all players with Whitney with 13 points, nine coming from the charity stripe while So added 11 points. Wang also had nine rebounds, five steals, four assists and three blocks. Whitney missed all 12 of its three-point attempts in the first half and was two of 12 from downtown in the second half.

Carter had one of her better games in a Whitney uniform, coming off the bench to score a season-high seven points, grab five rebounds and have three steals. Last season, she scored 15 points and coming into last Saturday's game, she had scored 20 points.

"We wouldn't have been that close [in the fourth quarter] if it wasn't for the senior play of Sarai Carter," said Jacobs. "That kid came into the game, and she wanted it. This kid has never really hit three's in a game this whole season...and went out there and nearly sacrificed her whole body, and when she got tired, she kicked it into something that's called heart. The kid went hard."

The 23 victories are the most since the 2013-2014 team under Jeff Day went 25-4 and lost in the quarterfinals. Since the 2010-2011 season, Whitney has won at least 20 games six times with five trips to the quarterfinals. Another note to be madeof the nine losses, four were by five points or less and the other five were anywhere from six to nine points.

"I'm proud of my kids," said Jacobs. "This is the best season Whitney has had in a while; we're going to state and the first time in the semifinals. And I did it with a team that was less talented than I had in the last three years. So, there's nothing really to be mad about. I was just sadder for those seniors and those kids. I don't get mad at losing a game; I get mad because I know how hard my girls work. And those girls really put themselves through the ringer this [past] summer."

Jacobs put together one of the toughest, if not the toughest non-league schedules in school history and even though the goal of a CIF-SS divisional championship wasn't achieved, there's the Southern California Regionals to look forward to. Those brackets will be released on Sunday with the first round beginning on Tuesday. That's another four-game journey just to reach the state finals on either Mar. 14 or 15 in Sacramento.

"Like I tell my girls, great opportunities come from great work ethic, and we wouldn't be here if they didn't have the work ethic," said Jacobs. "We can't sit here and dwell. We just have to continue to play and continue to work."



# CIF-SS OPEN DIVISION BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS -

# La Mirada comes up short of advancing to state playoffs despite victory



By Loren Kopff

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in the second quarter.

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO-With a trip to the CIF Southern California Regionals on the line, La Mirada High did all it could to assure itself a chance of that opportunity. Needing a win at JSerra High this past Tuesday night, the Matadores scratched and clawed their way back in the second half after falling behind by as many as eight points early

While the Gateway League champions ended pool play action of the Open Division with a 64-58 win over the Lions, La Mirada's season came to end following a series of tie-breaking procedures.

"I had an assistant watching the [Santa Margarita High/Harvard-Westlake High] game and once we saw [Harvard-Westlake] beat them by nine, we were trying to get [our lead] to seven," said La Mirada head coach Randy Oronoz.

La Mirada took the lead for good nearly midway through the fourth quarter on a three-pointer from sophomore Gene Roebuck. That would be the start of a 12-3 run, which ended with Roebuck converting a three-point play with 1:12 left in the game. After that, the Matadores didn't score until the buzzer sounded as they saw JSerra score five straight points.

The Matadores, JSerra and Santa Margarita all went 1-3 in pool play action, splitting their games with each other. The next tiebreaker is point differential, which went to JSerra, while La Mirada and Santa Margarita were tied in that department. The fourth tiebreaker is points allowed in which Santa Margarita yielded 251 points to La Mirada's 270.

"We turned it over late and we were hoping they would foul us," said Oronoz. "So, we had to play the opposite way around, basically. We were fouling, up five, which is the weirdest thing ever, and trying to rebound and play fast. If it goes into points allowed, we definitely lost that.'

The game was close until late in the first quarter when the Lions scored nine straight points to take a 19-11 lead with 6:40 left in the first half. However, the Matadores gained a burst of energy and turned that deficit into a 24-19 lead in a span of 4:15. Roebuck and junior King-Riley Jones were part of that scoring spree, combining for nine points and two assists.

The Matadores would own a 31-26 halftime lead, but it wasn't that easy as Roebuck and senior Julien Gomez were held scoreless on a combined three shots taken in the first quarter. The last time those two did not score in the opening quarter in the same game was on Dec. 14 against Fairmont Prep. Gomez wouldn't score until nearly midway through the second quarter and his basket gave La Mirada a 20-19 lead.

'They did a good job of loading up on them," said Oronoz. "They know what it is; they know they're our two best players. So, they did a really good job

of taking it away. Credit to us and Gene; Gene did a really good job of finding teammates. We just had to knock down shots. It didn't happen in the first quarter, but it ended up happening later."

JSerra began the second half with seven straight points with B.J. Davis-Ray giving his team a two-point lead 1:36 into the half. After that, the teams traded baskets 11 straight times and with 5.6 seconds left in the stanza, junior Andrew Castro scored on an offensive putback to make it 48-45.

JSerra had a 37-20 advantage in rebounds with seven players grabbing at least three boards. Part of that could be the fact that four starters were at least 6'6" while the tallest starters for La Mirada-Roebuck and senior M.J. Smithstand at 6'5". On top of that, Castro's rebound at the end of the third quarter was the only one on the offensive end.

"We don't crash the offensive glass because teams in the Open Division are really good in transition," said Oronoz. "We send guys back and try to take away their transition to sacrifice we try and make. It is what it is; we like our odds better in set defense rather than transitioning defense."

Roebuck led all scorers with 23 points and had three rebounds while Jones added a season-high 17 points and four rebounds. Gomez, who was held to a season-low four points, grabbed seven rebounds. This was the sixth time this season Gomez, the University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley commit, has been held to single digits in scoring.

"Hopefully this is something he learns and takes to the next level," said Oronoz of Gomez. "He's had a great career; I think he finished with over 2,400 points in his career, just shy of 2,500. I'm just happy that he came to us and stuck it out all four years for us. No one is going to judge him on one game. Everyone who has ever played the game knows

La Mirada was over 50 percent shooting from the field despite connecting on seven of 21 three-pointers. However, the Matadores were true on seven straight shots during one stretch in the second quarter and another seven straight shots in the third quarter.

how special he is."

The Matadores, who were playing in the Open Division for the first time in school history, finish the season at 25-7. Before the playoffs began, they had not lost consecutive games, but fell to Harvard-Westlake 73-50, Notre Dame High/ Sherman Oaks 71-65 and Santa Margarita 68-61 in the playoffs. Those three, plus JSerra advance to the Southern California Regionals.

"It's four road games and unfortunately for us, we didn't have a high enough draw to get a home game," said Oronoz. "We thought we had an opportunity against Notre Dame; we had an opportunity against Santa Margarita. We just didn't pull it out. It's hard to win in this division and it's even harder to win on the road. I'm just really proud of our guys for fighting this fourth game."



# CIF-SS DIVISIONAL FINALS PREVIEW - Pair of area girls basketball teams, one boys and a girls soccer squad all vying for divisional title

By Loren Kopff

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So, you wanted more competitive equity in the CIF-Southern Section basketball and soccer playoffs? Look no farther as the Cerritos High and La Mirada High girls basketball teams, the John Glenn High boys soccer team and the La Mirada girls soccer team have all advanced to a divisional championship game this weekend.

## DIVISION 3AA GIRLS BASKETBALL

#30 Cerritos (17-15) vs. #28 Mark Keppel High (23-9) Friday, 4:00 p.m. @ Toyota Arena Probable Cerritos starters: seniors Ambar Multani and Miya Scammahorn, juniors Cameron Lacorte and Mady Macaraeg and sophomore Kalana Nguyen.

In 2022, Cerritos lost to La Salle High 45-33 in the Division 3AA championship game at Cerritos. Last season, the Dons were on the short end of a 71-41 decision to Oak Park High in the 3AA finals at Edison High. Will a third time be the charm for a team who's as hot as anyone? Cerritos, which finished in third place in the 605 League, has won nine straight games and 12 of its last 13 contests.

"I would just say that we're blessed to get [to the finals] three times out of the last four years," said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. "With the hard work of all the girls, from the past to right now, it's all their work. During practices, we give them the tools and what the game plan is, and they're the ones in the end who execute it. With their hard work and dedication to the team, we find ourselves again in the finals."

Chinen is citing the hard work from the girls as the reason the Dons are back in the championship game rather than the new system the CIF-SS put in place in which divisions are put together based off computer rankings and algorithms.

Cerritos is in the finals after defeating third-seeded Lancaster High 60-40, 19<sup>th</sup>-seeded Beaumont High 68-51, 22<sup>nd</sup>-seeded Burroughs High out of Ridgecrest 50-42 and 10<sup>th</sup>-seeded Culver City High 57-37.

"After the first game, and even the second game, you could start seeing them believe and believe," said Chinen. "Now that we're back here in the finals again, they're on a mission to make it the most competitive game they can. We just told these girls that no matter what happens and whatever the outcome is on Friday, this team stuck it together and pulled something that is special. Not bad for a team that placed third in league."

The fact that Cerritos is even in this position considering what the team has had to deal with in November and December is remarkable. Chinen has had to adjust

his starting lineup almost every game until Macaraeg, a transfer from Whitney High, became eligible. Then there were the injuries or sickness to players that Chinen had to work around. Entering the quarterfinal game against Burroughs, 54 games were missed by 10 of the 14 players on the team, including the first 12 from Macaraeg. Since she became eligible, the Dons are 13-7. Because of that, Chinen admits this season has been more challenging than 2022 or last season.

"Again, we just had to put it all together," he said. "When you said [we were] sitting with five wins [out of 19 games played], yeah, it can get to the team; it can get to sometimes the coaches because of unfamiliar territory. A lot of times, the girls would ask, 'are we good enough, what was happening, why are we losing'? Sometimes when you get into that little funk, it's easy to say, 'I'm done and I don't want to do this anymore'."

Mark Keppel went undefeated in 10 games in the Almont League and comes into the championship game on a hot streak as well, winners of 15 straight. However, two of those victories were forfeits over Alhambra High. The path for the Aztecs included wins over #5 Long Beach Jordan High (55-23), #12 South Pasadena High (72-21), #13 Oakwood High (66-36) and #17 Chaparral High (57-32).

"They're going to be fast; they're going to be physical," said Chinen of the Aztecs. "They have some really good shooters, and they cut well to the basket. It's going to be battle; it's going to be a challenge for us defensively. We have to know our assignments defensively. We have to make sure that we understand what their objective is and how they execute plays."

Keira Kamida and Maile Tamaki are two of the top players Chinen has his girls focusing on, however he is quick to say that 'you can't just count any of them out because a lot of them do take a lot of good shots'. He also says that they don't shoot three-pointers from the line; they shoot perimeter shots further out. This is Mark Keppel's first appearance in a CIF-SS divisional final.

## DIVISION 4A GIRLS BASKETBALL

#8 La Mirada (20-10) vs. #15 Pilibos High (16-13) Friday, 2:00 p.m. @ Azusa Pacific University

Probable La Mirada starters: seniors Jael Arreguin, Destiny Elmore, Emily Gonzalez, Hailey Medrano and sophomore Jordin Shaw.

One of these teams will be bringing home their first CIF-SS girls basketball championship as the Matadores square off against Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School, the first meeting between the two. All season long, La Mirada has had a chip on its shoulders after falling to Colton High by a point in last season's semifinals. That was the farthest any La Mirada girls basketball team had advanced and this year, head coach Victoria Luong is going even further.

"It's huge," said Luong. "I take it one game at a time; I don't take anything lightly. We've analyzed our opponents; we've been watching and basing everything that we do off that. The girls are in a routine now and they're looking strong. It's exciting; this group of girls... last year we only had Jirah [Domingo] as a senior. So almost everybody on this team played in playoffs last year. They have that background and they're hungry for it."

La Mirada, the Mid-Cities League champions, have won 11 straight games and 16 of its last 18 contests. It knocked off #25 Orange High (56-42), #24 San Marino High (56-52), #16 West Covina High (46-31) and #29 University Prep (41-22). The Matadores have stuck with a consistent starting five as Arreguin, the team's leading scorer, Elmore, Gonzalez, Medrano and Shaw have been the starters in 19 of the last 22 games. Senior Simran Sahota was a starter in the first eight games

Pilibos, which was founded in 1969, is located just north of the 101 freeway in the Little Armenia neighborhood. The Eagles finished in third place in the Liberty League and defeated #18 Duarte High (53-32), second-seeded San Jacinto Leadership Academy (52-49), seventh-seeded Warren High (39-36) and third-seeded Kennedy High (42-24) in the playoffs.

Pilibos has had somewhat of a roller-coaster season, winning its season-opener before losing three straight times. After alternating wins and losses for the next 13 games, the Eagles won four straight before ending the regular season with four straight losses. They are led by Nanar Shahinian and Lara Kasbarian, the only players to average double digits in scoring. as a team, Pilibos is scoring just over 51 points a game.

"We showed the girls film [this past Monday] and we discussed those two players and ways to stop them," said Luong. "The assistant coach Sarah [Castillo] and I spent a significant amount of time Saturday night and Sunday watching film and coming up with plays... knowing that [Shahinian] is left-handed. The majority of girls, obviously, are right-handed, so the girls are trying to push them left. Now, it's just training them to do the opposite and not letting [Shahinian] take that left-handed layup. If we can stop [Shahinian] and [Kasbarian], we'll put up a good fight."

Top-seeded Sherman Indian High and fourth-seeded Packinghouse Christian High were ousted in the first round of the playoffs and five other teams that were seeded in the top 10 did not get out of the second round. More of the same happened in the other divisions as this is the first season the CIF-SS is basing the divisions off computer rankings from this past season.

"Not knowing what this first year would look like in playoffs, I wasn't sure," said Luong of where her team would be put. "We were analyzing the scores across the board for quarterfinals and semifinals and a lot of the games were close. I like the equality a little bit, the balance of more competitiveness. It seems to be working."

# DIVISION 7 BOYS SOCCER

#17 Pasadena Poly High (14-3-2) @ #3 Glenn (15-9-2)

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. @ Glenn

The turnaround story of the area has to go to the Glenn boys soccer team, making its debut in a CIF-SS championship game. This is a boys soccer program that has had six winning seasons since the 2001-

2002 campaign, has gone through 11 head coaches in the past 27 seasons, has been to the playoffs five times before this season and has never reached the second round before this season. Oh, the Eagles also finished in fourth place in the 605 League with a 4-6-0 record. Luis-David Enciso is in his third season as the head coach and sports a 28-32-7 record. Only Carlos Miramontes, who coached from at least the 1998-1999 season to 2004-2005 has more victories (at least 60).

Fourth place is the highest league finish for the program since the Covid-shortened season of 2020-2021 when the Eagles tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 1-6-1 mark. The previous season was its last playoff appearance until now.

Glenn has scored 62 goals, allowed 29 and posted nine shutouts. Half of the games have been decided by a goal with the Eagles going 7-6 in those games. Glenn has eliminated #30 High (4-1), #14 Flintridge Prep (2-1), #6 Hawthorne Math and Science Academy (3-0) and #2 La Quinta High (2-1) in the playoffs.

Pasadena Poly is making its second trip to the finals, having defeated St. Margaret's High 2-1 in the 2000 Division V finals. The Panthers, co-champions of the Prep League with a 5-0-1 mark, have not lost since Dec. 28, a 6-0 setback to Monrovia High. Poly has scored 63 goals, allowed 22 and blanked its opponents 10 times.

The Panthers have posted wins over #16 Samueli Academy (7-3), top-seeded Orange High (1-0), #9 Lennox Academy (4-1) and #5 Silverado High (3-2 in double overtime) prior to the championship game.

## **DIVISION 4 GIRLS SOCCER**

#10 La Mirada (13-8-3) vs. #5 Sage Hill High (12-3-0) Saturday, 10:30 a.m. @ Fred Kelly Stadium

La Mirada is no stranger to playing for a divisional title as the Matadores are back for the fifth time in the championship game, all coming since 2008. The Matadores may not have had their best season, but it was good enough for a third place finish in the Gateway League.

La Mirada tied arch-nemesis Mayfair High 1-1 in the 2008 Division III finals, shutout Moorpark High in the 2015 Division 4 finals, defeated Moorpark again the next season 4-1 before falling in the Division 2 finals 1-0 in 2017 to Moorpark. In 2021, the Matadores edged Saugus High 2-1 to claim the Division 2 crown.

La Mirada has tallied 30 goals and allowed 21 goals with 10 shutouts and the last two playoff wins have come via penalty kicks. The team posted playoff victories over #23 Mayfield High (2-0), #7 South Pasadena High (1-0), #31 Beaumont High (1-1, 4-2 PK) and #30 Redlands East Valley High (1-1, 5-4 PK).

Before the postseason, the longest winning streak by the Matadores was two games, accomplished three times with the last being on Jan. 21 and 23.

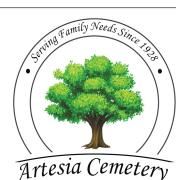
Sage Hill, which opened in 2000 and is making its first appearance in the finals, has won four of its last five, six of its last eight and nine of its last 12 games. The Lightning totaled 39 goals, allowed a dozen goals and has posted nine shutouts.

Sage Hill has playoff wins over #28 Linfield Christian High (2-0), #12 San Marcos High (2-1), fourth-seeded Costa Mesa High (in penalty kicks after a 1-1 regulation) and #9 Coachella Valley High (2-0). Keila Fukuda, just a freshman, leads the Lightning with 16 goals while Cambria Thomas has scored seven times.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMIN-ISTER ESTATE OF MARK KOJI YOSHIDA

Case No. 25STPB01927

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-tors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both, of MARK KOJI YOSHIDA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Bich Ngoc Thi Do in the Supe-rior Court of California, County of LOS

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Bich Ngoc Thi Do be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the de

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 21, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los

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 letter 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 inter-ested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap-praisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner

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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. toragetreasures.com (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, at 9:00AM.

NAME UNIT#

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINIS-TER ESTATE OF:

KATHRYN ELIZABETH JENSEN

CASE NO. 25STP801948
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin-gent creditors, and persons who may other-wise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KATHRYN ELIZABETH JENSEN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOHN ORRIS HOFF in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHN ORRIS HOFF be appointed as per-sonal representative to add

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 admin-ister the estate under the Independent Ad-ministration of Estates Act. (This authority will

allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to inter-ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition

and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/27/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

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### ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 2:00 PM on the 16th day of April 2025 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1675 Nixon Elementary School Modernization

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on March 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM sharp at the front of Administration building at Nixon ES 19600 Jacob Ave., Cerritos. To prequalify to bid, bidders with contractor license class of C-4, C-7C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 must submit Prequalification package no later than April 3, 2025. Prequalification Package is available to enter and submit at the PQ Website https://pqbids. com/abc-usd-ab2031/ All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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ABC Bid # 1674 Carver Elementary School Modernization

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED ORDINANCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on the following matter: Review and consideration to waive full reading of and introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE, INCLUDING TITLES 2, 6, and 22, TO IMPLEMENT UPDATES TO THE CITY'S APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES. \*Pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this project is categorically exempt from CEQA review. City Attorney Summary: On December 12, 2024, the City Council authorized specific changes to the City's subsidiary/appointed boards, commissions, and committees, in light of the consideration of a handbook for the appointed boards, commissions, and committees. Some of the changes included (i) the creation of new commissions (including the Senior Services Committee, the Disability Advisory Committee, and the Historical Committee), (ii) the re-naming of certain boards and commissions (from 'Property Preservation Commission' to 'Property Preservation Board', and from 'Fine Arts and Historical Commission' to 'Fine Arts Commission'), and (iii) the amending of the meeting schedules of the Parks and Recreation Commission to a quarterly schedule and the Let Freedom Ring Committee to three meetings per year. With the approved changes, the City Council recognized that amendments to the Cerritos Municipal Code would be necessary to effectuate such changes. This proposed ordinance makes the required changes that were previously authorized

This public hearing 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 www.cerritos.gov. A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. 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. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. If you challenge the above-mentioned item and related actions 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 emailed to the Office of the City Clerk by the submission deadline, prior to the public hearing. 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 hearing in person or by agent and be heard. /s/Cynthia Nava, City Clerk

by the City Council with respect to the appointed boards, commissions, and

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE ARTESIA DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: The City of Artesia (City), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Artesia Downtown Specific Plan (proposed project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft EIR has been prepared in conformance with CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000, et seq.). This Notice of Availability has been issued to notify interested parties that the Draft EIR is available for public review and comment. The City is requesting comments on the Draft EIR from responsible and trustee agencies, interested public agencies, organizations, and the general public

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

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

While there are no specific development projects proposed at this time, the Artesia Downtown Specific Plan will establish goals and objectives, development standards, and implementation actions associated with land use, mobility, and infrastructure, and establishes a transit-oriented plan that would provide new opportunities for housing, retail/ commercial, and entertainment uses. The proposed project would establish the necessary plans, development standards, regulations, infrastructure requirements, and implementation programs on which subsequent project-related development activities in the Specific Plan area would be based. Below is a discussion of each component of the proposed project.

FILE REVIEW AND COMMENTS: The Draft EIR is available for public review and download at:

https://cityofartesia.us/522/Artesia-Downtown-Specific-Plan

Copies of the Draft EIR are also available for public review at the following locations:

- Artesia City Hall, Planning Department, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701
- Artesia Public Library, 18801 Elaine Avenue, CA 90701

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft EIR is available for a public review period commencing on February 28, 2025, and ending on April 14, 2025. In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, should you have any comments pertaining to the environmental analysis contained in the Draft EIR, please provide such comments during this time. Please submit all comments in writing so they are received no later than April 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm.:

E-mail: Planning@cityofartesia.us

Phone: (562) 865-6262 Ext. 200 or 224

Mail: City of Artesia

Planning Department

Attn: Salvador Lopez, Jr., Interim Community Development Director

18747 Clarkdale Avenue Artesia, CA 90701

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## LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF BELLFLOWER **ORDINANCE NO. 1442**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 1) ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. ZC 25-01 TO: (A) ESTABLISH ZONING OVERLAYS ("HOUSING OPPORTUNITY OVERLAY ZONE - HOOZ") FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO ALLOW MIXED USE OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; AND (B) EXPAND AND MODIFY BOUNDARIES OF THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC PLAN ("TODSP") AREA; AND (2) APPROVE ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT CASE NO. ZOTA 25-01 TO: (A) ESTABLISH REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND USES WITHIN THE "HOOZ"; AND (B) AMEND THE TODSP DOCUMENT RELATED TO REGULATIONS AND EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES TO IMPLEMENT THE HOUSING ELEMENT.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(b), Ordinance No. 1442 is summarized as follows:

Ordinance 1442 would establish zoning overlays for certain properties located within eight specific areas to allow for mixed-use or residential developments and establish a regulatory framework of future development and uses for certain properties located within the twelve specific areas as it pertains to the Certified 2021-2029 Housing Element, including residential developments/uses that are permitted by right.

Ordinance No. 1442 had its first reading on February 10, 2025, its second reading on February 24, 2025, and was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Bellflower at its Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025, by the following vote to wit:

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

Effective Date: March 26, 2025. For a copy of Ordinance No. 1442, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804 1424.

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

ATTEST:

Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOL-IC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic bever-age license is about to be made. The names Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Sell-er/Licensee are: OM MAYA PUB INC, 4130 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD

The business is known as: O'CONNORS IRISH PUB

The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buy-er/Transferee are: DEVSOL ONE CORPO-RATION, 4130 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKE-WOOD, CA 90712

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list

As itset by the Senter/Licensee, an other obstiness maines and addressee used by the Senter/Licensee within direc years before the date such its was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are:

The assets to be sold are described in gen-eral as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIP-MENT, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND ABC ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE LI-CENSE #47 654125 and are located at: 4130-34 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

The kind of license, to be transferred is: ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE LICENSE #47-654125 now issued for the premises located at

4130-34 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MARCH 28, 2025 at the office of: SAP-PHIRE ESCROW, 17100 PIONEER BLVD., SUITE 110, ARTESIA, CA 90701

The amount of the purchase price or consid-eration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the esti-mated inventory \$7,500.00, is the sum of \$270,000.00, which consists of the follow-ing: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$270,000.00; TOTAL

It has been agreed between the Sell-er/Licensee and the intended Buy-er/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the trans-fer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Date: FEBRUARY 12, 2025 OM MAYA PUB INC, Seller/Licensee

DEVSOL ONE CORPORATION, Buy-er/Transferee 3324758-PP LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 2/28/25

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL CASE NO. 1013 MODIFICATION PERMIT CASE NO. 1366**

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

DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL CASE NO. 1013: To construct eight (8) new 53' tall metal tanks for the storage of liquid argon.

MODIFICATION PERMIT CASE NO. 1366: To allow partial screening of the proposed metal

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: 8832 Dice Road (APN: 8168-013-008 & -027)/Airgas USALIC

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, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

CEQA STATUS: The Planning Commission will determine whether the project qualifies for a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 – Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15311 - Class 11 (Accessory Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and provide input on the items listed above. Please note that if you challenge these items in court, you may be limited to issues raised during the Public Hearing or submitted in writing to the office of the Commission, on or before 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.gov. 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: AlejandroDeLoera@santafesprings.gov or by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7358.

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**PUZZLE ANSWER: CHAPEAU** 

CITY OF CERRITOS, NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Project Identification: TRANSIT CONTRACTOR SERVICES, RFP NO. 1559-25. Project Description: The City of Cerritos is seeking a qualified firm, or teams of firms, (referred to as the "Contractor") to provide turnkey operation and maintenance services for City transportation services, the Cerritos On Wheels general public on-demand service, and Cerritos Dial-A-Ride demand-response service for Cerritos seniors and residents with disabilities. Project Specifications: A copy of the Request for Proposals, including the scope of work, can be found on the City's bid page at: cerritos.gov/bids. Additionally, notifications, updates, and addenda will be posted on the City's bid page. Proposed service providers (referred to as "Proposers") shall be responsible for monitoring the site to obtain information regarding the solicitation. Failure to respond to required updates may result in a determination of a nonresponsive proposal. Questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to: Advance Planning Manager Sabrina Chan at (562) 916-1201. Sealed Proposals must be received on or before: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Place of Sealed Proposal Receipt: The sealed proposal submission must be physically received in the: Office of the City Clerk, 1st Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the proposal is properly marked and received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk at the above-referenced location by the deadline provided will not be considered. Sealed Proposals must be marked: "CERRITOS ON WHEELS AND CERRITOS DIAL-A-RIDE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TECHNICAL PROPOSAL - RFP NO. 1559-25 - DO NOT OPEN", CERRITOS ON WHEELS AND CERRITOS DIAL-A-RIDE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT COST PROPOSAL - RFP NO. 1559-25 - DO NOT OPEN" No proposal will be accepted unless it has the above referenced information clearly identified on the subject line. Final selection criteria: The City of Cerritos will award an agreement on the basis of qualifications, experience, and cost. The minimum qualifications that will be used to evaluate responses are listed in the Request for Proposals. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law. Any requests for information regarding proposals submitted shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened proposals are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 7922.000). By order of the City of Cerritos.

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 852**

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

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 852: To allow a new wireless telecommunication facility on an existing lattice tower.

PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT: 8636 Sorensen Avenue (APN: 8168-012-810) Smartlink obo AT&T Wireless.

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, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

CEQA STATUS: The Planning Commission will determination whether the project qualifies for a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facilities) of the CEQA guidelines.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and provide input on the items listed above. Please note that if you challenge these items in court, you may be limited to issues raised during the Public Hearing or submitted in writting to the office of the Commission on or before the Public Hearing.

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FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained from Jimmy Wong, Associate Planner, via e-mail at: <a href="mailto:JimmyWong@santafesprings.gov">JimmyWong@santafesprings.gov</a> or by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7451.

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## ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 2:00 PM on the 18th day of April 2025 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1673 Leal Elementary School Modernization

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on March 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM sharp at the front of Administration building at Leal ES 12920 Droxford St., Cerritos. To pregualify to bid, bidders with contractor license class of C-4, C-7C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 must submit Prequalification package no later than April 3, 2025. Prequalification Package is available to enter and submit at the PQ Website https://pqbids. com/abc-usd-ab2031/ All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION

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TO THE HONORABLE ARTURO FLORES: Pursuant to Section 11020, California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of the City of Huntington Park, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Member of the City Council, in the City of Huntington Park. The grounds for the recall are as follows:

#### Abusive Arturo Flores Must Go!

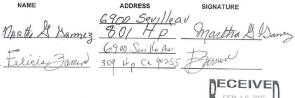
Abusive Arturo is a disgrace to Huntington Park, he is using his position to Intimidate and Harass Women while pushing a Corrupt agenda. He lied about living in our city before scheming onto the City Council and is now abusing his power.

- <u>Serial Abuser of Women</u> Abusive Arturo has a long history of intimidation and harassing women, including all women City Councilmembers and staff. He gets drunk at official events, stumbling and verbally harassing women, and attends City Council meetings reeking of alcohol
- <u>Under Investigation</u> Abusive Arturo is currently under investigation for Sexist Harassment, Hostile work environment and Abuse of Power at City Hall.
- <u>Corrupt</u> Abusive Arturo abused his power by making city staff block his license plates in the law enforcement system so Arturo can get out of tickets for Drunk Driving and parking on Red.
- <u>Self-Serving</u> within a year span Abusive Arturo voted to give himself almost \$20,000 yearly Raise, while voting to cut Senior Citizen services by denying city services that support food distributions and cutting public safety programs while giving contracts to his friends

Huntington Park deserves better! Let's take a stand!

#### Yes, Recall Abusive Arturo Flores NOW!

The printed names, signatures, and residence addresses of the proponents are as follows:



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Telephone number to contacts proponents (213) 210-9601

The original notice and proof of service will be filled with the City of Huntington Park City Clerk

Elections Code section 11023. (a) Within seven days after filing of the notice of intention, the officer sought to be recalled may file with the elections official, or in the case of a state officer. the Secretary of State, an answer, in not more than 200 words, to the statement of proponents (b) If an answer is filled, the officer shall, within seven days after the filing of the notice of intention, also serve a copy of it, by personal delivery or by certified mail, on one of the proponents named in the notice of intention.

(c) The answer shall be signed and shall be accompanied by the printed name and business or residence of the officer sought to be recalled.



NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

MARGARET GREENBERG CASE NO. 25STPB01584

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of MARGARET GREENBERG.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MATTHEW GREENBERG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGE-

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MATTHEW GREENBERG be appointed as personal representative to administer the

THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to 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: 03/14/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with

the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner TAMMY WILLIAMS, ESQ. - SBN 326137 DANDELION LAW OFFICE 285 E. IMPERIAL HWY., STE. 104 FULLERTON CA 92835 Telephone (714) 766-0373 BSC 226422 2/21, 2/28, 3/7/25 CNS-3897245#

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## Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Cerritos 16015 Piuma Avenue Cerritos CA 90703 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 3/20/2025 at 10:00 AM. Summer Violet Jones; Robert Andrew Wirthlin; Anthony Abel Huerta; Vincent III Quiroz; Winifred Beauty Crawford; Adriana Irazleth Cook. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

J. ROBERT GRAY AKA JAMES ROBERT GRAY AKA BOB GRAY CASE NO. 25STPB01166

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of J. ROBERT GRAY AKA JAMES ROBERT GRAY AKA BOB GRAY.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CYNTHIA A. PARRISH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CYNTHIA A. PARRISH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for

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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/07/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGE-LES. CA 90012

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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

on 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
HELEN R. GRAY AKA HELEN RAY GRAY
CASE NO. 25STPB01168
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of
HELEN R. GRAY AKA HELEN RAY GRAY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CYNTHIA A. PARRISH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/06/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VICTOR MIGUEL SUAREZ aka VICTOR M. SUAREZ aka VICTOR SU-

AREZ Case No. 25STPB01157

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VICTOR MIGUEL SUAREZ aka VICTOR M. SUAREZ aka VICTOR SUAREZ ARD VICTOR SUAREZ ARD VICTOR SUAREZ ARD VICTOR SUAREZ ARD VICTOR SUAREZ THE PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Raul M. Suarez in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Raul M. Suarez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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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 co court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 6, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 62 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles,

CA 90012.

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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 knowl-

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

Attorney for petitioner: CYNTHIA R. COX ESQ LINDA S. STOCKWELL ESQ SBN 277324 REENA SHAH ESQ SBN 339391 COX LAW GROUP INC 23326 HAWTHORNE BLVD TORRANCE CA90505-3771 CN113990 SUAREZ Feb 14,21,28, 2025

#### ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

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

ABC Bid # 1671 Window Covering at Aloha Elementary School

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on March 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM sharp at the front of Administration building at Aloha ES 11737 214th St., Lakewood. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class C-61/D-52 oContractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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#### NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com ending on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, electronics, tools, personal effects, and or miscellaneous items are stored at: Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Ave., Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California by the following:

Unit# Name Harold Freeman A27 Khalid Salaam A34 Anna Vallefuoco A74

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 21st and 28th day of February 2025 Self Storage Management Company

Bond #: WLI1254152

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINIS-TER ESTATE OF:

REFUGIO MUNGUIA AKA RUDY MUNGUIA

CASE NO. 25STPB01754
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, cont 

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BARBARA J. GUADAGNI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGE-THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BARBARA J. GUADAGNI be appointed as personal representative to administer the

estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to admin-ister the estate under the Independent Ad-ministration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very important actions,

however, the personal representa-tive will be required to give notice to inter-ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/18/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS

ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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## ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 2:00 PM on the 8th day of April 2025 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1672 Artesia High School Cafeteria

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. There will be a mandatory jobwalk meeting on March 12, 2025 at 8:30 AM sharp at the front of Administration building at Artesia HS 12108 Del Amo Blvd., Lakewood. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

VANESSA DE JESUS CHAIDEZ GARCIA AND CESAR OMAR BRAVO FOR ANDREA JULISSA BRAVO CHAIDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: ANDREA JULISSA BRAVO CHAIDEZ TO ANDREA JULISSA BRAVO. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter

appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name

should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection

that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must

appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 4/11/25, at the SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF

LOS ANGELES 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650. A HEARING will be held APRIL 11, 2025

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