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## Council votes to reopen Downey Avenue

#### By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — The Downey City Council voted Tuesday to reopen Downey Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets, after previously closing the roadway for the benefit of businesses struggling with COVID-19 health mandates.

The city had previously closed and blocked off street area to vehicular traffic as a response to the health order put in place by Los Angeles County Health Department on July 14, in hopes that the restaurants in the area would be able to maintain some form of business while prohibited from indoor operations.

Currently, three businesses - Bastard's American Canteen, Lock and Key Social Drinkery, and Joseph's Bar and Grill - are utilizing the space.

According to staff, a survey of businesses in the District @ Downey returned four replies, evenly split with four in approval of and four against the closure.

Specifically, businesses to the south of the district had concerns over parking and accessibility.

Staff offered three potential options, including keeping the street closed, reopening the street back to pre-COVID conditions, or reopening the street with the allowance of parklets.

District 5 council candidate Mario Trujillo - who owns property in the area – suggested that the street could be utilized during evenings weekend through the use of ballards, but otherwise should be left clear for residents.



From left: Marty Fehn, director of FoodHelp; Ivan Sulic, field representative for Supervisor Janice Hahn; Beth Gendrea, Maria Arencibia, and Jim Wilkinson. (Photo by Alex Dominguez

# FoodHelp breaks ground on expansion

■ The Downey food bank has grown significantly since opening in 2005.

It's now poised to grow even more.

#### By Alex Dominguez

"It's truly been a pleasure to be a part of the FoodHelp family," said Sulic. "Throughout the years, our office has been committed to donating, to honoring the volunteers, because there have been some amazing volunteers that I have had the pleasure of meeting."





#### **ON THIS DAY SEPTEMBER 24**

#### 1789:

Congress passed the First Judiciary Act, which provided for an attorney general and a Supreme Court.

#### 1869:

Financiers Jay Gould and James Frisk tried to corner the gold market, sending Wall Street into a panic and leaving thousands of investors in financial ruin.

#### 1906:

Racial tensions erupted into the Atlanta Massacre of 1906; more than 25 African Americans were killed, along with two white people.

#### 1957:

The Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field before moving to Los Angeles

#### 1957:

President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent the 101st Airborne Division to Little Rock, Arkansas, to enforce desegregation

#### 1968:

"60 Minutes" premiered on CBS.

#### 1991:

Nirvana released its iconic album "Nevermind."

"You cannot close Downey Avenue to the residents, it's really unfair to them," said Trujillo. "You have to remember the residents; that's their street ... "

"Those ballards, you shoot them up at 6:30 pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays on special occasions; but you've got to let those residents go through."

Trujillo also advocated for keeping things as they stand currently.

"The businesses were told that you were going to close for six months, so what I'm asking for is keep the status quo," said Trujillo. "I'm disappointed in the neighbors to the south, the other businesses. Now is a time to be a good neighbor...these businesses are trying to thrive."

decided to reopen the street, while still allowing businesses to operate within specified parklets.

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa said that "We only have a certain amount of space, and we have to work with that.

"I think that our city will have to continue to navigate through this process in a very delicate way," said Frometa. "If the pedestrian traffic is not what we anticipated when we initially looked at this, and the [pedestrian] traffic is coming in the latter part of the evening, then I don't see why we wouldn't look at [reopening to traffic] and having standard parklets in place.'

The city will now run K-rails up the entirety of the street separate vehicular traffic to from dining spaces. Businesses will have three weeks to make the transition, with a 60-day evaluation period.

The item was approved 3-0, with Councilman Rick Rodriguez absent and Mayor Blanca Pacheco abstaining due to her office's proximity.

#### **Staff Writer**

**DOWNEY** — First Christian Church held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday for an expansion of its FoodHelp food bank.

Founded in 2005, FoodHelp has served 72 local cities and 129 zip codes around the Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties area with food for individuals in need.

According to Jim Wilkinson, the food bank has seen a huge growth in need over the past year.

"2019, we served at the food bank 5,479 families. So far in 2020, 9,957 just from January to the community, and that's what August," said Wilkinson. "That's FoodHelp is." 180 plus percent increase."

Work on the new storage structure is currently scheduled to begin mid-October and finish around December or January.

Several notable officials were the project.

Representing the office of Supervisor Janice Hahn was Field private donors. Deputy Ivan Sulic.

More than 400 cases of water were collected by a group of **Downey High School students** and alumni on Friday, which were subsequently donated to first responders who are fighting the wildfires in the state.

The drive was spearheaded by 19-year-old alumnus Andrew Carrieri (pictured).

"I'm extra happy," said Carrieri. "We lost count...it's crazy."

Carrieri says that water came not only from Downey residents, but neighboring communities as well.

(Photo by Alex Dominguez)

"I've had the pleasure of meeting the individuals who are served by this food bank; individuals who need that extra help, need that extra assistance, and FoodHelp has been there for them...It's been a pleasure to see the evolution."

Also in attendance was Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

"I was first introduced to FoodHelp back prior to city council during my time as president of the Kiwanis Club," said Pacheco. "There are some amazing volunteers that we have here at FoodHelp... These are people within the community who truly care about

"This year was a year where our community needed us the most, needed FoodHelp the most. FoodHelp stepped up and they helped the community."

The project was funded Ultimately, council members in attendance to commemorate through donations from The Kaiser Foundation, Supervisor Hahn, Baker Electric, and other



Mayor Blanca Pacheco speaks at a groundbreaking event Wednesday for FoodHelp, a Downey food bank. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)





#### 1996:

The United States and the world's other nuclear powers signed a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons.

#### 2007:

United Auto Workers walked off the job at GM plants in the first nationwide strike during contract negotiations since 1976

#### 2007:

India won the first ever international Cricket World Cup.

#### **Notable Birthdays**

Actor and singer Ben Platt turns 27. Gold medal winning gymnast Paul Hamm turns 38

Wrestling executive Stephanie McMahon turns 44.

Rock drummer Janet Weiss turns 55

Wrestler Sonva Deville turns 27.

TV personality Ross Mathews turns 41.



Ben Platt turns 27 today.

#### **Notable Deaths**

Dr. Seuss, the beloved poet, illustrator and children's author, died on this date in 1991 at age 87. The cause of death of cancer.

Today you are you! That is truer than true!

There is no-one alive

who is you-er than you!

# Helen Hampton's life of melody and music

• A short story writer whose works frequently appear in the Downey Patriot, Helen Hampton turned 96 this week.

#### By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — Regular Patriot contributor Helen Hampton celebrated a birthday this week.

Hampton should be familiar to readers of both the Downey and Norwalk Patriots, as she is one of the more consistent names to be featured within the publications' "Short Stories" column.

The writer turned 96 on Thursday, September 24.

"I can't believe it," said Hampton. "I never thought I'd live this long."

She credits her longevity to "clean living."

"No drinking, no smoking,"said Hampton.

Born in Maine, Hampton's is a life of melody and music.

"It was my life; I studied at the Boston Conservatory of Music," said Hampton.

Music is a bit of a family affair; her father and brother were both professional singers.

It wasn't until around age 11 that she would find her voice.

Or rather, a nun found it.

"At first I didn't know I could sing because I was so enthralled by my brother's little soprano voice that I didn't pay attention," said Hampton. "I boarded in a Catholic convent with the nuns for three years. One day, I was playing the piano, practicing... I came to a little song. I thought, 'Oh, I think I'm going to sing that; I don't think anybody can hear me, the door is closed.'"

"The door flew open and the nun flew in with her veil flying in the wind. She came up to me and said, 'I didn't know you could sing.' I said I didn't either."

Her father died when she was only 5 years old, however her mother would eventually remarry.

At the age of 17 and during the time of WWII, she and her family moved to Boston. Her audience shifted from that of nuns, to young men in uniform.

"I lived in Boston for five years, and I belonged to the USO," said Hampton. "I was a professional singer."

It was also during this time that she would meet her husband, Ralph Pope.

"He was a little sailor; he was in the Navy," said Hampton. "We got married in 1946. We met at the USO." After the war, the couple moved to Florida, where they would buy a music store.

"We called it the 'Melody Shop,'" said Hampton. "The man said there were two others, so he said we'd have to call it 'Helen Pope's Melody Shop.'"

Helen also continued to sing at banquets and over the radio. However, after only five years, her husband would find his work transferred to California.

"I said, "What are we going to do with the store?" and he said, 'Get rid of it,'" said Hampton. "So I did, crying. I worked hard on that little store."

Hampton and her husband landed in Long Beach in 1951, where she continued to sing in restaurants during dinner service.

In 1958, Hampton and her husband found themselves expecting an 8-pound boy, whom they decided to name Daniel Steven after Hampton's father and step-father.

Instead, she ended up with two 4-pound twin girls. Thus, Daniel Steven became Joy and Jan.

"They didn't do the things they do now to know what's coming," said Hampton. "The nurse came in, and I was still kind of groggy. She said, 'I hear you had twins.' I looked over at the next bed figuring she was talking to the lady in the next bed, and I looked over and the bed was empty and all made up. I turned back to her and I said, 'What?.'" She said, 'You had twins!,' and I said, 'Twin what?"

#### "I had forgotten."

Hampton would remain in Long Beach for 42 years, before she would eventually retire in 1993 and settle in Downey.

Unfortunately, Hampton's age would eventually catch up with her vocal cords.

"The last solo was in 1985, and that was in Norwalk," said Hampton. "At the senior center, they had a Fourth of July celebration, and I sang 'This is my Country.'

That was the last solo; can't hit the high notes anymore."

Hampton's birthday celebrations will be forced to remain a little more maintained this year due to the virus.

Still, Hampton describes her life as "just plain happiness," and she hopes that she stays in good health.

"I just count my blessings every day, thank the Lord for my health," said Hampton. "As long as I have my faculties."



After retiring in 1993, Helen Hampton settled in Downey. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

#### In Memory of

#### Edward Snyder Jr July 30, 1943 - August 30, 2020



With great sorrow we say goodbye to our Ed. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Donna Snyder, his daughter Annette Morris, his grandchildren Lindsay, Riley, Mattie and Hunter. He will be deeply missed by his extended family and friends. Rest in peace dear Eddie. We love you Airman Brianey Casillas, left, from Downey, and Airman Nathan Peterson, from Chicago, hook up an F/A-18E Super Hornet attached to the Dambusters of Strike Fighter Squadron 195 to a catapult on the flight deck of the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan in support of Valiant Shield 2020.

Valiant Shield is a U.S. only, biennial field training exercise (FTX) with a focus on integration of joint training in a blue-water environment among U.S. forces.

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Samantha Jetzer)



## 2020 Downey

#### Tuesday, September 29, 2020 6:00pm (via Zoom)

# School Board Candidates Forum

Presented by The Downey Patriot & Downey Chamber of Commerce

Hosted by Eric Pierce



#### Trustee Area 2 Candidates





Angelita "Angie" Rademaker



Jose Rodriguez

#### Trustee Area 4 Candidate



#### Trustee Area 6 Candidate











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Register online – TheDowneyPatriot.com/forum

# Mayor's Corner

• Even during a pandemic, Downey has made great progress across several areas, says Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

#### By Blanca Pacheco Mayor

Hello Downey,

This year has been unprecedented for all of us. As Mayor it has been a challenging but rewarding experience to serve my City under these trying times. Our amazing City staff has worked diligently to do everything to keep our City services running without interruption. They have served as the driving force to provide and deliver services to our community. They are driven by a sense of duty, responsibility, and accountability. Throughout the year the City has continued to make strides and accomplishments to better our City. Below are some highlights of accomplishments made this vear:

#### **City Clerk Department**

Entered into an agreement with Granicus, LLC for its Peak Agenda Management Software which will allow City staff to more efficiently produce and manage agendas

Processed over 530 Public Records Requests

#### Columbia Memorial Space Center

The Space Center and Cerritos College's Teacher TRAC Program received a three year \$275,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF)

Partnered with the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Science Film Academy to digitize its collection of aerospace films

Installed commemorative benches to highlight the achievements of North American Aviation and it's contributors to America's aerospace history

#### Community Development Department

Facilitated completion of the Kaiser Permanente five-story parking structure

Completed a multimillion dollar sale of the City owned land adjacent to the Promenade

Celebrated the ground breaking of the new Springhill Suites Marriot on Firestone Blvd

Completed the rehabilitation of 20 owner occupied homes through the Home Rehabilitation Program

Installed public arts pieces in Downtown Downey and Furman Park

Launched a Census campaign to share the importance of Downey's contribution to the United States Census 2020

Construction of the Art Plaza at Southwest Corner of Downey Ave & 2nd Street will commence this month and is expected to be completed this October

Facilitated redevelopment of the southwest corner of Lakewood Blvd and Imperial Hwy for a new Chick-fil-A restaurant

Construction started on the

adaptive reuse of theAvenue Theater for new downtown restaurants

Assisted 10 homeless families with rental vouchers

Worked with the County of Los Angeles for the review of the construction documents for the future sports fields at the Rancho South Campus

#### **Finance Department**

Due to the City's commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility it resulted in maintaining its AA bond ratings

The City received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), as well as the California State of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Operation Budget Meritous Award

Secured a total of \$10.4 million in grants

#### **Fire Department**

Unveiled the new Fire Memorial at the Downey Civic Center

Implemented new Mobile Data Computers (MDCS) in all first responders apparatus

Upgraded the Fire Department's Record Management System (RMS) to maximize efficiency

Received Hazmat IQ training to help recognize and mitigate hazardous material incidents

Fire Station 2 & 4 improvements began this month with construction due to

be completed in March 2021

Our Fire Department is currently providing mutual aid assistance to several wildland fires throughout the state and our firefighters are on the front lines with the COVID-19 pandemic, treating numerous CV-19+ patients daily

#### Information Technology

The City began an online training course "KnowBe4" for all employees IT recognizes the importance of the newest technology be available to our staff and have upgraded over 450 computers and hope to

complete all 500 computers by

#### Parks & Recreation Department

the end of October

Launched a new Transit feature to the City's Downey App that allows riders to plan their transit trips in real time

Provided over 23,000 Dial-A-Ride trips for seniors and persons with disabilities

In partnership with the Human Services Association the City has provided 1,675 meals a week to seniors at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center

Received a \$15,000 grant from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to fund the senior meal program

Conducted daily phone calls and visited homes for the Senior Wellness Checks Program

The Downey Theatre held a virtual week long celebration for its 50th Anniversary

#### **Police Department**

Received \$300,000 in Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Funds From the State of California

Developed a Tactical Medical Program where sworn officers receive 200 hours of additional training in emergency medical services

Received a specially equipped golf cart at Columbus High School to further its school safety efforts

The City's Neighborhood Watch program has grown to 222 groups

#### **Public Works**

Completed \$18 million in capital improvement projects throughout the City including landscaped medians along Paramount Blvd and Firestone Blvd

Installed electric vehicle charging stations at 6 locations in the City

Installed City entry monument signs at 5 locations in the City

Acquired a new asphalt patch truck to help maintain our City streets

Celebrated Arbor Day for the second consecutive year

Planted more than 2,800 new trees throughout the City Installed rectangular

rapid flashing beacons at the intersection of Brookshire Ave and Everest Street

Measure S Completed Projects Apollo Park Dennis the Menace Park Discovery Sports Complex Fire Station #1 Fire Station #3 Furman Park Golden Park Independence Park Independence Park Police Department Rio Hondo Event Center

My council colleagues and our leadership team run on the City's mission of "proudly committed to continuously improving the quality of life for the Downey community by providing excellent service in a professional, ethical and responsible manner." Though this year continues to bring uncertainty, the only thing certain is that Downey continues to be the beacon of an ethically and well run government since its incorporation in 1956.

Sincerely,

#### **Mayor Blanca Pacheco**

Please scan the QR Code to view the City of Downey 2019/2020 Accomplishments Book:





#### Holidays & Pets

Actually, what I'm about to explain goes for all year long. Hello everyone! The holidays are filled with excitement, and nowadays we are all pretty much home a lot of the time. I have so many people calling me every day looking for a dog, cat, bird, anything that makes them happy in this dangerous, troublesome environment. So, I'm going to give everyone looking for a pet this advice: be careful and be smart. There are criminals out there making tons of money right now cheating people online who are trying to buy a pet. Never send anyone money ahead of time and never meet anyone in a public space. These people rely on you to be trusting and a majority of the time if they meet you on the corner to show you puppies, the odds are the puppies have a problem and it will not only break your heart but it will cost you a lot of money to try and save them. Meanwhile, you didn't think to get a receipt, their name, address and their phone number is most likely only temporary so that you can never contact them and hold them responsible. That's what they rely on. If you call someone and they sound suspicious, say thank you but no thank you. If you really want to help, turn their phone number in to an animal control officer or your local police.

The safe thing to do is to find someone selling puppies out of their home. Get a receipt and use common sense, if the place you are in is dirty and the puppies look terrible, go outside and turn them in to the authorities immediately. Remember, California state law says you are protected if the puppy gets sick within two weeks and you may take it back and get your money back. Present a vet bill to them showing the puppy was sick when you got it. They have to pay your vet bill and you can still choose to keep the puppy. You have a 1-year guarantee against any kind of congenital defect. The law does not allow you to return the dog for any other reason than a congenital defect. It's called the Puppy Lemon Law of California and the seller has the right to examine the dog at their vets office.



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I urge everyone to adopt from their local animal shelter, even if there aren't many options to choose from right now. Most animal shelters are not open to the public due to COVID-19, but some are allowing you to make an appointment. So while you're out there shopping for Christmas, remember there are bad

people making a living out of selling sick dogs or taking your money and never giving you a dog. If you do get a dog this Christmas, remember pet insurance is a great thing. The ASPCA offers a good pet insurance policy and many veterinarians offer their own type of insurance plan, so check it out. Most policies cover everything except congenital defects. Also, in case of emergency remember that CareCredit will help you pay your bills with an option for no interest.

Remember to buy your pet a present for Christmas or even treat them to a bath an haircut. Happy Holidays everyone!



Contributed by Anna's Pet Grooming

#### Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020

## Paging Dr. Frischer...

#### By Dr. Alan Frischer

Why do some people become ill, hospitalized, or even die of COVID-19, while others are asymptomatic, or are not infected at all?



Clearly, certain risk factors do make a serious case more likely. They include obesity, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, lung disease, and cancer. Certain

ethnic groups are at higher risk in this country.

However, exciting new research involving T cells may reveal additional significant clues about who becomes sick.

When our immune system kicks in to fight off a germ, it has two major lines of defense. We have physical barriers like skin and mucosal membranes, which physically stop invaders from entry. This is where washing hands, physical distancing,

and wearing a mask help. The immune system also includes cells, proteins and chemicals that create inflammation and destroy invading cells. This first part of the immune system is known as the innate immune system\*.

The second part of our immune system is the \*adaptive immune system. This takes longer to kick into gear. White blood cells known as B cells produce a unique antibody that can bind to an invading germ, copy itself, and make antibodies; eventually creating an army of neutralizers and stopping the germs from invading host cells.

Several recent studies have found that the antibodies created to stop this particular

coronavirus fade away quickly, particularly after a minor case. This is worrisome because if the antibody response doesn't last long, then one might quickly get infected again, and any future vaccine will not give lasting protection.

But here is the interesting part: As part of our adaptive immune system, helper T cells stimulate B cells to make antibodies. Following an infection, T cells act as memory, and are created by the body to fight future infections from the same invader.

Researchers have found T cells that fight COVID-19 in blood samples that were collected \*before\* this pandemic. This has been confirmed in multiple

labs across different continents. A recently published summary article in a major immunology journal found that a significant percentage of our population appears to have T cells that recognize parts of COVID-19. Among people who had never been exposed to COVID-19, about half had T-cell reactivity, which would serve as a form of antibody protection.

The theory is that this T cell recognition of parts of COVID-19 may come from past exposure to one of the four known coronaviruses (\*not\* including the current novel coronavirus causing this pandemic) that cause the common cold in millions of people every year. Common human coronaviruses infect most of us

at some point in our lives. Is it possible that they actually leave a degree of immunity behind, helping some to survive or avoid getting sick from COVID-19? Theoretically, this would mean that reaching herd immunity would be somewhat quicker and easier than we thought. These are preliminary findings, but research continues.

Stay tuned. I salute the brilliant scientists out there who are working hard on understanding this pandemic, and reaching solutions.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

# St. Francis Medical Center acquired by Prime Healthcare

■ The \$350 million acquisition of the trauma care hospital has received approval from regulators.

LYNWOOD Healthcare announced that it has successfully completed the acquisition of St. Francis Medical Center, signaling a new era of service for an essential medical facility in Los Angeles County.

After a four-month review process and public hearing, the sale of the 384-bed hospital received final approval from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California and the California Attorney General.

Prime was chosen as the best and highest bidder to acquire St. Francis based on a significant financial commitment of over \$350 million, unique ability to turn around struggling hospitals, history of clinical quality and a commitment to continue the mission of the hospital.

Prime will continue service lines, charity care and community benefits while investing millions infrastructure to modernize the delivery of patient-centered care.

"Prime Healthcare is honored to continue the legacy Prime of St. Francis Medical Center, an indispensable community partner comprised of committed doctors, nurses, and staff dedicated to saving lives and serving all those in need," said Sunny Bhatia, MD, CEO of Region as well as elected officials in Los I of Prime Healthcare. "Prime is prepared to lead St. Francis into a bright future and we are grateful for the opportunity along with the support we have received from the community."

> St. Francis Medical Center, located in Lynwood, is a historic acute care hospital with one of the largest and busiest emergency departments and Level II trauma centers in Los Angeles County, treating nearly 64,000 emergency patients and more than 2,000 trauma patients a vear.

committed to St. Francis and was chosen as the most capable and to our community."

in technology, systems and only bidder with the fortitude to improvements support the hospital in its time of greatest need, despite the burden of the pandemic, the uncertain future and economic impact on hospitals," said Rich Adcock, CEO of Verity Health.

The sale of the hospital to Prime Healthcare received the support of the St. Francis Board of Directors, community members, staff and physicians, Angeles County.

"I can think of no other health system with the expertise, resources and commitment to quality to take on the crucial task of preserving St. Francis for the South Los Angeles community,<sup>2</sup> said Inglewood Mayor James Butts, whose own community hospital, Centinela Hospital Medical Center, was on the brink of closure before being acquired by Prime in 2007.

"Centinela Hospital Medical Center is today one of the leading hospitals in Los Angeles County, "Prime has remained deeply more than fulfilling the promises Prime Healthcare made years ago

Becerra noted that his approval of the sale of St. Francis to Prime Healthcare "protect(s) access to care for the Los Angeles communities served" by St. Francis. He further noted, "The COVID-19 public health crisis has brought home the importance of having access to lifesaving hospital care nearby in our communities. St. Francis Medical Center is not just an asset, it is an indispensable neighbor, it is the workers who serve the patients, and the doctors who save lives. We conditionally approve this sale to keep it that way.'

"St. Francis Medical Center and Prime Healthcare are both top tier health care institutions, and the completion of the sale cements a win-win for patients, employees, and the community, stated St. Francis Board Chair Charles (Chad) Druten, Jr. "As a member of the Prime Healthcare family, St. Francis has a strong new network of systems and resources that will enable it to elevate and expand services and maintain its prominence as a place that proudly delivers

Attorney General Xavier outstanding, state-of-the-art, insolvent. Prime not only offered compassionate care."

> bankruptcy The judge preliminarily approved the Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) for the sale from Verity Health to Prime in early April. Under the maintaining all essential care, agreement, Prime acquired St. Francis for a net consideration of over \$350 million, including over \$250 million cash.

In addition, Prime committed to invest \$47 million in capital improvements. Prime has already begun installing technology and systems upgrades, such as Epic, an integrated electronic medical records platform, Omnicell systems for automated medication dispensing, and new interventional radiology and cardiology capabilities, all of which will improve the patient and caregiver experience.

Prime's purchase bid was the highest, best and only qualified bid received by the Bankruptcy Court, which praised the bid for securing the mission of St. Francis, preserving jobs that would otherwise be lost and saving a hospital that was

the highest purchase price, but also committed to meeting and exceeding mandates for healthcare access and services.

Prime committed to trauma care, charity care and community benefit programs, while continuing St. Francis's long-standing mission of service. Prime plans to expand service lines based on community need.

Substantially all of St. Francis's employees have been retained, and Prime has reached initial three-year collective bargaining agreements with the hospital's labor unions, SEIU-UHW and UNAC, which represent more than 85 percent of the hospital's employees.

With the addition of St. Francis Medical Center, Prime Healthcare owns and operates 46 hospitals in 14 states with nearly 40,000 employees and physicians.

## 2020 Downey

#### District 1 Candidates



# **Opinion**

# Mitch McConnell and the height of hypocrisy

#### **By Mona Charen**

"Those are my principles, and if you don't like them, I have others." — Groucho Marx

Senator Mitch McConnell, seeking a new fig leaf to disguise the spectacle of hypocrisy that Republicans are presenting regarding the "advice and consent" clause, is sputtering that there really is a principle involved and there is no inconsistency. In order to reach that conclusion, you must contort yourself into a pretzel, so limber up.

McConnell argues that people misconstrue the principles he enunciated in 2016. It wasn't that a Supreme Court vacancy should not be filled in the final year of a president's term. No, as he explained in 2019 when asked what he would do in the event of a 2020 vacancy, "I'd also remind everybody ... (that) the Senate is of the same party as the president of the United States. And in that situation we would confirm.'

The McConnell of 2019 should talk to the McConnell of 2016. Justice Antonin Scalia died on Feb. 13, 2016. Here's what McConnell and Chuck Grassley wrote five days later: "Rarely does a Supreme Court vacancy occur in the final year of a presidential term, and the Senate has not confirmed a nominee to fill a vacancy arising in such circumstances for the better part of a century." Nothing there about the Senate and the presidency being held by different parties. McConnell waxed eloquent about the need for the voice of the American people to be heard in the process. "How often does someone from Ashland, Ky., or Zearing, Iowa, get to have such impact?

McConnell seems to be saying that because Republicans gained Senate seats in 2018, the people have given them a popular mandate to do the president's bidding.

Is that the new principle? Because if so, it's a flimsy one.

It's true that the Republicans gained two Senate seats in 2018, but it's also true that they lost one in 2017, in Alabama. Are they basing their mandate on a net gain of one? That's the vox populi? It's a stretch to distill popular mandates out of Senate races when only one-third of the body is up for reelection every two years. If we're talking about the voice of the people being dispositive, what about the other 2018 races? What about the 41 House seats and the 350 legislative seats the Democrats flipped? That suggests something about the national mood, no?

There's another problem with McConnell's logic. How long does the mandate last? In February and March of 2016, he stressed again and again that the voice of the people that mattered was the upcoming one — the November 2016 election. There was no mention of the mandate that dated back to 2014 or to 2012. And in 2016, the as payback? November election was seven months away, not six weeks.

now. We are spiraling down to a position where there are no rules, and that is a perilous place for the nation.

Both Democrats and Republicans have drunk deeply from the cup of hypocrisy on all subjects and on nothing as much as Supreme Court nominations. And both sides have inflicted and suffered wounds. But this is beyond hypocrisy. Republicans sat on President In 2020, McConnell pivoted to (I paraphrase) Oh, well, only when Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland for the better part of a year. the presidency and Senate are held by different parties. But why To reverse themselves now is not just to be hypocrites but to make

does the party composition of the Senate matter, as a principle? fools of those who accepted their explanation four years ago. There are times — or there ought to be — when you've boxed yourself in. Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If not, you invite chaos. If no one's word can be trusted, not even a little bit, everything comes down to force.

> Republicans object that they are only doing what Democrats would surely do if the shoe were on the other foot. While that might be true, it's a guess. The shoe is where it is, and the responsibility falls on Republicans not to blow up the process.

> Republicans are choosing to set fire to their credibility and push the polarization accelerator to the floor just when the nation most needs to back away from shattering provocations.

Republicans are sensitive to the demands of their constituents, some of whom are eager to seize the moment. But wise Republicans should pause to consider that Democrats have constituents, too, and they will be outraged and radicalized by a preelection confirmation. What would it gain Republicans if they achieve a six-vote majority on the Court only to see the Democrats expand the size of the Court

The Supreme Court remains one of the last institutions in This is sophistry. There never was a principle, and there isn't American life to enjoy credibility with the American people: 58% approve of the way the Court is handling its job, compared with 21% who approve of Congress, and 45% who trust mass media.

> If the Democrats "pack" the Court, its precious prestige will be destroyed. Republicans should pull back from the precipice or risk reaping the whirlwind.

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# A friendship for our times

#### **By Laura Hollis**

I've been thinking a great deal about the close friendship between Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It puzzled — and sometimes even infuriated — their followers, but it is a model we should all follow, especially now.

Some of the more distressing phenomena in contemporary American culture are the calls for people to put aside or end personal relationships — which should be far more important in our lives because of political viewpoints — which should be far less so.

This is happening, at least in part, because government has become far too involved in people's lives. When the government controls the most significant aspects of your life — who you can marry, how you raise and educate your children, whether you can live by your beliefs — then disputes over control of government become deeply personal and fraught with monumental individual significance.

We take for granted (and many don't even know) how America's founding was based upon what were then radical notions of individual liberty. In contrast to what were then millennia-old "noblesse oblige" views that the monarchy was God-ordained to rule over others for their own good, our country's founders believed that, given the proper conditions, the average person was capable of running his or her life.

The government that was instituted was therefore limited, to protect those liberties from the encroachments o recisely who would insist that government — monarchical, dictatorial (of the proletariat or otherwise) or even tyrannical majorities — can better decide what's good for you. Those people exist in every age, and the founders knew it.



Until fairly recently, our government expanded largely to better regulate commerce, to curb abuses that private industry failed to remediate (and, in some instances, caused), and to expand and enforce constitutional liberties for populations who had been prevented from enjoying them.

These have been good things. But they are not arguments for further expansion of government, for scrapping the limits on government in the Constitution or — God help us — for some kind of collectivist revolution.

To the contrary, the ability of our Constitution to adapt to the changes that have been made since 1789 is both a tribute to its drafters and a testament to the profound rectitude of its underlying principles.

When you study revolutionary movements throughout history - and, interestingly enough, poverty in the modern era - you see startlingly similar causes: the inability to own property; the inability to profit from the fruits of one's own labor; and oppressive governments that are accessible only to the rich, the powerful and the politically well-connected.

That's easy to spot when the government is authoritarian; there, power exists for the sole purpose of enriching the ruler and his/her friends and family. But it's also true of nominally "free" governments where there are elaborate webs of legal and regulatory bureaucracies, all of which were presumably created, implemented and inevitably expanded "for the benefit of the people."

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chance to navigate these successfully. Individuals and communities remain poor; they cannot exercise their agency or live up to their potential.

Leaders of authoritarian regimes tend not to care (until they're forced to). But even in more benevolent — but ill-informed governments, the nearly universal response is to double-down on the practices and policies that are causing the problems in the first place. This is a mistake.

Good intentions cannot salvage a bad system.

Countries and economic regions that have successfully moved opulations out of poverty have tended to do so by reducing supervisory bureaucratic burdens, not increasing them. The best example is entrepreneurial culture in the United States, which is a direct result of the political liberties and relatively limited government here. Impoverished and even poorly educated people have come from all over the world and succeeded here.

What does any of this have to do with Scalia and Ginsburg?

Many Americans are struggling to articulate a defense of limited government that survives the heated and hateful accusations people are throwing at one another, and I wanted to give it a shot.

In general, even on what we call "moral" issues, I tend to prefer persuasion to political force. I have supported the ability of people to live their lives free of the interference of others who happen to disagree with their choices. But I have grown dismayed by the way those efforts have morphed into calls for government to force people to agree, to state publicly that they agree and to require their children are taught to agree, all of this on peril of political/legal sanction if they do not.

That is profoundly un-American, and I oppose it.

I also oppose - passionately - calls for our representative

## Dining al fresco

#### Dear Editor:

Some years in the past, I used to live in France in a flat above a to the scale of the person and not the scale of the car. pharmacy on a street that qualified as a pedestrian street. I have to admit the first time I visited that apartment, I was less than excited that I had to walk 5 minutes from my dedicated parking spot to the building entrance but with time I ended up being a big proponent of this approach.

A pedestrian street does not mean that cars can't access at all, it simply regulates and limits that access. The street was closed for cars from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. During the day, commerce and restaurants had the option to occupy the area dedicated to night parking, leaving the center alley open for first responders in case of emergency.

The city was a medieval regional capital, it was a historical site, but none of these buildings are older than 70 years, and most if not all were at some point renovated at the same time as Downey was built; the difference is that at some time in the 90s in France, a decision was taken by the city's management to create some separation between cars and pedestrians in the heart of the downtown.

What you see here, and we pay thousands of dollars to go experience in Europe, is actually a very new concept. It was designed to make the city more attractive to tourists and to bring back the city

The motives may be different, but — and this part is critical to democracy and free market capitalistic economy to be abolished and understand — the result is the same : The average person has no replaced by raw majoritarianism and/or a top-down, command-andcontrol system designed and run by government.

> There is ample and diverse proof that the most brilliant or benevolent human beings cannot successfully or effectively operate such a system for 330 million-plus people. (And it goes without saying that the people who run any government are neither the most brilliant nor the most benevolent.)

> The reasons for that impossibility are too long to go into here, but suffice it to say that they are structural, not personal and not ideological, and that they apply whether the institution is public or private, governmental or corporate.

> I resist the continued expansion of the federal government, because I believe that most people can run their own lives, and that the best assistance for those who cannot or will not is provided at a level closer to them. I, too, want to see poverty and other human suffering reduced, but I have seen that huge bureaucracies designed for that purpose not only fail utterly but also destroy other beneficial institutions — marriage, family, community, democracy, liberty in the process.

> The trend we are seeing of ripping families, friendships and other relationships apart because of disagreements over the direction of government is perhaps the best proof that more government entanglement in our lives is not a good thing. If we get to the point where government matters more than the people who should matter most, then it matters too much.

> I think that, whatever their differences, Antonin Scalia and Ruth Ginsburg both knew this. Certainly, they lived by it.

We should, too.

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I left that city a long time ago, studied architecture and urban design, but kept that nostalgia of an urban space car-free. I applied it several times for projects in other countries, but never yet in the US. There are several similar areas in the US for sure, the closest I have seen in the Los Angeles area is Larchmont Village.

To come back to the topic of outdoor dining, especially on Downey Avenue, maybe it's time to start taking the heart of the city and giving it back to pedestrians. The infrastructure is existing with the available surrounding parking, why not make what I believe we all enjoyed every Saturday with the farmer's market a permanent experience in that couple of blocks? Give those restaurants and brick and mortar shops another chance to offer something people are willing to pay fortunes to see a continent and an ocean away.

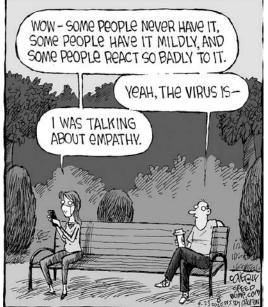
It's time for our elected officials or those running to become ones to take a bold move; trust me, there is a reason why we like those European cities. It is a first step, but remember Rome was not built in one day.

#### **Terry Saikali** Downey

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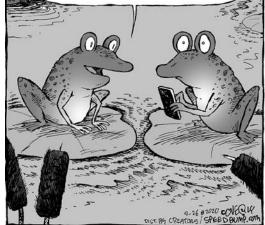


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## **Downey Community Calendar**

#### **CITY MEETINGS**

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall. 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall. 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber. 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library. 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.

4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

#### **Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478. 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810. 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112. 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623. 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### **TUESDAYS**

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459. 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039. 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399. 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826. 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com. 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932. 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011. 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org. 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room. 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936. 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount. 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372. Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399 WEDNESDAYS 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.

1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.

- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryll Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416. 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102. 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.

3rd Wed.,: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972. 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635. 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102. 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cites of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136. 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420. Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222. 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217. 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459. 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.

12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center. 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176. 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.

7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.

1st Thurs, 12 Noon.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 412-7192. 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120. 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825. 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.

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3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045. 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232. 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618. 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

#### **SATURDAYS**

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

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## The show must go on: International City Theatre announces 5-play season for 2021

■ The Long Beach-based theater company is hopeful audiences can resume attending live shows in the spring.

**LONG BEACH** — In the spirit of cautious optimism that theater will be permitted to resume early next year, International City Theatre has decided to announce a 2021 season.

"We're making this announcement with hope in our hearts that we'll be able to get back to the business of doing theater in the new year," says ICT producing artistic director caryn desai [sic]. "We will, of course, have the strictest safety protocols in place for our patrons, who will be carefully socially distanced, and we're working closely with the union to ensure the safety of our actors. We are all longing for the wonderful, irreplaceable community experience that is live theater, and we've lined up a season that will deliver."

If all goes as planned, the season will open on Feb. 19 with "Blues in the Night," a scorching, blues-infused, Tony and Olivier award-nominated musical revue.

Three women share their stories of a lying, cheating snake of a man who did them wrong via 26 hot, torchy numbers made famous by the likes of Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington, Johnny Mercer, Alberta Hunter, Jimmy Cox, Ida

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Next up, Marya Mazor will

marriage, a vacationing couple celebrates their anniversary at a Greek restaurant in Palm Springs. But will the marriage survive the service? As a wacky waiter insinuates his way into their meal — and their lives – the couple examine their past and their future together.

Performances take place April 30 through May 16, with two previews on April 28 and April 29.

"The Legend of Georgia McBride," a heartfelt, feelgood, music-filled comedy by Matthew Lopez, follows in June with Jamie Torcellini at the helm.

Casey is young and broke. The landlord is knocking on his door, and he has a baby on the way. Now, the owner of the bar where he works as an Elvis impersonator has replaced his act with a B-level drag show, and Casey's about to learn a lot about show biz — and himself.

Performances take place June 4 through June 20, with two previews on June 2 and June 3.

August brings a hard-hitting drama about family conflict and clashing cultures. In "Closely Related Keys" by awardwinning playwright Wendv Graf, an African-American attorney with a career on the rise is shocked to discover she has an Iraqi half-sister. Julia Dolan's carefully constructed life begins to crumble when Neyla, a devout Muslim, arrives in the U.S. with plans

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award-winning comedy by Yasmina Reza.

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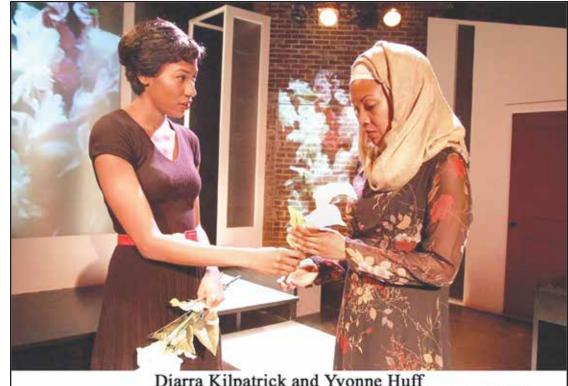
balance, the question becomes: how much is a painting worth?

This heady and hilarious look at the bonds of male friendship viewed through the prism of modern art will be directed by desai, who previously helmed an acclaimed production of Reza's "God of Carnage" for ICT.

Performances take place Oct. 22 through Nov. 7, with two previews on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21.

"This has been such a difficult year for everybody," concludes desai. "We can't give up hope, and it's in that spirit that we must move forward as best we can."

All performances take place Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information about ICT's 2021 Season and to purchase subscriptions or single tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit www. internationalcitytheatre.org



Diarra Kilpatrick and Yvonne Huff

Photo by Ed Krieger

Diarra Kilpatrick and Yvonne Huff in "Closely Related Keys," which will play the International City Theatre in Long Beach next August. (Photo by Ed Krieger)

## Radio play to stream Oct. 13

LONG BEACH

International City Theatre in Long Beach has signed on to join actor David Strathairn ("Good regional theaters across the U.S. Night, and Good Luck"), will be in support of Berkeley Repertory Theatre's upcoming stream of a new radio play, "It Can't Happen Here," adapted from the novel by Sinclair Lewis.

The presentation, which stars broadcast.

Academy Award-nominated available for free on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. at www. InternationalCityTheatre.org.

A live Q&A session with the creative team will follow the

Written in 1935 during the rise of fascism in Europe, "It Can't Happen Here" follows the ascent of a demagogue who becomes president of the United States by promising to return the country to greatness.

According to Berkeley Rep, the intent of the reading is to encourage dialogue and motivate citizens to exercise their civic power and vote in the upcoming election.

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# California ballot propositions 2020: How I'm voting

#### By Mario Guerra Contributor

t's here. Election time in California is unlike any others. While many are discussing the presidential and national elections, we have some contentious local elections that will have consequences for Californians for many years. Especially under our unique proposition system.

From allowing for gig workers to be independent contractors to making radical changes to Prop 13, from stricter rent control (again) to allowing 17-year-olds to vote. From bringing back affirmative action to allowing parolees to vote. There is a lot going on in this election.

Ironically, 10 of the 12 propositions are repeats from recent elections. We voters have chimed in before (defeating them), including some we voted against as recently as 2018. But the sponsors and supporters are hoping we changed our minds or forgot why we voted against them.

Some propositions were placed on the ballot by the Legislature and some by self interest groups. There are a lot of misleading TV ads from those measures that have the most money and funded groups behind them, so it is vital that we Californians inform ourselves.

This wouldn't be a California election without at least a few wildly contentious ballot measures about housing and property taxes (and their accompanying exaggerated or deceiving ads). Seeing misleading ads, knowing that a particular proposition is the opposite of what they are portraying, is also frustrating, so it is vital that we educate

#### ourselves.

One television commercial that is particularly deceiving shows families being thrown out of their homes. The actual ballot proposition does nothing to keep folks in their homes but it makes for a good, deceptive ad. This is why we need to be vigilant and informed.

California, the home of three-strikes sentencing, has also spent the last decade rethinking its approach to criminal justice. Two measures (Prop 21 and 25) on the November ballot, channeling the spirit of the '90s, are pushing to reverse that reversal.

Hopefully these recaps are helpful. I tried to stay as neutral and factual as I can without showing bias (some comments will). You can also go to my social media to find out how I will be voting in more detail. My facebook is Mario A Guerra and my Instagram and twitter accounts are @deaconmario.

#### Prop. 14: Borrowing for Stem Cell

**What it would do:** Borrow \$5.5 billion to fund more stem cell research

In 2004, voters passed Proposition 71 to create the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. The institute exists to channel state money toward stem cell research. Prop 71 also let the state borrow \$3 billion to do that.

That pot of cash is now almost empty. During these times when with finite resources using \$260 million per year (payment of this new bond) of public funds for the next 30 years seems out of reach. This ballot was sponsored by the Chairman of the Research institute who gets the money. It is important to note that federal limits on spending for stem cell research no longer exists. This was the reason California voters were asked to fund this in the first place.

We can't afford this at this time – I am voting NO on Prop 14

#### Prop. 15: Split roll – Amends Prop 13

What it would do: Taxes commercial property based on its current market value, rather than the price at which it was purchased. This would raise property taxes on many businesses and property owners across the state. It would create the largest tax increase in the history of the State.

In 1978, California voters passed Proposition 13, placing a cap on property taxes, kicking off a nationwide anti-tax revolt. Prop 15 is the political battle many have expecting for decades.

If this measure passes, those landowners would have to make tax payments based on the current value of their properties — a tax hike — resulting in an estimated \$7to \$11.5 billion tax hike. Their fear would be that this large tax hike would have to be passed down to tenants, consumers and would affect everyone in the state. At a time when we need a strong economic recovery this tax increase is counterproductive to achieving that.

It is a misguided effort to raise billions in new taxes. I am voting NO on Prop 15

#### Prop. 16: Repealing Prop 209 and Affirmative Action

What it would do: A yes vote would make it legal to allow public schools, public employers and public contracting and public agencies to take race, and gender and other immutable characteristics into account when making admission, hiring or contracting decisions.

In 1996 California voters passed Proposition 209, a constitutional amendment banning affirmative action at state institutions. Race and gender based discrimination is currently prohibited in California. While this ballot measure is only nine words long it would simply repeal Proposition 209.

In an era of equality discussion, this constitutional amendment put on the ballot by the legislature last month seems to go against the will of what protesters are asking for. Since Prop 209, our public colleges have increasingly reflected the diversity of the state. I was reminded the other day that this proposition seeks to sacrifice the principal of equality in the name of justice.

It seems unfair and unjust to bring legalized discrimination, based on race or ethnicity against anybody, back into California. I am voting NO on Prop 16.

#### Prop. 17: Parolee Voting Rights

What it would do: Allows Californians who are currently on parole to vote.

In 1974, California voters passed a ballot measure (a constitutional amendment) giving people who have committed felonies the right to vote once they complete their sentences and are no longer on parole.

The California Constitution allows someone on probation to vote, while not allowing voting for a parolee until the time of parole has been completed. This proposal, placed on the ballot by the legislature, would remove that restriction and allow a person on parole to vote before finishing their sentence. I am voting NO on Prop 17

#### Prop. 18: Letting eligible 17-year-olds vote (some of the time)

What it would do: Allow 17-year-olds to vote in a primary and special election as long as they will turn 18 by the subsequent general election.

Legislators have tried to do this six times before; this is the first to make the ballot. They are asking for another Constitutional amendment. I am voting NO on Prop 18

#### Prop. 19: Property Tax Transfers

What it would do: Allow homeowners who are over 55, disabled or victims of natural disaster to take a portion of their property tax base with them when they sell their home and buy a new one. It would also limit or delete the ability of new homeowners who inherit properties to keep their parents' or grandparents' lower property tax payments. The details matter and are very important.

We've seen this one before — half of it, anyway. In 2018, the California Association of Realtors had a proposition allowing older or disabled homeowners to keep a portion of their Prop. 13 tax break. The Realtors argued that the current property tax rules disincentivize longtime homeowners from moving, "trapping" emptynesters in houses that are too big for them and locking out new families. But because the measure would cost schools, counties and cities, it was opposed by organized labor and local government groups — and was defeated by 20 points. The Realtors tried again this year,

but with a new twist to try to gain our vote.

Unfortunately, under this proposal, anyone who inherits a home from their parents would only be allowed to keep the lower property taxes if they use the home as their primary residence. It takes away the inheritance pass through of grandchildren and as a family second home. This is a huge tax increase to families that want to keep their parent's homes but will not be able to keep the property because they have to pay for the tax increase.

Opponents say Prop 19 will result in less money for schools and other public entities funded by property taxes in California. This new proposition has a sweetener made by the realtors though that says funds go to fight fires. The similar bill (without the fire fighting aspect) that failed in 2018 was also backed by the home-selling industry. I am voting NO on Prop 19

#### Prop. 20: Stiffer Criminal Sentencing

What it would do: Allow prosecutors to charge repeat or organized petty theft as a felony, require probation officers to seek tougher penalties for those who violate the term of their parole three times, and exclude those who have been convicted of domestic violence and certain nonviolent crimes from early parole consideration. Some of these crimes are credit card theft rings, organized theft, and stealing firearms.

In 2011, California legislators reduced punishments for parole violators. In 2014, voters passed Proposition 47, recategorizing some non-violent crimes as misdemeanors.

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In 2016, voters passed Proposition 57, giving inmates convicted of certain non-violent offenses a shot at early release.

This ballot measure would partially undo each of those. I am voting YES on Prop 20

#### Prop. 21: Rent Control

What it would do: Allow cities to introduce new rent control laws, or expand existing ones.

Despite a 20-percentage point loss, and 56-out-of-58 county defeat in 2018, a statewide rent control measure is back on the ballot.

Yes, we do have rent control statewide now. It has been implemented and signed into law. Current California law restricts rent increases to 5% plus inflation, one of the strictest statewide caps on rent hikes in the country.

But it was not enough for the supporters of this proposition. Under Prop 21, cities would be allowed to apply new rent control ordinances only to homes that are at least 15 years old. And it exempts single-family homes owned by landlords with no more than two properties.

State lawmakers — by passing a law last year that set on how much landlords can raise rents each year — had hoped to ward off another attempt by this self-interest group. They had no such luck.

There is a lot of money behind this proposition but generally, with current rent control statewide now in effect this proposition is anti-housing and anti-building just when we need both more than ever. I am voting NO on Prop 21

#### Prop. 22: Self-Employment Act for Ride-Hail and Other **App-Drivers**

What it would do: Turn

"app-based" drivers into independent contractors, exempting companies such as Lyft and Uber from having to have their drivers classified as employees. It would also guarantee these drivers an earnings floor, a stipend to purchase health insurance and other minimum benefits.

As many know, the most controversial law of the 2019 legislative session was Assembly Bill 5. On its face, the law simply codified a state Supreme Court ruling, making it much harder for companies to treat their workers as independent contractors, rather than fullfledged employees. In practice, it upended the business models of Uber, Lyft, Doordash, Postmates and Instacart, all of which rely on an army of phone-toting gigworkers to provide their various services.

There are currently over 100 exemptions to AB 5. It's a bad sign when so many exemptions have to be written into a law. AB 5 takes away the ability to act

as your own boss and contract with whomever you'd like without the restrictions made by an employer. AB 5 should be completely repealed but for now this proposition helps so many keep their source of income. This measure also imposes some worker benefits and protections. I am voting YES on Prop 22

#### Prop. 23: Dialysis Clinic Requirements

What it would do: Require dialysis clinics to have at least one physician on site at all times and to report patient infection data to California health officials

After unsuccessful efforts to unionize clinic staff, the union sponsored legislation to cap reimbursement rates to clinics and floated an array of possible ballot measures to boost their staff spending and cut their profits. In 2018, the union finally got one on the ballot Prop 8, which would have set a cap on clinic profit margins.

The measure was soundly defeated, but only after large amounts of spending on both sides. It was the most expensive ballot campaign ever. This one isn't likely to be much cheaper. I am voting NO on Prop 23

#### Prop. 24: Stronger consumer privacy laws

What it would do: Expands California's already strongestin-the-nation consumer privacy law and establish a California Privacy Protection Agency.

In 2018, California lawmakers passed the California Consumer Privacy Act, giving consumers the right to find out what data companies are collecting about them, to opt out of having it collected and to have that data scrubbed. It was — and remains — the only law like it in the country.

Along with setting up a state agency tasked with enforcing state privacy law, this measure would beef up financial penalties for violators and allow consumers to demand that personal information not be shared at all, rather than simply not sold.

Supporters say Prop 24 adds extra teeth to privacy laws enacted in 2018. Opponents say Prop 24 does not go far enough and would serve as a giveaway to the biggest social media companies. I will be voting NO on Prop 24.

Prop. 25: Ditch or keep cash bail

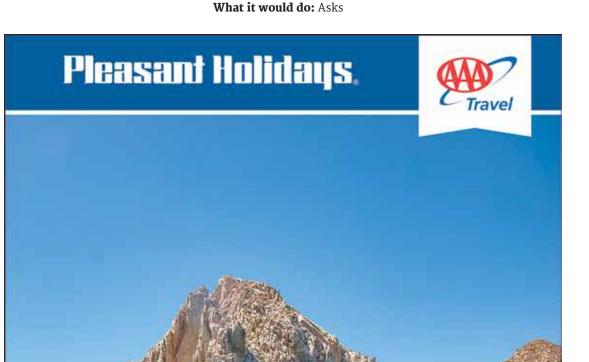
voters to either approve or strike down a state law that banished money bail from the state criminal justice system.

Voters will vote either "yes" to keep the state law and end cash bail for good, making California the first state to do so, or "Nno" to keep the bail system. I will be voting NO on Prop 25.

I hope this helped you to be informed and educated about our propositions. I debated about listing my votes as I really wanted to inform versus promote. But several people have asked me from my past election articles to write this and wanted me to give my opinions. Informed choices are the best voters and play such an important role in the decisions that impact us all.

Please research candidates as well, from city council, school board and water districts to Congress and president. Our votes are important and those we elect will have an impact on the way we live and govern.

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# Downey Soroptimsts, with help from Kaiser, award medical scholarships

#### **By Lorine Parks Society Columnist**

**DOWNEY** — The Soroptimists are at it again. While every other service club in Downey confines itself to Zoom meetings, Soroptimist keeps a lively profile.

The ladies held a live event, a celebration awarding medical scholarships given by Kaiser Permanente, \$5,000 worth, to be given to five winners. The event was held outdoors in the courtyard of the Downey Adult School (DAS), and Soroptimist and Principal **Blanca Rochin** played hostess.

"Kaiser has partnered with us in giving these awards for five years," said Blanca.

"Stay safe, wear a mask, bring a hand sanitizer, observe social distance," were the watchwords. A group picture was hard to capture, because everyone was spacing themselves six feet apart. Everyone wore a mask, proving that the eyes really do talk.

"Downey Adult School has full classes in the CTE -Certified Technical Essentials, i. e medical assistants, pharmacy techs, dental assistants, massage therapists," said Blanca. "Tuition is reasonable, and we have full financial aid.

"The City of Downey sends out our curriculum to every household in Downey," she added, "three times a year. We're on the trimester system, fall, winter and spring. I urge prospective students to call and ask.'

The Soroptimists are always mindful of their mission, to make life better for women and children, and of the great dangers in domestic violence and human trafficking.



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"But this year, our club is concentrating on local women whose life has been affected by the Covid virus," said President Carrie Rios

"To raise funds, we're trying to be as innovative as possible," said Carrie. "We are going to have a virtual comedy show. These are challenges this year, but I love being president.

The amazing Mia Zimmerman arrived with bags loaded with dinner - boxed chicken kababs on saffron rice with hummus, and cucumber salad, tortillas, and spicy guacamole and sour cream sauces. Bottled water too, were set out on picnic tables, each set with places for only four, decorated with blue Soroptimist plastic cloths. Tables were centered by potted torch ginger plants, courtesy of Mia, and they were given to the awardees.

Before we had dinner, the Awards Ceremony began promptly at 6 pm. Tonight's winners each had a different story to tell, but for each the prize will make it possible to realize a dream.

Laura Beltran, mother of two, already has 10 years' nursing experience. In May she will become an LVN by finishing the onevear Licensed Vocational Nurse-course at the DAS

With this degree, Laura will take a step up and earn significantly more on her way to an eventual RN degree. How far will the \$1,000 go?

"It will cover a little more than a month's living expenses," said Laura, whose 11-year old daughter wants to become a surgeon. Laura's mom helps by looking after the children.

What does an LVN do? "We do bedside care, "Laura said. "We give medications, and we have to make sure we give the right meds to the right person and the right dosage. We have to get it right."

"We are the eyes of the hospital," Laura said, "at the bedside,

"This award, especially in this time - I'm a single mom," said Laura, "it encourages me to keep going."

Once the awards were given, we settled down to Mia's dinner, topped by baby pumpkin cupcakes with spiced whipped cream swirls on top. My next interview was with my table mate Maryjoie Garcia, who had another story to tell.

"I had a successful career teaching Biology in high school," said Maryjoie, who didn't look old enough to be out of high school herself. "But after five years I realized I wasn't helping people the way I wanted to - I wanted to get back into the medical profession that had been my minor at Mt. St. Mary's College.'

'For financial reasons I am starting at the LVN level, and when I get that degree in May, I'll be able to pay for classes at the next level, the ABN or Assistant RN. Then I'll go for my Bachelor in Science and RN degree."

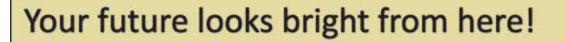
So whether the coronavirus had come along or not, Maryjoie had made the decision to embark on her life-changing career change

"I have student loans I still have to pay back," Maryjoie said. "My parents offered to help me, but I wanted to do it myself. I don't have a family so I can concentrate fully on my new career. This award means a lot."

Among the other winners was **Desiree Alarcon**, who earlier this year had won the Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Scholarship, given to women who are single and head of household, and have turned their lives around. Irene Mendez and Elizabeth Pedraza were also recipients, chosen by the Scholarship Committee Melissa Barger, Linda Haines, Rebecca Reyes, President Carrie, Principal Blanca, Dr. Nina Smart and Mia Zimmerman.



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## Downey Realtors endorse Eric Pierce

**DOWNEY** — The Greater Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR) has endorsed Eric Pierce for Downey City Council - District 3.

The association, which represents more than 3,200 real estate agents in Downey and surrounding areas, endorsed Pierce after conducting candidate interviews earlier this month.

"As a member of the Downey Association of Realtors for many years, I am honored and proud to receive their endorsement," said Pierce. "Realtors contribute so much to our local economy, and our Downey realtors work hard to maintain high property values and keep our neighborhoods clean and safe."

Pierce, former president of Gangs Out of Downey and Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, is seeking to replace Councilman Rick Rodriguez, who opted not to run for re-election.

Rodriguez has endorsed Pierce, as has Mayor Blanca Pacheco, Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa, and Councilman Alex Saab.

"My passion to serve has not diminished but it's time that I put my health first, for the sake of my family," said Rodriguez. "We need to keep the progress going in Downey. And that's why I'm proud to endorse Eric to replace me on the City Council.

"He is honest, ethical, hardworking, and has a history of leadership in the Downey community.

## **Crime Report**

\* On 9/7/2020 at approximately 8:15 p.m., officers responded to the 8100 block of Orange Street regarding an assault with a deadly weapon.

The adult male suspect was in an argument with the adult male victim and struck the victim with a bat. The suspect also struck the victim's dog with the bat. The victim sustained minor injuries and refused medical treatment and was uncooperative. Two witnesses positively identified the suspect who was subsequently arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

\* Detectives are investigating an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred on 9/8/2020 at about 6:35 p.m. near Paramount Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. The victim was involved in a road rage incident with the suspect during which time the suspect pointed a handgun at him. The suspect fled the area and officers were unable to locate him.

\* On 9/10/2020 at approximately 12:05 p.m., the Downey Fire Department responded to a brush fire near Florence Ave and the Rio Hondo River channel. A male suspect was arrested at the scene and booked for arson.

\* On 9/10/2020 at approximately 9:55 p.m., a motorcyclist traveling at a high rate of speed lost control and collided with the curb near Florence Avenue and the east city limits. This caused the motorcyclist to be ejected from the motorcycle and he died from his injuries. The Downey Police Department collision reconstruction team responded to the scene for the investigation.

## EGALS

#### **BULK SALES**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. 204318-CS

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and address of the Seller/Licensee are: WHANKUK JE, 15853 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, LA MIRADA, CA

90638 The business is known as: ROOKIES SPORTS BAR The names and addresses of the Buyer/

Transferee are: INFINITI ACQUISITION GROUP INC, 1914 E. 1ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90802

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT and are located at: 15853 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, LA MIRADA, CA 90638

The kind of license to be transferred is: ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISES now issued for the premises located at: 15853 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, LA MIRADA, CA 90638

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is OCTOBER 20, 2020 at the office of: R ESCROW CORPORATION, 1205 E. CHAPMAN AVE, ORANGE, CA 92866 The amount of the purchase price or

the another of the puckase price of the icense and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$153,000.00 which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH THROUGH ESCROW \$153,000.00 It has been acread between the Seller/

It has been agreed between the Seller/ Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. DATED: AUGUST 24, 2020

INFINITI ACQUISITION GROUP INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s)/ Applicant(s) ORD-52029 DOWNEY PATRIOT 9/24/20

FCS ORD-52029 The Downey Patriot 9/24/20

FICT. BUS NAME

Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020140491 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 105 SOCAL TOWING, 9351 WASHBURN RD #13, **DOWING, 9351 WASHBURN RD #13, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS ALVAREZ, 9351 WASHBURN RD #13, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: CA

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2020 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant

knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ CARLOS ALVAREZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER Clerk

16, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by

the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 9/24/20, 10/1/20, 10/8/20, 10/15/20

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020123782 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CREATIONS FLOWER SHOP, 9321 TELEGRAPH RD STE A, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY, 9321 TELEGRAPH RD STE A, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

PICO RIVERA CA 90660 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LETICIA GOMEZ BENITO, 9321 TELEGRAPH RD STE A, PICO RIVERA CA 90660 State of Incorporation: N/A

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ LETICIA GOMEZ BENITO, OWNER,

the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of

to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 9/24/20, 10/1/20, 10/8/20, 10/15/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020128746 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE CUTTING EDGE HAIR STUDIO, 306 STONEWOOD ST STE 32, DOWNEY CA 90241-3909, LA COUNTY 9420 4TH STDEET DOWNEY COUNTY, 8120 4TH STREET, DOWNEY

CA 90241 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARILOLY MARTINEZ, 8120 4TH ST, DOWNEY CA

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: 11/2011 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant

knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ MARILOLY MARTINEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 25, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Notice Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS AME STATEMENT File Number 2020/21/11 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUNSET JWLZ, 13040 RUTGERS AVE, DOWNEY CA

90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADRIANNA MARIE VIESCA, 13040 RUTGERS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2020

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business

pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ ADRIANNA MARIE VIESCA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 10, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by

the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself

the California Residential Code; and adding Subsection 8999.44.5 to Section 8999.44 ("Violations") of Article VIII ("Building Regulations"), Chapter 14 ("Downey Administrative Building and Housing Code") of the Downey Municipal Code.

Adopted Ordinance No. 20-1451, an uncodified Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey pursuant to California Government Code Section 8634 and Downey City Charter Sections 511 and 514 extending the temporary moratorium on evictions of commercial tenants for nonpayment of rent resulting from loss of income due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and rent repayment period; and setting forth the facts constituting such urgency.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Saab, Frometa, Mayor Pacheco NOES: Council Member: None. EXCUSED: Council Member: Rodriguez ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Adopted Ordinance No. 20-1452, an Adopted Orainance No. 20-1452, an uncodified Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey pursuant to California Government Code Section 8634 and Downey City Charter Sections 511 and 514 amending the rent repayment period set forth in ordinance no. 20-1445 by making the required findings consistent with assembly bill 3088; and setting forth the facts constituting such urgency.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton NOES: Council Mayor Pacheco NOES: Council Member: None. EXCUSED: Council Member: Dedriver

ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Copies of the full texts are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk September 24, 2020

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#### NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CA 90241 90241

LETICIA GOMEZ BENITO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 14, 2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920. where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by

another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020132807 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BINGY RIDDIM WEAR, 2439 WEST 230TH ST, TORRANCE CA 90501, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TALUA T SCHWENKE, 2439 WEST 230TH ST, TORRANCE CA 90501 State of Incorporation: N/A State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2020 I declare that all the information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ TALUA T SCHWENKE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020133350 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BELLA'S PRETTY THINGS CO., 12615 GURLEY AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRENDA RANGEL, 12615 GURLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242 CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

9/24/20, 10/1/20, 10/8/20, 10/15/20

Individual The date registrant started to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2020 I declare that all the information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ BRENDA RANGEL, OWNER, BRENDA

RANGEL This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 2,

2020 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FIGURIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020135400 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LA GLASS, 11138 E DEL AMO BLVD #352, LAKEWOOD CA 90715, COUNTY OF LOS

ANGELES (2) LAGC Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) T P R K COMPANY, 11138 DEL AMO BLVD #352, LAKEWOOD CA 90715

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ T P R K COMPANY, CEO, GUSTAVO

RAMOS

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020124532 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HER PRETTY EXTENSIONS, 6301 ATLANTIC AVE APT EXTENSIONS, 6301 ATLANTIC AVE APT #6, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY, 6301 ATLANTIC AVE APT #6, LONG BEACH CA 90805

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): SHANTEARA ARMSTRONG, 6 6301 ATLANTIC AVE APT #6, LONG BEACH

The date registrant started to transact

authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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#### GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED

#### On September 22, 2020, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced and adopted the following Ordinances:

Introduced an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey adding Section 8986 ("Electric Vehicle Charging Systems") to Chapter 11 (Downey Green Building Standards Code) of Article VIII ("building regulations") of the Downey Municipal

Introduced an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey amending in its entirety Section 8730 "Grading Regulations") of Article VIII "Building Regulations") of Chapter 8 "Floodplain Management, Grading and Paving") by adopting by reference the 2019 California Building Code Appendix i with local amendments; adding Section 8999.18 to Article VIII ("Building Regulations"), Chapter 13 ("Downey Residential Code") of the Downey Municipal Code amending Section R401.4 of the 2019 Edition of

CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00217 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LARA TORREDA SERRANO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

as follows: Present name (1) LARA TORREDA SERRANO to Proposed name (1) LARA TORREDA ESPINOZA 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 netiting for change of 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 court 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 the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: NOVEMBER 4, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK CA 90650

BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per LARA TORREDA SERRANO 11711 LAKEWOOD BLVD., #203 DOWNEY, CA 90241 (213) 292-2973

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,

#### **CITY OF DOWNEY** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT TO REFLECT ADOPTION OF **NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS SECTION**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL on the 13th day October, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

A request to add a new section to Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code to reflect electric vehicle charging systems. These changes are proposed to comply with State of California's requirements to reflect the electric charging vehicle systems.

Staff has reviewed the proposed Municipal Code Amendment for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Upon completion of this review, staff has determined that the proposed Municipal Code Amendment is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(h), which exempts adoption of ordinances that set rules and procedures.

If you challenge the proposed 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 delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact the Building Official, Richard Hicks, at 562-904-7142, or at rhicks@ downeyca.org

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#### **CITY OF DOWNEY** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT TO REFLECT ADOPTION OF NEW GRADING REGULATIONS, UNPERMITTED STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS SECTION AND AMEND RESDIENTIAL CODE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL on the 13th day October, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

A request to amend various sections of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code to reflect amending Grading Regulations, 2019 Residential Building Code and add new section to Downey Administrative Building and Housing Code. These changes are proposed to update or to provide clarification to the current codes.

Staff has reviewed the proposed Municipal Code Amendment for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Upon completion of this review, staff has determined that the proposed Municipal Code Amendment is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(h), which exempts adoption of ordinances that set rules and procedures.

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CA 90805

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2020

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/ SHANTEARA ARMSTRONG, OWNER

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# **Legal Notices/Classifieds**

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020

# CLASSIFIEDS

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **CAREGIVER AVAILABLE** More than 20 years experience working in Downey. References Available (562) 449-7969

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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00226

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ASTRID CHAIDEZ-GUZMAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names

as follows: as follows: Present name (1) ASTRID CHAIDEZ-GUZMAN to Proposed name (1) ASTRID

GUZMAN to Proposed name (1) ASTRID CHAIDEZ 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 includes the reasons for the objection at least two court 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 the petition

is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: NOVEMBER 13, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per ASTRID CHAIDEZ-GUZMAN ASTRID CHAIDEZ-GUZMAN 11015 CROSSDALE AVE DOWNEY, CA 90241 (562) 805-1084 ASTRID\_CHAIDEZ@HOTMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00212 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SHERRY MARTINEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as

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tollows: Present name (1) SHERRY MARTINEZ to Proposed name (1) SHERRY GO MARTINEZ SAGASAY THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

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Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per HELIODORO BECERRA 9225 HASTY AVE DOWNEY CA 90240 (562) 923-7453 SAMJAZZ@ATT.NET

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00047 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROSA ALBINA GALLEGOS (AKA: ALBINITA GALLEGOS RAEL) filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

Annes as follows: Present name (1) ROSA ALBINA GALLEGOS (AKA: ALBINITA GALLEGOS RAEL) to Proposed name (1) ALBINITA GALLEGOS

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 court days before the matter is least two court 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 the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: OCTOBER 7, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

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#### **SUMMONS**

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS UNISON OF ST. CROIX LINH THI GIAO VO, Plaintiff vs. HUNG VI DOUNG, Defendant CASE NUMBER SX-20-DI-00060 ACTION FOR DIVORCE

TO: HUNG VI DOUNG, DEFENDANT FROM: LINH THI GIAO VO, PLAINTIFF ADDRESS: 13213 FAUST AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 (last known address)

Plaintiff hereby Summons your pursuant to the order for service by publication of August 31, 2020 and pursuant to 5 VIC § 112; and you are hereby notified that a lawsuit for divorce has been filed against you and you are required to answer the complaint 30 days ofter the completion of the period of days after the completion of the period of publication (once a week for four weeks).

Witness by hand and the Seal of the Court this 10th day of Sept 2020 GS LAW OFFICES P.C. /S/ Eugenio W.A. Géigel-Simounet, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff Address: 5020 Anchor Way Gallows Bay, St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands 00820 (340) 778-8069

Filed: September 10, 2020 Ms. Tamara Charles Clerk of the Court The Downey Patriot

#### 9/17/20, 9/24/20, 10/1/20

#### TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 19-23479 A.P.N.: 6281-001-034 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/23/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING ACANST YOU YOU SHOULD CONTACT AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below. of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafte described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant of warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: JOE DIAZ, AND ALICIA DIAZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 10/4/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2388770 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Described as follows: AS FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TBLIST Date of Sale: 10/6/2020 at 10:30 AM TRUST Date of Sale: 10/6/2020 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amoun of unpaid balance and other charges \$379.392.69 (Estimated) Street Address of 5379,392.09 (Estimate) Street Address of other common designation of real property: 13112 IBBETSON AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 A.P.N.: 6281-001-034 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other commor designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy you may have been released of persona liability for this loan in which case this lette is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on the lien not on the property itself Placing the trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence encouraged to investigate the existence,

priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information here the trustee cale postponement be made about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site www. STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 19-23479. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 8/31/2020 Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC 1500 South Douglass Road, Suite 150 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (844) 477-7869 or www.STOXPOSTING.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 Tai

Title Order No. 1572713cad Trustee Sale No. 84889 Loan No. 399226257 APN: 6283-009-030 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/24/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEFDINGS AGAINST YOU THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 10/14/2020 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly

California, executed by: ASHLEY MILAN, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor KARZI EQUITIES, LTD., A CYPRUS LIMITED COMPANY , as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At Bahind the fountain located this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE – continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: Lot 85 of Tract No. 16242, as per Map recorded in Book 426, Pages 35 to 37 inclusive of Maps in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12121 EASTBROOKE AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$347,619.65 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 9/17/2020 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180

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appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 1/29/2019 as Instrument No. 20190084376 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County,

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is timely filed, the court may grant the petition NOTICE OF HEARING Date: OCTOBER 21, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** AUGUST 31, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **SHERRY MARTINEZ 10143 SHADYPOINT DRIVE** WHITTIER, CA 90603 (562) 631-1868 SMARTINEZ562@GMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot 9/10/20, 9/17/20, 9/24/20, 10/1/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00225 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ETHAN ALEXANDER BLAKENEY filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ETHAN ALEXANDER

BLAKENEY to Proposed name (1) ETHAN ALEXANDER JOHNSON 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 court 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 the petition

without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: NOVEMBER 13, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per MONIQUE ALEXANDRIA GONZALEZ-JOHNSON OF BEHALF OF ETHAN ALEXANDER BLAKENEY 5200 CADBURY ROAD 5200 CADBURY ROAD WHITTIER, CA 90601 562-639-4830 MO. ALEXANDRIA@GMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot 9/17/20, 9/24/20, 10/1/20, 10/8/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00120 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner HELIODORO BECERRA filed a petition with this court for a decree chaquing names as

this court for a decree changing names as follows

resent name (1) HELIODORO BECERRA to Proposed name (1) SAMUEL CASTILLO 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

AUGUST 24, 202 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per ROSA ALBINA GALLEGOS (AKA: ALBINITA GALLEGOS RAEL) 9817 SAN VINCENTE AVE SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 (323) 569-1115 RAELBINITA@GMAIL.COM

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#### PROBATE

#### NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF **CARLYLE JOSEPH SCANLON** Case No. 18STPB09353

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CARLYLE JOSEPH SCANLON AN AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kani Nicolls in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

THE AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kani Nicolls be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE decedent's will and codicils were admited to Probate (SEP008986) on 11/21/1997

THE AMENDED 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 amended petition will be held on Nov. 2, 2020 at 8:30 AM in

Mill be held on Nov. 2, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the

court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an investor (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: RONALD BERMAN ESQ SBN 079775 BERMAN & BERMAN APLC 16633 VENTURA BLVD SUITE 940

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#### Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020

# Home sales hit highest level since 2006

Existing-home sales continued to climb in August, marking three consecutive months of positive sales gains, according to the National Association of Realtors. Each of the four major regions experienced both month-over-month and year-over-year growth, with the Northeast seeing the greatest improvement from the prior month.

Total existing-home sales, completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, rose 2.4% from July to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 6.00 million in August. Sales as a whole rose year-over-year, up 10.5% from a year ago (5.43 million in August 2019).

"Home sales continue to amaze, and there are plenty of buyers in the pipeline ready to enter the market," said Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist. "Further gains in sales are likely for with mortgage rates hovering ownership opportunities," around 3% and with continued job recovery."

The median existinghome price] for all housing constructed." types in August was \$310,600, up 11.4% from August 2019 (\$278,800), as prices rose in every region. August's national price increase marks 102 straight months of yearover-year gains.

Total housing inventory] at the end of August totaled 1.49 million units, down 0.7% from July and down 18.6% from one year ago (1.83 million). Unsold inventory sits at a 3.0-month supply at the current sales pace, down from 3.1 months in July and down from the 4.0-month figure recorded in August 2019.

Scarce inventory has been problematic for the past few years, according to Yun, an issue he says has worsened in the past month due to the dramatic surge in lumber prices and the dearth



remote work opportunities in July and down from 31 July's figure of 15% and equal real estate is in the country, are likely to become a growing days in August 2019. Sixtypart of the nation's workforce nine percent of homes sold culture. Yun believes this in August 2020 were on the reality will endure, even market for less than a month. after a coronavirus vaccine is available.

this imbalance will inevitably more new homes need to be was 33%.

Properties equal to the number of days August, a small change from

First-time buyers were responsible for 33% of sales "Housing demand is in August, down from 34% in robust but supply is not, and July 2020, but up from 31% in August 2019. NAR's 2019 the remainder of the year, harm affordability and hinder Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers – released in late 2019 he said. "To assure broad - revealed that the annual gains in homeownership, share of first-time buyers

> Individual investors or typically second-home buyers, who remained on the market for account for many cash sales, 22 days in August, seasonally purchased 14% of homes in

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14%. All-cash sales accounted August 2019.

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"The past few months thousands

to the August 2019 rate of both to our nation's economy and to individuals who have for 18% of transactions in been given an opportunity August, up from 16% in July to rethink their location and 2020 and down from 19% in redesign their lifestyle," said NAR President Vince Malta, broker at Malta & Co., Inc., in San Francisco.

"NAR maintains robust - including hundreds of

of housing have shown how valuable providers - to ensure this

industry can continue to lead in America's economic recovery."

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage decreased to 2.94% in August, down from 3.02% in July. The average commitment rate across all of 2019 was 3.94%.

Single-family and Condo/ Co-op Sales

Single-family home sales sat at a seasonallyadjusted annual rate of 5.37 million in August, up 1.7% from 5.28 million in July, and up 11.0% from one year ago. The median existing single-family home price was \$315,000 in August, up 11.7% from August 2019.

Existing condominium and co-op sales were recorded at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 630,000 units in August, up 8.6% from July and up 6.8% from one year ago. The median existing condo price was \$273,300 in August, an increase of 7.8% from a year ago.



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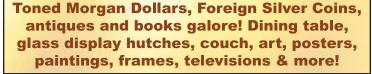
"Over recent months, we have seen lumber prices surge dramatically," Yun said. "This has already led to an increase in the cost of multifamily housing and an even higher increase for single-family homes."

Yun says the need for housing will grow even further, especially in areas that are attractive to those who can work from home. As highlighted in NAR's August study, the 2020 Work From Home Counties report,

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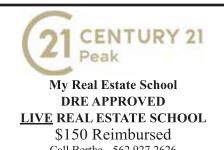








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