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Inflation rises 5.4% in one year

■ The rise in annual inflation is the highest since 2008, resulting in higher prices on everything from cars to groceries.

Prices across the nation are increasing at their fastest pace since 2008, and it's unclear when they'll level off.

The Labor Department reported Tuesday that annual inflation was 5.4 percent from June 2020 to June 2021, the steepest increase since the yearlong period ending August 2008, the middle of the Great Recession.

"There's just this big log jam as the world is reopening and producing, pipelines and supply lines can't catch up," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Used car prices made up for most of the gain, but so did everyday purchases:

Gas prices are up 45 percent in the last year, apparel is up 4.9 percent, food at restaurants is up 4.2 percent, and electricity is up 3.8 percent.

Typically, the Federal Reserve wants to see 2 percent inflation.

The Biden Administration expects inflation to level off as the reopening continues, but it's unclear how long that will take. Reaser said if nothing changes in the next 5 to 6 months, concerns could grow - potentially meaning an increase to interest rates.

For measure, while restaurant prices rose above 4 percent, grocery prices grew only 0.9 percent, meaning money goes further when people eat at home.

Norwalk condemns Gascón in vote

■ Norwalk joins 19 other cities in declaring no confidence in the L.A. County District Attorney.

NORWALK - Norwalk has become the latest city to adopt a resolution declaring no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón.

Gascón has vowed to put an end to the death penalty in LA County, trying juveniles as adults and eliminate all special enhancement allegations, which would make about 20,000 inmates eligible for resentencing consideration.

In its vote June 22, Norwalk joined 16 other cities that have issued votes of "no confidence" in Gascón, who was elected last November after defeating incumbent DA Jackie Lacey.

"Effective policing is necessary in order to maintain the rule of law in the community," the city of Norwalk said in a statement. "Effective prosecution is necessary in order to ensure that law enforcement actions are necessary and appropriate, while also providing accountability for victims as well as serving as a deterrent for future criminal activity."

Alvarez faces recall attempt

■ Downey councilmember Catherine Alvarez was charged in 2014 with welfare fraud, lying under oath, and theft.

Backers of the recall say her criminal history, which was not revealed until after the election, makes her unfit to serve.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez may soon find herself facing a recall election, after residents of District 3 served her with a notice of intent to recall at Tuesday's Council meeting.

Much of the discontent with the embattled Councilwoman stems from her criminal history.

Alvarez was previously convicted of felony charges in 2014 for welfare fraud and lying under oath, and misdemeanor petty theft for stealing from the Michael's store at Downey Landing.

During the meeting's public comment period, several community members focused their comments on these crimes, upset that they had not been disclosed prior to Alvarez being elected to the seat.

One resident - who ultimately was the individual to serve Alvarez - said voters "would not have voted" for Alvarez had they known about her prior convictions.

The resident did not provide her name before addressing the council.

"[Alvarez] lacks the ethics and moral compass to serve us all," she said. "She deceived our residents and our city."

Another resident said that, "What Catherine Alvarez did to our voters was shameful and deceptive."

"She robbed legitimate people who need welfare of their money. She said she's 'for the people,' yet she stole people's money, especially those who need it the most. Then she deceived the voters about this information," said Dorothy Pemberton. "She stole from a Downey business, and she is banned permanently. There's no excuse for stealing. This is shameful, and she should have disclosed this to the residents of District 3."

Downey food bank named Nonprofit of the Year

■ Downey FoodHelp is being honored for providing food to hungry families, especially last year during the height of the pandemic.

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY - Last year's unprecedented economic slowdown and job loss due to the COVID-19 contagion resulted in millions of people losing the ability to secure food for their families.

For its exceptional response to this crisis and service to those in need, Downey's local food bank, FoodHelp, has been named Nonprofit of the Year by California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, District 58.

The award is a feature of California Nonprofits Day, now in its sixth year, which seeks to promote recognition for the impact nonprofits have throughout the community.



Councilmember Catherine Alvarez was served recall papers at Tuesday's City Council meeting. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

"She didn't because she knew they would not elect her. Having warrants for her arrest shows lack of responsibility also. She's a complete fraud and we deserve better."

She also added that the council member was "unfit to oversee a city budget of over \$240 million," citing instances of public record in which Alvarez was evicted for owing "Downey landlords over \$7,000," and "filing bankruptcy to avoid paying what the court said she owed."

"[Alvarez] is financially irresponsible to run her own personal life, she is certainly not skilled or able to watch over our city budget," Pemberton said. "Her prior history shows she is not capable of holding this position. There's too much at risk for us residents to have a councilperson who has cheated the system, to be involved with any financial matters of our city."

There was some immediate confusion over whether the councilwoman could be served at the dais during the course of the meeting.

According to the City Clerk, the city had not made a determination if the service was valid or not, as the proponents had not yet filed with the city. According to Vijay Patel, one of the individuals spearheading the effort, filing is anticipated to happen within the week.

Councilmember Catherine Alvarez uses a bullhorn to protest outside a city official's home.
(Campaign photo)



The recall effort will need to collect petition signatures equaling 20% of voters in District 3 within 120 days of receiving approval of the petition by the elections official. According to information on the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder website, there were 15,649 registered voters in District 3 as of 2017.

According to those numbers, that means around 3,130 signatures would be needed to take the matter to a ballot.

Should the recall be successful, the city charter states that the election of an eligible candidate to fill the vacancy shall

occur after the recall election, and shall be voted on by voters within the district.

The following day, Alvarez responded to the movement on her personal Facebook account, saying:

"Apparently Republican Trumpsters don't like me very much! It is a shame how democracy has become in this city! Self-interest is worth more, it's a shame. Those behind my removal are apartments owners and Republicans themselves. What can we expect if they have a leader here who has bullied me before taking office."



Adela Salomon, left, FoodHelp volunteer for nine years with Patricia Yebes, who has been volunteering for fourteen years.

(Photo by Carol Kearns)

Beatles tribute band up next at Furman Park

DOWNEY - Beatles tribute band Hard Day's Night will recreate the magic of a Beatles performance when they perform at Furman Park next Wednesday starting at 7 pm.

Known for their note-for-note instrumental renditions of Beatles hits, Hard Day's Night has performed across the country.

Downey Dial-a-Ride offers free transportation to and from the concert for residents ages 60 and older. To request a pick-up, call (562) 904-7215.

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 82°

Saturday 84°

Sunday 84°

ON THIS DAY JULY 15

1606:

The painter Rembrandt was born in Leiden, Netherlands.

1799:

The Rosetta Stone was found in an Egyptian village. The stone is inscribed with three versions of a decree issued in Memphis, Egypt in 196 BC.

1870:

Georgia became the last of the Confederate states to be readmitted to the Union.

1916:

In Seattle, William Boeing and George Conrad Westervelt incorporated Pacific Aero Products (later renamed Boeing).

1964:

Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

1992:

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton claimed the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York City.

1996:

MSNBC, a 24-hour all-news network, made its debut on cable TV and the Internet.

1997:

Fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot to death outside his home in Miami; suspected gunman Andrew Phillip Cunanan was found dead eight days later.

2002:

John Walker Lindh, an American who had fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan, pleaded guilty to two felonies in a deal sparing him life in prison.

2002:

A Pakistani judge convicted four Islamic militants in the kidnap-slaying of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl.

2003:

AOL Time Warner disbanded the Netscape internet browser.

2006:

Twitter, one of the largest social media companies in the world, was launched.

2007:

The Roman Catholic archdiocese of Los Angeles announced it was settling clergy sex-abuse cases for \$660 million.

2010:

BP stopped the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico after 85 days using a 75-ton cap lowered onto the well earlier in the week.

2011:

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony announced they were breaking up after seven years of marriage.

Birthdays

Retired wrestler and politician **Jesse Ventura** (70), Academy Award winning actor **Forest Whitaker** (60), "Mythbusters" star **Adam Savage** (54), "Beverly Hills 90210" star **Brian Austin Green** (48), comedian **Gabriel Iglesias** (45), and basketball player **Damian Lillard** (31).

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Beatles tribute band Hard Day's Night recreates the magic of a Beatles concert. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Kiwanis Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm. Vintage cars, live music, raffles, food, 50/50 drawings, and more family-friendly fun. Downey High School parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Eight-piece band Stone Soul perform Motown hits, including hits from Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Four Tops, and more. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

Young Dreams Tour, 2-8 pm. A day party featuring performances by child rappers Miss Karissa B, Lil Lu, Savannah, Nature Boy, and others. Hosted by Romeo and Malachi of 93.5 KDAY. \$10 cover, kids 12 and younger free. Baja's Grill, 7931 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

BBQ and Festival, 12-4 pm. A community festival featuring food trucks, jumpers, water slides, petting zoo, and more family fun. Legacy Church, 8333 2nd St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

National Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm. Now in its eighth year, National Night Out promotes community awareness by educating residents about crime prevention and local resources. It features free food, drinks, children's activities, information booths, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Four piece band Conganas plays the sounds of a full Latin orchestra with elements of Latin jazz, R&B, pop and soul. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Downey Pride Picnic, 12-4 pm. Downey's first LGBTQ picnic with children's activities, live music and entertainment, raffles, information booths, and free food. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue.

Backpack Giveaway, 2-4 pm. Bring your children to receive a free backpack, courtesy of Gangs Out of Downey. Live music to follow. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

Music and a Movie, 4 pm. Live music by The Tease Band, playing Latin, R&B, Top 40, old school, and more. Plus games, arts and crafts, and a screening of the movie "Raya and the Last Dragon." Families are invited to bring food and lawn chairs. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs a free concert under the direction of conductor Sharon Lavery. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Dr. Mary Stauffer Celebration of Life. A public service for Dr. Mary Stauffer, who died earlier this year at age 103. To receive an invitation with details about the service, fill out the following form online: <https://tinyurl.com/mrsfCOL>

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

Downey Greek Festival. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a two-day event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

Downey Greek Festival. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a two-day event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Clint Black in Concert, 7 pm. Grammy Award winning country music star Clint Black performs live. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

31st Annual Rancho Golf Classic, 11 am. The Rancho Foundation's annual golf fundraiser benefiting patient programs and services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Online registration opens July 1. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr. in Whittier

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Downey vs. Warren football game, 7 pm. Downey High hosts the annually rivalry game, which this year marks the

end of the regular seasons for Downey and Warren. Downey High, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along, 2 pm. This interactive presentation of Disney's favorite classic has been customized with on-screen lyrics for all the songs so that audiences can sing along. Your hosts will introduce each performance and in addition, goody bags are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to participate. Add to the fun by dressing up as a favorite character from the film. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Willy Chirino, 8 pm. Combining the musical traditions of Cuba with American rock and jazz, Cuba-born and South Florida-based vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. First of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Willy Chirino, 8 pm. Combining the musical traditions of Cuba with American rock and jazz, Cuba-born and South Florida-based vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. Second of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Grease Sing-Along, 7 pm. Hand jive in the aisles, enjoy specialty treats and drinks and get ready to fall in love with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John all over again as you sing along to "You're the One That I Want," "Beauty School Dropout," "Summer Nights" and all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mariachi Los Camperos, 4 pm. Two-Time Grammy award winner Mariachi Los Camperos originated in 1961 and played a fundamental role in the development of Mariachi music in the United States and was the first to take the Mariachi performances out of customary locations such as cantinas and into concert halls. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Greg Welch and his wife, Barbara Risher Welch, owners of Risher Mortuary and Cremation Service have once again awarded \$500 scholarships for Downey graduating seniors.

The scholarships are offered in a simple format, with applicants asked to submit an essay stating how they will use their next level of education to "care for others."

"We get such passionate and sincere entries from these great kids that it makes it truly difficult to select the winners," said Barbara Risher Welch.

Shown are the winners: Brenda Ahmed of Columbus High School and Samantha Trujillo of Calvary Chapel Christian School.

Winners not available for pictures were Isabel Venegas of Downey High School and Emily Brent and Sarah Morales of Warren High School.

POETRY MATTERS

Edward Hopper: Sailing Boat

Birds of every feather
Oblige our sense of order
With the ways in which
They stick together,
The formations that they fly in,
The hierarchies of their afternoon prayer meetings,
Their worship of the sun, the wind,
Their internalized clocks and calendars,
Almanacs, and Regimental flocks.
We salute them in our sailing boats

And religious ceremonies,
Our billowing sails, and masteries of flotation.
There is absolutely nothing
They can learn from us.
Take, for instance, Frank Gehry's designs
For the Disney Concert Hall,
And every other structure he's designed
Since Bilbao.
When the birds fly past these,
They yawn . . . in unison.

Gerald Lochlin

"It comes naturally to me to use great paintings as starting points for poems," says Lochlin. "The same with athletic events, or anything that intensifies the emotions." A charismatic teacher at Cal State Long Beach from 1965 to 2007, who reached thousands of students, colleagues, and readers, Lochlin died in January of this year, a month before his eightieth birthday. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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FoodHelp saw a surge in clients at pandemic's peak

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There were days that the line for assistance, starting at Fourth St. near La Reina Ave., wound around the block and back on itself with people following pandemic protocols—wearing masks and maintaining safe social-distancing.

To accommodate the greater number of people needing assistance, FoodHelp also extended its hours, opening an hour earlier at 8:00 a.m.

With widespread vaccination spurring economic recovery and people returning to work, FoodHelp reports that the number of families served every Saturday has now dropped to about two hundred and thirty.

Founded in 2005, FoodHelp grew into a well-run organization staffed completely by committed volunteers. The current Director is Marty Fehn, a volunteer who works his own full time day job during the week.

FoodHelp is known for its distribution of healthy fresh produce as well as staples. "Our trucks are running every day of the week," reports Wilkinson.

Volunteers make regular rounds to pick up donations from local markets and restaurants. Sometimes FoodHelp is able to offer meat or fish from the Los Angeles County food bank.

Volunteer Beth Gendreau estimates that between fifty and sixty people show up for the Friday preparation and Saturday distribution. On Fridays, starting at 7:00 a.m., volunteers repackage bulk quantities into smaller units for families or individuals.

"We have volunteers who work all night," explains Pam Labrin, "then go home, eat, shower, then come straight here and are here sometimes for six hours helping out." Volunteers come from surrounding communities as well as Downey. Christian Aguilar, who helps out

on Saturdays, lives in Watts and works at a warehouse during the week.

The method for Saturday distributions only needed to be modified slightly for pandemic protocols. Prior to 2020, a volunteer (often a high school student) with a cart was assigned to aid each family in line by loading up selections and transferring the food to a car. Under pandemic protocols, food was prepackaged to avoid unnecessary handling; volunteers also kept clients more separated.

Located on the campus of the Downey First Christian Church, FoodHelp is an independent organization that networks with a large array of other—business, civic, political, religious—organizations.

This history and practice of cooperation is what enabled the group to quickly meet the needs of the growing numbers of people facing food insecurity.

"They really stepped up and helped the community," says Downey Councilwoman Blanca Pacheco. "I'm excited that they were named Nonprofit of the Year."

Increase in Donations

Early in the pandemic, with California under strict lockdown orders, there was a "phenomenal" increase in donations, says Wilkinson. The Dole Company in Ventura sent them several truckloads of produce. Gendreau recalls that some volunteers had to be on hand to meet trucks that arrived at 4:30 in the morning.

"We're still totally surprised about where the food all comes from," Wilkinson muses. "We have regular donors like a lot of grocery stores; but we also have produce companies that give to us every week."

"And sometimes they'll give us like eight pallets, a truckload, and sometimes they'll give us like sixteen pallets. We used to be happy with boxes of food. Now



Christian Aguilar, left, from Watts with Beth Gendreau from Downey. (Photo by Carol Kearns)

we're getting pallets of food."

When donated food is beyond local needs, FoodHelp becomes a mini-distributor itself—sharing with community groups and churches.

Increased donations during the pandemic meant a need for increased storage. A \$50,000 donation from the Kaiser Permanente Foundation enabled the group to erect a permanent 25-by-50-foot building. Supervisor Janice Hahn arranged funds for a walk-in cooler. Whole Foods Market donated shelving.

One critical acquisition was a forklift to move all the pallets of donated food.

"We went to Papé Material Handling," said Wilkinson, "and told them what we were looking for and they said, we'll give you one for half price."

The abundance of donated food is not all that is needed for FoodHelp to carry out its mission.

Wilkinson explains why there is always a need for donated funds. The trucks require frequent and expensive maintenance. "We drive the wheels off them," he says. One truck also had its catalytic converter stolen—twice.

Mayor Frometa reports that the city plans to continue prioritizing the needs of its more vulnerable residents. The city conducted two distribution events last year, one with Asw. Garcia and one with Supervisor Hahn. Frometa's goal is to continue this in the future.

FoodHelp is located at 10900 La Reina Ave., and is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Their phone number is (562) 862-2438. More information can be found on its Facebook page.

Downey to host rivalry game against Warren

DOWNEY – Downey High School will host this year's rivalry football game between the Vikings and Warren High School Bears.

The matchup was revealed last week when football schedules for both teams were released.

Preseason games begin Aug. 20 and league matchups get underway Oct. 1. Downey and Warren face each other Oct. 29 in their regular season finales.

Below are the complete schedules.

Warren High

Aug. 20: at Woodrow Wilson (Long Beach)
Aug. 26: at La Serna (Whittier)
Sept. 3: vs. Grossmont (El Cajon)
Sept. 10: vs. Serra (Gardena)
Sept. 17: at Culver City
Oct. 1: at Dominguez (Compton)
Oct. 8: at Lynwood
Oct. 15: at Paramount
Oct. 22: vs. Gahr (Cerritos)
Oct. 29: at Downey

Downey High

Aug. 20: vs. Corona del Mar
Aug. 27: at Bonita (La Verne)
Sept. 3: at St. Bernard (Playa del Rey)
Sept. 10: vs. California (Whittier)
Sept. 24: vs. Hart (Newhall)
Oct. 1: vs. Gahr (Cerritos)
Oct. 8: at Paramount
Oct. 15: vs. Dominguez (Compton)
Oct. 22: at Lynwood
Oct. 29: vs. Warren

Willy Chirino, mariachi get new concert dates

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Theatre has announced rescheduled concert dates for Willy Chirino and Mariachi Los Camperos.

The concerts were postponed last year due to the pandemic.

Chirino, a popular Cuban-American musician, will perform April 1-2, 2022.

Mariachi Los Camperos will perform a special Mothers Day concert on May 8, 2022.

Tickets are now on sale at the Downey Theatre box office. For details, call (562) 861-8211 or email boxoffice@downeytheatre.com.

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Edison begins installation of 38K electric vehicle chargers

■ The public utility has set out to install 38,000 vehicle chargers over the next five years; Lynwood will serve as a pilot city.

Beginning this week, businesses, government agencies and other organizations in the Southland will be able to sign up to participate in Southern California Edison's Charge Ready program, the largest electric passenger vehicle charging infrastructure program in the nation run by an investor-owned electric utility company.

The \$436 million program, approved by the state last year, will add approximately 38,000 new electric car chargers throughout SCE's service area over the next five years.

Through Charge Ready, SCE installs and maintains the supporting EV charging infrastructure while site hosts, who are non-residential SCE customers, typically own, operate and maintain qualified charging stations.

"As SCE is preparing its electric grid to serve the increase in transportation electrification, more charging equipment is needed to give EV drivers and fleet operators the peace of mind that they will be able to charge whenever they want," said Carter Prescott, SCE director of eMobility and Building

Electrification. "Today, we are asking our customers to join with us to ensure that an effective framework is in place for a clean air future for our communities."

The large-scale program introduced at a virtual event Monday is modeled after a much smaller pilot that ended in May, in which SCE partnered with businesses, local governments and other organizations to add more than 2,700 charge ports at nearly 150 sites.

The first site to participate in the pilot was the city of Lynwood, where six chargers were installed four years ago to charge the city's fleet of EVs, and eight more were installed in the civic center public parking lot.

Lynwood City Council member José Solache was on hand to share the city's experience with those interested in the program and give them an idea of what to expect.

"Edison has always been a good partner with the city of Lynwood, and we were definitely excited that Charge Ready helped us meet our goal of transitioning to a cleaner fleet," said Solache, who is himself an EV owner. "At the time, it was also exciting to be able to provide our residents with one of the few public charging sites in the area."

Joining the panel with Solache was Walter Marquez, interim CEO of Fairplex, where SCE helped to install 200 ports at the 487-acre



site that hosts the Los Angeles County Fair and 400 other events throughout the year.

"Being an early adopter, we are now actually able to help others who are contemplating expanding their infrastructure through Charge Ready, and we appreciate that partnership with SCE," Marquez said. "We know that electric vehicles and charging are very much a part of what California is going to be in the future and where it's headed now."

SCE also helped the city of Long Beach install 102 ports at five sites, including the Aquarium of the Pacific, The Pike Outlets, City Place, the city's fleet services yard and the Long Beach Police Academy.

"The best part of participating in Charge Ready is being able to provide a benefit to both our public and our

fleet," said April Walker, project management officer with the city. "Transitioning fleet vehicles to zero-emission and electric is a benefit because you're reducing the emissions that go right back into these communities."

Walker added that Long Beach would not have been able to achieve the expansion envisioned in its citywide EV charging network program without Charge Ready's assistance.

SCE will continue to focus on providing charging infrastructure at workplaces, public parking lots, schools, hospitals and destination centers, with an added emphasis on condominium and apartment complexes.

In the interest of making EV charging available to all Californians, Charge Ready sets a target to locate 50% of the chargers in state-designated disadvantaged communities, or economically-impacted communities that suffer most from the negative effects of air pollution.

In addition to Charge Ready for passenger EVs, SCE launched a program last year for larger trucks, buses and off-road industrial equipment called Charge Ready Transport, which aims to add charging to support at least 8,490 medium- and heavy-duty EVs over a five-year period. The \$356 million program is also modeled after the Charge Ready pilot.

Low-cost vet services offered in Norwalk

NORWALK – Local residents are invited to bring their dogs and cats to Norwalk City Hall on Friday for low-cost vaccinations and veterinary services.

Rabies vaccinations will be available for \$9. Other services include physical exams, microchipping, nail trimming, prescription flea control, and diagnostic testing.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

Pet licensing will also take place on site. Residents should bring their renewal notices.

Veterinary services will be provided by VetCare Pet Clinic. For a complete list of veterinary services and pricing, visit vetcarepetclinic.com or call (800) 988-8387.

The clinic is July 16 from 3-7 pm at Norwalk City Hall.

Swap books at Furman Park

DOWNEY – Residents are invited to participate in a "book drop or swap" at Furman Park on Saturday, July 31.

Between 8 am and 7 pm, residents are invited to drop off and/or trade books of all genres, including books for kids and young adults, fiction, nonfiction, self-help, cookbooks, magazines, textbooks and comic books.

Leftover books will be donated to local micro libraries and the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

Rental prices climb 5-10%

DOWNEY – The median rental price for a one-bedroom apartment in Downey has increased 5% from a year ago, according to an analysis by Zumper.

Prices for studio apartments are rising, according to the report.

Over the past month, the average rent for a studio apartment in Downey increased by 10% to \$1,375.

ICE will no longer detain pregnant women

DOWNEY – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced that it will no longer detain or arrest people known to be pregnant, postpartum, or nursing, unless release is prohibited by law or "exceptional circumstances exist," officials announced.

Downey Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, chairwoman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, issued the following statement in response to ICE's announcement:

"I am thrilled that with President Biden in office, long-overdue action is being taken to address this critical issue," she said. Since becoming Chairwoman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, and as co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Maternity Caucus, I have been very concerned about the negative impact of immigration detention on pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, and I have urged ICE to take measures to protect them. Each year, I have included bill and report language in my subcommittee's annual funding legislation to achieve those goals.

"ICE should not detain individuals who are not flight risks and pose no threat to public safety or national security, and that is particularly the case for new and expectant mothers."

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Help is on the way with the expanded Child Tax Credit

By Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

Thankfully, since President Joe Biden was sworn into office in January, more than three million jobs have been created and unemployment claims have been drastically reduced. With over 150 million Americans now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and more than 330 million shots administered nationwide, we are beginning to return to our life as we knew it. And I'm thrilled to report even more help is here as we continue to Build Back Better for the American people.

Thanks to the passage of President Biden's American Rescue Plan, which I proudly voted to support, as of July 15 and through the remainder of 2021, nearly all hardworking families with children will have begun to receive monthly Child Tax Credit payments of up to \$250 per month per child ages 6-17 and up to \$300 per month for every young child under 6 years old.

In our 40th Congressional District, that means 55,400 households will receive an average benefit of \$3,400. This benefit will cover a stunning 96.3%, or 204,000 of our District's children, lift 26,600 children out of poverty, including 8,700 children under the age of six, and lift 9,600 children out of deep poverty.

I am proud that the basis for expanding the Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan was a study by the National Academy of Science (NAS) I commissioned with my colleague Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13) as

part of our years of work to address child poverty. This study found that an expanded Child Tax Credit would be an integral solution for reducing child poverty nationwide.

The NAS study gave my colleague Rep. Rosa DeLauro's (CT-3) Child Tax Credit bill, which she has worked on for years, the credibility it needed to be included in the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

As a mother and grandmother who has met with so many parents in our district struggling to make ends meet and provide for their children, I'm elated that these historic changes in the expanded Child Tax Credit will now offer a lifeline to them and most working- and middle-class families throughout our nation.

The expanded Child Tax Credit will put badly needed dollars in the pockets of families for food, childcare, gas to get to work, and other necessities they need to ensure their children can have a healthier and brighter future.

An important fact: the Child Tax Credit is designed to be nontaxable income - so it will not impact a family's eligibility for benefits like Medicaid, SNAP/Food Stamps, TANF, and others.

Who qualifies for the credit? Nearly all families who filed tax returns in 2019 or 2020 with one or more children ages birth to 17, or who signed up to receive a relief payment from the IRS, will automatically receive

payments with no further action required.

Families who were not required to file a tax return for 2020 and who qualify for the credit must go online and use the IRS Child Tax Credit Non-Filer Sign Up Tool, available at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>. If this applies to you, I encourage you to sign up today.

I'm also excited that in addition to the expanded Child Tax Credit, even more help is on the way as we continue to Build Back Better by passing President Biden's legislation to create jobs, grow our economy, and build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous America for everyone.

However, everyone must be vaccinated if our nation is to recover fully from the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, especially with the threat of the new and more dangerous Delta variant and others. If you have not already done so, I strongly encourage you to get vaccinated - not only to help prevent the spread of the deadly COVID virus and its variants, but to protect yourself, your family, and your friends.

May you and yours stay safe and healthy. Please know you can always count on me to work on your behalf in Washington, D.C.

Lucille Roybal-Allard is a Congresswoman representing California's District 40, which includes Downey.

The day Cubans lost their fear

By Javier Corrales

Cubans unexpectedly took to the streets on Sunday. Tens of thousands were chanting for freedom and food. It is hard to imagine a more succinct diagnosis of the problem with Latin America's oldest dictatorship.

For more than six decades, the Cuban regime has denied its people the basic building blocks of the human spirit and body. Of course, the U.S. embargo that's been in place nearly as long doesn't help. Government restrictions on the tiny private sector hurt Cubans even more. Businesses, including grocery stores and restaurants, are barred from taking out bank loans or engaging in trade. Food has always been rationed, and now with the pandemic, restrictions are even stricter.

While the complaints are not new, there was something new about Sunday's demonstrations: their spread.

The protests broke out en masse, spontaneously, across the country, including in rural towns.

In the past, protests were limited to small groups, mostly in the capital, Havana. Ordinary Cubans, even those who were angry, knew better than to get too close to protesters - physically or politically. Any expression of solidarity with any form of dissent is just too risky. Losing your job is common. Getting arrested is typical.

On Sunday, however, it seemed that this collective "fear of joining" vanished. Solidarity trumped Cuba's fend-for-yourself mentality.

The government responded as it has with previous protests, with a call for "battle." The president, Miguel Diaz-Canel, sent out security forces to quash the protests. He also called on Communist citizens to "defend" the revolution.

The closest thing to Sunday's protests Cuba had experienced in the recent past was the "Maleconazo" of 1994, when hundreds of Cubans gathered in Havana's famous seaside esplanade, the Malecón, to protest the economic depression known as the "special period."

The triggers behind the two protests are similar. Today, as in 1994, Cuba is suffering because of upheaval in its main financial supporter and supplier of oil - the former Soviet Union back then; Venezuela since 2016. Power failures are as common today as they were in the early 1990s. Today, as in 1994, the country has endured a five-year-long economic contraction.

In addition, a year before the Maleconazo, the Cuban state announced market-oriented reforms that were too limited, so most Cubans could not benefit from them. In early 2021, the Cuban regime introduced additional changes - and once again, they were too timid and benefited only well-connected Cubans. By now, Cubans know these measures mean that a few privileged people will make money while the rest will get nothing.

But Sunday's protests happened in a vastly different Cuba from the Cuba of the 1990s. Cellphones and Wi-Fi are now available. Cubans were able to share in real time the demonstrations breaking out across the country.

The first protest erupted in the city of San Antonio de los Baños, near Havana. Protesters posted videos on Facebook Live, including clips of how security forces were trying to quell the demonstrations. That's when protests exploded in towns and cities across the island. Ordinary Cubans, many of whom tend to be apolitical, apparently decided to join.

The government couldn't block the videos on Facebook Live, so it blocked access to social media sites. Nonetheless, the protests continue.

Another difference is the pandemic. In Cuba, the coronavirus outbreak unmasked the decay of the public health system, with too few hospital beds and too many doctors abroad, often against their will, working for the state's medical missions. Some 26.4 percent of the population has been vaccinated.

Cubans may also be feeling braver now that the much-feared Castro brothers are gone: Fidel Castro died in 2016 and his brother Raúl fully retired from leadership positions in April. Or maybe, the risks are still the

same, but Cubans are feeling a bit more emboldened.

They may also be drawing inspiration from Latin America, where protests have exploded since 2019. Closer to home, the San Isidro Movement, a group of artists with a strong Afro-descendant representation, has been protesting since late last year against the state's crackdown on artistic freedoms.

That movement gave rise to a Cuban hip-hop song called "Patria y Vida," or "Homeland and Life," a play on Fidel Castro's slogan "Homeland or Death." With more than four million views on YouTube, the song has emerged as the rallying cry of the demonstrations, not just in Cuba but around Latin America and in Spain and the United States. Whether the inspiration is international or local, there is new courage and hopefulness in the air.

Is the regime in danger? Hardly. The government has perfected, and indeed exported, the art of Communist repression to great effect. It is a combination of Soviet-modeled security forces, vigilante neighborhood committees and government-sponsored thugs disguised as civilians.

Sunday's protests nonetheless may be a turning point. In the past, the regime needed only to apply repression surgically. Fear was pervasive and kept everyone at home.

But as so many Cubans chanted on Sunday, "We are no longer afraid."

It's too early to tell what happens next. More arrests and intimidation will likely follow in the coming days, and the protests' energy may dissipate.

Still, the protesters have spoken loud and clear. With more freedoms they can build a stronger nation; with more food, they can survive and lead healthier lives. "Patria y vida," that's all they want.

Javier Corrales is chair of the political science department at Amherst College and author of the book "Fixing Democracy."

Yes on school choice but with parental involvement

By Larry Elder

Question my sanity, but I'm considering running in this election to recall California's Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom. Here's a big reason why.

No one doubts that bad K-12 public school teachers exist. There is a phenomenon known as the "turkey trot," in which bad teachers wind up in the worst schools.

Why? There is a connection between bad schools and lack of parental involvement. When you have strong parental involvement, parents pressure their schools to remove such teachers. Because of strong, protective teachers unions, these teachers are rarely fired, merely shuffled from school to school, until they land in one where few parents complain.

And while the vast majority of teachers do not fall into that "bad" category, look at where public school teachers send their own school-age children. Nationwide, approximately 10% of kids attend private school. Six percent of Black kids do so. But more than 20% of public school teachers send their own kids to private schools.

A 2004 study by the Fordham Institute found that 44% of Philadelphia public school teachers send their kids to private schools. In Cincinnati

and Chicago, 41% and 39% of public school teachers, respectively, put their own school-age children in private school.

In Baltimore, in 2017, there were 13 public high schools where 0% of students could do math at grade level, with another half a dozen Baltimore public high schools where only 1% could do so. So, it is hardly a surprise that Fordham's study found 35% of Baltimore public school teachers with school-age kids placed them in private school. In San Francisco it was 34%, and New York-Northeastern New Jersey was 33%. In Los Angeles, nearly 25% of public school teachers sent their kids to private school, versus 16% of Angelenos who did so.

For this reason, school choice has never polled higher. A June 2021 RealClear Opinion Research poll found support for school choice at 74% among registered voters. This includes 83% of Republicans, 69% of independents and 70% of Democrats who strongly or somewhat support school choice. In April 2020, support for choice was 64%.

Tommy Schultz, CEO of the American Federation for Children, said: "Public support for school choice is at an all-time high. And, as the nation recovers from unprecedented, nationwide school closures, a new story is unfolding. Parents are rising up and demanding the freedom to choose the best educational environment for their children. ... Already in 2021, seventeen states have passed legislation to improve, expand, or create new school choice programs."

School choice is not a panacea, especially without strong parental involvement. Studies show that Black kids spend less time doing homework than Hispanic kids, less time on homework than white kids and much less time on homework than Asian American kids. Economist Walter Williams told me, "If you don't have someone in your household to make sure that you do your homework and to insist that you go to bed on time, the school you attend will not make a whole lot of difference."

When I was in elementary and middle school, several classmates were Asian American, most of Chinese or Japanese descent. They all told me the same thing. If they got a B - they rarely got a grade lower than that - their parents told them they did not work hard enough. If they got an A, their parents told them the test was too easy. Their parents did not accept the notion often heard from my Black classmates, that so-and-so is "just not good in math." The parents of my Asian American classmates believed that in academics, as athletic coaches say, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

School choice benefits children of parents who preach that education and hard work are key to upward mobility. School choice will be of little benefit to the kids of parents who do not.

Please let me know your thoughts about my possible candidacy at LarryAElder@gmail.com. We've got a state to save.

Larry Elder is a bestselling author and nationally syndicated radio talk show host. His latest book, "The New Trump Standard," is available in paperback from Amazon.com

Love thy neighbor

Dear Editor:

My husband and I would like to recognize and thank a woman who walks in the early morning hours along Downey Avenue near Alameda. This humble and selfless lady walks with a pick up stick picking up litter along her route each day.

I'm sure she has no idea that anyone even noticed her good deed but independent of one another we both had and we both say Thank You!

What a beautiful example of love thy neighbor.

To those who discard their garbage on our streets, in our neighborhoods and among parking spots in our shopping centers, please put your litter in its place. This beautiful lady deserves to take a walk without having to clean up after others.

Each person should emulate the example and love this lady has for her neighborhood and her neighbors.

Pam Gomez Downey

Early education

Dear Editor:

In regards to "Free community college would make our workers smarter -- and our country richer," (7/8/21).

The author does make a valid point. The education of our children should be bipartisan. However, we need to start much earlier in life.

Let's look at high school graduation rates. They range anywhere from 75% to 94%. The US currently ranks 13th in reading, 18th in science, and 37th in math. Why aren't we focusing on giving our children a chance to succeed in community colleges, universities and life?

According to Community College Review in 2020, 13% graduate in 2 years, 22% in 3 years, and 28% in 4 years. Why don't those who claim to be for the children push for school choice and charter schools? Why don't they push to put shop/technical classes back into high schools? What are they afraid of? What are the teacher's unions afraid of?

The majority of minority parents want school choice. They see how the schools are failing them. While free (nothing is free) community college sounds good, it also sounds like pandering.

Let's focus on early education and giving American students a quality education from the start. Maybe if we did that, our rankings would improve and maybe our "workers would be smarter and our country richer."

Jeff Caudill Downey

Gay rights

Dear Editor:

In Kevin Morris' letter, "Manger Scene," it appears that he believes that flying the LGBTQ flag is somehow anti-Christian. His suggestion that supporting a manger scene is an appropriate response to flying a gay Pride flag implies his false belief that one cannot be Christian and also gay.

It is statements like these that continue to feed church-sponsored conversion programs and other discriminatory actions. With all the churches in Downey, we could have a manger at every single one, but a gay pride flag is not a religious statement, it is a human right.

Comparing gay rights with religious freedom, as Morris does, is not inclusive and frankly not very Christian.

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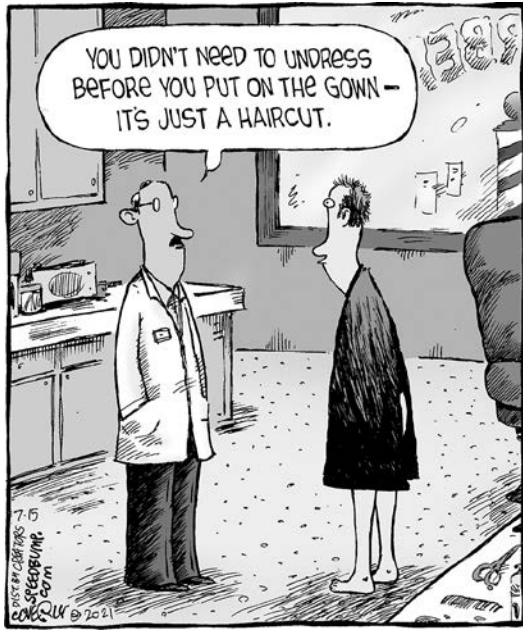
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Downey Community Calendar

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.
 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 William Medina 413-3447.
 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 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 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., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 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 Cheryl 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 Cities of Downey, at Barbara 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 Barbara 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.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 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.
 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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Short Story: My Kool Parents

By Yolanda Reyna

I was 16 years old when I puffed my first cigarette. I enjoyed watching my parents smoke. They looked so cool. Their brand of cigarettes was, of course, Kool. My “kool” parents!

My mother would have me light her cigarettes on the stove burner. This is how I was introduced to smoking.

“Hello, cigarette!” I’d get the cigarette, light it on the burner, glance over my shoulders (making sure there was no one around), take a quick puff, gag, cough, and wonder “What are they getting out of this awful stick?”

Time went on and, as my mother would have me light her cigarettes, I continued to take that puff, hoping to get some pleasure out of it—or at least try to look cool like her.

My father’s routine of ingesting nicotine was to light up when he used the bathroom, and the matches were usually left there. That gave me a chance to practice smoking in the bathroom since smoke was still lingering in the air. When my mother didn’t have me light her cigarettes, I started stealing some from the packs that sat freely on the dresser in their bedroom.

I would wait for my father to leave the bathroom and, while my mother tended to her kitchen duties, I would sneak a cigarette and rush to the bathroom and light up. Taking that puff time and time again, trying my best to get some pleasure from it, really weighed heavily on me. Eventually, I did get the hang of it, but by then I was exhausted, beat and worn out—or “all puffed out.”

I had become a smoker—or at least I thought I had—looking so cool in the bathroom, smoking cigarette after cigarette taken from my parents. I could not purchase cigarettes on my own so I took advantage by taking theirs.

The following year, when my 17th birthday came around, my father waltzed up to me, wished me a “happy birthday,” tossed me a pack of Kool cigarettes, and said, “Here! Stop smoking mine!”

Little did I know I would become addicted to this awful stick for 17 years. Thankfully, I kicked the habit 29 years ago.

“Goodbye, cigarette!”

Yolanda Reyna is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.



Halloween Horror Nights returning with new mazes

Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights will return in September with all-new mazes, including some inspired by the critically-acclaimed Netflix series “The Haunting of Hill House.”

The series follows members of the Crain family who are haunted by long-dormant fears stemming from their time living in the menacing Hill House as children.

Iconic scenes from the series will be featured throughout the mazes, including the Red Room and the infamous Hall of Statues.

Apparitions will appear around every corner, from William Hill -- The Tall Man, whose towering stature overwhelms everyone he encounters; to The Ghost in the Basement, who feverishly crawls throughout the bowels of the House in search of his next victim; to The Bent-Neck Lady, whose disturbing scream and ghostly appearance invokes a constant state of unnerving dread.

Halloween Horror Nights opens Sept. 9 and runs select nights through Halloween.

Short Story: My Pity Party



By Yolanda Adele

“Welcome to my Pity Party. I had a feeling you two would be the first to arrive. Come in, Moan and Groan.”

“Are you kidding, we wouldn’t miss it for a funeral,” said Groan with her usual creaking voice. “My, don’t you look perfectly pathetic in your black and gray jammies. But tell us Soledad, what’s the occasion?”

“I’m approaching my seventieth birthday and I have forgotten how to enjoy life. All my fun friends are too busy for me.”

“You poor thing,” said Moan painfully. “But at least you have us.”

Just then the doorbell rang; I opened the door to find Misery. She was wearing her old wedding dress that she dyed black. Behind her were Sadness, Pain, Anger, and Fear.

“Come in, the others are here.”

“Good, let the binging begin,” Misery commanded. She handed me bags of cookies, potato chips, and chocolate candy, as they all marched in like gagging geese.

“What, no alcohol?” I was disappointed.

“Afraid not,” someone shouted, “Booze makes you giddy and after all, this party is not exactly about having fun, right?”

Of course, she was right. I had invited my friends over to indulge me in my self pity, to cheer me on as I vented, to eat comfort food with me and to tell me everything I wanted to hear.

I turned on the CD player to some pre-selected songs: “Are You Lonesome Tonight,” “One is the Loneliest Number,” “Cry Me a River,” “You’re Nobody Until Somebody Loves You,” “Losing Faith,” any song that could make you feel like throwing yourself off a cliff. Then I strewed a variety of tissue boxes around the coffee table.

I took a place on the couch with my guests. Everyone was sympathetic to me, at first,

saying how I deserve better and how unfair it is that I’m under appreciated, that I had good reason to be depressed.

The conversation shifted when Moan and Groan went on and on for what seemed like eons about their little aches and pains and those of their dogs and cats, and that of their neighbors down the street. Misery chimed in about the state of the world’s poverty and squalor and how happiness is just an illusion anyway.

Sadness began to cry. Anger told everyone to shut up! Fear put her hands over her ears and trembled, her lips quivered so that she was unable to verbalize her anxiety. “Hey!” I growled through clenched teeth. “This party is for me!”

“Of course, it is dear, but your problems are minor, low in severity compared to those of the world.”

Anger got up and began to shout at me. “You are self-centered and don’t give a fig about anybody else.”

“That’s because it’s my pity party! Not any of yours!”

Sadness and Fear got on their feet and said they were leaving. Sadness added that she should not have come because of her seasonal affective disorder, due to lack of sunshine.

“Well, you can all leave,” I announced, “I can eat junk food, listen to sad songs, watch tear-jerker movies all by myself.”

With that they all marched out in a huff, slamming the door behind them. I sank in to the couch feeling rejected. I hoped, but I doubted, that my drugs of choice, chocolate, ice cream and popcorn could save me from this deep state of gloominess.

The doorbell rang. I didn’t have the energy to get myself up until I recognized a familiar voice. It was Jacqui from my memoirs group.

“Open up, Child, it’s cold out here, and I brought two friends with me that I think you should meet.” Reluctantly, I dragged myself up and shuffled to the front door and cracked it open.

“Hi, Jacqui, I’m sorry but I’m not such good company tonight.” All the while I’m thinking: I didn’t invite her to my pity party, why is she here?

“Don’t worry, my friends are very good company.” I looked over at the two women with her, each had angelic smiles. Jacqui, with an angelic smile of her own, introduced them as Hope and Faith.

Hope spoke first. She was upbeat, effervescent. “Hi, Soledad, we have come to help you find your authentic self.”

“Okay, you can come in, but how are we going to accomplish such a task, I don’t know.”

“Take a leap with me,” said Faith. “Soon you will recognize the woman you forgot you were. Jacqui has told us of all the lovely scrapbooks you have made. Let’s look through those pages of all the people, pets, and places you love.”

“You will find yourself when you have revisited your many blessings and talents,” added Hope.

“Yes!” said Jacqui enthusiastically. “Then we will put together a gratitude journal. I’ll make us some tea. It’s bound to be a long night. And we are going to have us some fun!”

With my spirits rallied, I trusted and believed her.

Thus, was the beginning of my unique party with Jacqui and my extraordinary new friends, and luminous moments, where I learned to breathe deeply the fragrance of contentment, and to appreciate that I’m really too blessed to be depressed. Truly, my party was even more unique than I could have imagined.

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Obituaries

Jovenel Moïse, controversial president of Haiti

Jovenel Moïse, the president of Haiti since 2017, died July 7 in an assassination attack at his home in Pétiion-Ville, Haiti at the age of 53.

Prior to his political career, Moïse was a businessman whose projects included a water plant and a banana plantation. The election that brought him to the presidency was a controversial one, with some calling the results fraudulent.

During his presidency, Moïse instituted some necessary reforms, including an update to the penal code. But some protested what they called corruption and an overreach of power, as Moïse sought to strengthen the powers of the presidency.

The election that brought Moïse to power was postponed, and many believed his presidency should have ended in February 2021, though he asserted that his tenure continued for an additional year due to the postponed election.

Moïse's time in office was also marked with protests against rising fuel prices and economic instability in Haiti.

Terry Donahue, UCLA's winningest football coach

Terry Donahue, the head football coach at UCLA from 1976 to 1996, with more wins than any other coach in the team's history, died July 4 at his home in Newport Beach of cancer. He was 77.

A Los Angeles native, Donahue walked on as a defensive lineman at UCLA in 1965 and started on the school's first Rose Bowl championship team that same season as the Bruins upset top-ranked Michigan State. Eleven years later he took over as head coach at 31 years old after serving as an assistant under Pepper Rodgers and Dick Vermeil.

The Bruins won seven straight bowl games from 1982-88 under Donahue, a span that included three Rose Bowl victories. Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman led the last two of UCLA's bowl victories during that streak.

Donahue finished his career at UCLA with five straight wins over crosstown rival USC. He retired in 1995 to take a broadcasting job with CBS, a decision he later described as premature. His stretch of success at UCLA was unprecedented in the program and hasn't been approached since.

Donahue was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000. He worked seven seasons in the San Francisco 49ers front office, including a five-year stint as general manager from 2001-05.

Donahue is survived by his wife Andrea, daughters Nicole, Michele and Jennifer and 10 grandchildren.

Charlie Robinson, actor starred in 'Night Court'

Charlie Robinson, an actor best known for starring as Mac, the clerk of the court on the 1980s and '90s sitcom "Night Court," died July 11 at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center of cardiac arrest with multisystem organ failure due to septic shock and metastatic adenocarcinoma at the age of 75.

Robinson's "Night Court" character, Mac, was known for his level-headedness in a court filled with wacky antics – and for his regular outfit of a plaid shirt with a cardigan and necktie.

Before taking his most famous role on "Night Court," Robinson co-starred on the 1983 sitcom "Buffalo Bill" as well as appearing in movies including "Sugar Hill" (1974) and "Gray Lady Down" (1978).

After "Night Court," he had roles on TV in sitcoms including "Love & War," "Home Improvement," "Hart of Dixie," and "Mom." Robinson also made many guest appearances on shows including "Hill Street Blues," "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," "How I Met Your Mother," and "30 Rock."

Robinson was also a stage actor who starred in productions of "Fences," "The Whipping Man," and "Death of a Salesman."

Raffella Carrà, Italian pop star and film actress

Raffaella Carrà, an Italian pop star best known in the U.S. for co-starring with Frank Sinatra in the 1965 film "Von Ryan's Express," died July 5 at age 78.

Carrà began acting in films when she was a child, and she attended Italy's national film school. As she was becoming a popular ingenue in Italian films, she moved to the U.S. and co-starred with Sinatra in the World War II escape film "Von Ryan's Express."

Carrà guest starred in an episode of "I Spy" before returning to Italy, where she became a major star as she hosted the 1970s variety show "Canzonissima."

She became known for daring moves like baring her midriff on TV, the first Italian woman to do so, and singing the 1976 hit song "A Far l'Amore Comincia Tu" ("Be the One Initiating Sex"), advocating for women to make their wishes known to their lovers. Carrà's other popular songs include "Tuca Tuca" and "Tanti Auguri" ("Best Wishes").

In later years, she began recording songs in Spanish and moved to Buenos Aires, where she became a star of the Spanish-language audience.

Sanford Clark, rockabilly singer recorded 'The Fool'

Sanford Clark, a rockabilly singer and guitarist known for his 1956 hit song, "The Fool," died July 4 in Joplin, Missouri of COVID-19 at the age of 85.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force in the South Pacific, Clark met songwriter Lee Hazlewood and recorded his song, "The Fool." Clark had a No. 7 hit with the song, and it was later covered by artists including Elvis Presley.

Nine years later, Clark rerecorded "The Fool" with Waylon Jennings featured on guitar. Clark followed "The Fool" with a minor hit in 1957, "The Cheat."

His other songs included "Son of a Gun," "It's Nothing to Me," and "Houston."

In later years, Clark left the music business and worked in construction, then formed the record label Desert Sun Records, where he occasionally recorded.

Matiss Kivlenieks, goalie with Columbus Blue Jackets

Matiss Kivlenieks, a goaltender with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets, died July 4 of injuries sustained in a fireworks accident at the age of 24.

A native of Latvia, Kivlenieks began playing in the Latvian Higher Hockey League before coming to the U.S. in 2013 to play for junior hockey leagues.

He signed with the Blue Jackets in 2017 but started out with their AHL affiliate, the Cleveland Monsters. In 2020, he made his NHL debut with the Blue Jackets.

Kivlenieks was also a member of the Latvian National Team and was their starting goaltender in 2021, helping lead them to a memorable victory against Canada.

A moment of silence was held for Kivlenieks prior to Game 4 of the Stanley Cup on Monday between Tampa Bay and Montreal.

Richard Donner, directed 'The Goonies' and 'Superman'

Richard Donner, a filmmaker who directed popular movies including "Superman," "The Goonies," and the "Lethal Weapon" series, died July 5 at age 91.

After a brief acting career, Donner began directing TV episodes and made his film directing debut with 1961's "X-15." His first big success was with "The Omen" (1976), the classic horror movie about the Antichrist as a boy.

He followed "The Omen" with "Superman" (1978), reviving the superhero genre with a movie popular with audiences and critics.

After tensions arose while he was directing "Superman II" (1980), Donner was fired from the film and went uncredited in the theatrical release. But he rebounded, directing "The Toy" in 1982, as the cult classic "The Goonies" and the fantasy film "Ladyhawke" in 1985.

With "Lethal Weapon" in 1987, Donner presented a likeable buddy cop film that he said succeeded because its scenes of violence weren't bloody: "Sure, there were a lot of deaths, but they died like they died in westerns," he told the New York Times in an interview. "They were shot with bullets; they weren't dismembered."

He went on to direct three sequels to "Lethal Weapon." Donner's other films included "Scrooged" (1988), "Conspiracy Theory" (1997), and his final film, "16 Blocks" (2006).

Suzanne Douglas, actress starred in 'The Parent 'Hood'

Suzanne Douglas, a veteran actress with four decades of stage and screen work to her credit, has died of complications of cancer. She was 64.

Family members confirmed her death on Facebook but did not reveal the date she died.

Douglas was born in Chicago and raised in public housing, along with three siblings, by her single mother, Essence reported. She developed a passion for the arts at a young age, and earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, as well as a master's in music from the Manhattan School of Music.

She appeared on Broadway — in "Into the Woods," "Threepenny Opera" and "The Tap Dance Kid" — throughout the 1980s before segueing into films and television full time.

The actress was perhaps best-known as matriarch Jerri Peterson on the WB sitcom "The Parent 'Hood," in which she starred opposite Robert Townsend, 64, from 1995-1999.

Douglas earned an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture for 1989's "Tap," going on to star in a string of high-profile films including the 2003 hit "School of Rock." In 2015, she portrayed gospel legend Cissy Houston in a Whitney Houston biopic — directed by her "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" co-star Angela Bassett — on the Lifetime network.

She also was a frequent guest star on top TV series, including "Bull," "Bones," "The Good Wife," "Law and Order: Criminal Intent," "NYPD Blue" and many more.

She most recently appeared in the acclaimed 2019 Netflix miniseries "When They See Us," which earned two Emmy awards.

Daniel Mickelson, rising TV star and fashion designer

Rising actor and model Daniel Mickelson died on July 4 at age 23, sparking an outpouring of emotional tributes from young Hollywood.

A cause of death has not yet been revealed for the Atlanta native, but his passing was announced on Instagram Monday night by his younger sister, fashion model Meredith Mickelson.

"My heart is shattered & to write this feels so wrong and I don't even know what to say," wrote the bereaved sibling. "Yesterday I lost my brother, best friend & the other half of my heart."

Mickelson is perhaps best known for his roles in the 2017 TV show "Mani" and the indie horror flick "The Killer Clown Meets the Candy Man." Not just an actor, the budding fashion designer had also announced the launch of his own clothing line back in January.

Patrick Schwarzenegger, 27, an actor and the son of action movie icon Arnold Schwarzenegger, expressed his condolences under the tribute, writing: "Praying for you."

Paris Hilton, 40, chimed in: "So sad to hear this. RIP."

Matima Miller, popular TikTok influencer

Matima Miller, the dancing TikTok star better known as Babyface.S, died July 5. He was 19.

The Delaware-based teen's passing was confirmed Tuesday by authorities, who said he was fatally shot in broad daylight in the Southbridge neighborhood of Wilmington.

Miller had over 2.3 million followers on TikTok, where his username was @babyface.s. — but fans knew him by his nickname, Swavy.

The teen regularly posted dancing videos, paintball sessions, memes and comedy bits, accumulating nearly 100 million likes on the platform as of Tuesday morning. He boasted another 401,000 followers on Instagram as @oneway.swavy.

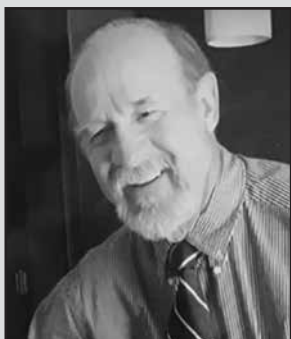
Miller's family posted on his Instagram page to say they're working "to get justice for Swavy."

They added that "due to legality," they can't share much information about events surrounding his murder.

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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 than 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).

The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021141285

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MARBELLA INSURANCE, 8856 LINDELL AVE APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAURICIO GONZALEZ, 8856 LINDELL AVE APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90240 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/MAURICIO GONZALEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 23, 2021
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 than 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
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another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021146510

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **VIRTUOS ASSISTANT, 1538 SOUTH MCBRIDE AVE, COMMERCE CA 90040, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAISY CARRILLO, 1538 SOUTH MCBRIDE AVE, COMMERCE CA 90040 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/DAISY CARRILLO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 29, 2021
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 than 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
7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021143527

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WRIGHT CARPENTRY, 370 GRAND AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90814, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANU RAY, 370 GRAND AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90814 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: 09/2017
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/ANU RAY, PRESIDENT/OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 25, 2021
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 than 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
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another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021137600

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ROOTER SERVICE (2) AM PLUMBING AND ROOTER, 12346 AVALON RD, WHITTIER CA 90601, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AURELIO MURO, 12346 AVALON RD, WHITTIER CA 90601 (2) OLIVIA MACIAS, 12346 AVALON RD, WHITTIER CA 90601 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2020
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/OLIVIA MACIAS, OWNER, OLIVIA MACIAS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 21, 2021
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 than 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).

The Downey Patriot
7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21, 8/5/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021137598

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **AM PLUMBING, 12346 AVALON RD, WHITTIER CA 90601, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 66, WHITTIER CA 90608** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AURELIO MURO, 12346 AVALON RD, WHITTIER CA 90601 (2) OLIVIA MACIAS, 12346 AVALON RD, WHITTIER CA 90601 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2020
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/OLIVIA MACIAS, OWNER, OLIVIA MACIAS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 21, 2021
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The Downey Patriot
7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21, 8/5/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021130439

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LA PALOMA RESTAURANT, 1316 E DUARTE RD, DUARTE CA 91010, LA COUNTY, 2132 S ROSS ST, SANTA ANA CA 92707** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4683628 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) D & M CORPORATION, 2132 S ROSS ST, SANTA ANA CA 92707 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: 05/2021
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/D & M CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, MA OLGA SANDOVAL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 10, 2021
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 than 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
6/24/21, 7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021130874

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RARE FIT, 2934 1/2 BEVERLY GLEN CIRCLE, #507, LOS ANGELES CA 90077, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AFRIKA CHAO LLC, 2934 1/2 BEVERLY GLEN CIRCLE, #507, LOS ANGELES CA 90077 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021
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/AFRIKA CHAO LLC, MANAGER, AFRIKA CHAO
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The Downey Patriot
6/24/21, 7/1/21, 7/8/21, 7/15/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021143957

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **OH MY POP, 13514 HALEY AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALMA VANNESA RAMIREZ, 13514 HALEY AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605 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: 09/2020
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/ALMA VANNESA RAMIREZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 25, 2021
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7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021130281

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **REDWOOD ROOM, 3131 W 170TH STREET, TORRANCE CA 90504, LA COUNTY, 9041 AERO DR., PICO RIVERA CA 90660** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TEA.N.D INCORPORATED, 3131 W 170TH STREET, TORRANCE CA 90504 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/TEA.N.D INCORPORATED, PRESIDENT, DAVID IBARRA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 9, 2021
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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 than 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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7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for the Lakewood Boulevard at Imperial Highway Intersection Improvement Project
City of Downey
Capital Improvement Project No. 19-08

This serves as the City of Downey's (City) Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Lakewood Boulevard at Imperial Highway Intersection Improvement Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Lakewood Boulevard at Imperial Highway Intersection Improvement Project

Project Location: Regionally, the project site is located in the southeastern portion of the City, within the County of Los Angeles. Locally, the project site is the intersection of Lakewood Boulevard at Imperial Highway.

Lead Agency: City of Downey, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California 90241

Project Description: The proposed project involves roadway widening to provide additional left turn lanes in the eastbound and westbound directions on Imperial Highway and the relocation of the existing exclusive right-turn lane on Imperial Highway in the eastbound direction, pavement reconstruction, traffic signal modification and utility relocations to the existing Lakewood Boulevard at Imperial Highway intersection within the City of Downey. The project area includes the Lakewood Boulevard at Imperial Highway intersection and approximately 110 feet to 420 feet of all four roadway approaches. Partial right-of-way acquisition will be required on the south side of Imperial Highway in order to provide the necessary street width for the additional turn lanes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council, pursuant to law, will conduct a public hearing at its regular City Council meeting on a future date to be determined at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California, to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration. To confirm the date and time of the meeting, please check the City's website: <http://www.downeyca.org>. The MND is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the

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- Ability to lift 50lbs unassisted

Work Location: South Gate, CA

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as part of California Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

For questions regarding the MND or to submit your written comments contact:

NAME: Mr. Edwin J. Norris, P.E.
PHONE: (562) 904-7110
TITLE: Deputy Director of Public Works
EMAIL: enorris@downeyca.org
ADDRESS: City of Downey, Department of Public Works
11111 Brookshire Avenue,
Downey, CA 90241

The Downey Patriot 7/15/21

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

On July 13, 2021 the City Council of the City of Downey introduced the following Ordinance:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey, California approving the issuance and sale of Bonds by the Downey Public Financing Authority to finance Measure M and Measure R (transportation) projects, authorizing the execution and delivery of Pledge Agreements, Bond Purchase Agreements and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate and the preparation of an Official Statement, and authorizing and directing certain other matters related thereto.

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

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk
July 15, 2021

The Downey Patriot 7/15/21

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00216

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DARREL BERNARD TAYLOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DARREL BERNARD TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) ASANTE IZEL TAYLOR

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: AUGUST 23, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312

The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90802
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
JUNE 22, 2021
MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
DARREL TAYLOR
11538 DEL AMO BOULEVARD
SUITE 288 LAKEWOOD CA 90715
(323) 713-2293
Dartreltaylor23@yahoo.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21LBCP00193

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JENNIFER KARINA ROBLES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JENNIFER KARINA ROBLES to Proposed name (1) JENNIFER KARINA STEPHENS

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: AUGUST 13, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: S27, Room: N/A

The address of the court is 275 Magnolia Ave. Long Beach, CA 90802
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
JUNE 28, 2021
JUDGE MARK C. KIM
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
JENNIFER KARINA ROBLES
300 LONG BEACH BLVD.
LONG BEACH, CA 90802
(562) 380-7185
roblesdirect@gmail.com

The Downey Patriot 7/8/21, 7/15/21, 7/22/21, 7/29/21

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE CATHERINE ALVAREZ: Pursuant to Section 11020, California Elections code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of the State of California, Los Angeles County, City of Downey, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Downey City Council Member, District 3, in the State of California, Los Angeles County, City of Downey and to demand election of a successor in that office. Council Member Alvarez has violated the trust of Downey residents in two major areas. The ground for the recall are as follows:

- 1. Ms. Alvarez violated the public trust by failing to disclose her March 12, 2014, felony welfare fraud charge, Penal Code Section 10980(c)(2) and lying under oath Penal Code Section 118(a) charges. In addition, Ms. Alvarez was convicted of misdemeanor petty theft and has a lifetime ban from entering the Michaels store at The Downey Landing.
- 2. On April 25, 2021 at 6 am, hundreds of people and vendors, including Council member Alvarez, wearing her official City Council jacket, attended an unpermitted event at Apollo Park. There were no proper permits pulled nor did they follow CDC guidelines during the pandemic.

Downey Police were called to disburse the crowd several times for disturbing the peace and several municipal code violations. The event is still under investigation by the Downey Police Department. This shows an abuse of power by an elected official.

The printed names, signatures, and residence addresses of the proponents are as follows: (The least possible number of proponents is 10, however, more than 10 may be required by law.)

- 1. Susan
- 2. Cary
- 3. Kathy
- 4. Claudia
- 5. Torres
- 6. Rafaela
- 7. George
- 8. Lynda
- 9. Violet
- 10. Thomas
- 11. Matthew
- 12. David
- 13. Robert
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- 21. Donald
- 22. Don
- 23. Felix

The original notice and proof of service will be filed with the Downey City Elections Official. Elections Code section 11023. (a) Within seven days after the filing of the notice of intention, the officer sought to be recalled may file with the elections official, or in the case of a state officer, the Secretary or State, an answer, in not more than 200 words, to the statement of the proponents. (b) If an answer is filed, the officer shall, within seven days after the filing of the notice of intention, also serve a copy of it, by personal delivery or by certified mail, on one of the proponents named in the notice of intention. (c) The answer shall be signed and shall be accompanied by the printed name and business of residence address or the officer sought to be recalled.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00221

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CARLOS ENRIQUE GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) CARLOS ENRIQUE GARCIA to Proposed name (1) IKE CARLOS GARCIA
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: AUGUST 23, 2021, 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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
JUNE 23, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
CARLOS ENRIQUE GARCIA
11538 PRUETT AVENUE
DOWNEY, CA, 90241
(562) 676-7941
Garcia099@gmail.com

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Interested persons are invited to comment on the following wireless telecommunications facility named "DOWNY 11" proposed to be constructed at 11600 Paramount Blvd., Downey, Los Angeles County, CA, and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The site consists of a proposed new 33.4' monopole. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by email to KerryWilloughby@AceEnvironmentalLLC.com. Address: 9976 Peak Lookout St., Las Vegas, NV 89178, (702) 614-4431. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the FCC

47 CFR Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C.

The Downey Patriot 7/15/21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00225

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SONIA GONZALEZ, LAWRENCE SALAZAR FOR ELIJAH SALAZAR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ELIJAH DIEGO SALAZAR to Proposed name (1) ELIJAH DIEGO GONZALEZ

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: AUGUST 25, 2021, 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
JUNE 25, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
SONIA GONZALEZ, LAWRENCE SALAZAR
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DOWNEY, CA 90241
(562) 822-5932
SONIAGOCAFE4EVER@YAHOO.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00235

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO HIROMOTO to Proposed name (1) EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE
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: SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, 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
JUNE 29, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE
7745 COOLGROVE DRIVE
DOWNEY, CA 90240
562-240-7347

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) EDWARD JOSEPH NOBUO URIBE to Proposed name (1) EDWARD JOSEPH HIROMOTO
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.

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUBEN LEYVA
Case No. 21STPB04278

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUBEN LEYVA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: FRANCIS LEYVA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FRANCIS LEYVA be appointed as

personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on AUGUST 19, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 11 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:
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L.A. County considers reversing ban on commercial cannabis

County leaders appear likely to reverse its ban on commercial marijuana.

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted this week to support a proposal by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to reconsider the current ban on commercial cannabis production and distribution in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

“It has been three long years since we decided to keep the cannabis ban in place in the unincorporated areas and a lot has changed,” said Hahn, who authored the motion Tuesday.

“We’ve seen how legalization has played out in cities in our own county and we have seen states across the country move in the direction of legalizing, taxing, and regulating cannabis. It may be time for us to join them.”

Shortly after the passage of Proposition 64, the “Adult Use of Marijuana Act,” the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors enacted a ban on the commercial production and distribution of cannabis in unincorporated areas of the county.

The ban was intended to be temporary until the county could develop and establish proper regulations.

The Board established the Office of Cannabis Management which convened a Working Group on Cannabis Regulation to develop recommendations for the board to consider.

After conducting community outreach and eight public convenings, the Working Group presented a report to the Board of Supervisors with 64 recommendations.

However, in June 2018, the Board of Supervisors chose to accept the report but not take any action to remove the cannabis ban.

At the time, Hahn said the intention was not to rush the issue and felt there were too many unanswered questions and uncertainties.



The L.A. County Board of Supervisors is reconsidering its ban on commercial marijuana.

In the three years since then, much has changed and evolved in the area of cannabis legalization, county officials said. Multiple additional states have legalized recreational cannabis and the county’s two largest cities, Los Angeles and Long Beach, are now allowing commercial cannabis.

Tuesday’s motion directs the Office of Cannabis Management to report back to the board with updated recommendations for cannabis retail, manufacturing, distribution, growth, testing, regulation, and enforcement in Los Angeles County in 120 days.

Cerritos College lands \$45M stimulus

NORWALK – Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-CA) delivered a check in the amount of \$45,287,637 to Cerritos College last week to highlight the funding the college received through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III).

HEERF III, authorized by the American Rescue Plan, provided \$39.6 billion to help institutions of higher education serve students and ensure learning continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cerritos College said funding has been utilized to provide additional financial support to students as well as additional technological enhancements to our campus.

“This historic action by Congress paves the way for our institution to allow us to emerge stronger in order to continue serving all students,” said Dr. Jose Fierro, President and Superintendent at Cerritos College. “Our region was greatly impacted by the devastation

of COVID-19, despite so much uncertainty this support has provided a beacon of hope during unprecedented times.”

“Colleges, universities, and students have faced unprecedented challenges over the last year,” said Sanchez. “As we recover from this pandemic,

we must ensure our local colleges and universities safely reopen for in-person learning while giving students the resources they need to continue their education.

“This funding, which I voted for as part of the American Rescue Plan, will do just that.”

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