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MASK MANDATE NEARS END

■ Mask requirements are expected to be lifted soon for most indoor settings.

By City News Service

DOWNEY - The number of COVID-19-positive people hospitalized in Los Angeles County dropped again Wednesday, helping move the county toward this week's anticipated lifting of its indoor mask-wearing mandate.

According to state figures, there were 907 COVID-positive patients in county hospitals as of Wednesday, down from 927 on Tuesday. Of those patients, 157 were being treated in intensive care, down from 174 the previous day.

The downward trend in hospital numbers is contributing to what is expected to be a major shift in COVID-19 response policy in the county. On Thursday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to release its weekly update of virus activity in communities across the country. Last week, that data -- which is based largely on hospital admissions and bed availability -- placed Los Angeles County in the "high" category of virus activity, meaning a continued recommendation for mask wearing.

But county Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said earlier this week that when the CDC issues its updated numbers Thursday, the county is expected to fall into the agency's medium- or low-risk category, removing the federal recommendation for masks in most indoor settings.

If that occurs, Ferrer said the county will issue a new Health Officer Order on Thursday -- taking effect Friday -- that removes the county's long-standing mandate for people to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. That move will put the county in alignment with the state, which dropped its mask mandate on Tuesday.

Mask-wearing, however, will continue to be "strongly recommended," particularly in crowded settings or while interacting with people at higher risk of severe illness from the virus.

"Despite the encouraging news, people who are unvaccinated, immunocompromised or living in low-resourced communities continue to be at higher risk and are more likely to become seriously ill and die from COVID-19," Ferrer said in a statement Wednesday. "Along with the significant protection provided by vaccines and boosters, masks add an important barrier to transmission that protects those most vulnerable from the worst outcomes."

"Therefore, Public Health, in alignment with the state, strongly recommends that individuals keep their masks on in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status, until there is less risk for those at elevated risk."

Masking will continue to be required in higher-risk settings, including health care facilities, transit centers, airports, aboard public transit, in correctional facilities and at homeless shelters and long-term care facilities.

Indoor masks also continue to be required on K-12 school campuses, although the county and state will lift that requirement on March 12.

County health officials also noted that people attending indoor mega-events of 1,000 or more people -- such as sporting events -- will still be required to show proof of COVID vaccination or a recent negative test to be admitted. Vaccine verification or a negative test will also still be required at health-care facilities and congregate-care facilities.

Downey to house nation's first H2 hydrogen home

■ The innovative home project will demonstrate resiliency and reliability of a hydrogen microgrid.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Southern California Gas Company along with local officials celebrated the start of assembly of its H2 Hydrogen home, a state-of-the-art clean energy project that is the first of its kind in the country.

According to the Gas Company, the modular, prefabricated home will show how carbon-free gas made from renewable electricity can be used to fuel clean energy systems of the future.

Featuring a nearly 2,000 square-foot home, solar panels, a battery, and electrolyzer to convert solar energy to hydrogen and a fuel cell to supply electricity to the home, the H2 Hydrogen home will act as a miniature microgrid, demonstrating how such an energy system could be built on a larger scale to accommodate and power residential neighborhoods and businesses.

Maryam Brown, president of SoCalGas, said that the Hydrogen home would "feel just like a regular home."

"You interact with the appliances the same way you live your life now, and the appliances will be plug and play," said Brown. "The only difference is -- and it's a great difference -- is that the Hydrogen Home will use reliable and clean energy 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year."

The home will draw power from solar panels on sunny days and convert excess energy into clean hydrogen, which can be stored and converted back into electricity with an on-site hydrogen fuel cell when solar or batteries are unable to provide enough energy.

On hand for the presentation was Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, who said she was excited and appreciative of SoCalGas's goal to be carbon-neutral by 2045.



Southern California Gas Co. has kicked off the assembly of its H2 Hydrogen Home in Downey, the first of its kind in the United States that will show how carbon-free gas made from renewable electricity can be used to fuel clean energy systems of the future. (Photos by Alex Dominguez)

"We have a lot of tools in our tool box, but the reality is we need green hydrogen yesterday, not today, and we need to catch up," said Garcia. "California has always been a leader... and I'm excited that with this partnership we're going to see that leadership."

Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa said Downey was "a fitting place for this project."

"Downey I called the 'Home of the Apollo' because this is where the Apollo command modules were built, as well as six of the space shuttles. The technological breakthroughs of those years continue to benefit our entire population," said Frometa. "Your project is the first in the United States of its type. It will benefit countless individuals for decades to come."

The home, which will be located behind the SoCalGas Resource Center, will act as a demonstration model only and will not have residents.



Hector Sosa makes city council run official

■ Sosa, 48, works for New York Life and is president of Gangs Out of Downey.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Current Gangs out of Downey President Hector Sosa has announced his intent to pursue the District 2 city council seat soon to be vacated by Councilman Sean Ashton.

Having moved to Downey with his mother and siblings as a child, Sosa, 48, grew up in the city and is a product of Downey schools. He established his roots in the city with his wife Daisy -- whom he was high school sweethearts with at Warren High School -- and his two sons.

Sosa graduated from California State University Los Angeles with a degree in Business Administration. He currently works as a registered representative with New York Life.

What Sosa is most likely known for, however, is a litany of volunteer work and leadership positions.



"I've been involved in the community even before I remember," said Sosa. "Even before we had kids, I would volunteer and coach at DJAA in all three sports just to give back to the community."

In addition to his current role as the president of G.O.O.D., Sosa has previously served as a youth ministries teacher at Calvary

Chapel Downey, coach and board member at DJAA, and an English literacy tutor at Downey City Library. He is currently a youth coach and board member at West Downey Little League, a college student mentor at Cal State LA, and president-elect of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis.

Sosa is the first community member other than current

incumbents to publicly announce his candidacy.

Despite his long track record of community involvement and several outside suggestions, Sosa says he did not originally plan to run for office.

"All this volunteer work that I've been doing for the last several years, and taking these leadership positions, it's just my way of giving back to the community," said Sosa. "Downey has been good to my family and I; we love this city."

It wasn't until observing the current state of affairs at city hall -- notably the announcement of the departure of City Manager Gilbert Livas -- that Sosa decided it was time to act.

"The last couple of years I started thinking about it more, and I would say over the last year -- especially over the last several months -- I've really started thinking about it, especially with the developments lately," Sosa said.

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Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

1887

Anne Sullivan arrived at the Alabama home of Capt. and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher of their blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

1913

Thousands of women marched in the Woman Suffrage Procession in Washington, D.C.



1931

President Herbert Hoover signed into law a bill making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem.

1938

Oil was discovered in Saudi Arabia.

1969

Apollo 9 was launched on a mission to test the lunar module that was used in the moon landings.

1991

Motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police in a scene captured on amateur video.



2005

Steve Fossett became the first person to fly an airplane non-stop around the world solo without refueling.

2017

The Nintendo Switch gaming console was released worldwide.

Birthdays

Track and field star **Jackie Joyner-Kersey** (60), "Modern Family" actress **Julie Bowen** (52), "Married with Children" actor **David Faustino** (48), "Cake Boss" star **Buddy Valastro** (45), actress **Jessica Biel** (40), and pop singer **Camila Cabello** (25).

College opens pantry for struggling students

■ The pantry offers food, clothing and other items to students at no cost.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK – Cerritos College held a ribbon cutting for its new “Falcon’s Nest,” a Trader-Joes style pantry that offers food, clothing, hygiene products, and emergency aid and resources to in-need students.

At the Falcon’s Nest, students will have access to fresh and sustainable foods, lightly-used clothing, and other provisions for day-to-day life.

James Cordey Birkey, President of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, said that the Falcon’s Nest “removes barriers for students.”

“In 2019, we established a goal to extend our campus efforts to address student housing and



security and hunger, among other critical areas,” said Birkey. “As a local poet once said, ‘If you can’t eat, you can’t think, if you can’t think, you can’t learn, and if you can’t learn, you can’t earn.’”

“Today, we officially open this facility with an enormous sense of pride and purpose. With the incredible resources

offered through the Falcon’s nest, we can help address the lack of basic necessities among college students, which remains a persistent local state and national issue.”

Cerritos College President Jose Fierro said that the college hoped to ensure that students “do not have to wonder where that next meal is coming from.”

“Just think about it: How could you learn math, algebra, calculus, science, English on an empty stomach? How could I focus on my homework when I don’t know where my next meal comes from,” said Fierro. “...As I mentioned earlier, every single time we meet our students’ basic needs, our students start performing at their best abilities in the classroom. That alone is worth the effort.”

Also important to the pantry is the ability of students to access its resources in a way with dignity and without embarrassment.

“The core philosophy of the Falcon’s Nest is equity,” said Pamela Sepulveda, Case Manager of Basic Needs. “It’s been the primary focus of our development strategy to ensure that students have access to the right combination of resources to be successful in school without judgment.”

“The Falcon’s nest is a place where we hope every student who walks through the doors feels welcomed and respected in our space.”

Sepulveda said that the Falcons Nest is currently serving 250 students, some of which are already feeling the impact of the pantry.

Jacqueline Benitez, a 20-year-old Sophomore at Cerritos, was considering dropping out of school while facing homelessness and the loss of her grandmother when the Falcon’s Nest program helped her turn things around.

“Having these services available to me is everything; it allows me to continue working towards my career goals and just exist as a person. Being able to have food and a roof over my head is everything to just exist and move forward in my life, and it really does just mean everything to me.”



Sosa eyes city council seat

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Sosa expressed frustration with the current representation in his district.

“Honestly – just being transparent – I feel like I’m very involved, I talk to a lot of parents, a lot of residents here in the community, we talk about the issues,” said Sosa. “Here in District 2 I feel like we’ve had a lack of true, genuine leadership, of representation of the residents in our district.”

“I’m not trying to bash Sean Ashton, but most of the residents I know feel he hasn’t been present in the community. What we need is true representation; someone who genuinely loves Downey and wants to be a voice for the people.”

Ashton was already approaching the end of his second and final term at the end of this year when he unexpectedly announced his resignation last week, citing a job promotion.

If given the opportunity, Sosa plans to throw his name into consideration to fill the seat in the interim period, as well as run in November.

Sosa’s platform is centered around support of public safety, collaboration with Downey Unified School District, support of small business, tackling the homeless problem, and fiscal

transparency and responsibility.

His campaign will be funded through campaign fundraisers and contributions, Sosa says. He has also already collected a humble start to his endorsement list, including five DUSD board members (Vice President Martha Sodemani, Clerk Giggy Perez-Saab, Jose Rodriguez, Linda Saloman Saldana, and Nancy Swenson), and former Downey Police Management Association President Captain Mark McDaniel (retired) and former Downey Police Officers Association president Cpl. Mike Pope (retired).

Sosa says that the current time is “an ideal time for someone like me to run.”

“I’m here to – again – provide nonpartisan leadership, to be a voice in the community,” said Sosa. “I’m not looking to enrich myself while in office or after I’m termed out; I want to be a true transparent voice for everyone, even those who don’t vote for me.”

“I serve no outside interests, no personal agenda. I represent Downey. I grew up here, I love this city, and it’s a blessing to call this city home.”

Sosa can be found on Instagram at @hectorsosafordowneydistrict2.



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Stabbing suspect fatally shot by deputies

BELFLOWER – A man who allegedly stabbed another man in Bellflower was fatally shot early Thursday by deputies who had gone to the area to investigate a report of a street takeover.

Deputies went to Artesia Boulevard and Downey Avenue about 12:10 a.m. after being notified that several cars had taken over the intersection and were doing “doughnuts,” according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and reports from the scene.

“Detectives have learned that deputies assigned to Lakewood Sheriff’s Station were at the intersection ... regarding a street racing call,” a sheriff’s department statement said.

“While deputies were handling the street racing incident, they were flagged down by a victim who said a suspect had just stabbed him with a garden claw. The victim immediately pointed to the suspect, a male Hispanic in his 30s, and identified him as the person who stabbed him,” the statement said.

“Deputies attempted to detain the suspect, but he fled the scene southbound Downey Avenue on foot. When deputies caught up to the suspect, he turned around and advanced on them while swinging the approximately 3-foot-long garden claw with spikes on the end at them, and a deputy-involved shooting occurred,” the statement said.

The 32-year-old man was wounded multiple times, and he died at a hospital. His name was withheld, pending notification of his relatives.

“The initial victim stabbed by the suspect was treated on scene by Los Angeles County fire paramedics,” the statement said. “It appears the street racing incident is not related to the stabbing incident. No deputies were injured during the incident.”

Montebello announces new police chief

MONTEBELLO – Los Angeles Police Department Capt. Paul Espinosa will succeed the retiring Brad Keller as chief of the Montebello Police Department as of April 11.

Espinosa “brings a wealth of knowledge and insight from serving with 11 different LAPD stations and having worked in many specialized divisions including training, community policing, gang impact and narcotic enforcement,” Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar said at Wednesday’s City Council meeting in announcing Espinosa’s appointment.

Espinosa said he is looking forward to working to “find meaningful ways to enhance policing and public safety.”

“I want to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to create a culture of protection and service that focuses on improving the quality of life here in Montebello,” said Espinosa, who has spent 28 years with the LAPD and is assigned to the Southwest Community Police Station.

Espinosa grew up in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Cal State Northridge and is pursuing a master’s degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership from the University of San Diego.

Keller is retiring after 31 years with the Montebello Police Department, including nearly four years as chief.

Keller said at Wednesday’s council meeting it is bittersweet to be retiring.

“I’m excited for the city of Montebello and I’m looking forward to my retirement,” Keller said.

Councilman Salvador Melendez called Keller “an amazing person and an amazing individual” who has “brought so much stability to the city.”

Catholic school partners with college

DOWNEY – This fall, St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy (PMA) in Downey will join Cerritos College’s Early College program as the first private high school to build a four-year dual enrollment pathway.

The incoming freshman class at PMA will get a head start on their college coursework. Students who complete the program can shorten their time in college and save on tuition costs up to \$30,000. Students can also earn an associate degree by taking additional Cerritos College classes.

Established in 2021, Early College provides high school students the opportunity to earn up to 46 UC/CSU transferrable units. Students who finish the entire program will earn a high school diploma while also completing the entire Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). This is a series of courses that can be used to meet many of the freshman/sophomore level general education requirements at CSU, UC, and independent campuses. Cerritos College tuition is waived for the program, and each school district pays for participating students’ textbooks.

“We are thrilled to have PMA in our Early College program. The program introduces high school students to college courses early to help them build confidence to achieve college and career readiness while saving time and cost of education,” said Rick Miranda, vice president, Academic Affairs. “We will continue to enhance the program offerings and partnerships to address community interests and student needs.”

Cerritos College currently partners with Bellflower Unified School District, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, and ABC Unified School District.

OLPH taking grant applications

DOWNEY – The Women’s Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is now accepting applications for grant consideration for the 2022-23 year.

Community organizations can apply by downloading an application at womensguild.olphdowney.com. Applications are due back to Rose Douglas at the OLPH Rectory by March 30.

Organizations can also request an application be mailed to them by emailing Rose Douglas at rosedouglas333@gmail.com.

Football sign-ups start soon

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football will kick off registration for its 62nd anniversary season at Back to Football Night on Wednesday, March 9, at 7 pm at the Casa De Parley Johnson House located at 7749 Florence Ave.

After this date, registration will take place every Saturday beginning April 9 at Furman Park from 10 am to 2 pm.

The league is open to kids ages 5-14 and offers tackle football (\$280), flag football (\$200) and cheerleading (\$280). Equipment is provided on loan.

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Downey could regulate uniforms

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Public outcry over the scantily-clad waitresses at the incoming Ojos Locos restaurant has caught the attention of the City Council, who say the city will explore regulating food service attire in the coming weeks.

According to officials, the city is looking into regulating the attire of waiters and waitresses at restaurants and bars across the city. Council is expected to discuss the matter at their March 8 meeting next week.

This comes after the Planning Commission approved the arrival of Ojos Locos at their Feb. 2 meeting, drawing the ire of many community members over the restaurant’s use of waitresses wearing lingerie.

Mayor Blanca Pacheco and Council members Claudia Frometa and Mario Trujillo all made social media statements regarding the controversial restaurant across various platforms and comment threads over the weekend.

The city quickly followed suit, releasing a statement on Tuesday, saying:

“The City of Downey realizes that the future opening of the restaurant, ‘Ojos Locos Sports Cantina,’ has caused concern among residents in the community. The City would like to assure its residents that it values their input and takes concerns seriously.

In response to this, the Downey City Council will consider amending the Downey Municipal Code at its upcoming City Council meeting, scheduled for March 8th, to review and establish employee dress standards for all restaurants and bars in Downey.

“Keeping our residents in mind, we will address their concerns to help regulate employee attire at this establishment,” said Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

The City will continue to proactively engage with its business community to ensure that all Downey businesses operate in a safe and orderly manner.”

Ojos Locos will take over the former Denny’s restaurant on Firestone Boulevard.

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LAPD officers now required to explain 'pretextual' stops

■ New policy requires police officers to explain why minor traffic violations escalate into criminal investigations.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Police Commission updated its policy on so-called "pretextual stops" Tuesday to discipline officers -- beginning with additional training -- if they don't articulate in the moment why a traffic or other minor violation escalates into a criminal investigation.

The Los Angeles Police Department defines a pretextual stop as one in which officers conducting a minor traffic or code violation escalate it into an investigation of a more serious crime unrelated to the initial violation.

According to the Office of the Inspector General, there were "pretty substantial racial disparities" in stops, many of which were pretextual stops, conducted by the department in 2019, and "a fairly small number of them yielded evidence

of serious crimes or ended up resulting in any kind of arrests."

Those findings led the commission to request that the department update its policy, according to Commission President William Briggs.

"Those pretextual stops do not result in guns being taken off the streets, those pretextual stops do not result in curtailing murders and curtailing shootings ... there is no data that anyone can point to that establishes that pretextual stops curtail violent crime in our city," said Briggs, adding that data collected for the Racial and Identity Profiling Act "shows just the opposite."

Under the updated policy, officers making a pretextual stop will have to articulate on their body-worn video cameras the reason for the change.

"An officer's training, experience and expertise may be used in articulating the additional information the officers used to initiate the stop," the policy update states.

The policy also states that pretextual stops can only happen if officers "are acting upon articulable information" and not a "mere hunch or on generalized

characteristics," including race.

Failure to articulate the information that prompted the officer to make a pretextual stop will result in "progressive discipline beginning with counseling and retraining." The policy adds that discipline will escalate as more violations of the policy are made.

City Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson joined the police commission meeting and called the policy update a "huge step in the right direction." He noted that public trust in the police is "so easily degraded when a person is stopped and they can't figure out why they were stopped or that the reason they were given just doesn't add up for them."

He added, "I don't know of an African American male driver, (and) I know very few Latino male drivers, who don't have half-a-dozen stories about" being stopped by police for reasons that didn't make sense.

"It's clear to them, or at least leaves the impression, that: 'I am a person, I'm an individual in this space and for some reason, this officer has decided that I'm suspicious,'" Harris-Dawson said.

Several people called in to Tuesday's meeting to oppose the motion for allowing pretextual stops to continue at all. Hamid Khan of the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition called the policy update a "facade of reform."

"They still want to maintain their capacity to stop people because if this was truly, they wanted to change this, they would completely ban the pretextual stop," Khan told City News Service on Tuesday.

"... That pretext is about racial profiling, this is about targeting particular communities and this is about constant harassment and intimidation."

Mona Sutton, who identified herself as the representative for the Community Police Advisory Board for the South Bureau and Harbor Area, said she opposed the policy update for limiting officers' ability to make pretextual stops, arguing against others' beliefs that it undermines public trust in the police.

Another caller also opposed changes to the policy, saying pretextual stops lead to officers finding firearms and drugs.

Police Chief Michel Moore responded to those concerns Tuesday.

"I've heard thoroughly members of this organization who believe that this policy will stop us from identifying those responsible for violent crime, stop us from identifying those that are carrying weapons, firearms, engaged in street violence. I firmly believe that that is not the case," Moore said.

In a preamble to the policy that will be added to the department's manual, the LAPD notes:

"While the exercise of an officer's discretion in initiating a 'stop' or conducting a detention is authored under the law, it should reflect the necessary balance of the role of law enforcement in the prevention of crime and receiving and thereafter maintaining the community's trust that the officer's actions are fair and without bias."

The statement adds that stops can promote public safety



LAPD Police Chief Michel Moore

and protect the public, but can subject motorists and pedestrians to "inconvenience, confusion and anxiety," as well as harm the relationship between police and the community, with many considering such stops racially biased or unfair.

"To maintain public trust, the Department's use of pretext stops as a crime reduction strategy must be measured in furtherance of achieving the necessary balance between the perception of fairness and identifying those engaged in serious criminal conduct," the preamble adds.


Commissioner Briggs' comments that pretextual stops have not reduced violent crime drew opposition from the Los Angeles Police Protective League,

the union representing Los Angeles police officers.

"Police Commissioner Briggs should get off his soapbox, do his homework and tell the truth about pre-text stops and the important role they play in taking guns off our streets," the league's Board of Directors said in a statement issued after the meeting.

"Last year in just the Newton Division, officers recovered 817 firearms during 726 incidents. Of the 726 incidents, 699 resulted in an arrest being made, of which 507 suspects were arrested by traffic stops and 115 by pedestrian stops. That's a significant amount of illegal guns taken out of our neighborhoods," the statement continued.

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Bob Davila
 May 30, 1927 - February 12, 2022



On February 12th, 2022, the former Mayor of Downey (1985-1986), Bob Davila passed away peacefully at age 94 with his daughter and two granddaughters by his side as he joined our Lord and Savior. Bob was born on May 30, 1927 in Sanger, Texas and resided in the City of Downey for the past 57 years. Bob was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and uncle. He is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Alexander, two granddaughters, Shanna Alexander Campbell and Lauren Alexander Minton, great grandson, James Michael Campbell and great granddaughters, Anna Leigh Campbell and Eliana Patricia Minton. Bob lived a full life alongside his wife Gloria. His generosity and love was felt by everyone who knew him and will be greatly missed by all his surviving family members and friends.

Former Porto's employee drops discrimination suit

■ A former worker alleged she was fired after becoming pregnant in 2020 and requesting accommodations.

By City News Service

GLENDALE — A former Porto's Bakery Inc. employee who alleged she was wrongfully fired from the Glendale location in 2020 for getting pregnant -- despite having a stellar work record that earned her praise from fellow workers and management -- has dropped her lawsuit against the popular chain.

Attorney Ronald Yoosefian, on behalf of plaintiff Kimberly Flores, filed a request for dismissal of her case on Wednesday with Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Wendy Chang. The two sides had agreed in November to put the case on hold and have the plaintiff's claims decided by an arbitrator.

Flores sued last July 30, alleging pregnancy and gender discrimination, failure to prevent discrimination and harassment and a number of violations of the state Labor Code. Lawyers for Porto's denied any wrongdoing by their client.

Flores was hired in December 2019 as a server and sales associate, and her job duties included greeting customers, boxing and bagging purchased items, assisting co-workers and performing other work required by her supervisors, the suit stated. She had no negative work evaluations, her job performance

was never criticized during her employment prior to her pregnancy and many fellow employees as well as managers commended her for her work, according to her court papers.

In late February 2020, Flores said, she began bleeding at work and asked to leave to get immediate medical treatment. Her doctor issued work restrictions that disallowed her from lifting more than 10 pounds, forbade her from doing any strenuous exercise or prolonged sitting or standing and directed that she have frequent rest periods, the suit stated.

Flores told Porto's management that she was pregnant and they in turn transferred her to their customer call center, according to the complaint.

During her pregnancy, Flores said, she became ill at work due to her pregnancy and she once again kept management informed.

Although she did not have any attendance or job performance issues, management's attitude toward her began to change, according to her suit.

"(Porto's) management team grew weary of (Flores') requests and began a campaign to terminate (her) employment," the suit alleged.

Management cut Flores' hours, changed her schedule to times they knew she could not work and refused to provide her with meal and rest breaks, then fired her in April 2020, the suit alleged.

Flores believed she was discriminated against and wrongfully terminated because of her pregnancy, gender, medical condition and requests for accommodations, according to her court papers.

She also alleged she was denied overtime pay.

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Republicans forget to put America first

By Dana Milbank

After her fellow Republicans booted her from party leadership last year, Rep. Liz Cheney posed a question: “Do we hate our political adversaries more than we love our country?”

Now, with Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, Republicans are answering that question — in the affirmative.

The dictator is betting that division within the United States will sap American resolve and thereby sow disunity between the United States and European democracies — allowing him to crush Ukraine’s democracy and potentially others. And Republicans are giving him what he wants. They are so determined to see President Biden fail that they would let President Putin succeed.

Tuesday night’s State of the Union address, coming six days after Russia started the biggest war in Europe since 1944, offered a timely opportunity to showcase national unity for Putin, and the world. During a similar address to Congress after the 9/11 attacks, President George W. Bush enveloped Democratic congressional leaders in bear hugs. But this time, a number of Republicans boycotted Biden’s address, ostensibly because they objected to getting tested for the coronavirus.

Those in the chamber rose to applaud the Ukrainian ambassador, and many wore Ukraine’s yellow and blue. But as Biden extolled national unity — “He thought he could divide us at home, in this chamber, in this nation. ... But Putin was wrong.” — Republican lawmakers sniped at him on Twitter.

“Joe Biden sought to appease Vladimir Putin from the very beginning,” wrote Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.). “Biden is empowering our enemies.”

“The United States is back to leading from behind under President Biden,” tweeted Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.). “This is the second time Putin has invaded a foreign country while Joe Biden has been in the White House.”

How deep was the contempt? As Biden mentioned the cancers that kill many U.S. veterans, including his own son Beau, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) heckled the president.

GOP leaders had set the blame-Biden tone earlier in the day. Rep. Michael McCaul (Tex.), the top Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, likened Biden’s actions toward Russia to Neville Chamberlain’s appeasement of Hitler, saying, “We have a weak president, and he’s creating a very dangerous world.”

Also Tuesday, Rep. Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), the No. 3 House GOP leader, said Biden “failed to engage in meaningful deterrence against Russian aggression,” and asserted that “the war on Ukraine represents one of the greatest foreign policy failures in modern history.”

Olympic spirit

Dear Editor:

Some people advised boycotting the Olympics and NBC for broadcasting the events because of China’s treatment of the Ughurs. I blame the International Olympic Committee for allowing the Olympics to be held in China under the circumstances.

With this said, the Olympic Committee did allow the events to take place in China, and by watching the great athletes around the world competing, I felt I was supporting the athletes, not China’s stance on human rights.

Every year the Olympics are held, I am held in awe at the heightened level of dexterity and capability demonstrated! I give kudos to the dedicated athletes’ passion for their sport and the sacrifice that they make in committing to long hours of practice! I was held spellbound when watching the snowboarding and beautiful ice skating events!

How very nice to see that the Olympic Spirit of camaraderie and support for each other among nations was still there despite the challenges of drug testing and inability to leave the Olympic village. Politics and one’s nationality were put on the back burner as the athletes totally concentrated on doing their very best to get to the gold.

The dedication and attitude of these Olympians should be a learning experience for all of us. My school motto was “Nothing Less than the Best.” My mother said “do the best that you can and that’s all you can do.”

How wonderful it would be if nations would display camaraderie and support for each other, and would treat their citizens fairly!

Martha Morrissy
Downey

City Manager

Dear Editor:

Inquiring minds want to know why council members Sean Ashton, Catherine Alvarez and Mario Trujillo wanted to oust the City Manager. No explanation was given for their reasoning.

My dad told me when there is doubt in politics - follow the money.

I will take my dad’s advice.

John Lacey
Downey

Downey values

Dear Editor:

When my family moved to Downey in 2005, I did not know how much I would come to appreciate and love this community. My fondest memories from the past 15 years include my son’s first day of school at Rio Hondo Elementary and his graduation ceremony from Warren High School many years later.

As a parent, I could not have asked for a better community to raise a child. Granted, nothing is ever perfect, and I am sure some would strongly disagree with my assessment of Downey as an idyllic enclave. But we found in Downey a sense of community that we were lacking prior to our move.

I distinctly remember how our local schools emphasized the importance of a person’s character. “Character Counts,” our kids were taught in school, every day, throughout the years. The Six Pillars of Character were embraced by our civic and business leaders: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. More than pillars, these were the six threads that stitched together our homes and families, our schools, our business and city organizations. “Character counts,” I would tell my son, as many other parents did, I’m sure, any time we needed a platform to correct and exemplify.

When I recently read that our city has granted approval to a sports bar “notorious for dressing its waitresses in lingerie to open at the former Denny’s restaurant on Firestone Boulevard,” I fell into a state of exultation and no amount of depressing geopolitical tragedies could dampen my mood at that point.

As citizens our role is to simply Respect the decisions our elected leaders make on our behalf. This is why we elected them. We carefully vet them – we research their backgrounds to make sure they are upstanding and outstanding leaders. Once satisfied that they are the best and most qualified to hold local office, we give them our seal of approval at the ballot box. In other words, the voters have already done the Responsible thing. Now that we know they exhibit the moral compass that guides their every move, we must simply let our civic leaders do their job. Trust them and Respect their decisions. I can guarantee that they have the best intentions and the best interest of the community in mind. Don’t forget, this is their community too and if they think we need more bars then we need more bars.

There’s a lesson on Fairness here as well. Some of the aforementioned naysayers have legitimate concerns. Some worry about the impact such a business will have on crime. To all of you I say do not despair. Allow me to explain.

Fairness implies that we must give people a chance. We must assume that those in charge have done their research. In a world with almost universal access to the internet, all one has to do is pull up Google Scholar and search a basic query such as “bars and crime.” If there were even three articles to support this obviously flawed assumption, our city officials would have no doubt turned down the business request immediately, I am sure. But there is simply no logic to the idea that alcohol consumption contributes to poor judgment.

In my 45 years on this earth, I have attended numerous social events where intoxicating beverages flow freely and never once have I witnessed the slightest social misconduct on the part of any drunken individual. In addition, I have never witnessed any disorderly conduct while I walk my dog down 3rd Street. I have never seen trash strewn about, stepped on broken bottles, or skirted the splatter of someone’s already churned stomach contents. There are no street take-overs in Downey. No splashes of dry blood on the sidewalks outside bars. No evidence of evaporated urine cascades on walls. I am here to say that none of this exists in Downey, and we have plenty of bars. We can afford to add one more! This combination of exhaustive research and personal, but substantial, anecdotal contributions should relieve your concerns. Give this business a Fair shot. You will not regret it.

To those who shout, “What example are we setting for our children!” Great point! This is where the relevance of the last two pillars comes into full view - Caring and Citizenship. The first one is a simple concept. We show that we care by supporting our local businesses at all costs. Especially those that can offer valuable lessons despite denigrating employment practices. As individuals in a pluralistic society—this is the Citizenship part, by the way—we must contend with the choices other people make and respect them. Good citizens think for themselves and make educated choices. An entrepreneur risks a great deal by investing in a community. Civic minded individuals must recognize that risk and appreciate the efforts of such an investor as an attempt to improve the general well-being of the citizenry. Those who seek employment in such a business have the right to take advantage of the opportunity. Working at a place like this is no different than working in an office setting, only the uniform is different.

Our children deserve such exposure if we want them to understand how complex societies work. I dare envision dedicated adults who might want to coordinate field trips to not just this one bar but to all of them. We could have our elected officials come into our schools for “Bring Your Representative to School Day” to educate our kids on the benefits of such establishments and the positive impact they have on the quality of life in their community. Entrepreneurial leaders could also come into our classrooms and serve as mentors. The possibilities are endless. You see, our kids will benefit.

I’ve come to this point and I’m reminded of what my mother always told me as a child: “You’re too sarcastic, too caustic for your own good.” She might be right.

I hope our city continues to exemplify the Six Pillars of Character. I no longer have any children in our local schools, and I do not know if Character Counts as a program still exists. However, every interaction I have with our youth leads me to believe that the lessons are not lost on them. Whether it’s the cross-country boys and girls running throughout our neighborhoods, or the Downey High School alumnus elected as the first Latina by the Harvard Law Review, or the many other Downey and Warren students working in businesses and volunteering throughout the community, and the many more who do their best every single day to get ahead, to make a difference, to give back to their community, to improve their families and their lives—all of them know that character counts.

They’re not the ones I’m worried about.

Miguel Rojas
Downey

Dear Editor:

I was ashamed of Downey when I unfolded the Downey Patriot last week and found a picture of three barely-dressed waitresses at the new spors bar at the former Denny’s location.

People can have what they want in their own personally-owned restaurants but to put a picture like this, on the front page no less, is unprofessional.

The headline says, “Sports bar gets city approval.” Fine, let them do what they want in their own business but we all have a choice to go there or not. I didn’t have a choice when I opened the paper and saw this. I really don’t want the men and boys in my family, where we honor family values, to see this.

This paper is going to homes all over Downey with young children. Is this what we want Downey to be known for?

Don’t subject people who don’t want to view this kind of porn.

Wendy Fiala
Downey

House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy (Calif.) and Rep. Steve Scalise (La.), the House GOP whip, amplified the attacks on Biden over Ukraine. And Sen. John Barrasso (Wyo.), head of the Senate Republican Conference, said Biden’s “policies from Day One have enabled, emboldened Vladimir Putin to do what he has done,” adding that it’s “as if Vladimir Putin were Joe Biden’s secretary of energy.”

Some Republican candidates have even been fundraising off calling Biden “weak” on Ukraine.

The relentless assault no doubt undermines Biden — but it also weakens America. Biden’s response — the U.S. response — can be only as strong as Republicans allow. By sabotaging the commander in chief, Republican leaders have made it more difficult to rally the nation to accept wartime sacrifices (accepting higher energy prices or, potentially, lost American lives).

A poll released Monday by Yahoo News-YouGov shows how corrosive the Republican assaults on Biden have been. Though Americans overwhelmingly call the Ukraine invasion unjustified, Trump voters actually had a more favorable opinion of Putin than of Biden. Ninety-five percent of Trump voters expressed an unfavorable view of Biden (including 87 percent holding a very unfavorable view), compared with 78 percent of Trump voters expressing an unfavorable view of Putin (60 percent very unfavorable). Only 3 percent of Trump voters said Biden is “doing a better job leading his country” than Putin, while 47 percent said the dictator, who has brought isolation and economic crisis to Russia, is doing a better job than Biden.

This shouldn’t be surprising. Trump, while opposing the Ukraine invasion, has called “peacekeeper” Putin’s actions “very savvy,” “genius” and “smart,” while “our leaders are dumb.”

That’s a bit rich, after Trump threatened to blow up NATO, unsuccessfully tried to persuade other world leaders to readmit Russia to the Group of Seven and infamously tried to condition military aid to Ukraine on the country’s willingness to provide Trump with political dirt on Democrats. Republican lawmakers defended Trump by parroting Russian propaganda falsely blaming Ukraine for 2016 U.S. election sabotage, which Russia actually did.

But this isn’t the time to point fingers at political opponents. It’s time to confront the real enemy. Do Republican leaders know the difference?

In the official GOP response to the State of the Union, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds picked up the blame-Biden theme, accusing him of “focusing on political correctness rather than military readiness” before the Ukraine invasion. “Weakness on the world stage has a cost,” she charged.

It does. And Republicans, by undermining Biden in a time of war, risk making America pay.

Dana Milbank is a syndicated columnist for the Washington Post.

Vetting candidates

Dear Editor:

Something strange has been going on in Downey since evidence came to light that an elected official had a criminal background.

A robust recall effort fell 35 signatures short. A promise to appeal for a recount was announced by recall supporters. Nothing strange here.

The strange part is that no elected official has come forward to publicly inform residents of the measures that will be taken in the next election cycle to fully vet candidates before they get on the ballot. With such silence, it’ would be stupid to let politicians assure us that background checks have been done on candidates.

But if there will not be official measures taken, then it will be up to the residents of Downey and surrounding areas to pay out of pocket for civil and criminal background checks on candidates.

In 2022, it’s probably wisest if residents conduct their checks no matter what the politicians decide.

Dan Chantre
Downey

Support Ukraine

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 24, Russia launched an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. Vladimir Putin recorded a bizarre video where he laid out a laundry list of grievances as justification for his invasion.

In this video, he reasons that Ukraine is not a real country, his predecessors were too lenient, and that Ukrainians are actually Russians, and as such their entire sovereign territory belongs to Russia. Furthermore, Putin lied and said that ethnic Russians were about to become victims of a genocide at the hands of a Ukrainian government, which he claims is a neo-Nazi regime.

This is ludicrous as Ukraine’s president is Jewish and ran on uniting ethnic Ukrainians and Russians around an anti-corruption message. Apologists for Russia have contended that Putin’s belligerent behavior is a result of NATO expanding and Eastern Europe becoming allied with the United States. Putin’s damning speech and various other grievances have shattered that presumption, and in other words, the mask is off. He is intent on resurrecting some form of a Soviet Empire.

This blatant act of aggression is profoundly dangerous and unprecedented in the 21st century. President Biden has already stated American troops would not be sent to Ukraine and other kinds of aid would be provided to the Ukrainian government and people, and that he would levy sanctions against Russia. While this is a decent step, Russia will only back down if heavy sanctions and pressure are levied against it.

To those wondering why we should care about a war between two far-off nations, I will say that one’s perception changes when you realize the human factor. As I am currently studying abroad in Europe, I have made friends with several Ukrainians who are being directly impacted by this war. I know Ukrainians who are in their homeland and cannot leave. Once you realize people will suffer and you may never see them again, your perspective drastically changes. Furthermore, if we don’t respond forcefully it will set a dangerous precedent for other countries to do the same, such as China.

As Americans, we have been fortunate enough to never have to worry about a hostile neighboring country invading nor having to flee our homes. Ukraine is a fledgling democracy with so much potential trying to modernize and integrate with Europe and the United States, only for a backwards repressive dictatorship to reel it back into its clutches.

I implore everyone to contact their elected representatives to support Ukraine and to put pressure on the Biden administration to take greater action against this grave and appalling injustice.

Edward Valencia
Downey

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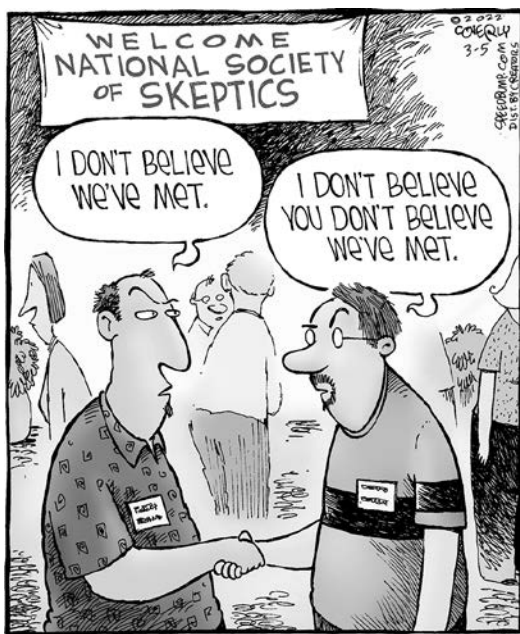
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- 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
- 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, 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: 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 Cheryll Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
- 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., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Frantone's Downey, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
- 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
- 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.

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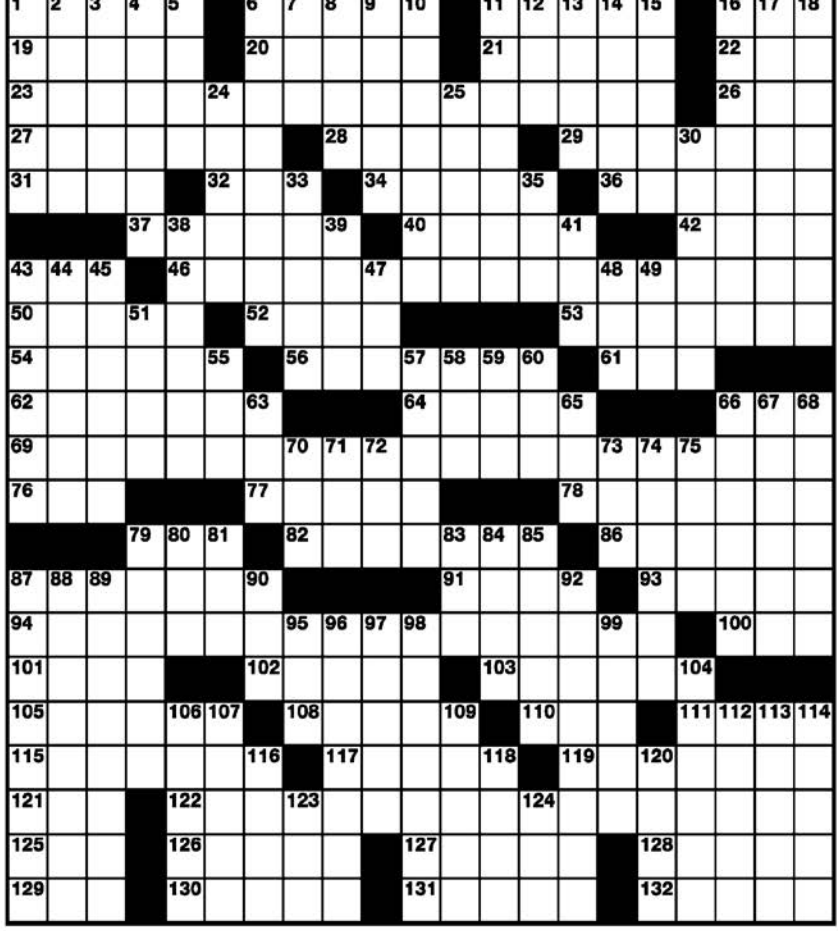
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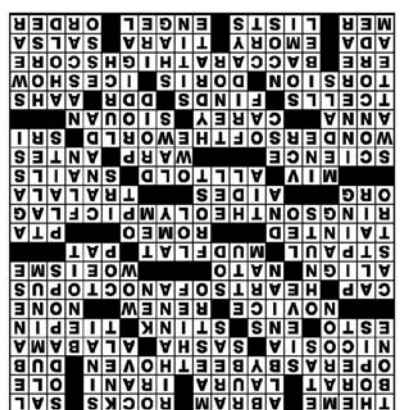
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Meet Lizzerd Kween, creator of the new musical genre 'wholesomecore'

■ The 24-year-old singer/songwriter is creating music that helps her (and others) heal.

By Bianca Martinez Contributor

DOWNEY – Long, slender fingers that, in palmistry, are indicative of an artistic and creative person, strum on a black acoustic guitar in the comfort of a bedroom lit with candles.

"Look in the mirror and all that I see is the person that I thought that I'd never be, it's not my fault, no I know how it goes, I was only 21 when he went under my nose and I wish that I could have been the person you wanted to see."

These are the words that belong to a warm, friendly smile framed by dark autumn hair feathered into a trendy yet delicate shag haircut.

"Big Sur," "42," and "Getting High" are just some of the songs that have been written, recorded and produced by 24-year-old Kianna Znika.

"It was a click one day, I just bought my acoustic guitar specifically because I just wanted to play along with that lot of the pop punk songs that I was listening to, so I had no intention of making my own music."

"But there was one night where I was just strumming and playing with my guitar and I just made up my own song and when I finished it, it was like this big awakening moment where I was like 'wait a minute, can I make music? Do I get to be a musician in this life?'" said Znika.

Under the name Lizzerd Kween, Znika pours herself into each song, using her music as a way to heal from "a lot of heartbreak that I went through, a lot of things that I needed to process."

"I listen to songs to help me cope with things and it's nice to make my own songs because I am listening to my own lyrics and I of course relate to it, of course it resonates, I wrote it, so it's nice writing the soundtrack to my own pain," said Znika.

With one voice memo recording at a time, Znika is contradicting the assumption that all independent artists must sit through a stuffy, three-hour-long weekly class about music production in order to get their music ready and streaming.

"So I know for a lot of independent artists, they'll use music software and stuff, like GarageBand and Logic Pro and to be fair, for my recent EP, 'The Journal Entries,' I did finally experiment with GarageBand but I actually don't know too much about music production so two of my top songs that I have produced were like 'Big Sur' and '42,' I literally just played into my phone, like I just recorded straight onto the voice memo, no mics or anything, it's just already on my phone and then I took the file from voice memo, I went to this free website that masters the audio for you and then that's what I submitted to my Spotify and stuff."

The music of Lizzerd Kween tugs at the familiar vein that is independent alternative but

is overhauled with healthy doses of emo, pop punk, folk punk and a little bit of Znika's own invention called, "wholesomecore."

Znika places an importance on having a safe space when creating her music, with many of her lyrics filled with themes of mental health.

For Znika, pop punk had great influence in her childhood resulting in her being "the biggest emo/scene kid in middle school."

Her love for pop punk resurrected during the pandemic and that love affair has since embroiled into her EP, "The Journal Entries," which became available for streaming on Spotify Feb. 18.

With 85,800 followers on TikTok, Znika uses the video-driven social media app as a platform to help promote her music.

Znika said, "I can not go on with my music stuff and not address TikTok because that was like the biggest thing. Once, I already had a little bit of a following, I started promoting my music and people started liking it, then they just wanted to support it because it was just me and they wanted to support this [my music]"

Although Znika says that she still hasn't "found a way to promote my music without feeling awkward," a quick browse at her TikTok profile, under the name Lizzerd Kween, and any sense of awkwardness can not be detected in the curated blend of Znika playing her music or her participating in a TikTok trend.

When promoting her music, Znika prefers to reinforce in her audience that she is a person, not a product.

"I always try to remind people that I don't want to pick a niche and I like to remind people that I'm a person, not a brand, not a product, so it's okay to be more than one thing and

that it's okay to branch out and stuff and I feel like honestly that brings me just logically more success, if I just continue to be myself and then people will just naturally listen to my music rather than saying 'Hey, here's a product which is my song,'" said Znika.

Having a public social media platform can be a double-edged sword for content creators, one side can wield comments of inspiration and affirmation, while the other side can suddenly flash random comments fueled with negativity.

Znika has learned to read negative comments with a sense of patient grace, blocking negative comments that are unmotivated, not taking that energy with her and coming to terms that most negative comments are projections of the commenter.

It is with this sense of growing surety, that Lizzerd Kween confidently records and produces her music.

"It's pretty challenging sometimes, sometimes it can get stressful but it's really exciting, it's almost like I'm really surprised at how 'easy' it is, every time they say just do it, just start, you have to start somewhere, they're right."

"So I'm just starting off even though I don't have all the equipment and stuff, it's just exciting knowing that I'm releasing music but I'm still such the beginning stages so even if it's not the best quality it's only going to get better because I'm going to invest in the equipment and my skills are only going to get better over time so it's humbling and it's nice knowing it's okay wherever you start," said Znika.

However, despite how effortless Znika makes self-producing look, she does seek the help of a producer for particular tracks as the independent artist solely

funds and budgets her production time.

"There are a lot of times where I have to invest when I go to the producer and I have to save up money and I still have to pay bills and then I need food and everything so it's like literally whatever I have left then I can use it for music and if I don't have enough, then oh well," said Znika.

Initially starting her path in music in November 2020, Znika has a total of 1,820 monthly Spotify listeners streaming her music. Lizzerd Kween has been streamed by listeners in another continent, with one of Znika's top listeners being a 17-year-old named Phil in Germany.

"One of my biggest supporters is this little kid in Germany. I'm not lying, there's this 17-year-old kid in Germany, he comments on all my videos and stuff and they show me they have like countdowns for my song releases. They get notifications and they're like saying, 'you're genuinely one of my favorite artists' and they sent me screenshots of their Spotify. And, yeah, it's this point where I'm like, oh my god, like, I am genuinely this kid's favorite artist."

Znika's EP, 'The Journal Entries' and singles can be streamed on Spotify and SoundCloud and can be found under her artist name Lizzerd Kween on all social media platforms.

Znika said, "Lizzerd Kween was a nickname given to me by a friend in senior year of high school and it kind of just stuck, like my friend group would



Kianna Znika, known professionally as Lizzerd Kween, performs a genre of music influenced by emo, pop punk, folk punk and something she calls "wholesomecore." (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

always call me 'Lizzerd Kween' and there was always like a lot of elements and stuff in my life that made the nickname more and more suitable, it brought me a lot of confidence, so I made my socials that and everything. I never imagined that it would become my artist name but because it was on all of my socials and was my nickname already, I thought it was a good

fit. "I was like, 'I was meant to release music as 'Lizzerd Kween.'"

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Hollywood Bowl releases star-studded 2022 calendar

HOLLYWOOD – The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association this week announced the 2022 Hollywood Bowl season, offering a mix of beloved traditions and history-making innovations, tributes to legendary figures of the Bowl's past and great stars of the present, the best in jazz and popular music and 34 evenings under the stars with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, 10 of them under the baton of Music and Artistic Director Gustavo Dudamel.

Many of the biggest names in entertainment are scheduled to appear at the Hollywood Bowl during its centennial season. The historic line-up includes Kenny Loggins with Jim Messina (July 15-16), Ricky Martin with the LA Phil and Gustavo Dudamel (July 22-23), Boyz II Men and TLC (July 29), John Fogerty (July 30), a-ha with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and Principal Conductor Thomas Wilkins (July 31), Sheryl Crow and Keb' Mo' (Aug. 3), The Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes (Aug. 19-20), Diana Ross (Aug. 26-27), Duran Duran with fireworks (Sept. 9-11), Pink Martini (Sept. 14), Lang Lang (Sept. 15), Grace Jones and CHVRCHES (Sept. 25) and Pentatonix (Sept. 29).

Annual traditions that light up the Hollywood Bowl include the popular July 4th Fireworks Spectacular (July 2-4), this year featuring Steve Martin, Martin Short, the Steep Canyon Rangers and Jeff Babko with the Los Angeles Philharmonic led by Thomas Wilkins.

The Tchaikovsky Spectacular (Aug. 12-13) will see acclaimed violinist Joshua Bell and the USC Trojan Marching Band joining conductor Bramwell Tovey and the LA Phil for the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, 1812 Overture, and fireworks.

The annual fully staged Broadway musical will be "Kinky Boots," the recent smash hit that was penned by Cyndi Lauper (music and lyrics) and Harvey Fierstein (book) and won six Tony Awards. The Bowl's production will feature an all-star cast (to be announced) and will be directed and choreographed by Tony-winning choreographer Jerry Mitchell (July 8-10).

Film presentations with live accompaniment by the LA Phil and Hollywood Bowl Orchestra will include screenings of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1 in Concert" (June 30), "Back to the Future" (Aug. 5-6), and "Amadeus" (Aug. 23).

"Three Maestro of the Movies: Celebrating John Williams at 90" nights (Sept. 2-4) will welcome John Williams and David Newman conducting the LA Phil.

"Black Movie Soundtrack" returns for its fourth edition with bassist Marcus Miller leading a house band in the best music from the history of Black cinema, with Craig Robinson as host and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra conducted by Thomas Wilkins (Aug. 24). The annual Sing-A-Long Sound of Music returns with host Melissa Peterman (Sept. 17).

Concerts paying tribute to musical legends from the Bowl's storied history will include: Billie Eilish and Debbie Harry among the many guest artists in a special concert saluting Peggy Lee and Frank Sinatra (July 27); an evening of Rachmaninoff Seconds—Piano Concerto No. 2 and Symphony No. 2—with soloist Nobuyuki Tsujii joining Bramwell Tovey and the LA Phil (Aug. 16); and Itzhak Perlman as soloist and conductor in the Bach D Minor Concerto for Two Violins, joined by Randall Goosby, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 (Sept. 13).

The world's greatest tribute band returns to the Bowl stage to perform some of the biggest hits of all time with ABBA The Concert (Sept. 24).

The 100th season also showcases the range of Gustavo Dudamel's talent in every musical genre. Dudamel will lead an evening celebrating the legacy of Leonard Bernstein and his connection to the Bowl (July 12 & 14) and conduct the third act of Wagner's Die Walküre (July 17), collaborating with director Yuval Sharon and an all-star cast headed by Christine Goerke and Matthias Goerne.

Paying tribute to the history of dance at the Bowl, Dudamel will lead a program featuring stars of the Paris Opera Ballet on a program also featuring pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet (July 20-21). Pianist Seong-Jin Cho will join Dudamel for a double program of Beethoven Fifth: the "Emperor" Concerto and Symphony No. 5 (July 26).

Soloist Jorge Glem will perform the world premiere of Gonzalo Grau's LA Phil-commissioned Cuatro Concerto under Dudamel's baton, and the Los Angeles Master Chorale will join the LA Phil and



Diana Ross is scheduled for two performances at the Hollywood Bowl, Aug. 26-27.

soloists for a performance of Carl Orff's perennially popular Carmina Burana (July 28).

For his final concert of the summer, Dudamel will invite the exciting young musicians of the Encuentros Orchestra/YOLA to join him on stage at the Hollywood Bowl (Aug. 2).

Other guest conductors include LA Phil Associate Conductor Paolo Bortolameo with a program of Saint-Saëns (Aug. 4), Dalia Stasevska with violin soloist Pekka Kuusisto (Aug. 9), Lina González-Granados with the LA Phil's own Teng Li as soloist (Aug. 11), Joseph Young with bass-baritone Davone Tines (Aug. 18), Marta Gardolińska with Isata Kanneh-Mason (Aug. 25), Eva Ollikainen with Beethoven 9 (Aug. 30 & Sept. 1) and Nicolas McGegan in an all-Mozart program (Sept. 6).

KCRW Festival

The LA Phil is partnering again with KCRW to present a series of genre-spanning concerts. Scheduled artists include: A.R. Rahman (July 24); Polo & Pan and Parcels (Aug. 7); Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats and Durand Jones & The Indications with Celisse (Aug. 14); Flying Lotus and Hiatus Kaiyote with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra conducted by Thomas Wilkins (Aug. 21); Grace Jones and CHVRCHES (Sept. 25); and four of reggae's biggest hitmakers, UB40, The Original Wailers featuring Al Anderson, Maxi Priest and Big Mountain (Sept. 18).

To commemorate the season the LA Phil has published

"Hollywood Bowl: The First 100 Years," written by Derek Taub and edited by Julia Ward and Robin Rauzi. The more than 300-page, image-filled publication comprises 10 theme-based chapters that move fluidly through time, drawing on first-hand accounts and rarely seen photographs, to answer the deceptively simple question: What makes the Hollywood Bowl the Hollywood Bowl?

In addition, a vinyl box set of seven LPs will also be available, featuring recordings taken from the Hollywood Bowl from 1928 to 2021, featuring classical, pop, rock, film music, jazz, Broadway and the American Songbook genres.

Both the book and box set will be available starting opening night, exclusively for purchase through the LA Phil and Hollywood Bowl stores.

Tickets for the Hollywood Bowl 2022 summer season will be available online at hollywoodbowl.com or via phone at (323) 850-2000 on the following dates:

"Create Your Own" packages will be available Tuesday, March 15
Single ticket sales begin Tuesday, May 3

As part of the centennial celebrations, the LA Phil has expanded its \$1 seats for Tuesday/Thursday classical presentations threefold. The \$1 tickets are also available for the Wednesday Jazz Plus performances.

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With Covid easing, Santa Fe Springs man talks life on a Navy aircraft carrier

Music in the Schools program returns

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY – It's back -- the Downey's Symphonic Society's outreach program for schools.

Like Christmas for the Grinch and the Whos in Whoville, the music just keeps coming and coming. In April and again in May, the yellow school buses will roll up all morning to the Downey Theatre, bringing children to hear symphonic music programmed just for them by Dr. Tom Osborn when he was the music director in the 1990's.

"We've been away," said music director and conductor Sharon Lavery. "The children love these programs."

But challenges raised by the virus have turned out to be expensive when it comes to musical performances. In past years, the Theatre has been filled and refilled on a clockwork schedule starting at 9 am. Logistics call for three 45-minute performances, to seat all the children, filling the 750-seat auditorium each time. Same for the fifth grade concert.

But with COVID regulations, Downey Theatre staff has to wipe down and disinfect each seat between performances. That takes one hour between each performance, and that doubles the time that the musicians are on the Downey stage, performing. Anyone familiar with union regulations knows what this means. Time is counted "from the first down beat to the last note," Sharon said.

This additional time is referred to as "a double service," and the anticipated fee for each professional player is now doubled, adding \$8,000 for each day's event.

The Quintet that takes Music in the Schools to each K-5 and middle school is paid for by individual contributions, donations and a grant from the Hillecke Foundation, but these morning school concerts in the Theatre are special. The Downey Unified School District has volunteered to underwrite one, and the Kiwanis Foundation traditionally sponsors the other musical experience.

The Mozart effect shows that listening to classical music can improve children's scores in reasoning. Children definitely feel calm and relaxed while listening to live classical music, regardless of the piece being played, a study has found.

And so do we all. Welcome back, Music in the Schools.

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Airman Robert Rodriguez, a native of Santa Fe Springs, serves the U.S. Navy aboard one of the world's largest warships, the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush.

Bush was commissioned in 2009 and is completing a deployment work up cycle.

"Our sailors' hard work to return George Herbert Walker Bush to the operational fleet in 2021 was exemplary," said Capt. Robert Aguilar, GHWB commanding officer. "They represent the best principles of service to the mission and the nation that our namesake, President George H.W. Bush, embodied."



Rodriguez joined the Navy two years ago.

"I joined the Navy to serve my country, which I love dearly," said Rodriguez. "I also wanted to take advantage of the help for school."

Growing up in Santa Fe Springs, Rodriguez attended Santa Fe High School and graduated in 2016. Today, Rodriguez relies upon skills and values similar to those found in Santa Fe Springs to succeed in the military.

"I learned the importance of staying humble and working hard," said Rodriguez. "My hometown is a small city, so it's important to be kind to everyone."

These lessons have helped Rodriguez while serving in the Navy.

Rodriguez's service aboard Bush follows the example of the ship's namesake, the nation's 41st President, George H.W. Bush. Bush is the only U.S. president to serve as a U.S. Navy aviator. During World War II he flew the TB Avenger in Torpedo Squadron (VT) 51 and was stationed aboard USS San Jacinto (CVL 30). He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for a daring bombing run over the island of Chichi Jima.

The ship bearing Bush's name is preparing for deployment amid ongoing strategic competition between the U.S. and its adversaries. In doing so, the ship and its Sailors continue the legacy of service to the nation that U.S. Navy aircraft carriers have provided for 100 years.

Since USS Langley's (CV 1) commissioning 100 years ago this March 20th, aircraft carriers and their ability to project American power around the globe have been a consistent tool in maintaining and improving U.S. national security interest and the prosperity of the American people.

Sailors aboard USS George H.W. Bush, like Rodriguez, continue to burnish the legacy of the aircraft carrier fleet and naval aviation by providing the national command authority a flexible, tailorable warfighting capability as the flagship of a carrier strike group that maintains maritime stability and security in order to ensure access, deter aggression and defend U.S., allied, and partner interests.

Serving in the Navy means Rodriguez is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"We need a strong Navy to protect our loved ones back at home," said Rodriguez. "It also shows the strength of our nation to help other countries, as well."

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95

percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

Rodriguez and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"I'm proud that I can take control of my future based on the experiences I gained in the Navy," said Rodriguez.

As Rodriguez and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy makes me feel like I am a part of something greater than myself," added Rodriguez. "This is a life where I can contribute rather than just partake in luxuries. It's more of giving back for the opportunities you get in the civilian world."

POET'S CORNER

At the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach

A small lemon-yellow tang tries to maintain its place at the window but is constantly brushed away by the current of quicksilver bubbles. It has to swim hard and oar its fins just to linger and look out toward me.

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in a subtle white wine sauce
Does it think I am in a crowded tank
filled with quaint air
and it is the one swimming free

Lorine Parks

The City of Long Beach loaned the Aquarium \$5 million to help it cover operating costs while it was closed to the public during the pandemic. The creatures who dwell there require on-site care seven days a week, all year round. The Aquarium has reopened. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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

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3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022039403

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PALM VILLA APARTMENTS, 3550 LOS FLORES BLVD, LYNWOOD CA 90262, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAVID ALLEN BROWN, TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN FAMILY TRUST, 9826 HASTY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: Trust
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/1982
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/DAVID ALLEN BROWN, TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN FAMILY TRUST, TRUSTEE, DAVID ALLEN BROWN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 17, 2022
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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022047244

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TEWENTHY, 8315 BIRCHLEAF AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENZIE MENDEZ, 8315 BIRCHLEAF AVE., PICO RIVERA CA 90660
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: 02/2022
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/KENZIE MENDEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 1, 2022
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

provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022018948

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CRAMMER & KING SERVICES, 8020 2ND STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) C KING SERVICES INC., 8020 2ND STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2022
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/C KING SERVICES INC., PRESIDENT, CHARLES C KING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 26, 2022
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 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.

provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022034255

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GRANDMA AND NEM (2) GRANDMA NEM, 13337 SOUTH ST #614, CERRITOS CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) REAL HAUS LLC, 10919 LAKEWOOD BLVD SUITE 201, DOWNEY CA 90241
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/COURTNEY JUBREY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 11, 2022
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 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.

punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ERICA JUDITH DELGADO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 7, 2022
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
2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022034525

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REAL HAUS LA (2) REAL HAUS OC (3) REAL HAUS PROCESSING (4) REAL HAUS NOTARY, 10919 LAKEWOOD BLVD SUITE 201, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) REAL HAUS LLC, 10919 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
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: 02/2021
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/ERICA JUDITH DELGADO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022
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 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.

provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022037392

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLACK EYE STAFFING, 4951 CLARA ST STE B, CUDAHY CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA LL GOMEZ MARTINEZ, 4951 CLARA ST STE B, CUDAHY CA 90201
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: 02/2022
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/MARIA LL GOMEZ MARTINEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022
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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022047244

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TEWENTHY, 8315 BIRCHLEAF AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENZIE MENDEZ, 8315 BIRCHLEAF AVE., PICO RIVERA CA 90660
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: 02/2022
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/MARIA LL GOMEZ MARTINEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022
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

punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ERICA JUDITH DELGADO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 7, 2022
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
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022029310

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INDUSTRIOS GROUP, 14821 SAN JOSE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERICA JUDITH DELGADO BENITZ, 14821 SAN JOSE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
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: 02/2022
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/ERICA JUDITH DELGADO BENITZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022
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 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
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022034531

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUNADA BAY APARTMENTS, 2400 PALOS VERDES DRIVE WEST, PALOS VERDES ESTATES CA 90274, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOWNEY ENTERPRISES, LLC, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET, STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
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: 02/2022
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/ERICA JUDITH DELGADO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022
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 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
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022034531

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUNADA BAY APARTMENTS, 2400 PALOS VERDES DRIVE WEST, PALOS VERDES ESTATES CA 90274, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOWNEY ENTERPRISES, LLC, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET, STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
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: 02/2022
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

provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any 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
2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022037175

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COX COURT REPORTING (2) TRINA D. COX, CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER, 12610 GABBETT DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY, 12263 LA MIRADA BLVD, SUITE A #143, LA MIRADA CA 90638

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TRINA D. COX, 12610 GABBETT DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638
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/TRINA D. COX, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022
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 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 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
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022029310

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INDUSTRIOS GROUP, 14821 SAN JOSE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERICA JUDITH DELGADO BENITZ, 14821 SAN JOSE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
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: 02/2022
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/ERICA JUDITH DELGADO BENITZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a

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
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022011108

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LINARES ENTERPRISE, 11304 GARFIELD AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JONATHAN LINARES, 11304 GARFIELD AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 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: 01/2022 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/JONATHAN LINARES, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 18, 2022 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
2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022021492

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INCO COMMERCIAL BROKERAGE, 16700 VALLEY VIEW AVE., STE 270, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROMANO INVESTMENT COMPANY, 16700 VALLEY VIEW AVE STE 270, LA MIRADA CA 90638 (2) ROMANO FAMILY INVESTMENTS, INC., 16700 VALLEY VIEW AVE STE 270, LA MIRADA CA 90638 (3) PENTA PACIFIC PROPERTIES-LOS ANGELES, INC., 1645 VIA ARRIBA, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA, 90274 (4) LITCHELD INVESTMENTS, INC., 1662 SIERRA VISTA, LA HABRA HEIGHTS, CA, 90631 State of Incorporation: (1) CALIFORNIA (2) CALIFORNIA (3) CALIFORNIA (4) CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership 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/R O M A N O I N V E S T M E N T CORPORATION, GENERAL PARTNER, BRUCE ROMANO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 28, 2022 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
2/10/22, 2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022036040

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FLACO READY MIX, 16333 BINNEY STREET, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRA HERNANDEZ, 16333 BINNEY STREET, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745 (2) ARTURO HERNANDEZ FRAUSTO, 16333 BINNEY STREET, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745 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: 01/2022 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/ARTURO HERNANDEZ FRAUSTO, HUSBAND This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 14, 2022 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 2022035403

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SQUARED ENGINEERS, 15356 LAKEWOOD BLVD #334, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY ALEX FERNANDEZ, 12928 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) SARA ALOTEIBI, 22609 FONTHILL AVE, TORRANCE CA 90505 State of Incorporation: (1) CALIFORNIA (2) CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Partnership The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2018 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/ANTHONY ALEX FERNANDEZ, GENERAL PARTNER, ANTHONY FERNANDEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 14, 2022 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022015430

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RELIABLE PROCESS SERVER, LLC, 6535 MARLOW AVE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RELIABLE PROCESS SERVER, LLC, 6535 MARLOW AVE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201 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: 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/RELIABLE PROCESS SERVER, LLC, MANAGER, MARIA ELENA RUIZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 24, 2022 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
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022040279

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HUNTWOOD APARTMENTS, 422 E 60TH STREET, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, COUNTY, 8141 EAST SECOND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RENE A BERNALDO, 10 PLUM ST, LADERA RANCH CA 92694 (2) CHERYL WATSON, 1201 9TH ST, HERMOSA BEACH CA 90254 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: Partners The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/1980 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/RENE A BERNALDO, GENERAL PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 18, 2022 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022029586

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NADDA PROPERTIES, 7327 NADA ST, NADDA CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HAZEL BOLOTIN, 7125 E COLE , DOWNEY CA 90242 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: 01/2018 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/HAZEL BOLOTIN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 07, 2022 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
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022033207

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, 17516 FAYSMITH AVENUE, TORRANCE CA 90504, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KELLYN BINGHAM, 17516 FAYSMITH AVENUE, TORRANCE CA 90504 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/KELLYN BINGHAM, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 10, 2022 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
2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022043767

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) UPH SUPPLY, 4867 E GAGE AVE 204, BELL CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDGAR J JUAREZ GOMEZ, 4867 E GAGE AVE 204, BELL CA 90201 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: 02/2022 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/EDGAR J JUAREZ GOMEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 24, 2022 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022040219

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PARK VILLA BELLFLOWER APARTMENTS, 47144 PASSAGE AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERT SPOGLI, 36293 LINDA ROSEA, TEMECULA CA 92592 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Partnership The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2018 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/ROBERT SPOGLI, GENERAL PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 18, 2022 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2022038462

FILE NO: 2017075110 DATE FILED: MARCH 24, 2017
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): MOLINA DENTAL GROUP, INC.
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 8109 2ND ST. , DOWNEY, CA, 90241
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MOLINA DENTAL INC, 8109 2ND ST. , DOWNEY CA 90241
If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A

Business was conducted by: a Corporation I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/MOLINA DENTAL, INC, PRESIDENT, SONIA MOLINA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The Downey Patriot
2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022037509

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE VILLAGE APTS, 8840 LINDELL AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RONALD A. KOLAR, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET , STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Partnership The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2012 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/RONALD A. KOLAR, GENERAL PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2022 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
3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-03 PELLET STREET AND RYERSON AVENUE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California for Capital Improvement Project No. 19-03 Pellet Street and Ryerson Avenue Water System Improvements.

GOVERNMENT

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The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the construction of water system improvements on Pellet Street and Ryerson Avenue, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed under this contract consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new main, fire hydrant assemblies, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valves, crosses, tees, bends, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of existing water mains, service lines, and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters, and other clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper execution of the contract and improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 19-03.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$45.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-03. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid: promptly secure Workers' Compensation Insurance, liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him/her, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of

the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C34, "Pipeline Contractor."

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his/her work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his/her sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mrs. Lorena Powell,
Associate Civil Engineer - Utilities
E-Mail: lpowell@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
2/24/22, 3/3/22

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Downey Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project no later than the specified bid deadline.

Bid #22/23-02 – Exterior Painting Project at Alameda, Imperial and Williams Elementary Schools, Columbus High School, and the SELACO Building at Downey High School

The Project consists of:

Exterior painting projects at Various School Sites

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors' license(s):

A, B, and/or C-33

The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code.

Contract Documents will be available on or after March 10, 2022 and can be downloaded from the District's website, <https://web.dusd.net/purchasing/#bids> under the "Maintenance, Operations & Transportation" tab.

Sealed bids will be received until 9 AM March 21, 2022 at the District Facilities Office, Attn: Kay Domingo, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey California 90241 or at after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.

All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.

A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Downey Unified School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on March 10, 2022 at 2:30 PM at Columbus High School, 12330 Woodruff Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. All participants are required to sign in at all school site locations. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00067
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RAY ANTHONY FELIX filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) RAY ANTHONY FELIX to Proposed name (1) RAY ANTHONY CASTRO
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: APRIL 11, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 FEBRUARY 15, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner RAY ANTHONY FELIX
9120 BEVERLY RD.
PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
562-333-0039

The Downey Patriot 2/17/22, 2/24/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00080
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA DE SAN JUAN LIUFAU filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIA DE SAN JUAN LIUFAU to Proposed name (1) MARIA DE SAN JUAN MANAI
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: APRIL 27, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 PATRIOTS FEBRUARY 25, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA DE SAN JUAN LIUFAU
9040 RAMONA ST. APT. 9A
BELLFLOWER CA 90706
(562) 412-5622

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00050
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner TOMASA JEANETTE TRUJILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) TOMASA JEANETTE TRUJILLO to Proposed name (1) JEANETTE STOCKTON
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: APRIL 6, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 FEBRUARY 4, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner TOMASA JEANETTE TRUJILLO
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DOWNEY, CA 90240
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00049
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner REGINALD LAMAR BURGIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) REGINALD LAMAR BURGIN to Proposed name (1) EL QU ZAYD SOLOMON BEY
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: APRIL 1, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 FEBRUARY 3, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
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Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Voters

The City Attorney has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9203. The title and summary must be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear as required by California Elections Code Section 9203.

BALLOT TITLE:

Initiative Measure Amending the City's Municipal Code Setting a Minimum Wage of Twenty Five (\$25.00) Per Hour For Qualifying Healthcare Workers Working in the City of Downey

BALLOT SUMMARY:

This measure would establish a twenty-five (\$25.00) per hour minimum wage for qualifying healthcare workers working in the City of Downey. Effective January 1, 2024, this amount would increase by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. "Minimum wage" does not include bonuses, shift differentials, premium pay, reimbursement or allowances for work-related equipment, travel, or the cost of employee medical, dental, retirement or similar benefits.

- A "healthcare worker" covered by this measure includes a clinician, professional, non-professional, nurse, certified nursing assistant, aide, technician, maintenance worker, janitorial or housekeeping staff person, groundskeeper, guard, food service worker, laundry worker, pharmacist, non-managerial administrative worker and business office clerical worker that is working at a "covered healthcare facility", which includes any of the following privately-owned healthcare facilities located within the City of Downey:
 - A licensed general acute care hospital
 - A licensed acute psychiatric hospital;
 - A clinic that is conducted, operated or maintained as an outpatient department of a licensed general acute care hospital or acute psychiatric hospital;
 - A licensed dialysis clinic;
 - A licensed psychiatric health facility;
 - All facilities that are part of an Integrated Healthcare Delivery System, as defined in the measure.

The measure does not apply to pay for managers or supervisors.

The measure prohibits an employer from changing minimum wage increases in any of the following ways: (1) reducing premium pay rates or shift differentials, (2) reducing vacation, healthcare or other non-wage benefits, (3) reducing hours of work, (4) laying off healthcare workers, or (5) increasing charges to any healthcare worker for parking, work related materials or equipment.

The measure prohibits an employer from discharging, terminating a contract with, reducing compensation or otherwise taking adverse action against any healthcare worker for asserting rights under this measure.

The measure requires covered healthcare facilities to conspicuously post current minimum wage schedules in a conspicuous place and to retain payroll records for a minimum of four years, subject to reasonable inspection by the City to monitor compliance with this measure.

The measure vests the City with responsibility to enforce its rules. The City is required to establish a process for reporting and investigating complaints and for enforcement of this measure, including issuance of correction orders, administrative fines/penalties for violations and civil actions to collect monies owed to qualifying healthcare workers. The measure also authorizes a healthcare worker, a representative of a healthcare worker, the City Attorney or another person acting on behalf of the public to bring a civil action in court against an employer for violations of this measure.

The measure provides that any waiver of the rights and protections by an employee shall be void and unenforceable.

If an employer can demonstrate to a court by substantial evidence that compliance with this measure would raise substantial doubt about the employer's ability to continue operating, the court may grant the employer a one-year delay in implementation of this measure.

/s/ Yvette Abich Garcia, City Attorney
February 25, 2022

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE INITIATIVE PETITION FOR THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE
(Cal. Elect. Code § 9202)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention

to circulate the petition within the City of Downey for the purpose of adopting an initiative that will enact provisions regarding the minimum wage for covered healthcare workers in the City.

A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in said petition is as follows (up to 500 words):

The purpose of the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance is to establish a minimum wage for covered healthcare workers within the City of Downey. The City needs a sufficient healthcare workforce to ensure that healthcare facilities within the City offer consistent, timely, high-quality care to patients. Healthcare job vacancies are rising as workers on the front lines deal with the emotional, mental, and physical toll of providing healthcare during a pandemic, and many hospitals, health systems and clinics are understaffed. With rising housing costs, healthcare workers are being forced to live further from their places of work, increasing their stress and adding to retention challenges. Raising the minimum wage for covered healthcare workers will help address retention challenges and workforce shortages affecting healthcare facilities in Downey and will fairly compensate healthcare workers for their contributions and sacrifices.

Jorge Rivera
NAME OF PROPONENT
8950 Serapis Ave 6
Downey, California 90240
PROponent's ADDRESS

/s/Jorge Rivera
PROponent's SIGNATURE

2/10/2022
DATE

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00068
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALEXANDER SALAZAR, ON BEHALF OF DIEGO MATTEO SALAZAR, A MINOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DIEGO MATTEO SALAZAR to Proposed name (1) DIEGO MATTEO LIN SALAZAR
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: APRIL 13, 2022, 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 FEBRUARY 15, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner PETITION OF SARAH LIN-SALAZAR AND ALEXANDER SALAZAR, ON BEHALF OF DIEGO MATTEO SALAZAR, A MINOR
12638 GURLEY AVE
DOWNEY, CA 90242
(562) 307-2296

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00051
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOSE ALEJANDRO TARAMONA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JOSE ALEJANDRO TARAMONA to Proposed name (1) ALEX TARAMONA
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: APRIL 6, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00051
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOSE ALEJANDRO TARAMONA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JOSE ALEJANDRO TARAMONA to Proposed name (1) ALEX TARAMONA
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: APRIL 6, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 FEBRUARY 18, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner LIBRADA NAVA
12328 SHOEMAKER AVE
WHITTIER, CA 90605
562-305-1087

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00079
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS to Proposed name (1) ERIC LIUFAU MANAI
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: APRIL 06, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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/NORWALK PATRIOT FEBRUARY 07, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00053
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BRENDA AGUILERA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) BRENDA AGUILERA to Proposed name (1) LARISSA AGUILERA
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: APRIL 6, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 PATRIOTS FEBRUARY 04, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner BRENDA AGUILERA
8461 CYPRESS AVE
SOUTH GATE 90280

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00072
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LIBRADA NAVA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LIBRADA NAVA to Proposed name (1) MARIA LIBERTAD NAVA
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: APRIL 20, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 FEBRUARY 18, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00079
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS to Proposed name (1) ERIC LIUFAU MANAI
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: APRIL 27, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Courthouse, 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS

9040 RAMONA ST APT 9A BELLFLOWER CA 90706

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VERLA BRINING

Case No. 22STPB01373
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VERLA BRINING
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Aimee Teegarden in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Aimee Teegarden 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 March 30, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Attorney for petitioner:
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CN984328 BRINING Feb 17,24, Mar 3, 2022

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NAZEN THOMASIAN

Case No. 22STPB01190
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NAZEN THOMASIAN
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Louise Thomasian Johnson in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Louise Thomasian Johnson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 16, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Attorney for petitioner:
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SBN 119570
BUNN AND BUNN
1112 FAIR OAKS AVE
S PASADENA CA 91030
CN984277 THOMASIAN Feb 17,24, Mar 3, 2022

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NAZEN THOMASIAN

Case No. 22STPB01190
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NAZEN THOMASIAN
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Louise Thomasian Johnson in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Louise Thomasian Johnson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 16, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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What happens to a property when someone dies? County OKs settlement of lawsuit over Sheriff's Department records dispute

By Jeff Prang
L.A. County Assessor

This month I'm going to share information about a delicate subject, but also a very important one - dealing with property taxes and what should be done upon the death of a property owner.

Needless to say, the death of a loved one is a traumatic event, to say nothing of putting their affairs in order - dealing with inheritance, insurance, finances, and property. The following information generally covers what needs to be done if they owned property in Los Angeles County.

Anytime a property owner dies, the County Assessor must be notified. This is done by filing the Change in Ownership - Death of Real Property Owner Form. The form must be filed in addition to any notification made to law enforcement, the Coroner, or even the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

The Change in Ownership - Death of Real Property Owner Form must be filed with the Assessor within 150 days of the date of death. If the estate is in probate, the Assessor must be notified at the same time that the "inventory and appraisal" is filed. Failure to notify the Assessor may result in penalties and can complicate other parts of the transfer process.

The executor (whether a family member or legal representative) should file the Change in Ownership Statement-- Death of Real Property Owner Form and mail it to the Los Angeles County Assessor, Ownership Services Section, 500 W. Temple St., Room 205, Los Angeles, CA 90012, along with a copy of the death certificate. Also, you will find the required forms and a checklist that will take you through each step at my website: assessor.lacounty.gov/Real-Estate-Toolkit/death-of-a-property-owner. I encourage you to avail yourself of this useful information.

Furthermore, if the property is passed from a parent to their child(ren), there may be property tax savings available, called the Parent-Child Exclusion. However, that process has changed since the voter-approved Proposition 19 went into effect last year. Generally speaking, the parent-child exclusion allows a child to inherit property from their parent(s) without the property being reassessed: meaning they keep the parent's tax base.

Prop. 19 now mandates, however, that any property not being used as the primary residence will not be eligible to transfer the existing lower tax rate. The child receiving the home has one year from the date of transfer to acquire the

Homeowners' Exemption, if the home does not have it already. If the home does not have the Homeowners' Exemption, the children will not receive the tax benefit. The Parent-Child Exclusion is not automatic and must be applied for to receive the benefit.

A common point of confusion is when the property is in a trust. While trusts can have many benefits, they don't protect from reassessment. Whether or not the property is in a trust, the Parent-Child Exclusion must be filed to receive the savings. Similarly, property can be transferred from a grandparent to a grandchild, if the parent is deceased. The Grandparent to Grandchild Exclusion must also be filed. Applications for both Parent-Child Exclusions and Grandparent to Grandchild Exclusions must be made within three years following the date of death, (or other transfer) but prior to the date of sale or transfer to a third party.

Whenever you are considering filing documents that affect the ownership of your property, I encourage you to seek legal advice and assistance before filing those documents. The information provided here should not be construed as legal advice.

As I stated at the outset of this column, this is a delicate subject matter that needs to be addressed. I hope you find the information provided here useful. Again, I encourage you to visit our website, assessor.lacounty.gov.

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has been in office since 2014. The assessor's office is the largest of its kind in the nation with 1,300 employees and provides the foundation for a property tax system that generates \$17 billion annually.

■ A New York university sued the county after the Sheriff's Department declined to turn over public records.

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a \$185,000 settlement Tuesday with a New York law school that sued the sheriff's department alleging a failure to adequately respond to a request for public records.

The board's action specifically ordered that the settlement funds come directly from the sheriff's department's budget.

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law filed its lawsuit in 2019, accusing the sheriff's department of failing to adequately respond to a request for public records involving the agency's use of "predictive policing" software. According to the lawsuit, the sheriff's department paid more than \$7.5 million in 2014-15 for such programs, which are designed to identify "locations where crimes are likely to occur."

The center submitted its records request to the agency in June 2016, asking for "10 targeted categories of public records relating to the LASD's evaluation, purchase and use of predictive policing technologies."

"After providing a partial response to the Brennan Center's request, the LASD claimed multiple deadline extensions before eventually ceasing communication with the Brennan Center," according to the lawsuit. "As a result,

more than two and a half years after the Brennan Center first made its request to the LASD, several categories of the original request still remain outstanding."

Last year, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled in the favor of the center, and set a schedule for the sheriff's department to disclose the requested records.

The parties subsequently entered settlement negotiations, reaching the resolution that went before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

A staff report presented to the board stated, "Due to the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$185,000 is recommended."

The settlement amount includes attorneys fees and costs, according to the staff

report.

Prior to the board's vote, the sheriff's department blasted the action with a statement on Twitter, saying the county has refused to give the agency funding to respond to increased public-records disclosure requests that were expanded by Senate Bill 1421.

That law, which took effect in 2019, makes public records relating to peace officer use-of-force or misconduct reports, including sexual assault or dishonesty.

The sheriff's department "requested funding and personnel to comply with SB1421 on six occasions, all of which were denied by (the county CEO)," according to the agency. "Yet this morning (the board) will vote to take money out of our already defunded budget for (the lawsuit settlement)."

The board on Tuesday also adopted an ordinance that will require the sheriff's and probation departments

to "proactively" post online "non-confidential peace officer personnel records" that were ordered to be made public by SB 1421.

The ordinance requires the disclosure of applicable records on a publicly accessible website, along with posting legal justification for any withholding of such records.

It also requires that peace officers who discharge a firearm at another person be publicly identified within 48 hours.

While the board approved the ordinance, its implementation is contingent on funding being provided to "fully staff" the county counsel's office, which will oversee the process.

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