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Fire damages Downey sports bar

■ Crews were battling an early morning fire Thursday at the 20/20 Draft House on Firestone Boulevard.

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – A fire damaged a commercial building housing a bar and other businesses in Downey Thursday.

Firefighters were sent to the 8200 block of Firestone Boulevard about 5:45 a.m., according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, which was assisting the Downey Fire Department.

The fire damaged the 20/20 Draft House bar, and firefighters worked to prevent the flames from spreading to other businesses.

Firefighters appeared to have gained the upper hand on the flames after about 90 minutes, but some personnel remained on scene dousing hot spots.

A Downey firefighter suffered a minor injury and was transported to a local hospital.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department closed its incident about 7:50 a.m., and county firefighters went available for other calls, the county fire department reported.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Firestone Boulevard remain closed between Paramount Boulevard and Downey Avenue for much of Thursday morning.

CalMet hiking prices again

■ Monthly rates for trash collection services are going up April 1 for both residential and commercial landowners.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Downey residents will soon be paying anywhere from 5-6% more for the collection of their waste and recyclables.

At its meeting last week, the city council approved a request by CalMet to increase its monthly rates to \$25.67 (6.65%) for single-family residential customers, \$143.96-\$151.64 (5.33%) for a multi-family 3 cubic yard bin with once-a-week pick-up, and \$159.28-\$167.93 (5.43%) for a commercial 3 cubic yard bin.

Downey's commercial rates are 2.83% lower than the average of neighboring cities, according to city officials. However, the city's single-family residential rate is 11.6% higher than average.

The new rates will become effective on April 1.

Council members unanimously approved the adjustment as part of the meeting's consent calendar without discussion.

Downey's 10-year contract with CalMet was ratified April 1, 2016 and includes several provisions, including the ability for CalMet to increase its rates annually. In March last year, prices rose between 3-4%

In Downey, work begins to record barrio history

■ A largely poor, largely Latino neighborhood was wiped out to build Downey Community Hospital.

Work is underway to make sure those residents are not forgotten.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey Historical Society began a series of talks on Saturday, hoping to reclaim and record the history of Downey's lost barrio community.

According to President Bob Thompson, the Historical Society is looking to record data surrounding the barrio neighborhood which stretched from the train tracks to Clea Street, and from Brookshire Avenue to Patton Road.

Thompson said there is currently no recorded history of the Downey barrio.

"I think it should be brought to light that there was a barrio there," said Thompson. "It needs to be talked about. It's part of our history in Downey."

Much of the history – along with the neighborhood itself – was lost when the homes within were claimed under eminent domain prior to the construction of Downey Community Hospital in the mid to late 60's.

Members of the historical society gathered with a handful of members of the lost community, who shared stories of family, parties, community, school, and crime in the predominantly Latino neighborhood around the 1940's, 50's, and 60's.

One of the Historical Society's guests, 74-year-old Elizabeth Ann Hernandez, described life in the Barrio as "happy."

"We used to have fun, we used to play games," said Hernandez. "All the kids hung around each other. There were a lot of kids my age...We all hung around together, and we all played together."

She added that the loss of the community was hard for her, and that to this day much of the experience has been blocked from her memory.



At the Downey Historical Society, volunteers pore over photos of residents of Downey's barrio neighborhood.

Photos by Alex Dominguez

"That was my whole life. That was my growing-up years. That was being who I am with all these people," said Hernandez. "It was a traumatic experience when we had to move."

"I was able to graduate from high school in 1966, but we had to move away; we moved away the year before everybody was starting to look for houses..."

"After we graduated, that was it. That was a big turning point in my life because everything that I knew – all my friends, all my family – were gone."

Hernandez still holds some resentment towards the arrival of the hospital.

"I remember them saying the Downey Hospital was cursed because everybody was so upset,"



said Hernandez.

She added that the work that Thompson and the Historical Society was doing to restore the history of the barrio was "great."

"The sad part of the change of Downey is them getting rid of all the historic buildings," said Hernandez. "All the things that should have been preserved, weren't preserved because they had committees that wanted newer things..."

"I feel it's remarkable that

[Thompson] is doing this," she would add. "He was a part of it once – a very small part of it – but to me it was my life. That was my life. The barrio was my life, and that was taken away from me."

Saturday's meeting will likely not be the last, as Thompson hopes to continue gathering information.

"I'd like to see it continue," said Thompson. "My goal is to find the history, get the pictures...and if we could, make a book."

Tattoo shops, once unheard of in Downey, have arrived

■ With one tattoo studio already open and more on the way, Downey works on passing regulations.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey City Council unanimously approved standards for tattoo parlors within the city last week, albeit begrudgingly.

Due to a 2010 decision made by the Ninth Circuit Court, tattooing is considered to be an artistic form of expression protected under the First Amendment. As such, any zoning ordinances prohibiting tattoo parlors are considered unconstitutional.

While Downey's municipal code does not specifically prohibit tattoo parlors, it is also not listed within the zoning code. According to the commercial land use table of the zoning code, if a use is not listed, it is not permitted.

The new amendments to the zoning code will allow for tattoo establishments to operate in commercial areas, but not residential. They will be held to

sterilization, sanitation, and safety standards put forth already by regulating agencies such as OSHA, the CDC, and the California Health and Safety Code.

Parlors will require a valid public health permit from Los Angeles County and signage indicating ages 18 years or older.

According to staff, there are currently at least two parties interested in opening a tattoo shop in the city.

It became clear quickly that some on the council were not thrilled with the prospect of tattoo parlors entering the city.

"When I was running, I met this lady who said, 'I want you to know that in Downey, we don't do the 'Three P's'...We don't do pot, porn, or pawn shops,'" said Councilman Mario Trujillo. "We used to not do tattoo shops, but now there's apparently a couple in the city."

According to city staff, one tattoo establishment has been given a business license already.

While not able to stop tattoo parlors from coming into Downey, Councilmembers Claudia M. Frometa and Trujillo both expressed a desire to see if they



Downey has never had a tattoo shop until 2021. Zoning ordinances prohibiting the studios have been deemed unconstitutional. (Getty)

could limit the number established or regulate their locations, directing City Attorney Yvette Abich Garcia

to research the matters and report back at a later date.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 79°

Saturday 69°

Sunday 72°

THINGS TO DO



Downey Street Faire
Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm
Brookshire Avenue

The Downey Chamber of Commerce's signature outdoor event returns with dozens of vendors, food trucks, live music, petting zoo, and more. Plus a classic car show in the Downey High School parking lot organized by Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis.

ON THIS DAY

1776: British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

1905: Franklin D. Roosevelt married his distant cousin, Eleanor Roosevelt, in New York City. President Theodore Roosevelt, FDR's fifth cousin, gave his niece away.

1941: The National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

1942: Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

1959: The Dalai Lama fled Tibet for India in the wake of a failed uprising by Tibetans against Chinese rule.

1973: The Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph Burst of Joy is taken, depicting a former prisoner of war being reunited with his family, which came to symbolize the end of United States involvement in the Vietnam War.



2003: Edging to the brink of war, President George W. Bush gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave his country. Iraq rejected the ultimatum.

2005: Baseball players Rafael Palmeiro and Sammy Sosa testified before Congress that they hadn't used steroids; Mark McGwire refused to say whether he had.



2008: Rock musician Paul McCartney's divorce from Heather Mills was settled for \$48.6 million.

2009: The Seattle Post-Intelligencer published its final print edition.

Birthdays

"Step by Step" dad **Patrick Duffy** (73), film star **Kurt Russell** (71), actor **Rob Lowe** (58), The Smashing Pumpkins frontman **Billy Corgan** (55), soccer player **Mia Hamm** (50), R&B singer **Tamar Braxton** (45), rock singer **Hozier** (32), and "Star Wars" actor **John Boyega** (30).

Mayor's Corner

By Blanca Pacheco
Mayor

In my last article, I spoke about the city's future events. I am excited to announce that a date has been finalized for the Touch-A-Truck event.

The event will occur at Independence Park on Saturday, May 7, at 10 am. It will be a great event for kids and big kids alike!

Another exciting announcement is that our Parks & Recreation Department hosts the Concerts in the Park series at Furman Park every summer. This summer, we plan to add a little something new for everyone to enjoy. We will be adding large-scale games such as Jenga, bean bag toss, and Connect Four so that we can enjoy outside in our gorgeous Southern California weather.

Also, this summer, join me at Golden Park for a fun and exciting movie night! More information will be provided for this and all events through our city's social media pages.

In addition to these fun

activities for family and friends, we also have the following programs and projects happening in the city.

Girls On Fire

In 2019, we held our inaugural Girls on Fire event. We had over 100 girls participate in the summer camp. The camp is open to all middle and high school students who reside and attend Downey schools. The camp is geared to help girls deal with unique challenges they face as young ladies, such as self-defense, cyberbullying, internet crimes, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, self-esteem, suicide prevention, human trafficking, and building healthy relationships.

This year, we will be holding our second annual Girls On Fire Camp from July 25-27. We plan to make it bigger by adding more girls and more activities for the girls. So, mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

City Parks and Facilities

We are always looking at ways to improve our city

parcs and facilities. Thanks to Measure S, we were able to remodel our fire stations, library, parks, and streets. Through additional grant funding, we will also be able to repurpose and replace the playground equipment at Crawford and Temple Parks. We anticipate having a groundbreaking ceremony this summer.

You may have seen much activity through our city's main thoroughfares. This is your tax dollars at work and part of the three-year street improvement project to repair 264,000 linear feet of city streets.

Tree Planting

Public Works is also hard at work planting trees throughout the city as part of the Urban Forest Management Plan. City parks supported by trees provide a respite from the noise, congestion, and other daily life stressors in an urban environment. Healthy parks supported by trees encourage park use and recreation as shade protects from extreme heat and creates comfortable conditions when people want to be outside.

Our Urban Forest Management Plan has set goals and strategies to ensure that trees continue to increase residents' quality of life. The goal is to have a tree canopy of 20% in the city by 2050. That is a total of 30,000 new trees.

CDBG

Lastly, I am happy to announce the availability of approximately \$155,723 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for organizations that provide public services to low and moderate income residents during the 2022-2023 Program Year. The deadline for submitting applications was March 9.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve you.

Blanca Pacheco
Mayor

Eyes on our Schools

By Bobbi Samperi
School Board President

Happy March Downey Unified families and Downey community! Since I last wrote in February, a lot has changed across the state of California related to COVID-19 mandates placed on schools.

It was announced at the end of February that schools across the state would be able to transition from requiring students and staff to wear masks indoors to recommending them be worn. I, along with the rest of the Board of Education, decided to align with both the State and County, and beginning this past Monday (3/14) our students and staff now have the option to wear masks indoors within our schools and district office.

I hope this decision is another step in the direction of getting back to some sense of "normalcy" and that things continue to get better each day.

With the option to have this choice, I do want to remind everyone that CHARACTER COUNTS! in Downey Unified and, as a district of Character, we must follow the 6 Pillars: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. As shared by Dr. Garcia last week, now more than ever we need to place focus on the Pillar of Respect and make sure that we always show respect toward one another during this period of transition.

As I shared last time, we celebrated Read Across America earlier this month and many of our schools honored literacy by hosting various events, both in person and virtually. Our Online Elementary School virtually hosted a variety of guest readers, inviting them to read their favorite book from the

comfort of their own home or office.

While our 13 elementary schools across the district invited guests in person to sit in front of the class and read... some even took it upon themselves to dress up... It was an amazing time for all who were able to participate!

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to share some exciting news with our Downey Unified families and community as a whole! As many might know, three years ago we launched our first ever Dual Language Immersion program called the Global Language Academies of Downey (GLAD) at Carpenter Elementary School. It has been a great success for all of our youngest students as they begin the path to being biliterate learners. Our program has grown from the ground up these past few years and, because of such interest in the dual language program, we are very proud to announce the expansion to Imperial Elementary School next school year!

Similar to the beginning of GLAD at Carpenter, this program will start with our youngest students first (TK) and then grow each year. If you are interested in having your youngest child enrolled in a Spanish Dual Immersion program for the 2022-23 school year, the application window is now open now through March 25! Please visit web.dusd.net/glad to apply now!

As we continue to look toward the last few months of this school year, our students, staff and campuses as a whole are going to be very busy preparing for Open House, Future Sixth Grade Nights, various awards nights, spring concerts and promotion/graduation ceremonies. It's going to be a great few months celebrating our students to

close out the 2021-22 school year, so please be on the lookout for event information shared by your child's school in the coming weeks so you can join in these celebrations.

However, one of the events that I'm most excited about is coming up in three weeks and I can't help but call it out specifically! After a two-year hiatus, we are so excited to be able to host our annual elementary Carnival of Champions from 8 am to 12 pm on Saturday, April 2, at Warren High School. Renamed the Dale Lostetter Carnival of Champions in 2018 in honor of longtime Downey Unified administrator and Carnival of Champions advocate, this event is a great opportunity to get our fourth and fifth grade students together again to participate in various track and field events throughout the afternoon.

Dale Lostetter organized this event for over ten years and continued to take a large part even after his retirement. He believed that this event allowed students at an early age to be introduced to competition and camaraderie, all while strengthening a student's character... for those reasons alone, naming this event in his honor could not have been more fitting.

Students will be competing in seven track and field events that include baskets in one minute, softball throw, standing long jump, 50/100-meter dash and mixed-coed relay to name a few. I truly hope that the entire Downey community comes out on Saturday, April 2 to show their support and celebrate our students.

Bobbi Samperi
President, Downey Unified Board of Education



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CITY'S RESPONSE TO OJOS LOCOS

The Downey community has clearly vocalized its concerns regarding Ojos Locos Sports Cantina. The City understands and shares this concern. The City Council and Staff would like to explain how the approval of this business occurred and what limitations exist that prevent the City from simply denying a business.



How did Ojos Locos get approval to open in Downey?



Downey has different zones throughout the City and different business types are allowed to operate in each zone "by right," which means that the business can operate without any special approvals. The items below are the first questions asked to determine if a business is allowed to operate.

1. Zoning - Is the business type allowed in the zone?
2. Parking - Does the location have enough parking for the proposed business type?
3. Special Activity - Will the business have a DJ or other type of live entertainment?
4. New Development - Will the business change the existing building or build new?

If a business, such as a restaurant, answers yes to questions 1 and 2 then, it is allowed to operate. Answering yes to questions 3 and 4 requires special approval from the City's Planning Commission. This was the case at the former Denny's location. The business proposed to demolish the existing building, construct a new restaurant building and provide a DJ on weekend evenings.



What happens next?



For Ojos Locos, the Planning Commission is only allowed to review items that the Zoning Code gives them authority to review. For the former Denny's location, the Planning Commission was only able to review and vote on two items:

- Site Plan Review: Architecture, landscaping, and parking layout for new restaurant building.
- Conditional Use Permit: DJ only during weekend evening hours.

The Planning Commission, at a public meeting on February 2, 2022, approved the construction of a new building and DJ on evenings/weekends. *The Planning Division and Police Department added 40 operating restrictions to control alcohol over-serving, serving to minors, unruly behavior, noise, a security plan, and safety in the area.*



What has the City done to address employee attire at Ojos Locos?



The City has developed a new local law to forbid food and beverage servers from wearing lingerie or similar clothing when serving food.



How will the City address safety and crime concerns at Ojos Locos?



City staff will work with the Police Department to monitor the business and address any concerns as they arise. If the business violates any of its conditions and causes a burden on the Police Department, then the City has the ability to revoke the Conditional Use Permit and business license.



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Community rallies after brothers left without parents

■ A Downey family suffered unimaginable tragedy after both parents died within months of each other, leaving behind three children.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - A family is asking for support after two separate tragedies have left three brothers without their parents.

Lorraine Navarro was killed on Feb. 19 when an unsupervised, unlicensed, speeding teen crashed into her truck in Lynwood.

The loss came as a shock to

Navarro's family, especially to her three sons - 20-year-old Michael, 18-year-old Diego, and 13-year-old Joel - who had lost their father Albert Pasaye after an extended battle with a chronic illness just months prior.

"Unlike the father who had been sick a while and I think everybody had prepared themselves for it, this was a big shot because it was the double-whammy of both parents and then it was just so sudden that there was no way to prepare for it," said Octavio Navarro, Lorraine's brother.

Family, friends, and the community have already made moves to support the three

brothers and provide "as much normalcy as possible," according to sister Irma Rayburn. Now, the family is starting to look ahead at the boys' long-term needs and situation.

"Obviously, we're looking at where will they be, what is going to be home base for them in six months," said Rayburn. "Living expenses, those types of things."

"One of the reasons we wanted to share this is we did set up a go-fund me page for them, and we've received a lot of support from people for that," added Navarro. "Those funds are to pay for immediate funeral expenses, but also

long-term educational goals for them and financial support."

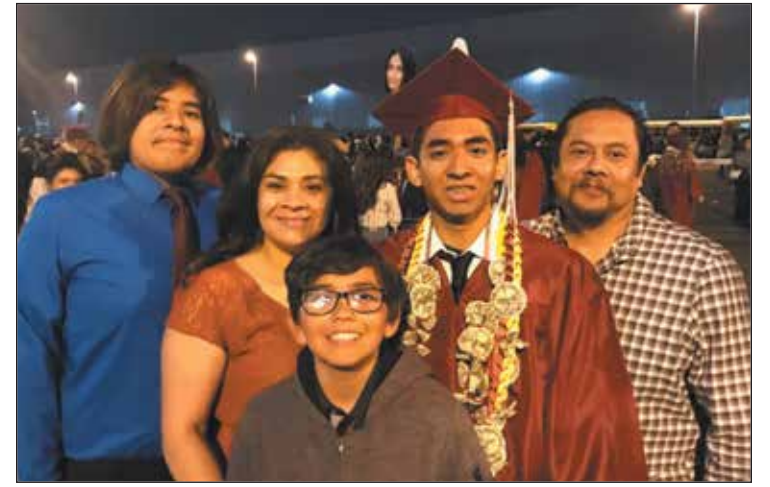
Two Go Fund Me accounts - one for funeral expenses and one for living expenses and future college financing - have accumulated nearly \$72,000 already. The most recent page can be found at <https://gofund.me/2b22dcae>.

Navarro added that sharing the story would help the boys "share their grief."

"It really has helped me to know that everybody was so interested in giving," said Navarro. "Obviously people we knew, but even people we didn't know, to understand the story."

"For me, what was important for them was sharing that grief; understanding that there are people that care, that there are people that will want to help."

Meanwhile, both Navarro and Rayburn say that they continue to pray for the teen



Three brothers - Michael, Diego and Joel Navarro - lost both their parents within months. (Family photo, used with permission)

involved in Lorraine's crash.

"All of us make some mistakes," said Navarro. "Although we don't know who he is or his family, we all pray for him as well, as we know this will affect his life."

"[We're] not focusing on

being angry at anyone," added Rayburn. "My heart really does go out to the young man and his family, because I can't imagine what that must be like."

Downey trying roundabout

DOWNEY - Downey will soon be implementing a roundabout into its streets, with potentially more to come depending on its overall impact on traffic flow.

The Downey City Council last week unanimously approved an

agreement with KOA Corp. for the design of a roundabout at the intersection of Rives Avenue at Quill Drive.

Council members had previously requested a roundabout at a city intersection

to evaluate its effectiveness and for possible deployment at other locations.

The contract amounts to a total of \$96,610. Total cost of the design phase of the proposed roundabout, inclusive of in-house staff time, is \$105,000.

City officials also considered installing a roundabout at Brookshire Avenue and Cherokee Drive before choosing Rives and Quill.

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Putin confronts an America that has edged closer together

By Jeff Robbins

President Joe Biden is fond of saying “it’s never been a good bet to bet against America,” and even those of us who thank the good Lord he’s president have rolled our eyes at this old chestnut. It sounds like sweet, outdated wishful thinking, naive cheerleading with a twist of fuddy-duddyitis.

But given the bipartisan support for the Biden administration’s moves to pour weapons into Ukraine and put the screws to Russia’s financial institutions, Biden’s claim has some basis. Our raw partisan divisions must have encouraged Russian President Vladimir Putin to conclude that we would roll over rather than punish him for his barbarism against Ukraine.

But to a remarkable degree, Americans agree that Russia’s wholesale slaughter of Ukrainians, its naked attempt to conquer a sovereign state and its obliteration of Ukrainian cities and towns just can’t be accepted — and that both morality and self-interest dictate that we help Ukraine beat Russia and remain free.

A new CBS poll shows that broad American support for sanctions on Russia’s energy sectors is overwhelming. Eighty-four percent of Democrats support such sanctions, as do 76% each of independents and Republicans. Three-quarters of Americans support a United States military response if Russia attacks a NATO country — and over half of Americans believe we have not responded to Putin strongly enough.

With polls showing that Americans’ collective stomach has turned witnessing images of Russian war crimes, the GOP may be moving away from being the party of Putin poodles, a position it claimed during the administration of former President Donald Trump. When Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly allowed that “Putin is a killer,” the Republicans’ Master wouldn’t have it. “There are a lot of killers,” Trump replied. “We have a lot of killers. You think our country is so innocent?”

No photo captured Trump’s intimate relationship with Putin better than the one of him yukking it up with Putin’s top henchmen — in the Oval Office. Trump had just fired FBI Director James Comey for refusing to terminate the Bureau’s investigation into links between Trump’s 2016 campaign and Moscow. “I faced great pressure because of Russia,” he gloated to Russia’s visiting foreign minister and ambassador to the U.S. “That’s taken off.”

The GOP fervently embraced the Trump-Putin embrace.

On the Democratic side, the obstacles to unity have come from the party’s far Left, which insists on remaining disconnected from reality. Two days after Putin invaded Ukraine, the Democratic Socialists of America blamed the invasion on the United States and NATO, a bit of idiocy that must have brought not merely smiles but snickers to the Kremlin. It called “for the U.S. to withdraw from NATO and to end the imperialist expansionism that set the stage for the conflict.” NATO, of course, exists solely and precisely to deter Russian invasions like the one that has resulted in the mass annihilation of Ukrainians.

Then there was a tweet from Ben & Jerry’s that has aged less well than a pint of ice cream left for a month on an Equatorial Guinean sidewalk. “We call on President Biden to deescalate tensions and work for peace rather than prepare for war,” proclaimed the frozen-treat mavens in late February. “Sending thousands more US troops to Europe in response to Russia’s threats against Ukraine only fans the flame of war.” Many shook their heads at this childishness, but there was some speculation that it was a clever marketing move to roll out the new Ben & Jerry’s flavor, “Dumb Nuts.”

We’re in for days that will test our new bipartisan spirit. How will the president’s oft-repeated statement that we will not directly confront Russia work if Russia bombs the Polish or Romanian borders with Ukraine, where refugees are escaping and arms desperately needed by the Ukrainians are flowing in? What is the “severe price” that Russia will actually pay if it deploys chemical weapons?

All we can do is recommit ourselves to American unity and to demonstrating to Putin that he has made a bad bet by betting against us.

Jeff Robbins, a former assistant United States attorney and United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Immigration and America’s racial reckoning

By Jonette Christian

The Civil Rights Movement was America’s greatest moral crusade, the culmination of years of determined citizen activism, leading to radical changes in the 1960s. And we didn’t just settle for a level playing field. We embraced affirmative action, expanded anti-poverty programs, rewrote history books, renamed public buildings, erected new statues, and promoted talented Black people in journalism, sports and Hollywood. Multiple Black mayors, city councilors and police chiefs were elected.

Black incomes grew after World War I, and the Black-white wage gap narrowed until around 1970. This remarkable achievement was mostly accomplished in the face of Jim Crow laws, and with minimal help from white people.

In the ensuing half-century, the gap widened to 1950 levels. What happened?

A new book, “Back of the Hiring Line” by Roy Beck, offers a meticulously documented perspective on this national puzzle. Along with employment data and immigration and labor historians, Beck tells the story through the writings and speeches of prominent Black leaders such as Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, A. Phillip Randolph, and Black-owned newspapers, all of whom doggedly advocated for tight labor policies following the Civil War.

Finally, a mounting demand by Black and labor activists forced Congress to cut immigration numbers in half in 1924. The Great Wave ended. Blacks began migrating North to fill blue-collar jobs in factories deprived of European workers.

During this half-century of tight labor, wages increased, wealth disparities shrank, the middle class exploded, and Black average incomes skyrocketed. Employers were forced to hire and train from within, and negotiate with unions for pensions, cost of living wages, and health care.

But, in 1965, Congress changed course again, radically expanding annual immigration numbers. Since 1990 Congress, placating the tech lobby, has given away millions of high-paying tech jobs through guest worker programs. The demand for foreign workers is unending. This February, the House passed the America Competes Act, expanding yet again foreign worker visas.

With the surge in foreign workers, some employers tended to prefer immigrants who were willing to accept long hours and lower wages. Blacks were shafted in one industry after another where previously employed. They also missed out on entry-level jobs in technology, losing the opportunity to develop those skills, networks and work experience that lead to upward mobility and generational wealth.

Blacks earn one in 10 computer science degrees nationwide, but account for

only 2.6% of Silicon Valley tech workers. Seventy-one percent of tech workers in Silicon Valley today are foreign-born.

In the 1990s, Congress authorized the formation of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform. After seven years of study, the commission told Congress to significantly decrease immigration, setting an annual cap of 550,000. The current level of immigration is over one million annually. Congress ignored the experts they had chosen to consult, and set immigration numbers to please business lobbies wanting more workers and more consumers. And the clamor for more foreign labor continues.

Immigration numbers have played a largely unrecognized role in forcing vulnerable groups to compete against each other, and Blacks have been especially harmed.

The solution is simple: Congress should reduce the numbers. All workers, immigrant and native-born, would benefit from tighter labor markets and higher wages.

Jonette Christian is a founder of Mainers for Sensible Immigration Policy. This piece originally ran in the Lewiston Sun-Journal.

TSA’s decision to extend its mask mandate defies logic

By Jacob Sullum

The federal rule that requires air travelers to wear face masks, which the Transportation Security Administration first imposed more than a year ago, was scheduled to expire this Friday. But the TSA extended the requirement for at least another month, for reasons that are even harder to understand than the original rationale for the mask mandate.

That is saying a lot because the scientific justification for the TSA’s rule has always been weak, given that the conditions on airplanes are not conducive to COVID-19 transmission. The ventilation systems on commercial aircraft, which mix outdoor air with air recycled through HEPA filters and limit airflow between rows, help explain why there were few outbreaks associated with commercial flights even before vaccines were available.

“The risk of contracting COVID-19 during air travel is low,” an October 2020 article in The Journal of the American Medical Association noted. “Despite substantial numbers of travelers, the number of suspected and confirmed cases of in-flight COVID-19 transmission between passengers around the world appears small.”

Sebastian Hoehl, a researcher at the Institute for Medical Virology at Goethe University Frankfurt in Germany, concurred in an interview with Scientific American the following month. “An airplane cabin is probably one of the most secure conditions you can be in,” he observed.

Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly reiterated that point during a Senate hearing last December. “I think the case is very strong that masks don’t add much, if anything, in the air cabin environment,” he said. “It is very safe and very high quality compared to any other indoor setting.”

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker agreed. “An aircraft is the safest place you can be,” he said. “It’s true of all of our aircraft; they all have the same HEPA filters

and air flow.”

On Feb. 25, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stopped recommending general indoor masking in parts of the country it rates as “low” or “medium” risk, which as of last week covered more than 98% of the U.S. population. According to the CDC, then, it is safe to dispense with masks in stores, churches, schools, bars and restaurants — environments where the risk of virus transmission is much higher than it is on airplanes.

Yet the TSA said it extended its mask rule “at CDC’s recommendation” so the agency could develop “a revised policy framework” based on “the latest science.” Mask rules for transportation are complicated, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said, because people are “moving from one zone to another” — an explanation that makes little sense when virtually the entire country is in the same “zone” as far as the CDC’s mask advice goes.

The TSA’s mask mandate has predictably led to much unpleasantness, driving a surge in disputes between travelers and flight attendants. For every obnoxious passenger who moons, berates or assaults the mandate’s enforcers, there are many others who quietly resent this thinly justified imposition, especially when it compels them to force masks on recalcitrant toddlers.

Government overreach

Dear Editor:

Can a city impose a dress code for employees of a private business? Lawyers are no doubt washing their hands with invisible bars of soap right just contemplating the future fee bonanza this issue will generate in a court fight.

Downey taxpayers fasten your seatbelts and hang on to your wallets. It’s anybody’s guess how costly this coming court battle will be.

I just hope our local grandstanding politicians research this problem before wasting money that could be better spent on our parks, police department, etc.

**John Marinelli
Downey**

Dear Editor:

Councilman Mario Trujillo should rethink his position with the proposed Ojos Locos sports bar.

If he wants to control the behavior of consenting adults then he should move to a country where the people are not free. It’s pathetic that our local government wants to restrict consenting adult behavior in a private place. That’s all it really comes down to because we already have laws in place for public drunkenness, loitering and prostitution. To say that having the occasional strip club would make Downey non-family friendly is absurd.

The last thing we need from our leaders is to turn into immature snow flakes. If a waitress’ uniform shows off her mid-rift, that’s cute and a little sexy. It’s not intercourse (not that there’s anything wrong with that), get a purit.

Vote out the Puritans. Free choice of consenting adults. Elect only grown ups to public office. Decriminalize sex workers.

**Donald McKinnon
Downey**

That expectation is especially difficult to justify since the risk to children from COVID-19 is infinitesimal even if they are not vaccinated — smaller than the risk of dying in a car crash if their parents decide to avoid mask hassles by driving instead of flying. Adult travelers, meanwhile, can protect themselves by getting vaccinated and, if they are especially cautious, by wearing high-quality, well-fitting masks, regardless of what everyone else is doing.

The Association of Flight Attendants nevertheless urged the TSA to retain the mask rule. The AFA’s enthusiasm for hygiene theater is of a piece with its enthusiasm for security theater: Back in 2005, when the TSA began letting passengers carry small scissors and short screwdrivers, the union warned that “the aisles will be running with blood.”

In that case, calmer heads prevailed. But more than two decades after 9/11, U.S. travelers are still saddled with myriad nonsensical restrictions. The mask rule is just the latest example.

Jacob Sullum is a senior editor at Reason magazine.

What happened to Downey?

Dear Editor:

I am sick. I am appalled. I am mad. I am sad. But most of all, I am disappointed in what is happening to the City of Downey. How did it come to this?

I have always had so much pride for this city and what it stood for. I saw corruption all around in surrounding cities, but never in my wildest dreams could I ever had imagined that it would be happening in Downey.

I read the Letters to the Editor last week and saw that I am not the only one who feels this way. The City of Downey is going to have a Mayor Pro Tem who is convicted of welfare fraud, is a thief, and a liar? How embarrassing is that. Is this person supposed to be a role model for our kids?

Shame on Blanca Pacheco, Mario Trujillo, and Sean Ashton for not having one ounce of integrity to do what is right for the City of Downey and its citizens, instead of just looking out for themselves and whatever selfish agendas they have. They can deny it all they want, but they know the truth. It’s pretty pathetic when all this greed for power and hunger for fame takes over and consumes their entire beings.

All Downey citizens should be outraged. We can’t just sit back and let this happen. Something has to be done to stop this. Make your voice be heard! I won’t accept that this is just the way things will be. It just can’t be. There is too much at stake here.

I don’t have the answer as to what to do, but something has to be done. To watch our city go straight downhill because of these few weak human beings is a disgrace. These are people who were supposed to represent us and support us and watch out for our best interests – not their own.

They say there’s strength in numbers. Hopefully this is true and if we all band together we can take back our city.

**D. Roberson
Downey**

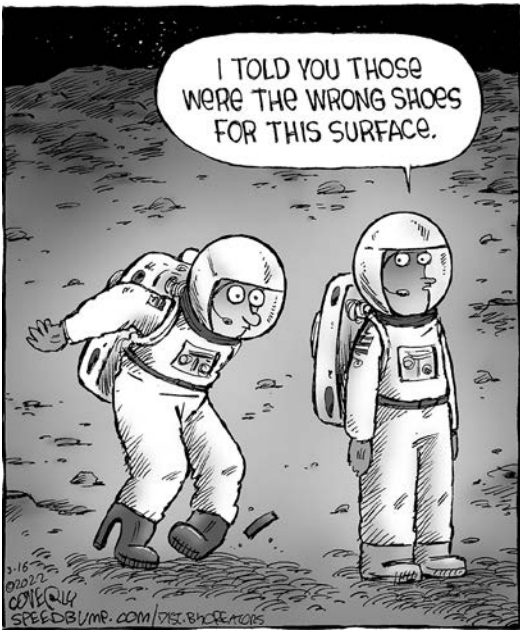
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: 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 Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
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 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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Downey High School's dance team finished in second place at the Premier School Dance Nationals held last week in Orlando. Sixty schools from across the country competed in the event.



Gangs Out of Downey, Downey Police Department, and community volunteers came together for a day of play at the Kids and Cops event on Saturday, March 5.

"Kids and Cops is a vital event meant to bring the community together, specifically kids and cops," said Gangs out of Downey President Hector Sosa. "It allows our youth to engage in several activities such as frisbee, football toss, and that's alongside our Downey Police officers. It helps create a positive relationship between the community's youth, and the officers who patrol the streets."

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El Monte approves guaranteed income pilot program

■ The city will provide up to 125 single mothers with \$500 monthly for one year.

By City News Service

EL MONTE – El Monte is joining the city and county of Los Angeles in introducing a guaranteed income pilot program, which will provide \$500 per month to 125 eligible participants for one year, city officials announced Wednesday.

On Tuesday night, the El Monte City Council approved a contract with RAND Corporation to administer the program, which will be funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act funds that were approved in December 2021.

"This is one of the most direct ways that we can deploy ARPA funds to the most vulnerable residents in our El Monte community," City Manager Alma Martinez said. "We are proud to partner with RAND, one of the most respected research organizations who will administer and evaluate the pilot program.

"We look forward to joining the other cities in the United States that are using their precious resources to strive to make a difference in their communities by exploring new models of direct support to those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," Martinez added.

Eligible participants must be female heads of household (no spouse present), and El Monte residents with children under 18 years of age who have been impacted by COVID-19 with a

verified household income at or below poverty level based on U.S. Department of Commerce thresholds.

Officials expect to initiate outreach and enrollment for the program in May.

Los Angeles County's pilot program will give 1,000 randomly selected residents \$1,000 a month for three years.

Participants must be at least 18 years old, have a household income

under \$56,000 for a single person or \$96,000 for a family of four and have experienced negative impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county will begin accepting applications on March 31.

The city of Los Angeles also launched a guaranteed basic income program last year.

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Fire chief who drank at work gets no punishment, \$1.4M payout

Investigators determined Los Angeles Fire Department chief deputy Fred Mathis was likely intoxicated at City Hall but technically off duty. He retired with a \$1.4 million payout before the investigation concluded.

However, The Times reported in July that an entry was retroactively made in Mathis' timekeeping record four days after the May 18 incident, showing he was on sick leave the day he was alleged to have been intoxicated and on duty at City Hall East.

Mathis told the paper in an email that he did nothing wrong. He conceded that he struggles with alcoholism, but denied ever being intoxicated on duty.

"Did I make mistakes dealing with my alcoholism?" Mathis wrote in an email to The Times. "Certainly, but I don't apologize for having a disease that I continually fight everyday. I never reported to duty impaired and my work was never impacted by my addiction."

Mathis retired days before the investigation ended in January, so he could not be subjected to any discipline. According to The Times, he received a payout of nearly \$1.4 million, on top of his annual pension of about \$225,000.

The LAFD could not confirm the payout to City News Service, saying that workers' compensation claims are handled by the third-party administrator AIMES. The department did pay out \$292,587.09 for unused sick time, holidays and vacations, according to the department.

Mathis' last seven months with the fire department were spent on paid leave for "continuous trauma to an extremity," although the nature of the trauma was not clear, The Times reported.

The findings of the investigation have outraged department insiders, The Times reported.

The heads of three organizations




for Black, Latino and women firefighters told the paper the Mathis case is another example of how the department grants special treatment to senior officers, especially if they are men or white. Two members of the Fire Commission, the five-person civilian panel that oversees the department, also criticized the handling of the Mathis investigation, the paper reported.

The law firm's investigation also cleared Mathis of allegations of misusing his LAFD credit card and confidential information about the investigation after going on leave.

"There is no evidence that Mathis used the Voyager Card to fuel his personal vehicles, or otherwise improperly used the Voyager card. Accordingly, it follows that this allegation is unfounded," according to the investigative summary.

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or <https://web.dusd.net/selpa/>

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Montebello Unified School District at (323) 887-7900

City News Service

LOS ANGELES - A law firm hired by the city to investigate an allegation that a Los Angeles deputy fire chief was intoxicated while overseeing the agency's operation center during the Palisades Fire found that he was likely impaired at the LAFD headquarters in City Hall East, but it cleared him of any wrongdoing, according to documents obtained Tuesday.

According to an investigative summary provided by the Los Angeles Fire Department, the law firm's investigation concluded that Chief Deputy Fred Mathis "was most likely under the influence of alcohol or intoxicated" on May 18 but that "there was no evidence that Mathis had alcohol in his P4 dorm."

The law firm's investigation, the summary of which was first obtained by the Los Angeles Times, also found that Mathis "was technically off duty while he was likely intoxicated as he had put himself out sick" that day.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022054949

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TEELA ALLEN, 375 REDONDO AVE #539, LONG BEACH CA 90814, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) REIGN IN US, 375 REDONDO AVE #539, LONG BEACH CA 90814

State of Incorporation: CA

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2022

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/REIGN IN US, CEO, TEELA ALLEN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 10, 2022

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Business 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.

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
3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022036132

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUPER STAR CLEANING & MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 7530 ADWEN ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MA SILVIA FREGOSO RODRIGUEZ, 7530 ADWEN ST, 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: 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/MA SILVIA FREGOSO RODRIGUEZ, OWNER

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

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: 10/2020

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

S/DOWNEY ENTERPRISES, LLC, MANAGER, RONALD A KOLAR

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 Business 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.

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 2022033466

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FAIRMONT APARTMENTS, 111 N FAIRWAY LANE, WEST COVINA CA 91791, 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 ST, 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: 12/2021

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/DOWNEY ENTERPRISES, LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, RONALD A KOLAR

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File Number 2022035949

FILE NO: 2022020939 DATE FILED: DECEMBER 18, 2020

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): PAPER CUTTERS, INC.

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 6023 BANDINI BLVD., COMMERCE, CA, 90040

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PACIFIC PAPER CONVERTING, INC., 6023 BANDINI BLVD., COMMERCE CA 90040

If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

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/PACIFIC PAPER CONVERTING, INC., PRESIDENT, SUSAN FEINSTEIN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Downey Patriot
3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022055264

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SPARZA BOUTIQUE, 10723 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARGARITA ESPARZA, 10723 LAKEWOOD BLVD, 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/MARGARITA ESPARZA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 10, 2022

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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".

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 or her other work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including but not limited to 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 or 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:

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer
E-Mail: dgutierrez@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
3/17/22, 3/24/22

**CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT NO. 22-17
RESIDENTIAL STREET
PAVEMENT REHABILITATION
PROJECT, AREA 8**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, April 7, 2022, which hour** the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 22-17 – Residential Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Area 8.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on 124 street segments in Area 8 of the southerly mid-section of the City of Downey. This project includes type II slurry seals, reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete leveling course, base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes the construction of new curb and gutter, removal and reconstruction of uplifted, damaged or substandard curb, gutter, cross gutters and sandpans, sidewalk, driveway approaches and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings, and loop detectors; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereon necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification Capital Improvement Project No. 22-17.

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 \$50.00 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 Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 22-17. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or 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 or her in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation Insurance, and 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, 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".

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 or her other work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including but not limited to 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 or 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:

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer
E-Mail: dgutierrez@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

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

**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 #22/23-04 –
Rio San Gabriel Elementary School
Window Glazing Project**

The Project consists of:
Demo glazing and provide new glazing per specifications.

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-17

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 22, 2022 and can be downloaded from the District's website, <https://web.dusd.net/purchasing/bids> under the "Maintenance, Operations, & Transportation" tab of the Bids & RFPs page.

Sealed bids will be received until **9 AM April 7, 2022** at the District Facilities Office, Attn: Kay Domingo, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey California 90241 at or 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 22, 2022 at 2 PM at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School, 9338 Gotham St., Downey, California 90241 at the front office. All participants are required to sign in. 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 prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <<http://www.dir.ca.gov>>.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on:

A. The base bid amount only.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

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

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00076
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SAMMY THUY TRUONG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SOPHIA ROSE WHERRY to Proposed name (1) SOPHIA TRUONG
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 25, 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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
FEBRUARY 25, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
SAMMY THUY TRUONG
5011, FAUST AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713
(562) 731-9863
Truongsammy83@gmail.com

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00068
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PETITION OF SARAH LIN-SALAZAR AND 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

The Downey Patriot
3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00080
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROSA ELIZABETH LOPEZ ROMERO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ROSA ELIZABETH LOPEZ ROMERO to Proposed name (1) ROSIE ELIZABETH LOPEZ
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

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00042
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ASHLEY SUYAPA RODRIGUEZ-GODOY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ASHLEY SUYAPA RODRIGUEZ-GODOY to Proposed name (1) ASHLEY SUYAPA CIRIBE
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 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
JANUARY 31, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ASHLEY SUYAPA RODRIGUEZ-GODOY
9663 CLANCEY AVE
DOWNEY CA 90240
CIRIBEA@GMAIL.COM
(562) 644-2243

The Downey Patriot
3/10/22, 3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22

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 19, 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

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00103
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROSA ELIZABETH LOPEZ ROMERO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ROSA ELIZABETH LOPEZ ROMERO to Proposed name (1) ROSIE ELIZABETH LOPEZ
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: MAY 16, 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
MARCH 15, 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

The Downey Patriot
3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22

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

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OWNER: LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA)
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The Downey Patriot
3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22

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.

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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

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00087
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PETITION OF MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS to Proposed name (1) MARCHELL MARSHAY WOODS
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: MAY 2, 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
MARCH 4, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MARSHY WOODS
5204 HAYTER AVE
LAKEWOOD, CA 90713
562-331-6951
MARCHELLWOODS94@ICLOUD.COM

The Downey Patriot
3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22

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.

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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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Deadline for business property statements fast approaching

■ Deadline to file form 571-L is May 9 to avoid a penalty; find out if your business is required to complete this paperwork.

By Jeff Prang
L.A. County Assessor

There's a deadline fast approaching that oftentimes is overlooked but is significant nevertheless — the Business Property Statements. And the deadline is here.

Each year Business Property Statements, which provide a basis for determining property tax assessments for business equipment and related fixtures, are mailed by my office to most commercial, industrial and professional firms.

Businesses with personal property with an aggregate cost of \$100,000 or more must file a Business Property Statement each year by April 1. This is required by state law. However, you have until May 7 to file. After that a 10% penalty will be applied. Business inventory is exempt from taxation.

Generally, businesses with total personal property that cost less than \$100,000 are not required to file a Business Property Statement annually. Instead, a value may be established based on an initial Business Property Statement filing or by an on-site appraisal. That value may be adjusted by subsequent annual on-site appraisals. Please note that if my office mails you a form, you are required by law to return the form regardless of the amount of personal property.

Business Personal Property is typically all property owned or leased by a business except Real Property and Inventory items.

Business Personal Property includes, but is not limited to:

- *Machinery
- *Computers
- *Office Equipment (e.g. FAX machines, photocopiers)
- *Telephones
- *Furniture (e.g. desks, chairs, bookcases)
- *Supplies

It's important to remember that Business Personal Property is valued annually as of January 1. If you were in business or owned personal property on that day and have the required amount of property, you are required to file, even if the Assessor does not mail one to you. Business Property Statements are private documents and are held confidential by my office.

Having said that, I understand this has been a very difficult year for many businesses and I am inviting you to provide me with information about your business equipment for the possibility of some relief. The COVID-19 pandemic restrictions have had a negative impact on the value of many business assets, such as gyms, hotels and movie theaters, while others not so much.

Businesses that were operating on Jan. 1 but then regrettably had to shutter are going to be considered. Make no mistake about this, I intend to be proactive about these reductions. As an example, our office proactively reduced Business Personal Property for about 47,000 businesses countywide last year.

Property taxes are based on the assessed value of your property. I also think it's important to note that the very reason for our property taxes is to support vital public services provided to all of us, including law enforcement, fire protection, education, parks and recreation, as well as roads.

Property tax bills show land and improvement values. Improvements include all assessable buildings and structures on the land. In general, properties that are owned and used by educational, charitable, religious or government organizations may be exempt from certain property taxes. You may also qualify for certain exemptions.

The bureaucratic name for the Business Personal Property form is the 571-L and as I mentioned it must be filed no later than May 7 to avoid a penalty. However, May 7 falls on a weekend this year so the deadline is actually May 9.

To file the form online or just to learn more about this go to <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/businessowners/business-prop-statement-filing>.

Finally, if you want to contact us by phone, please call (213) 974-3211 or (888) 807-2111 toll-free.

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has been in office since 2014. His office is the largest of its kind in the nation with 1,400 employees and provides the foundation for a property tax system that generates \$17 billion annually.

County cancels tax penalties for landlords impacted by eviction moratorium

■ Property owners who suffered income loss due to the eviction ban will have tax penalties removed.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to cancel property tax penalties and other fees incurred by property owners who have been financially impacted by the county's moratorium on evictions of tenants unable to pay their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county's eviction moratorium will remain in effect -- although to varying degrees -- through the end of the year.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, who opposed the county's move in January to extend the moratorium, introduced the motion with Supervisor Janice Hahn to eliminate tax penalties for landowners who suffered income losses due to the eviction ban.

"I've heard repeatedly from many property owners the devastating financial toll the pandemic has taken on them," Barger said in a statement after the vote.

"Some are elderly individuals who depend on their rental income to make ends meet. We can't in good conscience balance COVID-19 relief on the backs of property owners. The county needed to put some skin in the game, and this motion was about delivering on the promise to

share in the financial burden."

Under the motion, which was approved unanimously, the county Department of Consumer and Business Affairs will reach out to property owners with information about how to request cancellation of tax penalties or other fees incurred due to loss of rental income.

"The eviction moratorium has prevented people from losing their housing, but our landlords have borne the brunt of this burden," Hahn said in a statement. "While it is not within our authority to waive people's property taxes, we can waive their late fees."

Crime Report

On March 8 at 12:55 am, officers responded to the 8000 block of Devenir Ave. in regards to a call of shots fired. Responding officers determined two adult suspects had attempted to steal 2 ATV's from the property when they were interrupted by a resident. During the incident, the adult resident fired a single gunshot at the ground to scare the suspects. Both suspects fled southbound and were never located.

On March 8 at 9:15 pm, officers were dispatched to 7-Eleven at 7371 Florence Ave. in regards to a robbery. The adult suspect entered the store and attempted to steal some items. The adult clerk stopped the suspect who in return hit, kicked and stabbed the clerk in an attempt to flee. The clerk held onto the suspect until officers arrived. The clerk sustained a minor wound and the suspect was arrested.

On March 11 at 11:15 pm, officers were dispatched to a robbery at Downey Liquor, 7617 Firestone Blvd. Two adult males entered the store and ripped the cash register from the counter and fled in an awaiting vehicle. The clerk was unharmed and the suspects were not located.

On March 12 at 12:45 pm, officers responded to a robbery at the Check into Cash at 9907 Paramount Blvd. The suspect entered the location with an envelope. The suspect approached the cashiers and told them to empty all the drawers and place the cash into the envelope. As he did this, the suspect displayed the handle of a handgun in his waistband. The victims complied and the suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival.

Contributed by the Downey Police Department


Accused child molestor from Bellflower dies in jail

BELLFLOWER — A 65-year-old Bellflower man accused of sexually assaulting four girls he is related to in Santa Ana, dating back to 1991, has died in custody.

Aurelio Garcia died March 8. He tested positive for COVID-19 and was hospitalized Feb. 3, according to the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Garcia was charged with assaulting the girls in November 1991, March 2000, March 2012 and May 2019, according to court records.

The charges were dropped Tuesday because of Garcia's death.



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City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support

By Eric Flores
Staff Writer

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Council members ultimately voted 2-1 to continue funding the gallery. Mayor Fernando Valenzuela and Councilmember Blanca Pacheco abstained. Vice Mayor Pineda, Flores, and Pacheco are former Stay Gallery board members.

The agreement with Downey Art Vibe calls for the city to cover the gallery's rent through May 31, 2022, plus an additional \$48,000 for program expenses. Subsidies will be paid out of the city's Art in Public Places fund.

A judge granted by developers who charge installing public art and would pay 1% of the new building's value.

At of Monday, the fund contained \$376,717.76, said Alder Schneider. Downey's director of community development.

The contract names the Downey Arts Coalition a strategic partner in the success of the gallery, and stipulates that the facility be made available to clubs and community organizations.

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