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## Columbia Memorial expands Girls in STEM program

■ The program will soon include new chapters in Los Angeles and Orange Counties

**DOWNEY** — The Columbia Memorial Space Center on Monday announced a significant sponsorship from Financial Partners Credit Union for their Girls in STEM program.

The sponsorship will provide resources and support to expand the Space Center's existing Girls in STEM club and create chapters throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

A recent study by Girls Who Code reported that 74% of young girls express an interest in STEM education and careers, however women comprise less than 30% of the STEM workforce. The American Association of University Women found that girls and women are systematically tracked away from science and math throughout their education, limiting their access, preparation and opportunities to go into these fields as adults.

"We are thrilled to expand the Girls in STEM program throughout our region, helping cultivate a deeper sense of engagement and learning in young girls," said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. "This program will help further position our youth with the mindset and skills to thrive academically and professionally in the future. We thank Financial Partners for their support in helping spread the world of STEM to our youth."

Launched this month, interested Girls in STEM Chapter Leaders will receive initial Club Starter Kits designed to ignite STEM education including project ideas, discussion topics and a comprehensive guide to launching a new Club. A training for chapter leaders will be held in March at the Space Center, followed by the first Girls in STEM Summit in April, to coincide with Los Angeles' annual, month-long City of STEM initiative.

Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez said, "Through programs such as these, we give children the opportunity to thrive in modern STEM education, which virtually affects every component of our everyday lives. Girls in STEM will help bring awareness to just how important STEM is for our youth."

"Supporting STEM education for today's youth is a cornerstone of Financial Partners' community efforts. We believe STEM offers better career opportunities, strengthening family's financial health and the communities they live in," said Nader Moghaddam, President and CEO of Financial Partners Credit Union and Chairman of the Foundation Board at Columbia Memorial Space Center. "Eighty-five years ago, we were founded by the people who eventually led missions that took us to the moon and beyond. We're thrilled to continue this legacy and spark a love for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in girls."

"We've had a waitlist of over 100 girls interested in joining our flagship Girls In STEM club for over two years," said Benjamin Dickow, Executive Director of the Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center. "Thanks to this sponsorship from Financial Partners, who have been long-time supporters of the Space Center, we can now welcome those who have been waiting and bring STEM activities to girls across Los Angeles and Orange Counties."

# Search begins for interim councilmember

■ The City Council will have until May 13 to fill the vacancy left by Sean Ashton.

Mayor Blanca Pacheco voiced doubts that the council would be able to come to a decision.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The City of Downey will seek applications for an interim council member to fill the currently vacant District 2 seat.

The vacant seat will need to be filled by May 13, or 60 days after former councilman Sean Ashton's official resignation on March 14.

Ashton stepped down from the council, citing a job promotion.

While there is no legal requirement for the council to follow any specific method of appointment, it is common practice for a council in this situation to post a notice of vacancy and invite applications.

Council would then go through an interviewing process with each applicant, all in the context of a public hearing.

The application window officially opened on Wednesday, and will close on April 6 at noon.

Only those 18 and older, residing and registered to vote in District 2 will be able to apply. Should the council fail to agree on a successor by the deadline, the seat would remain vacant and the successor would be decided at the general election.

When posed with the option to either seek an interim successor or leave the seat empty for the time being, the council voted 3-1 in favor of the former option with Mayor Blanca Pacheco opposed.

Pacheco said she didn't want to subject council meetings and residents to "more turmoil."



Former Mayor Mario Guerra and candidate Hector Sosa have already expressed interest in filling the seat. Photo by Alex Dominguez

"My personal opinion is we should leave it up to the voters in District 2, for them to elect their representative come November," said Pacheco. "There's a lot of chaos in this city, and it should be up to you, the voters."

Councilwoman Claudia Frometa would say that the council had the ability to "appoint someone that can help us continue to move our city forward."

"There is a lot of disruption, and it could seem as if there is a lot of chaos, however it is up to us as a council to be the calming voice of our residents and move our city in a uniting way," said Frometa. "We will always disagree because that is just the nature of being human, and in November somebody will officially occupy that seat. But having said that, there has been a couple of times before where the council has been faced with this difficult decision, and I think they've done the right thing."

There have been two instances where previous Downey councils would fill a vacancy.

Pacheco suggested that the council was not on the same page, describing she and her colleagues as "a council divided."

"My concern is that we won't all agree on who [the appointee] will be," said Pacheco. "It will be very difficult, and we'll be subjecting the residents to more disagreements because we can't all agree."

There are already potential suitors.

Former Mayor Mario Guerra emailed the council last week expressing his willingness to step in to the position for the remainder of the term.

"I feel I could help bring some of my experience to our city for this short appointment period. I have no political agenda except to serve and help move our city forward," Guerra wrote. "From economic

development to infrastructure to businesses retention and recruitment, these are some of the things I could potentially assist the council in a short period of time.

"I do not plan on initiating any new items that would take away staff time from the directions you have started. I'm not interested in trying to undo any of the initiatives the council has already started or instigated."

While Guerra could be appointed to the seat temporarily, he would not be eligible to run in November, having already served two terms.

Gangs out of Downey President Hector Sosa - who has already announced his intention to run for the seat on the upcoming ballot - is also eyeing the appointment.

"I'm going full speed ahead for November, but I'm definitely going to try to fill that seat in the interim," said Sosa.

# Downey Symphony concerts promises something for everyone

■ Excitement is high for the Downey Symphony's April 9 concert

By Lorine Parks  
Society Editor

**DOWNEY** - "It's filled with sizzle and sparkle," said Sharon Lavery, Music Director for the Downey Symphonic Society. "What better way to open a program than Bernstein's Overture to Candide! A perfect piece to get the evening started."

But even before the Downey Symphonic Orchestra plays the official Overture, Dottie Nadolski will begin the evening by conducting "Simple Gifts," a Shaker song arranged exclusively for the Orchestra by Luca Mendoza. April 9 is the night the winner of the last baton auction, in 2019, will give the down beat to start the Downey Symphony Orchestra's long-awaited spring subscription concert.

"After the intermission the auction for the April 2023 baton will be conducted," said Anthony Crespo, president of the Downey Symphonic Society. "This is everyone's chance to bid for that once-in-a-lifetime chance."

Twenty-five years ago the winning bid was \$400. Now it has risen to a jaw-dropping \$3,500.

"Next, as I always try to do," said Music Director Sharon, of the Orchestra's upcoming concert at the Downey Theatre, "I included a work that is very new, Open World,



Downey Symphony's upcoming concert will feature highlights from Pinar Toprak's Captain Marvel score

the highlights from Pinar Toprak's score from the blockbuster movie, Captain Marvel."

"I had worked with Pinar on another concert," said Sharon, "and I always wanted the opportunity to program her music because she is a very talented composer, so here was my chance. I was also very proud that Captain Marvel was the highest

grossing film scored by a female composer in history."

Pinar Toprak is a Turkish-American composer for film, television and video games. Born and raised in Istanbul, she earned a master's degree at California State University, Northridge, in composition.

Growing up, Tovar says that

music and books gave her an escape to another world that was not her world at all.

"Sometimes a really cool song goes a long way in telling the story," Pinar has said of her score, a fusion of electronic and orchestral sounds, with the electronic parts representing the aliens and the orchestra representing the main character.

To cap the first half, the Symphonic Society presents Bach's Well-Tempered Marimba. If the marimba had existed 300 years ago, in Johann Sebastian Bach's time, would he have composed for that dark, mellow, resonant instrument? Why not? The marimba has a range of five octaves, the same as the harpsichord, and the chromatic bars are placed in order just like a harpsichord keyboard.

Bach's Harpsichord Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, first performed exactly 300 years ago in 1722, translates well from an 18th century string keyboard instrument, to the marimba, brought to the New World with the slave trade from Africa. Its wooden bars resonate when they are struck with rubber mallets, like the harpsichord's strings that are plucked.

"As soon as I heard David and Soojin play this Bach arrangement for two marimbas," said Music Director Sharon, "I knew immediately that I wanted to engage them for our upcoming program with the Downey Symphony

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**1765:** Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

**1854:** President José Gregorio Monagas abolishes slavery in Venezuela.

**1874:** Harry Houdini, the Hungarian-born magician and escape artist, was born.

**1883:** Long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York City.

**1955:** "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams opened on Broadway.

**1958:** Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

**1973:** The album "Dark Side of the Moon" by Pink Floyd was released.

**1989:** One of the nation's worst oil spills occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

**1998:** A 13-year-old boy and his 11-year-old cousin opened fire outside their school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing four students and a teacher and injuring 10.

**2001:** Apple Computer Inc's operating system Mac OS X went on sale.

**2002:** Halle Berry became the first African-American performer to win a best actress Oscar, for "Monster's Ball."



**2008:** Bhutan, a landlocked country between China and India, officially became a democracy with its first ever general election.

### Birthdays

Fashion designer **Tommy Hilfiger** (71), wrestling hall of famer **The Undertaker** (57), "The Big Bang Theory" star **Jim Parsons** (49), "How I Met Your Mother" star **Alyson Hannigan** (48), football hall of famer **Peyton Manning** (46), and actress **Jessica Chastain** (45).



# Downey fire station to undergo repairs

**DOWNEY** - Work to repair one of Downey's fire stations was approved on Tuesday, after a fire late last month left the building uninhabitable.

On Feb. 25, a fire broke out at station no. 4 - located at 9349 Florence Ave. - causing no injuries but considerable damage to the building.

According to city staff's report, the fire most possibly originated inside an exterior wall at the second floor. A preliminary investigation by the City's Fire Inspector indicated a malfunctioning electrical system as the cause.

During the incident, the walls and flooring sustained water damage due to the activation of the building's sprinkler system. Areas of the roof and portions of both the

interior and exterior walls as well as ceilings were also removed during firefighters' attempt to contain the fire quickly.

The odor of burnt building material has also lingered since the event.

It is estimated that cost of repairs will be over \$600,000, which will be handled through a claim with the city's insurer.

Personnel have since been moved to and operated out of fire stations no. 1 and 3, and will continue to do such until repairs are complete.

The fire station had previously been renovated and modernized in 2021 as part of Measure S, reopening in July.

# City gives Stay Gallery \$28,000 to remain open

**DOWNEY** - The city of Downey will provide Stay Gallery with \$28,000 to operate through the end of July.

The new agreement - which was approved unanimously by the council - covers the remaining lease payments for April through July at a cost of \$12,128, plus an additional \$4,000/month from April through July to ensure regular operating hours and programming for the public, bringing the total cost to \$28,128.

The subsidy is covered through the city's Arts in Public Places funding.

The city has paid rent for the facility - located at 11140 Downey Avenue - since 2012.

# Alvarez served recall papers for second time



Alvarez was served notice of intent to recall at Downey's Council meeting on Tuesday. Photo by Alex Dominguez

■ Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez was served recall papers for the second time on Tuesday.

The recall attempt fell 35 signatures short to go to ballot.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez was once again served papers of intent to recall on Tuesday.

This is the second time in less than a year that residents have taken legal moves to oust the council member.

A first attempt made it to the signature-verification stage, however came up just 35 votes short of the over 3,454 needed to take the recall effort to ballot.

Proponents have maintained that their reasoning for seeking the

recall stems from Alvarez's failure to disclose her criminal past during the 2020 election.

In a statement sent to the Downey Patriot, representatives of the recall also voiced their displeasure in Alvarez's recent appointment to Mayor Pro Tem, pinning much of the blame on Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

"Our residents deserve better. That is one reason we have served Catherine Alvarez with recall papers again. We were barely short last time from having a successful recall vote (35 signatures out of over 4000 submitted). Based on the outpouring of dissent from our residents we will move forward to recall her. Based on her criminal record and deception to the voters in Downey our community overwhelmingly supported her recall.

"We were also shocked, disturbed and disappointed when

3 members of our city council voted to appoint her as Mayor Pro Tem a few weeks ago. The city council obviously did not heed the wishes and interests of our residents when they voted to have the first convicted criminal (welfare fraud, shoplifting and two warrants for her arrest) serve in the largely ceremonial position of Mayor Pro Tem.

"We were especially surprised when Mayor Pacheco cast the deciding vote. It was shocking that she did so even after knowing how many Downey residents had signed the recall petition, just in one district, let alone the entire city. The proof is there that we do not want her and lack of ethics representing us and yet the mayor ignored the pleas of our city. Every day that she is in office is another stain on our community."


Alvarez had previously faced charges of welfare fraud and shoplifting from the Michael's Craft Store at the Downey Landing.

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# City Council commits \$25,000 to Pride event



Members of City Council pose with Supervisor Janice Hahn at last year's Pride Family Picnic. Photo by Alex Dominguez

■ The Pride celebration is scheduled for Aug. 12 and 13.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The city of Downey will commit \$25,000 to this year's Pride Festival.

Downey's first Pride Family Picnic was held last year.

"It was a successful event; I think all of us attended," said Councilman Mario Trujillo. "[It was] well received by the community, very family focused, youth-oriented I'm happy to say."

The allocated funds will be drawn from the city's General Fund reserve account.

This year's Pride Festival will span over two days, Friday Aug. 12 and Saturday Aug. 13.

The first day will feature the Downey Pride Sunset Festival,

held in the downtown area on Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th Streets. Similar in layout to Downey's International Food and Music Festival, this event will be more adult-focused and include food vendors, entertainment, a beer garden, and other activities.

The second event, the Pride Family Picnic, will return to Furman Park with a similar layout in a larger footprint. It will feature a main stage with various entertainment and guest speakers, information booths, free food, kids' activities, photo booths, and an art component. The Pride Family Picnic will be more directed at Downey youth and families.

Both days will be free to attend to residents.

The event aims to bring awareness, support, and resource information regarding issues of substance abuse and mental health, particularly to the city's LGBTQ youth.

As in the previous year, the event will have significant support from Supervisor Janice Hahn, who will cover the cost of security / police personnel and donate several logistical components. The event is also once again being planned and coordinated by the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

# Downey considers raising hotel tax to 13%

■ Voters will decide in November whether or not to increase Downey's hotel tax.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** - Hoping to raise money for infrastructure repairs, the City Council will allow voters to decide whether or not to hike the city's hotel tax from 9% to 13%.

Downey's transient occupancy tax has been at 9% since 1998. The fee is levied on customers staying at Downey hotels, motels and Airbnbs for less than 30 days.

Raising the tax to 13% would

generate an additional \$950,000 in annual revenue, city officials said. The money would be earmarked for infrastructure projects such as street repairs and park improvements, according to a staff report prepared by the city.

Downey voters approved a sales tax increase in 2016 - Measure S - that is funding improvements to the police and fire departments, along with parks and city facilities.

But there remains "a need for greater funding for residential roads and right-of-way improvements as they are in desperate need of rehabilitation," City Manager Gilbert Livas wrote in a report to council members.

If the tax increase is approved by voters, Downey would have the highest transient occupancy tax among local cities, exceeding Cerritos, Buena Park, Commerce and Glendale, each of whom have 12% hotel tax rates.

On Tuesday, the City Council unanimously agreed to place the tax hike on the November 2022 ballot.

Council members also agreed to hire a public relations firm at a cost of \$123,250 to help get the measure approved.



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## While Democrats debate Latinx, Latinos head to the GOP

By Mike Madrid

Democrats working to save their slim majority in the House in November's elections have been sounding alarm bells lately over research showing that Republican attacks on culture-war issues are working, particularly with center-left, Hispanic and independent voters. Hispanic voters, many of us alienated by progressive labels and mottos like "Latinx" and "defund the police," have been drifting rightward as Donald Trump marginally increased the G.O.P. Hispanic vote share in 2016 and again in 2020 — a phenomenon, it should be noted, that goes beyond Mr. Trump or any individual campaign.

Democrats now understand that they are losing support among Hispanics on culture as well as pocketbook issues, leaving little in the message arsenal for the party's candidates to use to stanch what appears to be a long-term bleed.

The Democrats' problems with Hispanics are especially glaring when you consider that Republicans are not exactly flawless when it comes to appealing to these voters. Both parties have committed a mind-boggling form of political malpractice for years: They have consistently failed to understand what motivates Hispanic voters, a crucial and growing part of the electorate.

As the growth of the Hispanic eligible electorate continues to outpace other new eligible voting populations, the caricatures and stereotypes of "Hispanic issues" are proving further and further removed from the experience of most Hispanics. Yet, for all the hype and spin about Republican gains with Hispanic voters, the rightward shift of these voters is happening despite Republicans' best efforts, not because of them.

In the eyes of some on the American right, Hispanics are hyper-religious Catholics or evangelicals, entrepreneurial, anti-communist, social conservatives reminiscent of the ethnic white voters of yesteryear. To some on the left, we're seen as angry, racially oppressed workers of the cultural vanguard who want to upend capitalism while demanding open borders. While none of these caricatures are accurate, in them there are enough grains of truth to lull self-righteous partisans on both sides into believing that they may be on the winning side of the emerging ethnically pluralistic American majority.

In our current era of negative partisanship, voters are as often motivated to oppose the party they dislike or view as extreme as they are to support the party with which they align. Latinos, of course, are no different, and it is at the cultural extremes where Democrats face the greatest threat to losing what they have long viewed as the foundational base of their long-term majority prospects. As "culture" grows as a proxy for "race," the electoral math for Democrats will most likely get bleaker as political campaigns continue as referendums on "critical race theory" and "defunding the police." It will be worse still if Hispanics increasingly do not view themselves as an aggrieved racial minority.

This understanding will help determine which party controls Congress and the White House, beginning with the 2022 midterms. Under newly drawn district lines, four of the most competitive House seats will have Hispanic populations of at least 38 percent and are in California, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. Additionally, Hispanic voters will be essential components of Senate and other statewide contests in Arizona and Nevada. The Latino voters in these states and districts are important for both parties. As the Democratic Party drifts away from its working-class roots and emphasizes cultural issues, Republicans are well positioned to pick up these politically untethered voters and with them the reins of power.

The recent debate over the term "Latinx" symbolizes the cultural alienation of institutions far removed from the realities of life for an overwhelming number of working-class Hispanics. "Latinx" was created as a gender-neutral alternative term in Spanish, a gendered language, that refers to males as "Latino" and females as "Latina."

Commonly used by media, political and academic elites as a sign of gender

inclusivity, it is virtually nonexistent in the communities it refers to. In 2020 Pew Research revealed that only 3 percent of Latinos use the term, while 9 percent of white liberals think it is the most appropriate term to use. In fact, only 14 percent of Latinos with just a high school degree or less had even heard of it.

This was not a sign of intolerance but rather was emblematic of one class with the luxury of being consumed with such matters trying to impose their values on working-class families trying to keep up with paying the rent on Friday. Members of the Democratic Party don't just live in a distinct cultural bubble removed from the realities of their blue-collar counterparts, they are so removed from the rapidly growing Hispanic working class that many of them are now literally speaking a different language.

The growing cultural divide in America, in which Hispanics appear to be increasingly turned off by progressive mottos and movements, is linked to the education divide in America between college-educated and noncollege-educated voters of all ethnicities. According to Pew Research, Republicans increasingly dominate in party affiliation among white noncollege voters, who make up 57 percent of all G.O.P. voters. This in a country where 64 percent of voters do not have a college degree.

The Democratic Party is losing its brand among white, working-class voters and Hispanics. This is especially pronounced among Hispanic men and Hispanic noncollege-educated voters, who are trending more Republican, just as their white noncollege-educated peers are. Latinos are increasingly voting similarly to noncollege whites, perhaps because they don't view themselves all that differently from them. Pew Research studies on Hispanic identity have shown that fully half of the country's Hispanics view themselves as "a typical American"; fewer responded as identifying as "very different from a typical American."

For all the discussion about diversity within the Latino community, and the now-trite adage that the community is not "monolithic," in fact what unites most Hispanics is that they are an important share of the blue-collar noncollege-educated work force, and their presence in the labor force is only growing. The "essential workers" of the pandemic are disproportionately Black and Latino, and as a decidedly younger demographic, Hispanic workers are filling the roles of manufacturing, agricultural and construction trades in states with large Hispanic populations.

Democrats have increasingly become a party shaped by and reliant upon white voters with college degrees. Compared with 40.1 percent of white adults age 25 and older, only 18.8 percent of Latino adults in this age group have a bachelor's degree. Latinos are, and increasingly will be, a key part of the blue-collar work force of the future and their politics are reflecting that.

From 71 percent support for President Barack Obama in 2012 to 66 percent for Hillary Clinton and 59 percent for Joe Biden in 2020, Democrats find themselves slowly but measurably losing hold of Latinos, the fastest-growing segment of the electorate. As Latino voters grow in number in key battleground states, they are increasingly rejecting the minority construct promulgated by the media, academia and Democratic politicians and consultants.

The party that is able to express the values of a multiethnic working class will be the majority party for the next generation. As we continue to watch the country's culture war increasingly divided by education levels, it is quite likely that Latino voters will continue to trend, even if marginally, into the ranks of Republican voters. The country stands on the precipice of a significant political shift. As President Ronald Reagan once quipped, quoting a Republican sheriff nominee, "I didn't leave the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party left me."

**Mike Madrid is a Republican political consultant and a co-founder of the Lincoln Project.**

## Ojos Locos sports bar

Dear Editor:

We would like to correct some misinformation included in recent news coverage about the new Ojos Locos Sports Cantina opening in Downey.

We are a restaurant and sports bar serving wings, Tex-Mex items, sandwiches, and more, and like similarly positioned sports bar restaurants with female servers, our standard uniform includes skorts and t-shirts. The picture posted with a recent newspaper article was misleading in suggesting that our servers wear lingerie as their uniforms. This is not the case.

In addition, a quote in that article suggested that our restaurants are known for attracting criminal behavior and even biker gangs. This is simply not true and apparently the person who said this must have confused our concept with that of a different brand. Since this will be our first California location, for someone to make such statements that are not factual, puts us in a negative light, one that we do not deserve.

Ojos Locos is proud to support each individual community we serve, and we work collaboratively with members of each community to adhere to local requirements and preferences. This has been the case in Downey and will continue to be as we work to bring our concept to Downey with great food, excellent service, and an exciting atmosphere, all while adding 120 new jobs to the Downey community.

**Rick Van Warner on behalf of Ojos Locos**

Dear Editor:

I'm confused. Is it 1922 or 2022?

Have the anti-Ojos Locos crowd been to the beach in the last decade? Have they seen what young women are wearing? Are they paying attention to what their daughters are wearing every day?

After this censorship campaign, what next? Book-burning bonfire nights in the Downey High parking lot? Banning alcohol sales in Downey?

I understand the publicity seeking politicians. All eager to pose, Trump-like, holding up a bible in front of Denny's. But Downey is not the Twilight Zone. There's no going back to the 1890's.

As long as there's sufficient security, we should give these people a chance to make good.

**John Marinelli  
Downey**

Dear Editor:

As I read the article and opinions about a potential new business hoping to open at the old Denny's site on Firestone and Dolan, the residents of Downey have a right to be upset. This business should've been proposed near an industrial setting, not in the business sector near schools, churches, and a hospital.

Who were the council members deciding Ojos Locos should establish in Downey? Didn't they first evaluate this business? How do council members view women? This isn't West Hollywood.

A clinic, King Taco, a family restaurant like Heritage Family, or anything else would be more fitting for the surrounding community.

Doesn't Downey already have enough liquor businesses to go around? It's up to the council people how they want to run their city and have respect for their residents. These kinds of venues you'll see in the San Fernando Valley. It only takes one business to open up and others will follow.

**Ray Lucero  
Downey**

## The next Covid wave is probably already on its way

By Dr. Tom Frieden

The most important lesson of the Covid pandemic is that the only constant is change. Variants spread, cases surge and abate, treatments change and knowledge expands. This means that we — the public, elected officials and public health leaders — need to learn constantly and adapt quickly, acting on the insight that no one policy response is likely to stay effective for long.

Now is the moment to put that flexibility into practice. Rising Covid cases in Europe, the toll Omicron is taking particularly on unvaccinated elderly people in Hong Kong and slowing vaccinations are warnings that another wave of infections is likely approaching the United States. But we are by no means helpless. We can prepare better, save lives and reduce disruption.

Although the exact reasons for the rapid increase in cases in Europe aren't known, it almost certainly results from a combination of the highly infectious BA.2 Omicron subvariant, changing public behavior and waning immunity.

BA.2 is making up an increasing proportion of new cases, and is extending the Omicron surge. At the same time, countries in Europe are lifting Covid-19 restrictions, including mask mandates and indoor capacity limits, and immunity to infection from vaccines and possibly also from prior infections is waning. Thankfully, although protection against infection through vaccination is something of a flash-in-the-pan phenomenon, the protection vaccines provide against severe infection and death is more durable.

We've also learned more about the nature of the threat. It has been an open question whether Omicron is a much less severe variant of the Covid virus than earlier strains, or if it has caused much less severe disease because it had run into a wall of immunity from vaccination and prior infection in the United States, Europe and parts of Asia with high vaccination rates. The deadly outbreak in Hong Kong answers that question: Covid remains ferocious, and Omicron is lethal in an immunologically naïve population, particularly among unvaccinated older people. This has caused the devastating surge in deaths there and helps explain why the United States continues to report around 1,000 deaths per day, the vast majority among people not up-to-date with vaccination.

Unfortunately, in the United States and many other high-income countries, vaccination has slowed to a trickle: It's down in the United States by more than 95 percent from the peak of 4 million vaccinations a day. In some countries of Africa, where competing health risks are substantial and the health care infrastructure is stretched thin, vaccination rates are very low and are likely to remain so for many months.

The risks for the United States are clear. BA.2 is increasing and will likely soon account for most new cases in the country. Masks have come off and approximately 60 percent of Americans, including more than one third of people above age 65 — more than 15 million seniors — are not up-to-date with vaccination. This doesn't mean that BA.2 will inevitably cause a deadly surge. But it does mean that cases may increase soon, and that unvaccinated and under-vaccinated elderly and medically vulnerable people could face a deadly threat.

Leaders need to redouble efforts to get more Americans, particularly older adults, vaccinated and boosted. Also, people who are older or immunocompromised and those around them should consider masking with a more protective N95 or equivalent mask. Increasing access to rapid testing could blunt the case increase by isolating people faster and linking those who test positive to rapid treatment with medications which drastically reduce the risk of severe illness.

Improving vaccination rates may be harder with the rollback of vaccine mandates, which increased vaccine uptake and saved lives. With vaccine mandates politically or legally infeasible in some places, other strategies become increasingly important. These include ensuring that every physician offers Covid-19 vaccination to every patient at every clinical visit. Outreach programs and media campaigns can engage people without a regular doctor or who are otherwise not receiving care. Providers and health systems should reach out to every Medicare patient who may not be up-to-date to schedule

vaccination.

Repeated Covid surges have thrown into relief the underlying weaknesses and chronic underfunding of our public health and primary health care systems. Infectious diseases emerge where society fails. Lack of trust limits the ability of governments to protect their people. Weak public health systems mean that new threats are discovered when it's too late to take action. Sustained funding can help ensure Americans are protected from future pandemic threats by allowing permanent budget-cap exemptions for critical health defense functions rather than relying on transient supplemental funding for each health emergency. Until U.S. primary health care systems are much more robust, diagnosis, treatment and vaccination against Covid and other threats will remain lacking, allowing Covid to spread, and to do so among populations that are far less resilient than they would be if people received good preventive care.

"Follow the science" is a mantra, but science can be painfully slow and decisions inevitably need to be made before perfect information is available. We don't yet know what's driving the emergence of variants or what future variants will bring. Nor do we know the optimal vaccination schedule for different groups, whether a fourth dose will be needed, and, if so, for whom and when. And we don't know whether the highly effective treatments that have been discovered, on which the Biden administration is betting heavily, can reach enough people to greatly reduce hospitalizations and deaths. The struggle to get even half of eligible Americans up to date with vaccination doesn't bode well for widespread treatment; treatment is generally much more difficult to scale than vaccination.

Even so, we must try. Public health, like politics, is the art of the possible. Rigorous epidemiology, meticulous response management and well-communicated science need to be the foundation of public health action. Increasing vaccination, including boosters, among older and vulnerable people is a life-or-death challenge. Scaling up the linkage of testing to treatment can reduce hospitalizations and deaths substantially and protect health care systems. The United States also needs to support faster detection and response systems nationwide and globally. As a supplement to strengthening other tracking systems, monitoring for Covid in wastewater, as is done for polio and other diseases, may identify disease spread before many people become ill. If public health professionals find outbreaks right as they start, leaders can limit spread.

For now, most of us can enjoy the warm spring sun on our unmasked faces. But we can also do a lot more to control Covid. If we learn quickly and act quickly, we can outmaneuver the virus. As Covid continues to adapt, our response needs to adapt along with it. We could be entering the endgame for Covid. How we play it will determine what happens next.

**Dr. Frieden was the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2009 to 2017.**

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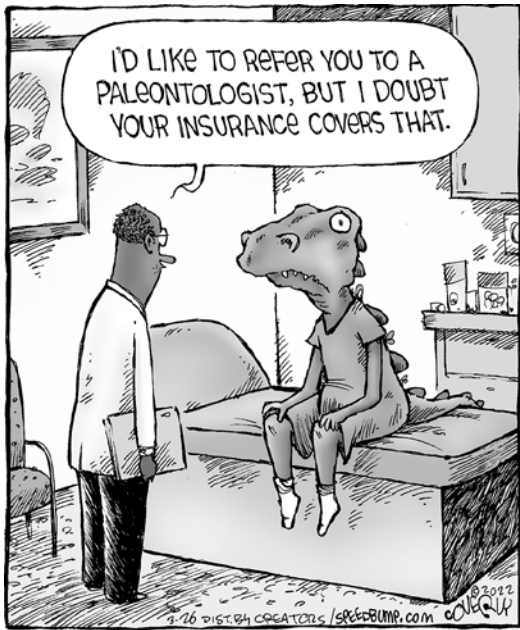
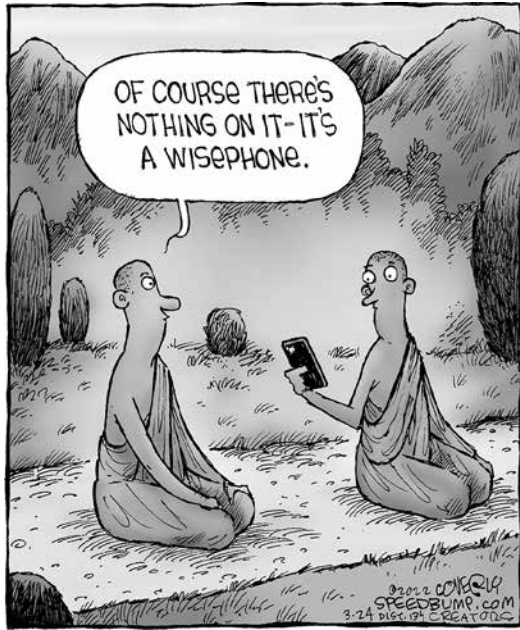
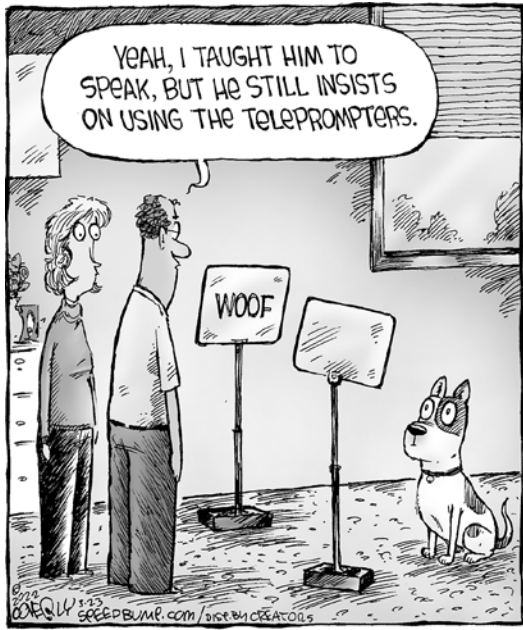
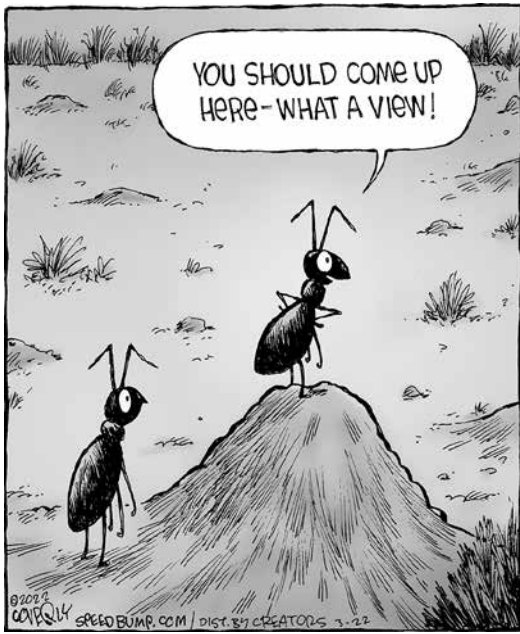
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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: 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.  
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara 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.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 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.  
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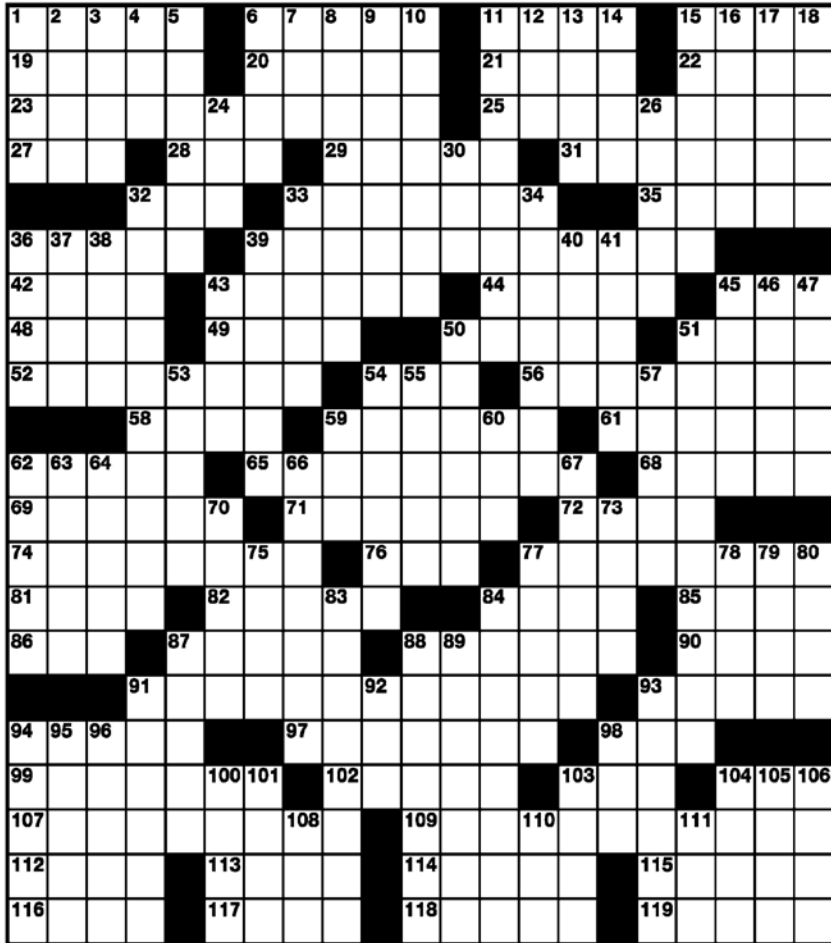
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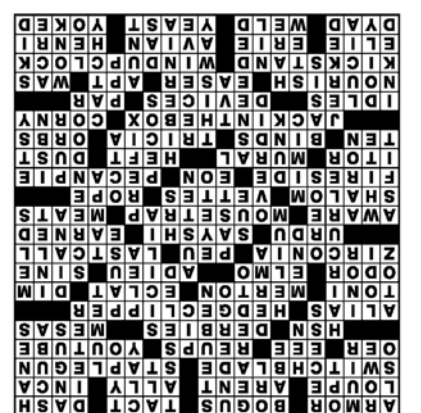
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# Things you didn't know about Downey: Political buttons

By Bobbi Bruce  
Downey Historical Society

*This story originally published in the Southeast News on Jan. 8, 1979.*

Quick: who was Rutherford B. Hayes' running mate in the presidential election of 1876?

If you're like most people, that information is about as accessible to you as the Magellan Strait and about as interesting.

If you are a button collector, on the other hand, you probably know the answer.

Bill Auth, of Downey, is a button collector. On one of the approximately 6,000 buttons he owns is - you guessed it - the name of that running mate.

"Political buttons provide us with a history of the times we've lived through that isn't available anywhere else," says Auth. "You can tell a lot about the mood of a particular time by the slogans they wore on their lapels."

Auth's collection isn't limited to political buttons and badges but includes company buttons, advertising buttons, union buttons, miscellaneous slogan buttons, achievement buttons, sports buttons - in fact, just about every

kind of buttons that ever started as a gleam in the eye of some PR man or political sloganeer since the nation began. Sentiments conveyed range from the sublime to the ridiculous with more than a few stops at the blatantly sexual.

"Back in 1925 when I was a boy, I started saving things," says Auth. "I collected cigar bands, stamps, coins, trade marks, match folders, bottle caps, and buttons. One by one, interest waned except for coins, stamps and buttons."

Today it is the button collection that draws the most attention, including frequent invitations to speak before clubs, churches, schools and hobby shows.

Auth says it was a neighbor who worked as a motorman for the Pittsburgh Railway Co. who first got him interested in buttons.

"He gave me his union pins for 1909, 1913 and every month for all of 1926 and 1927," Auth explains. "I was hooked."

For the next seven or eight years, Auth collected in earnest until he enrolled in college in 1933. He forgot about them through four years of college, a first job, four years in Liberia, nine years back in Akron, Ohio, and a transfer to California in 1951.

In 1957, during a visit back home in Pittsburgh, his mother said, "Take them back to California with you or out they go."

More buttons were given to him.

"Everytime I speak somewhere," he says, "I get a bunch of calls from people who have buttons to give away. I've found that a lot of people have collectible items such as old buttons lying around which they are willing to part with if they know the items will be cared for and appreciated and shared."

Among the most telling buttons, says Auth, are the slogan buttons.

For instance, here are a few slogans that were considered risque in the early 1900s: "I need a wife - you'll do," or "If you love me, grin," or "You'll want me yet."

Compare these with slogans of the seventies: "Save water - shower with a friend," "Kiss me I won't bite," or "Birth control takes practice."

The twenties, it seems, managed to find a happy medium - naughty but still nice: "I'd like to but my wife won't let me," "Kiss me I won't bite," or "Won't you let me love you?"

Most valuable buttons are the early ones made of celluloid, a material used extensively in the manufacture of buttons in the early part of the century but abandoned

when it was discovered that the material was flammable.

Auth says that Democratic buttons generally are more valuable than Republican ones because there are fewer of them. The Republicans, he says, usually have more money to spend on buttons and hence produce more.

One of the most valuable buttons, according to Auth, is the campaign button featuring the faces of James Cox and FDR, Democratic hopefuls in 1920. These, he says, are valuable for two reasons: first, this was the only election FDR ever lost, and second, there are probably no more than 24 of them still in existence. Today these buttons are worth about \$4,000 each.

Children, he says, tend to go for the buttons containing snappy slogans and smiling faces while adults over 35 are almost invariably drawn to the old political campaign buttons.

Incidentally, Rutherford B. Hayes' running mate in the election of 1876 was a man named Wheeler.

And now you're ready for the most telling button of all. It reads, "Don't you feel stupid wasting your

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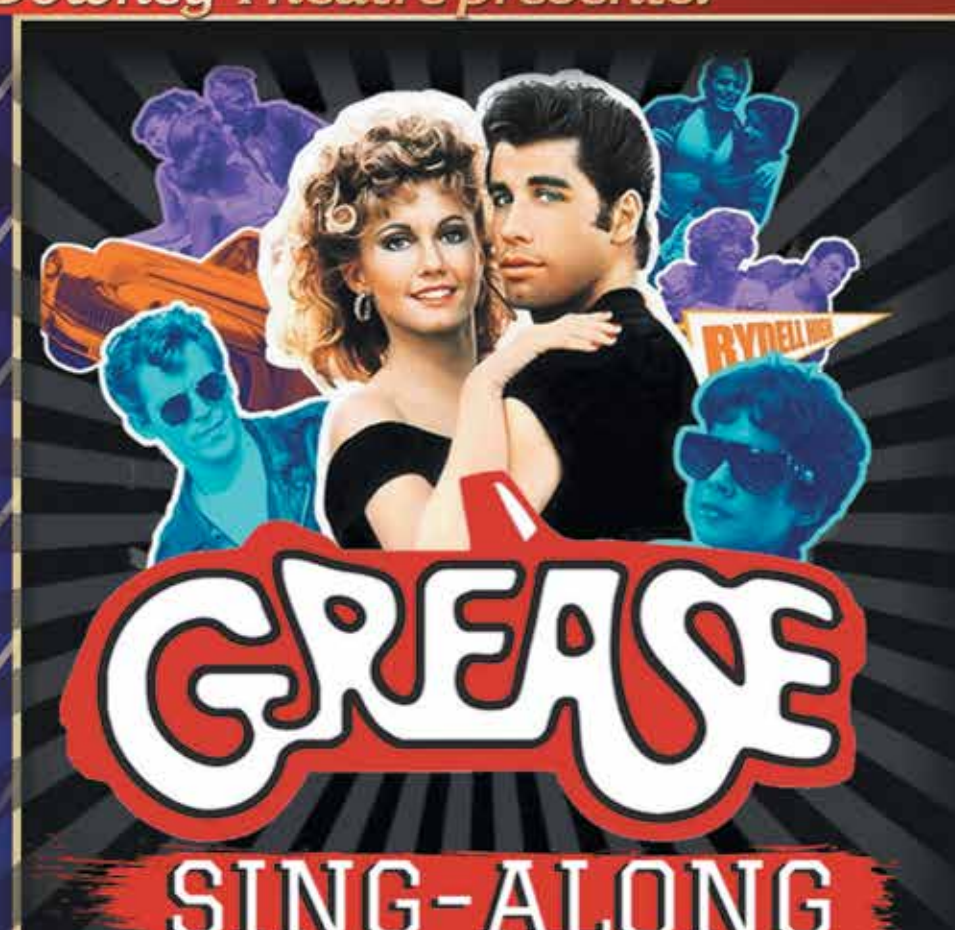
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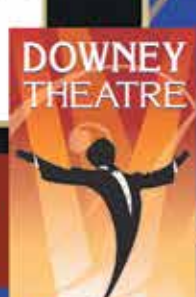




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# Downey Street Faire 2022

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# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Last weekend my wife and I planned to stream a movie, and I offered to microwave some popcorn. The popcorn was delicious, but was that actually a good idea?



Air-popped popcorn is whole grain, high in fiber, low in calories, and linked to a lower risk of heart disease, diabetes, some cancers, and several other diseases. It's a good snack, inexpensive, and tasty. This sounds just great.

However, before you start eating it by the handful, let's ensure that your popcorn is a truly healthful snack. We see a completely different product in a movie theater: A tub of old-fashioned movie theater popcorn can contain 2,650 milligrams of sodium. Sodium is one of the leading risk factors for hypertension and stroke. That same tub can also pack over a thousand calories of saturated fat. Saturated fats contribute to atherosclerosis, which leads

to vascular disease, stroke and heart attack. (Of course, not all movie theater popcorn is the same. Some is popped in canola oil, which certainly has calories, but is heart healthy.)

It certainly is simple, clean, and fast to make popcorn in prepared microwave packets. But ingredients vary widely. Select one with the fewest ingredients, and avoid those with additives, artificial ingredients, processed oils and saturated fats, and high amounts of salt or sugar.

Some of the most healthful microwave popcorn options that you might wish to try include Quinn White Cheddar and Sea Salt; Black Jewell; Whole Foods' 365 Organic Popcorn; Orville Redenbacher's Skinnygirl; and Newman's Own Touch of Butter.

Many of the larger, popular microwave popcorn brands now offer more healthful alternatives alongside their more traditional offerings. Jolly Time, Pop-Secret, and Act II now have options that are not loaded with palm oil, butter, and salt. The

secret is to avoid the ones that do!

It's clear that popcorn can be a fantastic, unprocessed, whole-grain, and healthful snack. It is simply an entire corn kernel, which pops when heated. However, movie theater-style popcorn, loaded with butter and salt, is an entirely different matter. I urge you to limit your saturated ("bad") fats, and to limit your sodium. Be vigilant in reading microwave popcorn labels. They are not all created the same.

Of course, the best way to be in control of the oil, butter, salt and sugar that you put into your body is to make your snacking popcorn at home with an air popper.

Enjoy healthy snacking with your next movie!

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



## Citizens Academy taking applications

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Police Department is accepting applications for its 22nd Citizens Academy, which begins April 27 and concludes June 29.

Classes are Wednesdays from 6-9 pm. Each week, students will learn various aspects of law enforcement and the day-to-day operations of the Downey Police Department.

Class sizes are limited to 20 people. To apply, contact Stephanie Arroyo at sarroyo@downeyca.org or call (562) 904-2374

Nearly 200 vintage cars participated in Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis's second annual car show, held Saturday in the Downey High School parking lot.

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# Reflecting on a legacy of service in the Army: Women's History Month

By Mario A. Guerra  
Contributor

During the celebration of Women's History Month, I wanted to reflect on a few amazing women soldiers that have helped change our country.

The national 2022 Women's History Month theme is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This theme pays tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and recognizes the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Throughout history, women have made our Army stronger, from the vital roles they played in the Revolutionary War to their service today as Soldiers, nurses, operators, secretaries, codebreakers, military intelligence, troop leaders and maintenance and supply workers. Female Soldiers, Army Civilians, Veterans, and family members are critical members of our Army team.

The strength of the Army comes from its diversity. Developing and maintaining qualified and demographically diverse leadership is critical for mission effectiveness and is essential to national security. Army leaders across the department continue to set the conditions for all Soldiers and civilians to reach their full potential and assign tasks and jobs throughout the force based on ability, not gender.

Making up 16% of the total force, by the end of 2021, the Army had assessed and integrated more than 9,400 women into Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery, Air Defense, Engineer, Field Artillery and Aviation specialties.

In 2021, Secretary Christine Wormuth was sworn in as the 25th Secretary of the Army and the first woman named to the service's highest position. I proudly serve under her leadership.

Later that year, Lt. Gen. Donna Martin became the first woman to be appointed Inspector General of

the Army. The Army had its first all-woman changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

And while women continue to take advantage of the opportunities finally open to them through elite training and schools, they are also able to see women in leadership roles previously held only by men.

Gen. Laura Richardson became the second woman in Army history promoted to the rank of four-star general and only the second woman in history to lead a combatant command in October 2021. I've been able to meet with her several times and you can see her leadership instantly.

These women embody the Army's virtues of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. I want to share with you the stories of some women who made our diverse nation what it is today.

During the Revolutionary War, women served the U.S. Army in traditional roles as nurses, seamstresses and cooks for troops in camp.

Some courageous women served in combat either alongside their husbands or disguised as men, while others operated as spies for the cause. Though not in uniform, women shared Soldiers' hardships, including inadequate housing and little compensation.

Deborah Sampson, a descendant of preeminent Pilgrims Myles Standish and William Bradford, disguised herself as a man and used the name Robert Shurtleff in order to fight in the Revolutionary War. Assigned duties as a scout, even leading a raid on a Tory house that led to the capture of 15 men, she evaded detection for a year and a half, despite being wounded twice.

When she was shot, she pulled out the ball herself rather than have a physician discover she was a woman. Later, when she was admitted to the hospital for a fever, physicians learned – and kept – her secret. She received an honorable discharge in 1783 and became the first woman to receive a full military pension when a court ruled that she had performed the duties of a Soldier.

Women continued to distinguish themselves with selfless service during the Civil War as well. For example, Harriet Tubman, born into



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slavery and best known for her work guiding dozens of slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad, was also a scout and a spy for the Union Army. She helped John Brown plan and recruit for his 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry, and organized and led a group of freed slaves who sought out information about Confederate troops in the Beaufort, South Carolina area.

Her work enabled Union troops to conduct a series of raids to acquire supplies and destroy enemy torpedoes, railroads and bridges.

Tubman is also the first woman to lead an armed expedition in the Civil War, guiding the raid at Combahee Ferry and liberating more than 700 enslaved people. Following the war, she remained active in the Women's Suffrage movement until being overcome by illness. In 2021, Tubman was posthumously inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in a ceremony at Fort Huachuca.

Also during the Civil War, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker served as a surgeon with the Union Army. She was captured and imprisoned as a spy, and when released returned to work as a surgeon at a prisoner-of-war hospital. Dr. Walker was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Andrew Johnson, and is still the only woman to receive this highest military honor.

Dr. Walker knew well the importance of women in the military, once stating, "Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom." More than 35 thousand American women volunteered for military service during World War I. The Navy and the Marine Corps were the first military services to recruit women for non-combat positions such as radio electricians, telephone operators, accountants and clerks.

More than half of the women who served in the military during World War I were part of the Army Nurse Corps, and most of the switchboard operators were women. They worked

close to or at the front lines, living in bunkers and makeshift tents. Grace Banker, a switchboard operator who served as the chief operator of mobile for the American Expeditionary Forces in the Signal Corps, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for her extraordinary service assuring the success of the telephone service during the operations of the 1st Army during the Meuse Argonne offensive in 1918.

Women had been fighting for the right to vote for decades, without much real success. But with women serving overseas, it was hard to ignore the call for equality. The service of these women inspired change across the nation and helped to propel the ratification of the 19th Amendment in August 1920, guaranteeing women the vote.

During World War II, approximately 140 thousand women served as members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and the Women's Army Corps.

They provided critical services, such as military intelligence, cryptography, parachute rigging, maintenance and supply. More than a thousand women flew aircraft for the Women's Air Force Service Pilots and more than 60 thousand Army Nurses served, often in harsh conditions.

Mary Roberts Wilson was the first woman awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in combat for her action during the battle of Anzio. With her Army evacuation hospital under fire, Wilson continued to supervise her nursing staff of 50, allowing the hospital to continue functioning. Anna May McCabe Hays worked as an Army nurse overseas during World War II and Korea. She led the Army Nurse Corps at the height of the Vietnam War and in 1970, became the first woman promoted to General Officer in the U.S. Armed Forces. She pushed to expand scholarship opportunities and education for Army nurses. She also supported policy changes, so married nurses who became pregnant were not automatically

discharged.

Due to the exceptional service of women in the military during World War II, President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's Armed Service Integration Act into law on June 12, 1948. This bill authorized a permanent presence of women in the military. Women continued to prove themselves over and over during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2005, Sergeant Leigh Ann Hester, a military police officer in the Kentucky National Guard, became the first woman awarded the Silver Star since Mary Roberts Wilson in World War II. When her convoy was attacked near Baghdad, Hester maneuvered her team through an enemy kill zone, where she assaulted a trench line with grenades and M-203 rounds, then engaged three enemy soldiers while clearing two more trenches, thus saving numerous American lives.

Specialist Monica Brown, a medic, was the first woman to receive the Silver Star during the War in Afghanistan, and the second to earn the Silver Star since World War II. Brown was riding in a convoy on a routine security patrol when the trail vehicle struck a pressure plate improvised explosive device – commonly referred to as an IED – the initiating event for a planned ambush. As enemy fighters engaged the patrol, Brown ran through gunfire to provide medical care to wounded Soldiers, at one point throwing herself over the wounded to shield them from mortar fire. Approximately 15 mortars impacted within close range as Brown continued to help her fellow Soldiers. As the platoon continued to return fire, Brown once again shielded the wounded from enemy fire and falling brass, ensuring all the wounded were stabilized and ready for MEDEVAC.

There are common threads that run through the stories of these women and our veterans. These individuals are willing to put the needs of their country above their own. They fight for equality and

fairness. And it is this self-sacrifice and determination that ensures that our country not only survives, but thrives.

Today, women have more opportunities than ever in the Armed Forces. About 16% of the Total Army is female and all positions in the Army are open to women. Women are serving in positions that provide full and challenging career and promotion opportunities. We know from history and experience that the contributions and achievements of women make our Army stronger. I said before that the theme this year is: "Women Providing Healing; Promoting Hope."

We honor the hard work of the women who paved the way for today's Soldiers. And we honor today's Soldiers for securing our future – a future for women with more opportunities than ever before. Right now, in a recruiting station, or Basic Training class, or ROTC program are young women, eager to serve, whose energy, talent and leadership will shape our future military.

We know that when women succeed, America succeeds. The strength of our economy rests on whether we make it possible for every citizen to contribute to our growth and prosperity. As we honor the many patriots who have shaped not only the destinies of other women, but also the direction of our history, let us resolve to build on their efforts in our own time. Thank You for reading this and allowing me to honor just a few amazing women in our country.

*Mario A. Guerra is a two-time former mayor of Downey and currently serves as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He is also co host of "Talking Downey with Mario and Eric" and can be reached at [www.marioaguerra.com](http://www.marioaguerra.com)*

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# Rising gas prices bring additional stress to Cerritos College students



The average price for a gallon of gas rose to \$6 this week. Photo by Vincent Medina

Students are being forced to make difficult decisions to cope with soaring gas prices.

By Vincent Medina  
Staff Writer

NORWALK - Cerritos College students are feeling the additional stress of rising gas prices, as the average price for a gallon of gas in LA County rose to \$6 according to AAA.

The increase in gas is a result of the U.S. sanctions on Russian oil, which supplied the country with an average of 199,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil in 2021 according to American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

Students are trying to conserve gas by reducing their trips for self-care or relaxation. However, reducing their time for self-care is

contributing to their added stress.

Dave Chow, a second-year economics major at Cerritos College, would usually take time to play sports or take a drive to the park before gas prices increased.

"Normally I just go out and just go to the park, just breathe the fresh air, just go for like a casual stroll, or I'll go to Don Knobe golf course," Chow said. "That's like a stress reliever. Now I just stroll around my home, which I feel as less aesthetically pleasing."

Chow said he usually goes to Costco for gas and would usually pay \$30, but now he will pay \$45.

"It adds a bit to the stress from school and how I decide my traveling habits," Chow said.

Emily Silva, a second year child development major at Cerritos

College, said she is struggling to manage her budget as prices increase at the pump.

"I'm trying to put money in my savings and then move some money aside now for gas. I think I need to start picking up more hours at work in order to keep like a good budget," Silva said. "Normally I would go out with friends, go to the beach. I'm doing a lot of self care activities for myself. I can't do that because of gas prices so I do feel held back from that."

She said she is hoping to transfer to San Diego State University and is worried about the cost with gas prices.

"I'm trying not to overwhelm myself more," Silva said. "I'll cross that bridge when I get to it."

# Norwalk parks to undergo renovations

NORWALK – Norwalk parks are in store for upgrades and renovations over the next several years, according to a presentation to the City Council on Feb. 22.

Among the recommended upgrades are adding block walls in parks that would provide better security and decrease continued maintenance costs for repairs due to cut fences and vandalism.

In addition, new Pour-N-Play surfaces for playgrounds will create a safer environment for children and decreased staff time and maintenance, officials said.

The city also recommended the installation and upgrade of ballfield lighting at parks that will increase hours of operation.

The City Council was supportive of the recommendations made by city staff.

"We need to invest the money we have, while at the same time aggressively go after additional resources," said Mayor Rick Ramirez. "We need to upgrade these parks now."

A few highlights of the planned park projects:

Hermosillo Park – Norwalk has been awarded an \$8.5 million grant through Prop 68 to rehabilitate the park. Funding includes the construction of a new community building, restrooms, parking lot, and various amenities throughout the park. The playground was replaced in 2018 and will remain but a new Pour-N-Play surface will be installed.

Norwalk Park – Plans include new sports fields, playgrounds, an additional restroom facility, and a variety of amenities.

Lakeside Park – Funding of \$14,000 was approved in Norwalk 2021-22 budget for laser leveling of ballfields, which will be completed in the coming months.

Holifield Park – One of the playgrounds was recently replaced,

funded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. A large open space is being considered for a new skate park similar in size to the skate park at Norwalk Park that is being removed.

Gerdes Park – Ballfield lighting will be added to the main field. Design work is being completed and the project is due to be bid in late spring. The \$300,000 project will increase play time capacity for the leagues that currently use the field.

Bob White Park – Last November, the City Council approved plans for a new restroom building and dog park using Prop 68 funds.

# Church hosting spring craft sale

NORWALK – Faith Church of Norwalk is holding a two-day craft sale with proceeds benefiting its Women of Faith ministry and local veterans groups.

Available for purchase will be arts and crafts, collectibles, office supplies, Christmas decorations, home goods, books, beauty supplies, and more. Most items are new in packaging.

The sale is Friday, March 25, from 4-7 pm and Saturday, March 26, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Faith Church is at 11232 Excelsior Dr.

## POET'S CORNER

### They shut me up in Prose - (#445)

They shut me up in Prose -  
As when a little Girl  
They put me in the Closet -  
Because they liked me "still" -

Still! Could themself have peeped -  
And seen my Brain - go round -  
They might as wise have lodged  
A Bird  
For Treason - in the Pound -

Himself has but to will  
And easy as a Star  
Look down upon Captivity -  
And laugh - No more have I -

**Emily Dickinson**

*Dickinson starts with gender expectations. A little girl should be quiet. But she escapes confinement through her mind and imagination. In the original manuscript, the word Bird stood on a line by itself but is usually printed as the end of the third line of its stanza. Dickinson might have run out of room, or, tracing the fight for equality and women's rights through poetry, this bird of poetry could be herself. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*

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**CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES NELSON, 104 ADAMS STREET, SAN ANTONIO TX 78210

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: 07/2000

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/JAMES NELSON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 24, 2022

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

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022039403

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

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAVID ALLEN BROWN, TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN FAMILY TRUST, 9826 HASTY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/1982

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 17, 2022

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

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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 2022047391

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DAMAGE CONTROL ACADEMY, 20121 CAVERN CT, SANTA CLARITA CA 91390, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAMAGE CONTROL PRODUCTIONS LLC, 20121 CAVERN COURT, SANTA CLARITA CA 91390

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: 01/2022

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 01, 2022

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022043571

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE DAKOTAS, 8525 FONTANA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES NELSON, 104 ADAMS STREET, SAN ANTONIO TX 78210

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: 07/2000

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 24, 2022

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022043565

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES NELSON, 104 ADAMS STREET, SAN ANTONIO TX 78210

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: 07/2000

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022039752

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PREMIUM SNACKY SNACKS, 11400 SAMOLINE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DOWNEY UNITED ST

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHALCO'S INVESTMENT GROUP, 11400 SAMOLINE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2022

I declare that all the information in this

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 17, 2022

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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 2022061988

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SG MARKETING SERVICES, 1300 W DENNI ST., WILMINGTON CA 90744, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO GALVAN JR, 1300 W DENNI ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90744

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/SERGIO GALVAN JR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 21, 2022

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**The Downey Patriot**  
3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22, 4/14/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022042112

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALDOS AUTO SUPPLY WHITTIER, 11734 COLIMA ROAD SUITE 101, WHITTIER CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES











## California for Capital Improvement Project No. 22-16 – Residential Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Area 2.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on 83 street segments in Area 2 of the mid-north section of the City of Downey. This project includes the application cape seal, and type II slurry seal, 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 removal and reconstruction of uplifted, damaged or substandard curb, gutter, cross gutters and spandrels, sidewalk, driveway approach 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 thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 22-16**.

**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. 22-16.** 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 forfeiture 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](mailto: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 OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT,** the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles, State of California, declares that the following monetary sums have been held and have remained unclaimed for at least three years. In accordance with Government Code Sections 50050-50056, the monetary sums listed below will become the property of the City of Downey on the sixteenth (16) of May, 2022, a date not less than

forty-five (45) days no more than sixty (60) days after first publication on this Notice. Any party of interest may, prior to the date designated herein above, file a claim with the City of Downey which includes the claimants name, address, amount of claim, the grounds on which the claim is founded and supporting documentation. Supporting documentation to confirm identity consist of copies of driver's license, social security card or taxpayer identification number and business entity records. The Treasurer may accept or reject the claim. If rejected by the Treasurer, the party submitting the claim may, within 30 days of receiving notice of rejection, file and serve on the City of Downey Treasurer a verified complaint seeking to recover all, or a designated part, of the unclaimed funds. Claim forms are available at City of Downey, City Clerk's Office, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, 3rd Floor, Downey, CA 90221, Phone: (562) 904-7280. **City State Day Check Account NAME AMOUNT; PEREZ HENRY 14.90 SLEVKOFF DOROTHY 16.28 AMEZCUARICARDO 5.00 STAFFORD SA 37.47 CASLAV KATY A 40.00 MARTINEZ ADAM 32.77 GONCALVES MANUEL 20.00 MARTINEZ ERNESTO 23.62 CROSETTO PIERRE 77.34 KEYSTONE UNIFORM DEPOT 30.00 RODRIGUEZ CESAR 105.00 THOMPSON CYNTHIA 40.00 QLMOS GLORIA 225.00 KEW CAMERA 40.00 ORANGE COUNTY RANGE STORE 42.25 DIAZ KYLE 60.00 RAMILOGAN JANICE 40.00 YOUNGBLOOD ASSOCIATES 750.00 GAGNER JOSEPH 50.00 CASTILLO CHRISTINE 5.00 ENRIQUEZ MIRIAM 27.26 DE LA CRUZ IGDALLI 5.95 SEASIDE YMCA 72.00 BOULDIN NICOLE 40.00 SALAZAR MARIA 11.00 MARKS SANDRA 65.00 CUENCA CARMEN 4.50 ELLIOTT SHEILA 20.00 MARTIN JASMIN 19.00 GUZMAN ANTHONY 40.00 KIYAN DEREK 10.00 SEIU UHW 50.00 RAMIREZ EUSTOLIA 10.50 TUPES ROGER 10.00 MENDOZA GREGORIO 15.00 GARZA FERNANDO 4.50 ALLAN NADINE 45.00 ROGERS AM 48.19 VALLE LINDA 4.50 SMITH KENT 10.00 REYES CRISTIAN 58.67 NAVARRO ELIZABETH 20.00 LOPEZ JESSICA 42.00 DOMINGUEZ STEVEN 180.00 DOMINGUEZ STEVEN 144.00 DOMINGUEZ STEVEN 216.00 DOMINGUEZ STEVEN 144.00 DOMINGUEZ STEVEN 144.00 TERRY JR JOHN F 65.00 CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE 335.25 CRASS PHILIP 72.00 VELEZ MICHELLE 65.00 CPRS 170.00 GONZALEZ JR HIRAM 50.00 CORDOVA JOSE A 60.00 NAVA NORMA 8.75 MACIAS ANA 8.75 ECHO HEALTHCARE 128.85 SAENI CHERA 10.00 ALMARAZ JOSEFINA 9.00 ALMARAZ GABRIELA 10.00 PEDROZA MARGO 8.75 LOZANO AIDA 50.00 SOROPTIMIST INTL OF DOWNEY 100.00 DOWNEY COORDINATING COUNCIL 400.00**

John Oskoui  
City Treasurer  
City of Downey

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

## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-06 FIFTH STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT (Brookshire Avenue to Lakewood Boulevard)

**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 14, 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. 21-06 – Fifth Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation of Fifth Street, between Brookshire Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard including three cul de sacs within the project limits, as shown on the Plan. This project includes reconstruction of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete (AC) base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes installation of missing curb, gutter and sidewalk along the west side of Birchdale Avenue, entrance to Downey High School, as well as repair of uplifted, damaged or substandard concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway, and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings and signings; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 21-06**.

**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 **\$35.00 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. 21-06.** 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 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 work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

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

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his 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 Engineer  
E-Mail: [dgutierrez@downeyca.org](mailto: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  
3/24/22, 3/31/22

## 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 #22/23-08 – Exterior Painting Project at Imperial and Williams Elementary Schools, Columbus High School, and Downey High School and Interior Gym Touch Up at Sussman Middle School**

The Project consists of:

**Exterior painting projects at Imperial and Williams Elementary School, Columbus and Downey High School with interior touch up painting in the gym at Sussman Middle School**

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

A, B, and/or C-33

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

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

Contract Documents will be available on or after April 7, 2022 and can be downloaded from the District's website, <https://web.dusd.net/purchasing/#bids> under the "Maintenance, Operations & Transportation" tab.

Sealed bids will be received until **9 AM April 19, 2022** at the District Facilities Office, Attn: Kay Domingo, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California 90241 or after which time no 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 April 7, 2022 at 2:30 PM at Columbus High School, 12330 Woodruff, Downey, California 90241 at the front office. All participants are required to sign in at all school site locations. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineffective.

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.

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## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-21-00177

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 6th day of April, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

**(PLN-21-00177) Conditional Use Permit:** A request to allow a permanent 1,420 square foot outdoor dining area within "The Commons at Galatin Road" commercial plaza. The property is located at 9516 Lakewood Boulevard and zoned General Commercial (C-2) and Parking Buffer (P-B).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or attend to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings page of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301(e) Class 1, Existing Facilities.

**NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE:** If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, [ADACoordinator@downeyca.org](mailto:ADACoordinator@downeyca.org), Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Principal Planner Guillermo Arreola at (562) 904-7154, or at [garreola@downeyca.org](mailto:garreola@downeyca.org).

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3/24/22

## CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED

**On March 22, 2022, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced and adopted the following Ordinances:**

Introduced an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey amending Downey Municipal Code Section 2103 regarding by-district elections, adjusting the boundaries of City Council election districts and confirming such revised council district boundaries, as reflected in the attached map.

Adopted Ordinance No. 22-1478, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey adding Chapter 13 ("Food Handlers") of Article IV ("Public Welfare, Morals, and Policy") of the Downey Municipal Code.

**AYES:** Council Members: Frometa, Trujillo, Alvarez, Mayor Pacheco  
**NOES:** Council Member: None  
**ABSENT:** Council Member: None  
**ABSTAIN:** Council Member: None.

Adopted Ordinance No. 22-1479, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey adding Section 9965 to Chapter 9 of Article IX of the Downey Municipal Code relating to Urban Lot Splits and amending Section 9312.08 of Chapter 3 of Article IX of the Downey Municipal Code relating to Two Unit Projects in the R-1 Zone and determining the Ordinance to be exempt from CEQA.

**AYES:** Council Members: Frometa, Trujillo, Alvarez, Mayor Pacheco  
**NOES:** Council Member: None  
**ABSENT:** Council Member: None  
**ABSTAIN:** Council Member: None.

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

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot  
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 southern 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 spandrels, 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 thereto necessary for the proper construction

of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **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.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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](mailto: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

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3/17/22, 3/24/22

## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNED SIGN PROGRAM PLN-21-00167

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 6th day of April, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

**(PLN-21-00167) Planned Sign Program:** A request to approve the size, amount, location, and appearance of signs for an existing multi-tenant commercial building on property located at 12125 Woodruff Avenue, zoned M-1 (Light Manufacturing) and P-B (Parking Buffer).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or attend to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings page of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures).

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issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**(562) 904-3668**

The address of the court is **Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOTS** FEBRUARY 25, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **MARIA DE SAN JUAN LIUFAU 9040 RAMONA ST. APT. 9A BELLFLOWER CA 90706 (562) 412-5622**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 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 successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** FEBRUARY 15, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **PETITION OF SARAH LIN-SALAZAR AND ALEXANDER SALAZAR, ON BEHALF OF DIEGO MATTEO SALAZAR, A MINOR 12638 GURLEY AVE. DOWNEY, CA 90242 (562) 307-2296**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00107  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DULCE MACIAS AND DANNY G. RODRIGUEZ FOR DANIELLE RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) DANIELLE RODRIGUEZ to Proposed name (1) DANIELLE BRISEIS MACIAS  
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 17, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **DULCE MACIAS AND DANNY G. RODRIGUEZ 8110 ORANGE ST APT 3 DOWNEY, CA, 90242 (909) 562-6344 DULCE@TEAMSANCHEZ.NET**

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**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.  
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JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **DULCE MACIAS AND DANNY G. RODRIGUEZ 8110 ORANGE ST APT 3 DOWNEY, CA, 90242 (909) 562-6344 DULCE@TEAMSANCHEZ.NET**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00079  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner 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 **ASHLEY SUYAPA RODRIGUEZ-GODOY 9663 CLANCEY AVE**

**DOWNEY CA 90240 CIRIBEAG@GMAIL.COM (562) 644-2243**  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION**  
To the Honorable City of Downey Clerk Alicia Duarte and to the Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Catherine Alvarez: Pursuant to Section 11020, California election code, we the undersigned registered and qualified voters of the County of Los Angeles, City of Downey, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponents of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of City Council, District 3, in the City of Downey, California, and demand election of a successor in that office.  
The grounds for the recall are as follows:  
**Downey Residents Supporting the Recall of Catherine Alvarez** are seeking your removal from the office of Downey City Council for violating the public trust of District 3 voters during the election by failing to disclose your felony welfare fraud charges, in addition to your welfare fraud conviction, you also have a lifetime ban from Michael's for shoplifting that was not disclosed to voters as well as two warrants for your arrest that were issued for failure to appear in court. **Catherine Alvarez**, you did not give voters the opportunity to properly evaluate your candidacy and make an educated decision by withholding information. The deception of your crimes and flagrant disregard for transparency deceived voters and took away their ability to make an informed decision about your criminal past and the ability to hold public office in Downey.  
This recall will give voters the knowledge to cast a well-informed vote.  
The printed names, signatures, and residence addresses of the proponents are as follows:  
1. Thomas Pride, 7522 Finevale Dr., Downey, 90240  
2. David Nelson, 7537 Finevale Dr., Downey, CA 90240  
4. Nathan Harris, 7521 Finevale Dr., Downey, CA 90240  
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34. Paul Granata, 7638 4th Pl, Downey CA 90241  
35. Dorothy Pemberton, 7332 Country Club, Downey CA 90241  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00079  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS

**DOWNEY CA 90240 CIRIBEAG@GMAIL.COM (562) 644-2243**

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00079  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00095  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIE LOURDES MOJICA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) MARIE LOURDES MOJICA to Proposed name (1) MARY LOURDES MOJICA  
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 9, 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 9, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **MARIE LOURDES MOJICA 5906 MULLER ST BELL GARDENS, CA 90201 323-826-8488**

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**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 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 **ASHLEY SUYAPA RODRIGUEZ-GODOY 9663 CLANCEY AVE**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00079  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS to Proposed name (1) ERIC LIUFAU MANAL  
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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**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

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Present name (1) ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS to Proposed name (1) ERIC LIUFAU MANAL  
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JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **ERIC PAUL LIUFAU CADENAS 9040 RAMONA ST APT 9A BELLFLOWER CA 90706**

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**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VERLA BRINING**  
Case No. 22STPB01373  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VERLA BRINING

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jonene Lile in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jonene Lile be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 8, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: HAROUN R NABHAN ESQ SBN 272273 NABHAN LAW 500 MOUND AVE S PASADENA CA 91030 CN984785 BRINING Mar 17,24,31, 2022

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLAUDIA E. BARRON**  
Case No. 22STPB01662  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CLAUDIA E. BARRON  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JESSICA M. BARRON in the Superior Court of California, County

of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JESSICA M. BARRON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 30, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 79 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, CENTRAL DISTRICT. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: EFREM A. CLARK, SBN 128472 LAW OFFICE OF EFREM A. CLARK 3210 WEST 54TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 310-569-5537

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L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has been named the keynote speaker at the Gangs Out of Downey luncheon on April 4 at the Rio Hondo Event Center. The annual luncheon raises money for GOOD's gang prevention efforts.

Elected in 2018, Villanueva is up for re-election this November.

## OLPH has scholarships for incoming freshmen

**DOWNEY** -- The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (OLPH) will award five eighth grade students who plan to continue their education at a Catholic high school, a one-time grant scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

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Applicants must also have an acceptance letter to a Catholic high school as part of their portfolio.

The deadline to submit an application is May 2. The

scholarship application is available on the Guild website [womensguild.olphdowney.com](http://womensguild.olphdowney.com) (under "Grants & Scholarships"), or by email at [julie.bosdachin@olphdowney.com](mailto:julie.bosdachin@olphdowney.com).



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# Downey Symphony to perform April 9

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Orchestra. They did a wonderful job making this arrangement for two marimbas, and an equally impressive job performing it. Two marvelous percussionists."

This won't be the first time the Downey Symphony Orchestra has featured marimbas. Back in the 1990's when the Downey Symphonic Society started doing celebrity soloist concerts as fund raisers and I was on the Board, we invited Roger Williams. He absolutely charmed the audience, with his patter talk while playing the grand piano: Chopin, Falling Leaves, and a medley suggested by the audience that somehow produced the Notre Dame Fight Song.

Roger had two talented women playing marimbas to accompany him, plus our own symphony orchestra under Tom Osborn's baton. The sound was amazing, and the audience absolutely loved it, and wanted us to hire his marimba players for our orchestra. Here is a 2022 version of that success.

The biggest musical work of the night always comes in the second half of the evening. "Actually, the piece that came first of all in my planning," said Sharon, "was the

one with the largest orchestra: Symphonic Dances from West Side Story, Bernstein's masterpiece. I began programming around that. If you loved the music in the movie, here's your chance to hear it again."

As musical theatre, West Side Story is a blend of everything from jazz syncopations to Latin-American dance, all treated with classical techniques. There's even mambo and cha cha in Rumble and Cool, as Shakespeare's updated story of Romeo and Juliet draws to its tragic end.

Something to listen for: the dances, and the score of the musical, revolve around these notes: C, F sharp, G, the three tones of the well-known opening of the song Maria. As Bernstein later wrote: "The three notes pervade the whole piece, inverted, done backwards. I didn't do all this on purpose. It seemed to come out in 'Cool' and as the gang whistle, in the Prologue. The same three notes."

"But we won't be using the Symphonic Dances as our program's climax, for one simple reason," said Sharon. "It ends very softly, and ending a concert this way would be extremely awkward. Because this is an important piece I knew it had to come on the second half, but I knew something emphatic was needed to

follow it. I chose Ives, Variations on America, to follow the Suite because I knew it would be a fun and exciting way to end the concert, and it also beautifully ties the whole concert together."

Optimistic, idealistic, fiercely democratic, Charles Ives is an American modernist composer and he forged a distinctly American nation. Born in 1874 and a virtuoso organist, when people asked Ives what he played, he would reply, "shortstop."

Ives's Variations on America was premiered at a recital celebrating the Fourth of July and it uses variations on the tune My Country 'Tis of Thee, the same one as the national anthem of the UK, "God Save the Queen." You can hear the town band in a holiday parade, the fiddlers at Saturday night dances, a set of close harmonies, a march, a polonaise, and a ragtime allegro.

The April 9 concert starts at 8 pm at the Downey Theatre. Tickets are available by visiting the Box Office, 8435 Firestone Blvd, Downey, by calling (562) 861-8211 or online at [downeytheatre.org](http://downeytheatre.org).



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