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## Father Con stresses value of fathers

Downey's Father Con convention returns next week to stress the importance of fathers in the family dynamic.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The fourth iteration of Father Con returns to Downey next week, looking to inspire and educate fathers, future fathers and father figures.

The in-person conference will be held April 9 at Warren High School from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Founder Patrick Erlandson says that Father Con transpired out of his work in human trafficking prevention.

"I worked with the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force on the prevention side of things. Everything just kind of kept coming to this recognition that fathers were in this pivotal position of influencing their sons and their daughters, but also their own behavior; it was intersecting with human trafficking," said Erlandson. "That's what led me to feel that we're overlooking not just a source of the problem, but also a source of the solution."

"If we can really engage fathers, we can solve not just human-trafficking, but a whole host of other problems."

Erlandson said that a father brings "a sense of self-worth" and a feeling that "you are worthy of being loved."

"It's a little bit different [than a mother]," said Erlandson. "Anything that I say is not to disparage or diminish the significance of motherhood by any means whatsoever, but for a long time there has been this sort of eroding of the significance of fathers in the lives of their children."

"What we're seeing is the prisons are full of kids who grew up without dads, gangs are full of kids who grow up without dads, teenage girls get pregnant at much higher rates if they don't have a healthy, male father figure in their life. We have almost 500,000 kids in the foster care system in America. The list goes on and on. The data is pretty clear that not having a father in your life has serious detrimental impact."

Father Con will feature several speakers and workshops, covering a range of topics including human trafficking, fathers' rights, finances, sexual hurt, returning from incarceration, family healing and more.

Former mayor Rick Rodriguez - who serves on the board for the event - said the conference is not only about "preparing and counseling fathers to be better fathers," but also "keeping children safe."

"Father Con does a great service to the youth of our community, and to the fathers - young fathers, old fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, godfathers - the overall parenting. It really assists with the parenting skills for our community."

Scheduled speakers include Mark Winkler, author of "Embracing A New Understanding Of Masculinity" and Harold D'Souza, a survivor of labor trafficking.

A full lineup of speakers is posted at [www.father-con.org](http://www.father-con.org). Admission to the convention is free.

For questions, email [info@fathercon.org](mailto:info@fathercon.org).

# Police citizens academy expands to include teens

Previously open only to adults, the Downey Police Department has expanded its citizens academy to now include teenagers.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - Hoping to further bridge the gap between officer and resident, the Downey Police Department rolled out a Youth Academy along with its established Citizens Academy this year.

Having run for around 20 years, the Citizens Academy peels back the curtain on the everyday life of Downey officers to the residents they serve.

"It's an opportunity for us to meet residents who have an interest in what we do, and bring them in and share the challenges of the job and the intricacies of the profession," said Police Chief Leslie Murray. "It's really a way for us to connect with people, and an opportunity for them to feel comfortable here; to see the human side of the people that work here, because normally people see us as the uniform, but it brings that human element to the relationship building."

The program runs for 10 weeks, every Wednesday for three hours.

"We go into a whole gamut of things," said Captain Scott Loughner. "We do our narco guys, our gang guys, professional standards who does our hiring. They'll take them over to our simulator where they'll do de-escalation scenarios, like a shoot or don't shoot scenario."

While there are some lecture elements, the course does include hands-on, up-close experiences.

"It's not just sitting behind a desk and listening to a bunch of people talk," said Loughner. "We want it to be interactive, and want them to get as much out of it as they can."

According to Murray, the program is relatively low-cost for the city.



Detective Ethan Roberts speaks to students during a Youth Academy class on Wednesday. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

"It might be a little bit of overtime here and there for some of our personnel, but it's really not a high-cost program," said Murray. "The value we get from it is just immeasurable."

The program is free to participants, although they are required to undergo a background check.

This year, DPD offered a similar Youth Academy.

"We're really excited about that," said Murray. "Normally Citizen's Academy is an older group, it's often working professionals. The Youth Academy is geared towards kids that are between 14 and 17 years old."

The Youth Academy runs earlier in the day - from 4-7 pm after school - than the Citizen's Academy, and has been tailored more towards the age demographic.

While not the primary focus

of the Youth Academy, Murray did admit that there was some recruitment opportunity that came along with it, calling it an "added bonus."

"In addition to it being a good public relations tool, it's also a way for us to bring these young people in our community into the police station, let them see what we do, because recruitment is always a challenge for us," said Murray. "I think the younger we get people interested, the more chance they're going to make good choices as they grow up because they're going to understand you have to lead a certain type of life to be considered, to get through a background process."

"Here at Downey PD, we've had a lot of success in hiring police officers that start in our explorer program. If they start at 14 or 15 with us, they start learning that culture, they see what the job

entails, and not all of them, but we'll get a handful of them that really like the job, like the profession, and they continue on with us."

The next Citizen's Academy will begin April 27. Applications are due March 31, though there may be some accommodation available if applications are received early next week. Residents who apply but are not able to join the upcoming class would be considered for future dates.

Murray encourages all to look into the programs and consider participating.

"They'll get a lot out of it," said Murray. "Particularly, I'm excited about the youth academy; it's new, and I would love to see some of our kids from the high schools come and join us."

"It's actually fun and engaging, and also eye-opening for them. I think it's just a chance to see that we're just people too."



Downey High School's dance team brought home three first place trophies, plus separate second place and third finishes, at the USA Nationals Dance Competition held this weekend in Anaheim.

## From golf courses to housing?

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia reintroduced legislation that would provide financial incentives to redevelop public golf courses into housing or public space.

**DOWNEY** - Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) introduced legislation last month to provide incentives in the form of grants to local governments that make publicly owned golf courses available for housing and publicly accessible open spaces.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1910 expands the options that local governments have should they decide to convert a public golf course and is completely permissive to them.

Downey has two public golf courses: the Rio Hondo Golf Club, owned and operated by the City of Downey, and Los Amigos Golf Club, which belongs to L.A. County.

"Studies show that low-income communities and communities of color have a lack of access to open space and lack housing security. AB 1910 will chip away at these

two injustices to help ensure that everyone is safely housed and has a space to recreate," said Garcia.

California is home to 921 public and private golf courses. They vary substantially in size; but often consume about 100 acres of land. Some are better candidates for conversion than others.

Ideal sites would be in urban areas with a significant job-housing imbalance, and where nearby residents have limited open space, officials said.

According to Garcia's office, 150 courses could produce 15,000 acres of housing, commercial activity, and open space. At an average density of 40 units per acre, they could produce as many as 600,000 homes, including 150,000 low and very low income affordable homes, and 2,250 acres of public open space.

In the 80s and 90s, golf was on the upswing; but as the National Golf Foundation reports, since 2006, golf is declining and golf courses struggle to stay open.

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## Weekend at a Glance

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**1492:** King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews unwilling to convert to Christianity.

**1889:** French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower to mark its completion.

**1917:** The United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

**1943:** The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

**1968:** President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not run for another term of office.

**1992:** The U.N. Security Council voted to ban flights and arms sales to Libya, branding it a terrorist state for shielding six men accused of blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 and a French airliner.

**1995:** Singer Selena, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club.



**1999:** Four New York City police officers were charged with murder for killing Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant, in a hail of bullets. (They were acquitted in 2000.)

**2019:** Rapper Nipsey Hussle was shot and killed outside his store in South L.A.



### Birthdays

"Boy Meets Girl" actor **William Daniels** (95), "The Partridge Family" star **Shirley Jones** (88), musician **Herb Alpert** (87), actor **Christopher Walken** (79), former vice president **Al Gore** (74), "Cheers" star **Rhea Perlman** (74), and "Star Wars" star **Ewan McGregor** (51).

# WWII vet who got thousands of birthday cards dies at 106

■ Sam Sachs received thousands of cards after the pandemic forced the cancellation of his 105th birthday party.

By City News Service

**LAKESWOOD** - A World War II veteran who appealed for birthday cards after the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of a big party for his 105th birthday and wound up receiving thousands, including a letter and photo from then-President Donald Trump, has died just over a month short of turning 107, the city of Lakewood announced Friday.

Lt. Col. Sam Sachs, a former Lakewood resident, died Monday of natural causes, according to the



city. He was 106.

Sachs celebrated his 105th birthday in April 2020 with a parade of well-wishers in classic and modern cars, motorcycles, military vehicles, a Los Angeles County fire truck from the local fire station with

sirens blaring, nearly a dozen Los Angeles County sheriff's vehicles and an overhead appearance from a Los Angeles County sheriff's helicopter.

"It's a marvelous feeling, yes, really," Lt. Col. Sam Sachs said

while watching the caravan pass by the senior living home where he resided at the time in Lakewood. "The emotions are running so high ... It just doesn't get any better than this. It's just unbelievable. This is a dream."

The U.S. Army veteran -- who dressed up in his uniform for a video posted on YouTube titled "Sam Sachs 105 BDAY Wish" -- said he wondered how many cards he would get after his big birthday party was called off.

Sachs wound up receiving an estimated 6,200 cards, including a letter and a photo from Trump citing the "tremendous milestone" and his "dedicated service to our country during World War II," as well as a framed flag delivered by about a dozen members of the Army National Guard.

Sachs -- who served in the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, participated in the Normandy Invasion and was later part of a unit that helped to liberate a concentration camp in Germany -- also received a letter from the mayor of his birth city, Grand Forks, North Dakota, who proclaimed the day in his honor.

"I just can't believe it. I can't believe all this is happening. Gee whiz!" he said, while speaking in April 2020 from a microphone while standing near the front of the home, in which the front yard was decked out with hundreds of small, donated American flags. "Thank you, folks. Thank you for making my day. I had no idea what to expect ... This is magical."

After his military service, Sachs went on to a teaching career in Southern California.

He suffered a serious injury to his leg when he was struck by a car last year while taking his daily walk around the block in Lakewood, and recovered at a long-term care facility in Bell Gardens before settling into a senior facility in Seal Beach, according to the city of Lakewood.



# Legislators eye golf courses for housing

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Some locales spend tax dollars annually to subsidize municipal courses, which means that residents are subsidizing a space that's underutilized and that they can only use if they know how to and can afford to golf.

"Dense urban communities like mine have very few feasible spaces left to build, the state and local governments need to start thinking outside the box when it comes to building affordable housing units," said Garcia. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region alone must build over 1.3 million units, a majority of them being affordable, in order to keep up with the pace of need in California.

This will also give people the opportunity to access open space that was not accessible by them in the past, if they didn't have the desire or the income to golf, Garcia said. The amount of people that could benefit from affordable housing and truly open space far outnumbers those that benefit from golf courses.

"Redeveloping urban, public golf courses offers a unique opportunity to create new neighborhoods within existing communities. We can create a plan to integrate the full spectrum of affordable and attainable housing, from deeply affordable apartments to townhomes and condos for first-time homebuyers, along with recreational and park space and essential neighborhood retail to serve the larger community. AB 1910 can help cities start the visioning process to imagine what is possible!" said Elizabeth Hansberg, Executive Director of People for Housing OC.

"As climate change continues to worsen, California will experience longer and more intense periods of drought. At the same time, the chronic housing shortage and affordability crisis necessitate greater production of affordable homes," said Leonora Camner, Executive Director for Abundant Housing L.A. "Allowing affordable housing to be built on public golf courses is a smart policy solution that addresses both challenges, by curtailing a water-intensive use on public land and making public land available for much more urgent public need."

AB 1910 will run parallel to a budget request for \$50 million per year for three years submitted to the administration and both houses of the Legislature last fall. This bill is a reintroduction of AB 672 which did not finish the legislative process.

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# Brossmer named Administrator of the Year

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Roger Brossmer, Downey Unified’s assistant superintendent of secondary education, was awarded the State Central Office Administrator of the Year Award by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

This distinguished honor not only covers Region 14, consisting of 24 school districts from Beverly Hills to Long Beach, but the entire state of California, comprising a total of 19 Regional Chapters and encompassing over 1,000 school districts across the state.

“Dr. Brossmer is tremendously adept in creating a positive, inclusive and educational environment that benefits and represents all members of our Downey Unified family,” expressed Dr. John Garcia, Downey Unified’s Superintendent. “His work ethic is unparalleled. He is guided by and exemplifies our district’s mantra ‘Our Kids Deserve the Best’ in his decision making each day for the betterment of our students, staff and broader school communities.”



**Dr. Roger Brossmer**

Each year ACSA honors the outstanding performance and achievement of individual administrators in various regions throughout California. Brossmer was selected for this award for his exceptional leadership in managing school programs, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, commitment to professional growth, and creativity and innovation in dealing with issues and problems facing public education.

“Dr. Brossmer’s leadership has been invaluable to our school district and our community,” shared one of Downey Unified’s middle school principals. “He is a visionary leader who leads with his heart, always making what is best for our students the top priority. We know we can count on Dr. Brossmer when we need his assistance and support in the most challenging and unprecedented situations.”

Brossmer will be recognized at the ACSA Region 14 Awards Dinner on April 28 in Long Beach, and again at the ACSA Statewide Leadership Summit that brings together all 19 regions across the state on Nov. 4 in San Diego.

The Association of California School Administrators was established in 1971 and is the umbrella organization for school leaders in the state, serving more than 16,000 school leaders throughout California. ACSA’s 19 regions divide the state geographically, allowing the voices of members to be heard at the local level.

The mission of ACSA is to support California’s educational leaders, ensure all students have the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel and champion public education. More than two dozen job-alike and issue-oriented councils and committees, a board of directors and a delegate assembly keep ACSA focused on school leadership and on education policy issues at the local, state and federal levels.

# Cerritos lands \$4.4M for electric buses

**CERRITOS** – Cerritos has been awarded a \$4.4 million grant from the Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) as part of an effort to help transit agencies purchase and rehabilitate buses, vans and related equipment, and build bus facilities.

The city will use the funds to buy six new electric buses to replace the existing Cerritos on Wheels (COW) propane bus fleet, which has reached the end of its useful life.

“The City of Cerritos is proud to receive this FTA grant, which will allow us to continue to operate our fixed-route COW transit program,” said Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. “These funds will ensure that the COW continues to be available to serve those in our community, while also reducing the city’s emissions and carbon footprint. The city appreciates the efforts of Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, SCAG, Gateway Cities COG and Metro to support this grant.”

COW has operated in Cerritos for more than 25 years. In 2005, with the assistance of federal grant monies, the city purchased five liquefied propane buses to service the COW.

In 2016, the city refurbished the buses in an effort to extend the vehicles’ lifespan, but the buses’ now aging condition and mechanical issues have surpassed the efforts of the city’s refurbishment.

The FTA Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program makes federal resources available to recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations, to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

# Norwalk vice mayor fined by ethics group

**NORWALK** – Norwalk Vice Mayor Ana Valencia was fined by the state’s ethics agency for failing to file campaign statements mandated by the state of California.

The state’s Fair Political Practices Commission levied a \$866 fine against Valencia in February.

According to the FPPC, Valencia and her campaign committees failed to file one semi-annual campaign statement; two pre-election campaign statements; and one 24-hour report.

The required filings were related to her 2018 campaign for the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified school board and 2020 run for Norwalk City Council.

Valencia, currently a candidate for state Assembly, declined to comment.

# Kiwanis hosting Casino Night fundraiser

**DOWNEY** – Combining fun and community service is front and center on Friday, April 8, as Downey Noon Kiwanis hosts its Fiesta Casino Night from 6–10 p.m. at the Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

Once inside the eloquent banquet hall, an evening of excitement awaits, with games, dancing, and a silent auction to raise money for the Downey Kiwanis Community Service Fund.

Kiwanis International is an organization designed to support programs to help children, youth, and disadvantaged persons throughout the world. Downey Kiwanis is a leader in this effort, both on the local and world-wide stage.

Money raised at the Casino Night will be used to support all seven youth clubs sponsored by Downey Kiwanis that include students in Downey, Lakewood, and South Gate.

Downey Kiwanis financially supports holiday service projects to various Downey charities, such as Downey USD True Lasting Connections, Downey Food Helps, the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, LA CADA, Southern California Drug and Alcohol Programs, and other service-oriented endeavors.

In addition, Downey Kiwanis Community Service funds are earmarked for Kiwanis Family House, Kiwanis International Children’s Fund, and the Kiwanis California-Nevada-Hawaii Children’s Fund.

The Casino Night will also feature silent auctions of individual treasures, such as Dodgers tickets, wine baskets, and get-away weekends.

To be an event sponsor, to contribute auction items, or to simply purchase a \$50 admission ticket for a night of fun and excitement, please contact Rose Schneeberger at rschneeberger5@gmail.com or Doug Hall at hall.douglas48@aol.com.

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## POET'S CORNER

### from My Grandmother Washes Her Feet in the Sink of the Bathroom at Sears

My grandmother puts her feet in the sink of the bathroom at Sears to wash them in the ritual washing for prayer, wadu because she has to pray in the store or miss the mandatory prayer time for Muslims. She does it with great poise, balancing herself with one plump matronly arm against the automated hot-air hand dryer, and giving me her purse and her packages to hold so she can accomplish this august ritual and get back to the ritual of shopping for housewares.

Respectable Sears matrons shake their heads and frown as they notice what my grandmother is doing, an affront to American porcelain, a contamination of American Standards...

My grandmother, though she speaks no English, catches their meaning and her look in the mirror says, I have washed my feet over Iznik tile in Istanbul with water from the world's ancient irrigation systems. I have washed my feet in the bathhouses of Damascus over painted bowls imported from China. My grandmother knows one culture—the right one,

as do these matrons of the Middle West. "You can't do that," one of the women protests, turning to me, "Tell her she can't do that." "We wash our feet five times a day," my grandmother declares hotly in Arabic. "My feet are cleaner than their sink."

I smile at the midwestern women as if my grandmother has just said something lovely about them. No one is fooled, but I

hold the door open for everyone and we all emerge on the sales floor and lose ourselves in the great common ground of housewares on markdown.

Mohja Kahf, e-mails from Scheherazad, University Press of Florida, 2002

The granddaughter is caught in the culture clash. The observance of Ramadan, a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community service, begins April 1 this year, and is regarded as one of the Five Pillars of Islam, as is the daily praying. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

# OPINION: Mario Guerra is best bet for City Council vacancy

■ A former two-time mayor, Mario Guerra would bring stability and experience to the Downey City Council.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

I left last week's City Council meeting angry and feeling helpless.

Our city leadership is in shambles, and it feels like our city is spiraling - if not in outright collapse - because of it.

The once bad-ass, all-woman Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem team that led our city through the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be in the midst of a messy break-up, and Councilwoman Claudia Frometa tends to be the one marooned on her own island because of it.

Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez was served papers of intent to recall...again.

Councilman Mario Trujillo is a proven wildcard with every vote; he's surprised me on more than one occasion.

Then there's Mayor Blanca Pacheco who seems - at the very least - distracted by her current bid for State Assembly. She openly

described the council as "divided" last Tuesday. She's not wrong, but it's not something you want to hear, especially from the dais.

Lastly, we now have an empty seat in District 2. The council voted 3-1 to attempt to fill that void, and will have until May 13 to do so.

There is only one person who makes sense to appoint, and that's Mario Guerra.

A lot can be said about Guerra, both positive and not so flattering. Yes, "Downey's biggest cheerleader" can also be polarizing.

Yet if there's one thing that can't be denied, it's that he's got enough background to stabilize the currently rocking city boat.

Guerra served on the city council from 2006 to 2014, including two year-long stints as mayor from 2008-09 and 2013-14. He served on the budget subcommittee and the Downtown subcommittee, and helped navigate Downey through a recession while building up its reserves.

He was also critical in bringing Porto's Bakery to Downey. He damn-near brought Tesla on board too. The development of the former Rockwell property into the Promenade is also part of his legacy.

Finally - and I cannot



emphasize this enough - Guerra was part of the last city manager transition.

My point being that if you can get past the bold personality, Guerra is a proven, capable leader to our community. And at a time where there is so much at stake for our city (not least of which being hiring a new city manager in a few months), proven, capable leadership is exactly what we need.

Plus, having already served two terms, Guerra is not eligible to run for the seat again come November. That means the residents of District 2 would still have their say in who sits at the dais as their representative

in just a matter of months, while having someone to call with their issues in the meantime.

For lack of a better way of saying it, if Downey needs a ringer right now, then Guerra should be our guy. He's a sure bet for a short commitment.

Guerra has a passion for this city. He brings knowledge and experience, with a resume to back it up.

And he may be our best hope for these next nine, critical months.

**Alex Dominguez is a journalist and staff writer for the Downey Patriot.**

# Bell Gardens police arrest transient for raping teen

■ The 14-year-old girl was reportedly coerced into a garage where she was raped at knifepoint.

**BELL GARDENS** - A transient suspected of raping a 14-year-old girl at knifepoint was arrested Monday, Bell Gardens police said.

The alleged kidnapping and rape occurred early Thursday morning at an undisclosed location, according to Lt. Dano Neslen of the Bell Gardens Police Department, who described the crime as

"horrific."

The girl told police she was coerced into a garage by a suspect later identified as Bell Gardens-area transient Robert Nunez, according to a police statement.

Nunez and a second suspect tied her up, then Nunez raped the girl at knifepoint, Neslen said.

Police circulated Nunez' photo and sought the public's help to find him, and Nunez was arrested near a homeless encampment in

Long Beach on Monday morning, according to Fox11 and police.

"At 8:15 (a.m.), Long Beach P.D. was notified by an anonymous citizen that had seen our previous press release and suspect photo (who) ... reported a sighting of accused rapist Robert Nunez in the LA River area near Long Beach Boulevard and the 710 Freeway," Neslen said in a statement.

"Long Beach police officers immediately responded to the location where they located Nunez, who attempted to flee on foot," Neslen said. "However, officers were able to quickly take him into custody."

Neslen said Nunez "had his distinctive facial tattoo covered by a bandage in an attempt to conceal

Robert Nunez (photo courtesy Bell Gardens Police)



his identity."

On Thursday afternoon, officers and investigators had tracked down and arrested the second suspect, who was identified as 41-year-old Jaomir Perez. Perez was booked into the Inmate Reception Center on \$50,000 bail, according to sheriff's inmate records.

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## Ojos Locos sports bar

Dear Editor:

Regarding recent coverage and letters on the subject of Ojos Locos cantina, the proposed development of Ojos Locos is problematic for at least a couple of reasons.

First is the fact that existing cantinas' operations have been a drawing card for criminal activity at other locations. It doesn't matter that an opening in Downey would be the first Ojos Locos in California; the record of operations in other states reflects a risk that Downey should not have to "underwrite" in our community.

Second, the location proposed for operation is in the midst of community activities that are the antithesis of the Ojos Locos operation. Specifically, two high schools, a retirement home and churches are within blocks of the current planned location; perhaps a location in a more industrial area would pose less risk to the community.

There are a sufficient number of people concerned about this project that opinions will continue to be expressed both before and after any cantina opening. We ask the Ojos Locos group to reconsider.

**Dora Basurto and Howard Friedman**  
**Downey**

Dear Editor:

I'm a little surprised by so many opponents to a new business here in what I thought was a welcoming city of Downey. I thought this was America, the land of the free.

I have a little suggestion to others who oppose the Ojos Locos establishment: do not go. If you are afraid of your children going, parent them.

**Joseph Simms**  
**Downey**

Dear Editor:

I, for one, am so pleased that Ojos Locos is arriving in our beautiful city. As a proud woman and Latina, I am thrilled that a business that empowers women to value all of their assets in the workplace, and empowers them to be financially independent.

It is their right to choose to work there, just like it is your right to choose to patronize this business or not.

I will be supporting this business with my children regularly because it will teach them to value all that an independent woman brings to the table. God bless this establishment and all that it will bring to our great city.

**Megan Ortiz**  
**Downey**

Dear Editor:

Scantly clad or provocatively dressed women do not provoke criminal behavior in and of themselves. More is needed.

The provocativeness comes from the fact that they provoke, conjure, or cause thoughts in some people, especially members of the opposite sex, who may be attracted to them for various reasons. These thoughts range from harmless to harmful to even dangerous and criminal. The matter is relative, but the risk is always there, that provocation will fall on the wrong side of this range.

The proposed sports bar called Ojos Locos loosely translates to "crazy eyes," "crazed eyes" and "evil eyes" and it is the "crazy" part that has a lot of Downey worried because the risk of dangerous or criminal provocation definitely increases, according to studies, statistics, and other data, when alcohol is involved. The risk or probability of harm is more foreseeable when alcohol is involved in anything. This is why California strip clubs do not allow full nudity when alcohol is being offered on the premises. The risk is too great that provocation will lead to "crazy eyes" relaying crazy messages to the brain which then directs the body to commit crazed acts which may cause "crazy" harm. So there's reason for concern.

Although most people will not be provoked to act dangerously upon seeing women in short shorts and low-cut t-shirts on a hot summer's day, it only takes one person to commit a tragic I-told-you-so-act after too many beers, shots, or drinks. Downey has every right to be concerned when an outsider comes with a risqué, braggadocios and ominous name like "Ojos Locos".

Out of respect for the zoning of nearby schools, senior facilities, and churches, this business venture should be nixed. Although the tax revenue forecast looks good, the forecast for trouble looks much worse.

Conversely, if Ojos Locos is allowed at the current proposed location, Downey should require more indemnity via a sizable insurance policy to spare taxpayers the costs of damages when something bad happens. The city could easily be named a plaintiff in any lawsuit for allowing this business to proceed. Let there be no mistake, Ojos Locos is not pretending to be a family establishment. It is just a place for adults to hang-out and do adult things.

As we consider this issue and the vested interests we have in the value of Downey's safety, residents, businesses, real estate, location, accessibility, and other resources, we should be mindful of how small cities such as South Pasadena and San Marino preserve values for their resident stakeholders and even learn from their approaches.

**Dan Chantre**  
**Downey**

## Carpenters statue

Dear Editor:

On Twitter, I saw the article about a possible statue of Karen and Richard Carpenter in Downey. As a fan, if this gets the go-ahead, and if there is an online page to donate, I would be happy to oblige.

I have been a Carpenters fan for approximately 50 years, and their music is still very important to me. My donation would not be a large one; but if all Carpenter fans were willing, we might be able to help with some of the cost.

I hope the statue becomes a reality.

**Karen Myatt**  
**Midwest, USA**

Dear Editor:

Please highlight, preserve and develop resources to celebrate and sell the Carpenters brand. You own it, so claim it.

It makes common sense to sell the "Downey brand" (good for business), and that historical brand includes the Carpenters.

When I lived in Downey in 1989, I worked as a social worker at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and it was the 100th anniversary of its founding as a county poor farm (during the 1889 depression). I volunteered as a docent celebrating that important foundational history.

The Carpenters bring the world's light on Downey – please let that light shine bright by providing resources and leadership.

**Tom Crowe**  
**Long Beach**

## Make the switch to electric

Dear Editor:

Now is the time for the U.S. to make the switch from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy.

This will accomplish two things: 1) Limit Russian President Putin's power to wage war on Ukraine, as Russia's main source of income is selling oil and gas abroad which he uses to fuel his war on Ukraine, and 2) Tackle the existential threat of global warming/climate change.

Let's take away Putin's leverage by reducing worldwide dependence on fossil fuels. Start by sending heat pumps to heat and cool homes across Europe so they don't need Russian gas, in a modern-day Marshall Plan. Then let's reduce our own energy costs by investing in energy efficiency, renewable energy, the electric transmission grid, and hybrid-electric and electric vehicles. Putting a price on carbon with the money collected returned to all American families through monthly dividend checks will help ease the burden on moderate- and lower-income families.

We drive a 2 1/2-year old plug-in hybrid electric car. We charge it at home when it is convenient for us, and it can be charged automatically with a timer at night or during the day, whenever rates are cheapest. We have driven it over 18,600 miles and have saved a ton of money on gas. We only fill up with gas once or twice a month and each time usually costs less than twenty dollars. The electricity to charge it costs about one dollar per gallon equivalent and it takes about 90 minutes to add up to 60 miles of range, less if it is partially charged. I can check the number of electric and gas miles available on my smartphone; when driving, it automatically switches to gas after the electricity runs out. For driving around Southern California, it is the perfect car.

Why is the world still so dependent on fossil fuels? We are unwilling to change, to try something new. We feel comfortable with what we know. But sometimes we must change, for ourselves and future generations.

Now is the time.

**Anita Rivero**  
**Downey**

## Blame the Democrats

Dear Editor:

I am terribly saddened to see and hear of all the beautiful lives lost and large-scale destruction taking place in Ukraine. I am troubled by the thought that if Russia takes over Ukraine, Putin will continue his take-over of former U.S.S.R. countries, and President Xi Jinping of China will be energized to take over Taiwan.

If Donald Trump was president, under his leadership, this horrific war in Ukraine would not have happened nor would there have been the disastrous exit from Afghanistan that led to the death of 13 beautiful lives in our military. Now, sadly, in Afghanistan, girls are not allowed to continue their education beyond elementary level, and egregious restrictions are put into place.

I fear with Joe Biden's cognitive decline and his utterance of provocative statements, we may be heading towards World War III. So pathetic that the media, Big Tech, corporations, and radical Democrats have caused these bad happenings because they wouldn't allow the truth to be told regarding the extreme corruption in our federal government. Trump was canceled from social media for disclosing the truth in his tweets.

Biden, upon his first day in the Oval Office, with a stroke of a pen, put a stop to our energy independence, opened up our southern border, is begging OPEC to send us more oil, is negotiating with rogue nations - Venezuela and Iran to supply us with oil, and stupidly is re-establishing the Iran-nuclear agreement being brokered by Russia.

Along with Biden's destructive presidency, we have the idiots on the left who have introduced critical race theory, gender identity, and equity in our academia which will further put our country in decline by dumbing-down our youth.

With all this said, I am hopeful that if good people will persevere in bringing forth the truth, some of these disastrous happenings can be rectified.

**Martha Morrissy**  
**Downey**

## Budget priorities

Dear Editor:

We need water. We don't need a choo choo train to nowhere.

Stop spending money on the bullet train and let's spend that money in building a desalination plant (or two or three).

We drink water, we don't need a train.

**Larry Arellano**  
**Norwalk**

## A city in turmoil

Dear Editor:

For anyone attending or watching last week's city council meeting, it is no longer deniable: our city is in free fall, leaderless, and slipping into corruption rapidly.

We have a criminal as our mayor pro tem, a vacant city council seat up for grabs, a fired city manager and a questionable bar going in across the street from Downey High School.

How did we get here? Well, things were just too good for so long. The voters left it up to someone else to decide for them.

Can we save our beautiful city? Sure we can! We are waking up from our sleep. This also was evident last week as the city council chambers were full of concerned voters.

We need our city council to work for us, not for their own future or financial interests. We need transparency. Who in city leadership has entered into the bid process to acquire land or a business license, where are they getting their funding? Who has undisclosed legal or criminal issues, a DUI or arrest record? Who has been evicted or gone into bankruptcy? We deserve to know before we are asked to vote for them, not after the fact.

We are expected as residents of Downey to abide by its ethical standards, its laws, codes and moral expectations. We are a "Character Counts" City. It is time for our city leaders to begin to live by those same standards.

**Victoria Smith**  
**Downey**

## City Council vacancy

Dear Editor:

I live in district 2 and I've been a citizen of Downey since 1969. I've become disgusted about what's going on with the current city council.

This is the first time since moving here I'm embarrassed by the city council and the council members that put their own agendas before Downey citizens. Shame on you.

It is not in our best interest to leave the District 2 seat open. The city council should consider Mario Guerra, an experienced and knowledgeable leader. We need someone who will look out for our best interests.

After Mayor Blanca Pacheco voted to make Catherine Alvarez mayor pro tem, citizens lost faith in her leadership and her ability to do what's good for all Downey citizens.

**Jan Scott**  
**Downey**

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Downey's district 2, I took offense to Mayor Blanca Pacheco's attempt to deprive me and my neighbors of representation on the city council.

Does the mayor not believe in transparency and representation? It's not our fault that the city council has become a circus due to her lack of leadership abilities. Perhaps the mayor should put the brakes on her Assembly campaign and focus on getting our city back on track.

Our mayor and mayor pro tem both should resign for the benefit of Downey.

**James Holguin**  
**Downey**

## Reconsider the roundabout

Dear Editor:

About the prospective roundabout at Rives Avenue and Quill Drive:

Apparently, the purpose of such a roundabout is to marginally speed up the flow of traffic.

Not having been privy to the design, one would assume such a roundabout would have a circular concrete planter in the middle of the intersection for the cars to drive around. Since the cars will not be coming to a full stop, it would seem to put pedestrians at greater risk. Quite a few people walk through the intersection on their way to Apollo Park.

Furthermore, there are more than a few people in wheelchairs, due to the close proximity of the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Center. People in wheelchairs have a lower profile, consequently they are at greater risk.

Another factor could be that Downey Fire Department's ladder truck could have greater difficulty negotiating a turn through such a roundabout.

I'm in favor of progress, but safety should be of paramount importance.

**Jack Russell**  
**Downey**

Dear Editor:

I would like to know which council member was the genius to recommend a roundabout on Rives and Quill.

The proposed roundabout seeks to solve a problem that doesn't exist. Instead, it will put the public in danger by eliminating a crosswalk that serves seniors, Rancho Los Amigos patients, and the general population.

If the city is intent on an experimental roundabout, I am sure there are better locations.

**Margaret Toles**  
**Downey**

## Homeless encampments

Dear Editor:

As a longtime resident of Downey, I was happy to read about the \$1 million renovation of Rio San Gabriel Park. (Rio San Gabriel Park Awarded \$1 million Grant for Renovations," 2/23/22).

However, I'm mainly concerned about the homeless that have moved into the back of Rio San Gabriel Park. There is also a large encampment on the riverbed. Both are illegal.

I've called Downey Police numerous times. When and if they ever clear it out, a few days later they're back.

I'm curious as to why laws apply to me but not to them. They're ruining the surrounding neighborhoods.

**Kayla Mora**  
**Downey**

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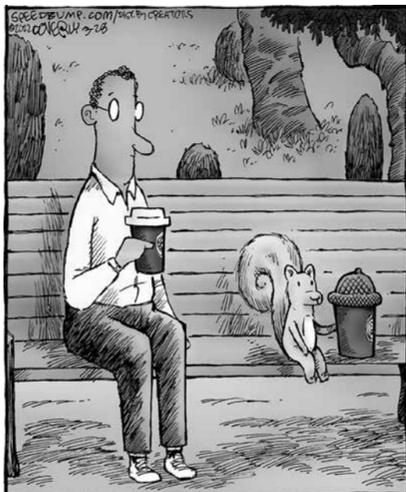
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### CITY MEETINGS

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

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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.  
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

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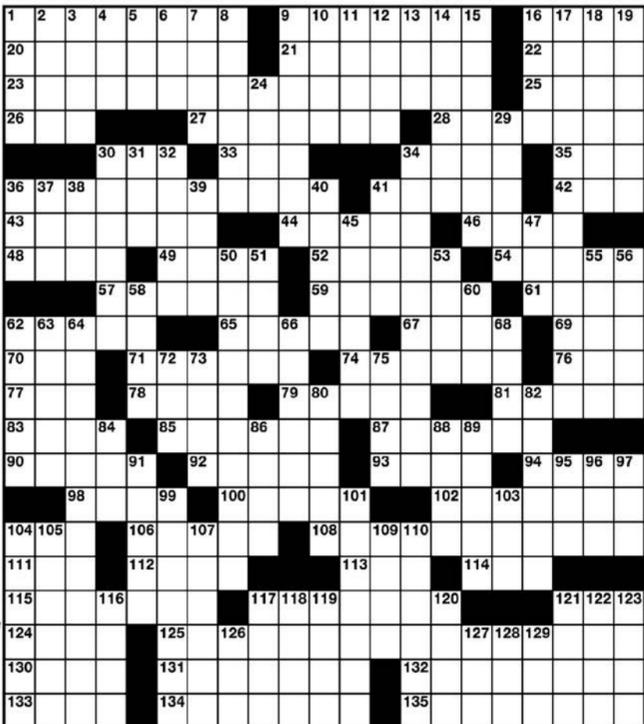
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# Archuleta honors 11 local leaders as Women of Achievement

■ State Sen. Bob Archuleta honors 11 women doing remarkable things in the community.

**WHITTIER** - State Senator Bob Archuleta (D- Pico Rivera) hosted the 2022 Women of Achievement of the 32nd Senate District on March 26 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Whittier, celebrating the accomplishments of 11 women who have contributed to the well-being of their respective communities within the district.

This event was the first hosted by the senator's office in more than two years.

"These women were nominated for their outstanding hard work and dedication to the district during the ongoing public health crisis," Archuleta said. "Our district is fortunate to call home to a great number of women who make considerable contributions to their families, professions and individual communities, and we are honored to recognize these leaders for exemplifying the strength and abilities of all women in our Senate district."

The 2022 Women of Achievement of the 32nd Senate District are:

**Virginia "Ginny" Ball**, nominated by City of Whittier Business Development Manager Katie Galvin-Surbatovic.

Ginny serves as a board member for a wide array of local non-profit organizations, including her ongoing work on behalf of Whittier First Day, a transitional living facility in Whittier.

First Day serves approximately 2,300 individuals with critical social services, making them a beacon of hope for many who were displaced during the covid-19 pandemic. During her time on the Whittier Area Chamber Board of Directors, Ginny founded the Whittier Apartment Owners Association, which brings landlords and tenants together to better understand their rights, discuss impactful legislation, and identify local resources.

As such, she became a resource for people dealing with housing issues during the pandemic.

**Blanca Curiel**, nominated by daughter Okxana Vega.

Blanca enlisted in the United States Army in 1983 when she was just 17 years old, and rose through the ranks and became a Master Sergeant where she served as the Battalion First Sergeant, overseeing a battalion of 400 soldiers.

After a 33-year military career serving her country, Blanca now works in the healthcare system. She sees it as a continuation of her military service, using the organizational skills she learned in the Army, to provide for the

seniors in her care.

Her work was even more critical during the pandemic, as Blanca aided seniors with their daily care, as well as providing companionship.

**Dr. Rosalba González**, nominated by Los Angeles Unified School District Teacher James Ng Rosalba exemplifies the American Dream, having immigrated from Mexico as a young adult, while overcoming barriers and obstacles to become an educator.

Her career in education includes being a teacher, a counselor, a vice principal, and is currently a principal at Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy, where she is deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of her students.

During the pandemic, Rosalba has made it a priority to continue focusing on a positive school culture, setting high expectations for administrators, teachers, and students, while engaging the community.

**Cathy Houwen**, nominated by Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Executive Director Andrea Gullo.

During the pandemic, Cathy's work as a funeral director at Community Funeral Service in La Habra were filled with ensuring grieving families were treated with dignity as they said goodbye to their loved ones. She and her colleagues worked long hours with rare days off to meet the demands of funeral services during the height of the pandemic.

Cathy has volunteered her time on the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority's Community Advisory Committee for 10 years representing the City of La Habra Heights, serving as the Chair for three years.

**Isis Huckins**, nominated by Rose Hills Director of Community Relations & Communications Antoinette Lou.

Throughout her career, Isis has worked quietly behind the scenes while bringing loved ones into the Professional Service's care at Rose Hills. She and her team ensure each family's loved one is treated with the utmost respect and care.

Over the past two years, Isis and her team were extremely challenged to meet the demands

of the community during the pandemic. She and her team worked 24 hours a day to ensure every loved one was appropriately cared for and each family could proceed with a dignified funeral.

**Shannon Kolbjornsen**, nominated by Rose Hills Director of Community Relations & Communications Antoinette Lou.

Shannon has served families in the funeral industry for over 15 years. Throughout her career, she has assisted families in making funeral arrangements, and providing visitation/funeral services for their loved ones. Over the past couple of years, her team at Rose Hills, while adhering to the various covid requirements, continued to serve families to the best of their abilities.

As our community required an increasing demand for funeral services, Shannon coached her team to meet the demands without lowering the honor or respect given to each family.

**Michelle Lynch**, nominated by City of La Mirada Mayor Ed Eng.

During the many challenges presented by the continued covid-19 pandemic, Michelle has led by example, showing the community that this is the time to come together and help each other. As Neighborhood Watch Block Captain since 2011, she has continued to play a pivotal role in keeping the community safe by hosting virtual Neighborhood Watch meetings and safe in-person meetings. She also hosted the La Mirada Heroes Dinner in appreciation of first responders' work throughout the pandemic.

**Dr. Irella Perez**, nominated by Education Activists Dr. James Vigil and Polly Vigil.

Irella's journey from non-English speaking immigrant to school administrator, education advocate, environmentalist and children's book author, is an all-American story of self-reliance fueled by perseverance, passion and conviction.

Irella has been one of many community leaders providing vital support to parents and students during the pandemic. Irella provided leadership, along with her colleagues on the Whittier City School Board, to ensure quality education and mental health

services to students during remote learning.

**Katrina Rodriguez**, RN BSN, nominated by PIH Health Communications and Public Relations Coordinator Melody Cayabyab.

Katrina serves as clinical director of PIH Health Whittier Hospital's general medicine/respiratory unit. Through her exemplary leadership, Katrina spearheaded the primary covid-19 unit through the last three pandemic surges, collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to ensure that patients' needs are always at the forefront of care.

She led efforts to establish communication plans for PIH Health's primary covid-19 unit. The plan ensures families can keep in contact and are kept up to date regarding the condition of their loved ones through Zoom visiting and daily update calls to a designated patient representative.

**Sarah Templeton**, nominated by Biola University Vice President for Student Development Andre Stephens, Ph.D.

Sarah serves as the Director of the Biola University Student Health Center. During her 20-plus years at Biola, she has forged strong working relationships with those inside and outside of the university.

As a member of Biola's covid-19 compliance team, she has kept the campus informed of the emerging data, research and changing protocols throughout the pandemic. Sarah put in place health and safety protocols for quarantining infected and exposed students, while working

with county officials to manage outbreaks, obtain testing supplies and to help clarify protocols.

When vaccines became available, Sarah was able to secure them and offer vaccine clinics on campus for students and employees, and eventually for community members.

**Echo Tsai**, nominated by Venerable Hui Dung.

Echo devotes a great deal of time volunteering at Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple since 1997 and Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) since 2001.

Echo's primary practice in life is to help others and serve the needs of the community by organizing and coordinating activities and events.

They include senior programs, a student scholarship event, and the distribution of personal protective equipment to hospitals, law enforcement, fire stations, nursing homes, churches, schools, homeless shelters and non-profit organizations.

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**NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022056904  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SQUARE FOOT REALTY (2) SQUARE LENDING (3) SQUARE REALTY, 553 CROOKED ARROW DR, DIAMOND BAR CA 91765, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GARY CHI, 553 CROOKED ARROW DR, DIAMOND BAR CA 91765  
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2013  
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/GARY CHI, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 14, 2022.  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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 at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.  
All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.  
A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Downey Unified School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.  
A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on 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 ineligible.  
The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

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**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 1111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for Capital Improvement Project No. 21-06 - Fifth Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

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)  
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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 18, 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

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 18, 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 24, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JOSEPH MARK ORTIZ  
13051 STANBRIDGE AVE  
DOWNEY, CA 90242  
562-743-4910

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00087  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PETITION OF MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS to Proposed name (1) MARCHELL MARSHAY WOODS  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: MAY 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 4, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS  
5204 HAYTER AVE  
LAKEWOOD, CA 90713  
562-331-6951  
MARCHELLWOODS94@ICLOUD.COM

**The Downey Patriot 3/31/22, 4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22**

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
2022035649  
FILE NO: 2022020939 DATE FILED: DECEMBER 18, 2020  
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): PAPER CUTTERS, INC.  
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 6023 BANDINI BLVD., COMMERCCE, CA, 90040  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PACIFIC PAPER CONVERTING, INC., 6023 BANDINI BLVD., COMMERCCE CA 90040  
If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA  
Business was conducted by: a Corporation  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/PACIFIC PAPER CONVERTING, INC., PRESIDENT, SUSAN FEINSTEIN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022062164  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MAFIA LASH BAR DOWNEY CA (2) MAFIA LASH BAR (3) MAFIA LASH BAR LA, 8125 PRISCILLA ST., DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) XARELY GRANADOS AHEDO, 8125 PRISCILLA ST., DOWNEY CA 90242  
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2020  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/XARELY GRANADOS AHEDO, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 21, 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 3/24/22, 3/31/22**

**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, 1111 Brookshire Avenue, 3rd Floor, Downey, CA 90241, Phone (562) 904-7280, City State Dated Check Account.  
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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 3/24/22, 3/31/22**

**NOTICES**

**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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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 18, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ROSA ELIZABETH LOPEZ ROMERO  
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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.  
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JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
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**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VERLA BRINING**  
Case No. 22STPB01373  
To their 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 55(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for petitioner:  
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CN984785 BRINING MAR 17, 24, 31, 2022

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**GOVERNMENT**

**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' license(s):

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

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00127  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner HSINSHIANG LIU AND HANWEI CHEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) KYRON MENGCHEN LIU to Proposed name (1) KYREN MENGCHEN LIU  
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 27, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., ROOM 101 NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT MARCH 29, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00121  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOSEPH MARK ORTIZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) JOSEPH MARK ORTIZ to Proposed name (1) JOSEPH MARK TAMASI  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this

**CN984785**  
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# Southland cities file legal challenge to California lot-split law

■ Four cities are challenging state legislation that allows property owners to build multi-family housing in neighborhoods zoned for single-family homes.

By City News Service

**WHITTIER** - Four Southland cities, led by Redondo Beach, have filed a legal challenge to SB 9, a state law that permits single-family lots to be divided for development of two to four houses.

The Los Angeles Superior Court petition was brought Tuesday against Attorney General Rob Bonta by the cities of Redondo Beach, Torrance, Carson and Whittier, whose leaders want a court order finding the law in violation of the state constitution along with a prohibition on its enforcement.

A representative for the Attorney General's Office could not be immediately reached.

"It is undisputed that planning and zoning laws are matters of municipal affairs," the petition states. "The constitutional right of municipalities to zone single-family residential districts and the sanctioning principle upon which that right is founded has been well settled law for almost 100 years."

By enacting SB 9, the state "eviscerated a city's local control over land use decisions and a community-tailored zoning process," the petition states.

Gov. Gavin Newsom in September signed into law SB 9, which its proponents said will open up opportunities for homeowners to help ease the state's housing shortage while still protecting tenants from displacement. The law

opens the door for the development of up to four residential units on single-family lots across California.

Prior to signing the bill, Newsom was presented with a letter signed by about 240 cities and the League of California Cities, all urging him to veto the bill.

"SB 9 does not guarantee the construction of affordable housing, nor will it spur additional housing development in a manner that supports local flexibility, decision-making and community input," the SB 9 opponents said.

SB 9 backers argue it ensures access to affordable housing as a matter of statewide concern that justifies its applicability to charter cities, but the bill does not require the newly created homes or the lots to have any affordability covenants or to be restricted to moderate- or lower-income households, according to the petition.

"Thus, in very urbanized areas where housing demand and prices are high, SB 9 housing developments could be sold or leased at market



rate prices, which would do nothing to address housing affordability and could exacerbate unaffordability by taking away potential affordable housing locations," the petition states.

SB 9 also will raise land and home values, particularly in already very urbanized areas, making it harder for first-time homebuyers to "get their foothold on the American Dream and further alienating lower-income households," the petition states.

The four cities recognize that housing, including housing

affordability, are serious issues that must be addressed at both the state and local levels and already have been active in finding ways to provide more housing and affordable housing for residents, according to the petition.

For example, over the past 20 years the city of Carson, through its Housing Authority, assisted in the development of almost 1,000 affordable housing units and over 900 housing units are currently under construction or approved within the community, according to the petition.

## Club soccer teams win state cups

**DOWNEY** — United SoCal Downey, a youth soccer organization that competes in the SoCal Soccer League, recently wrapped up its SoCal State Cup competition and finished with two state cup winners and one finalist.

The Boys 2011 and Boys 2010 teams won the State Cup championships while the girls 2013 team was a finalist.

"It's a huge accomplishment to be able to win State Cup and represent the City of Downey at the very competitive club level," representatives for United SoCal Downey said.

The girls team is coached by Jazlyn Arevalo and Monique Cervantez, while the Boys 2011 team is coached by Mario Gomez and Andre Medel, and the Boys 2010 team is coached by Luis Palencia and Oscar Santana.

For more information on United SoCal Downey, contact:

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