



## Exclusive: Search Warrant Shows Sup. Kuehl, Mayor Garcetti Deputy Under Investigation

News outlets ignored HMG-CN's first exclusive story, the search warrant corroborates the original story.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Just months ago, Hews Media Group-Community News exclusively reported that Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detectives issued search warrants and searched the headquarters of LA Metro and the offices of a nonprofit run by a civilian oversight commissioner critical of Alex Villanueva and his leadership.

The nonprofit, Peace Over Violence, which operates Metro's "Off-Limits" sexual-harassment counseling hotline was the subject of the search, but HMG-CN

also reported that other high-level executives at Metro were the subject of the warrant and searches but officials from both organizations would not comment further and the sheriff's would not comment on the contents of the search warrant.

And, as usual, major news media outlets ignored HMG-CN's story.

Now, corroborating the story, HMG-CN has obtained the search warrant, issued March 1, 2021, which indicates law enforcement officials believe multiple felonies were committed.

The search warrant stated that, "there is probable cause to believe that the property described [below] may be found at the location [below] and that it was used to commit felonies.

"[The property] is possessed

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## STANDING UP AGAINST HATE IN CERRITOS

**STOP HATE:** Local elected officials gathered to protest Asian-Pacific Islander violence in general while also lending support to Cesar Echano, the 70-year-old Filipino-American who, along with his wife, were verbally and physically assaulted during an outing at Don Knabe Community Regional Park.

## Document COVID Stories With the Historical Society of Long Beach

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

By spring of 2021, CoVID-19 had invaded every country on this planet. It brought death, social disruption and disturbance. The exact numbers continue to be unclear, with over 175 million people infected worldwide and more than three million deaths attributed to the virus.

Southern California experienced the full impact of this pandemic.

This is not the first time that the City of Long Beach experienced dramatic events due to a pandemic. The Great Pandemic of 1918-1921, known as the Spanish Flu, struck the world in the aftermath of World War I, infecting millions in the span of a year. Three waves of this flu struck the world with an estimated 50 to 100 million people thought to have died, representing as much as five percent of the world's population.

Long Beach recorded 93 cases, including 49 children January 1919. City leaders suspended all public meetings, sending police officers into stores and markets to encourage patrons to 'keep moving'. "Hard won experience from this latest virus,

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BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Coordinated by City Councilman Frank Yokoyama along with 'Stop AAPI Hate', residents from across the Southland joined with local Mayors and Senators to stand up against violence of Asian Americans in Cerritos.

The Solidarity Walk was in support of Cesar Echano, the 70-year-old Filipino-American and his wife who were verbally and physically assaulted during an outing at Don Knabe Community Regional Park in Cerritos earlier this month.

"I don't know why he confronted us," Echano said. "He was laughing and asking me why I was looking at him. I kept my head down and walked away. Then he started yelling a lot of

profanity. He told me, 'You don't belong here and go back to your country.'" The couple attempted to ignore the guy and continued their walk. As they reached their vehicle the same man who had verbally assaulted them, yanked open the passenger side door and began beating Echano.

Hawaiian Gardens City Councilwoman Myra Maravilla said, "We want to send a message that any hate toward anyone is not acceptable. We are here to extend our hand in friendship and assistance to Mr. Echano and his wife to stop senseless violence."

Many local elected officials attended including State Senator Bob Archuleta, Maravilla, Yokoyama, Aresia Mayor Rene Trevino, Artesia Mayor pro tem Melissa Ramoso; former Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido;

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## MLS Players From Pico Rivera Are Paying it Forward With Soccer Field in City

The Seattle Sounders players, and graduates of El Rancho High, facilitated the process with the city.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Cristian Roldan was named the 2013 Gatorade National Player of the Year in soccer while attending El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera. Roldan spent his college career at the University of Washington, in his two seasons with the Huskies, Roldan made a total of 41 appearances and

tallied 10 goals and seven assists and helped lead the team to a Pac-12 title in 2013.

His brother Alex also attended El Rancho, helping the Dons into the playoffs all four years and winning a state championship. With his time with the Dons, he earned first-team all-league three times, and was named league MVP in after his senior season.

Alex, like his brother, spent his college career in Washington state at Seattle University. In his four seasons with the Redhawks, Roldan made a total of 82 appearances and tallied 18 goals and 17 assists.

Both Cristian and Alex now play for the Seattle Sounders FC in Major League Soccer as midfielders and both are now paying it forward in Pico Rivera.

In early 2021, the city contacted the Roldan family, arranged a meeting with Mayor Raul Elias, Councilmember Lutz, Parks and Recreation Commissioner McEachren, and City staff to bring a 5-on-5 mini-soccer field to Pico Rivera in partnership with the U.S. Soccer Foundation and Musco Lighting. Mini-soccer fields are

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Alex and Cristian Roldan.



**32 DISTRICT STATE SENATOR** Bob Archuleta attended the event and spoke out against AAPI violence. On the left is Cesar Echano, the 70-year-old Filipino-American who was verbally and physically assaulted at Knabe Regional Community Park.



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### Cerritos Councilman Donates PPE to Local Schools



**DURING THE CLOSING WEEKS** of the school year, Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama delivered boxes of hand sanitizer bottles to Nixon Academy and Tetzlaff Academy; Yokoyama is seen here with AP Mr. Hamamura.

### Hawaiian Gardens WWII Veteran Turns 100



**STATE SENATOR** Bob Archuleta, himself a veteran, congratulates Paulo Martinez on his 100th birthday. Born in 1921, Martinez graduated from Poly High School in 1940. Waiting for his draft summons, he went to work for Consolidated Ship Building, a company that launched Liberty cargo ships that supplied the military in the Pacific. Martinez entered active service in 1942 and was assigned to radio operator school in Missouri, where he eventually taught Morse Code and used the old fashioned telegraph key. Martinez was sent to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey to become a high-speed radio operator and became a T- 5 Corporal, assigned to the Signal Air Warning Battalion in Tampa. Later he was sent overseas to Dutch New Guinea and later to Luzon in the Philippines until the end of the war. Martinez was honorably discharged January 16, 1946.

### Lakewood Senior Programs Return

Senior Programs at the Weingart Senior Center will return next week. On Monday, June 21, staff will open doors for a limited reorientation of recurring programs and assist participants with completing paperwork and preparing for a full scope of offerings on Monday, June 28. The first event to be hosted will be the Senior Health Fair on Friday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

At the Burns Community Center, many of the outdoor Active+ fitness programs were already back with masking and social distancing, but the indoor slate of programs will return on Monday, June 21. Fall programs at NLMAS begin on August 16, 2021

### Grab & Go Meals for Kids & Teens at 20 L.A. County Libraries

LA County Library's annual Lunch at the Library program returns, providing free grab-and-go meals to kids and teens 18 and under during the summer months. This year, two healthy meals—re-heatable lunch and breakfast—will be available daily.

Meals are available for no-contact pickup on a first come, first served basis at select libraries now through August 6 (except July 5) based on the following schedule:

#### Monday – Friday, 12 – 1 pm:

- A C Bilbrew Library
- Gardena Mayme Dear Library
- La Puente Library
- Lake Los Angeles Library

- Montebello Library
- Norwalk Library
- Quartz Hill Library
- Rowland Heights Library
- San Fernando Library
- San Gabriel Library
- South Whittier Library

#### Tuesday – Friday, 12 – 1 pm:

- Angelo M. Iacoboni Library
- Baldwin Park Library
- Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
- Compton Library
- El Monte Library
- Leland R. Weaver Library
- Woodcrest Library

There are no restrictions on family income.

Parents and caregivers can pick up on

behalf of children – kids and teens don't need to be present, but are welcome!

"This will be the seventh consecutive year we have offered free meals through this program," said LA County Library Director, Skye Patrick. "We know families depend on lunch and snack programs to provide free, nutritious food for their children when they are away from school. We are excited to partner with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to provide this essential service."

Lunch at the Library is a partnership between LA County Library and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and is supported by the California Summer Meal Coalition and California Library Association.

This program is supported by a grant from the California State Library.



## 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 6 p.m.**  
Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room  
18000 Park Plaza Drive, Cerritos

The City of Cerritos will host a community workshop to discuss the future of housing in the City of Cerritos.

The City of Cerritos is currently in the process of updating its 2021-2029 Housing Element, which will include goals, policies and programs for future housing development in the City. As part of this process, community participation and input is important.

All State of California and County of Los Angeles COVID-19 protocols and guidelines will be implemented, including physical distancing and facial covering requirements deemed appropriate for the workshop.

**For more information, please call the City of Cerritos Community Development Department at (562) 916-1201.**

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## Help Celebrate Ms. Millie's 107th Birthday



The City of Bellflower is honoring Millie with a drive-by parade on Saturday, June 26.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

**M**illie Van Deusen is turning 107 years this summer, since she was born in 1914 in Nebraska to a sheep rancher, her life has been filled with happiness and heartbreak.

HMG-CN first meet Ms. Millie in 2018. The lively centenarian greeted us with a huge hug and wanted to know if I would like a glass of Jack Daniels whiskey at 11:00 am.

She attributes a long life to having a good mind, always being busy, having friends and being involved, she admits, "I have tried to cause as much trouble around here as I can!"

The City of Bellflower is honoring Millie with a drive through parade on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

Dignitaries from around Southern California will bestow her with congratulatory certificates and recognitions.

Millie has lived through the dust bowl of the 1930's, "It was called the Dirty Thirties, we lived through the depression time too."

She owned her own beauty salon and worked at a community hospital in Fallbrook.

The best decade she ever had was when she met and married her husband in 1936. They were married for 18 years and then divorced, "but we were best friends all of our lives," said Millie.

Miss Millie has worked for the aerospace industry, dated younger men, travelled the world, owned a furniture store, built radio systems for submarines and the last trip she actually took was with her grandniece when she turned one hundred.

"We were on our way to Utah and I lost her in the airport," said her niece Jamee Lindberg, "I was frantically looking for her and asking everyone if they had seen her, come to find out she was entertaining a small crowd that had gathered around to hear her stories."

Decorate your car or vehicle, bring a card or a gift card and help celebrate a true living legend. Vehicles will be lining up at 9:30 am at Caruthers Park located at 10500 Flora Vista Street in Bellflower.

Millie loves dangling earrings, she remembers everyone she has ever met, and did a pole dance at her 103 birthday party, she added, "and along the way," she says, "I have had some pretty sexy boyfriends."

## La Mirada Seeking Volunteer Coaches

The City of La Mirada is seeking volunteer coaches for the City's youth sports leagues. Help make a difference in the community by signing up to become a volunteer coach. Stop by any City facility and fill out a Volunteers in Action application.

Coaching opportunities currently available include the following sports:

- Volleyball/Volley-tennis
- Dodgeball

Without the committed hard work of volunteer coaches, local youth would not have the quality, one-of-a-kind sports programs seen in La Mirada.

For more information, please call the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

# Downey Reopens, Will Celebrate 65th Anniversary

BY DOWNEY MAYOR CLAUDIA FROMETA

This week marked a significant milestone for our community and our country as we reopened our City Council Chambers to full capacity after 15 months of closure.

Before our reopening, we wanted to remember the 301 residents we lost during the pandemic. A small ceremony was held outside of City Hall. As we celebrate the reopening of our state and the return to all the activities missed, I am encouraged

by the latest figures released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The vaccination rate for Downey residents 16 years of age and older is now 66.2%; adults 65 years of age and older, it is 87.8%. Downey is surpassing L.A. County vaccination rates.

On another note, the City of Downey is celebrating 65 years since its incorporation as a city in 1956. Strong cities don't just happen. It was the commitment of outstanding leaders to reinvent Downey from an aerospace community to a Biomedical hub with a thriving business sector that led to what Downey is today, an inspirational city. We continue to be a leader in Southeast L.A. County.

Our city has the highest number of churches per square mile, close to 30 non-profit clubs and organizations, and 220 neighborhood watch groups. The residents of this city are committed to a strong Downey.

Concerts in the Park are back this summer at Furman Park. Parks and Recreation office unveiled the lineup for the Twilight Summer Concert Series. The first concert will take place on Wednesday, July 7, at 7:00 pm with a patriotic tribute by the First Marine Division Band. As we approach the 4th of July, I want to remind our residents there will be strict enforcement and crackdown of illegal fireworks. There are steep fines for possession of these. Please contact our Downey Police Dispatch at 562-861-0770 to report illegal firework activity. Our Downey Fire Department will be fully staffed leading up to and during the holiday to respond to any potential threats.

As we welcome summer events and activities, please remember there is a



**FORMER DOWNEY MAYORS** going back 36 years were invited for a commemorative photograph. Former Mayor Rick Rodriguez was unable to join the gathering.

process in Downey to host or hold a public event in any of our parks, even if gathering are of a religious nature, city permits must be acquired.

I encourage all residents to download the app for Downey's anti-litter campaign #BINIT. Please continue to do your part by putting all trash in its place. To report illegally dumped items to the City of Downey, please call 562-904-1161. If you would like bulky items removed, please call CalMet at 562-259-1239. Through this app, you will be able to immediately report illegally dumped items, street repairs, trash, graffiti removal or needed neighborhood light repairs.

There have been nearly 1,500 applications distributed for the city's rental assistance program. This program has a budget of \$950,000. Door hangers

have been distributed door-to-door to rental properties in the city to ensure the information gets to our renters. New applicants that qualify and go through the process will automatically receive three month's rental assistance. Please contact our Community Development at 562.299.6706 or visit our website at

[www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance](http://www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance)

Our Downey Police Department Street Racing detail will continue to patrol segments throughout our city prone to speed and street racing. If there is street racing in your neighborhood, please report it to Downey PD. If you must report a non-emergency issue, please contact the Downey Police Dispatch at 562-861-0770.

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## HMG-CN OP/ED LA County's Bizarre Peacock Problem

Every resident of Los Angeles County has their own ideas about what would make it a better place to live.

Some people want to see more police on the streets in the hope that an enhanced presence would reduce crime levels.

Better schools is a common request, as is better availability of high-quality healthcare.

From public transport to more welfare, the problems and requests you'd usually hear from most people who live in the county are the same as you'd hear from citizens anywhere else in America.

That's not the case at the moment, though. Go out into the streets with a clipboard today, and you'll find dozens of people asking the authorities to do something about all the peacocks.

We should point out that not everybody hates peacocks.

So long as they don't attack you or otherwise inconvenience you, they're beautiful creatures to look at. Peacocks are often popular birds to go and see in the zoo or another animal enclosure because of their colorful tail feathers and the way they're so proud to display them.

That's where the saying "proud as a peacock" comes from. The attractiveness of peacocks is the reason that NBCUniversal uses a peacock logo.

The sight of peacocks in the streets of LA County isn't new. It's a little odd that they're there - and you don't tend to realize how odd it is until you leave the area and explain it to someone who's never lived here - but the birds have been stalking the sidewalks for a century now.

During that time, they've become a little "streetwise." Much like pigeons in London's famous Trafalgar Square because they've learned that humans might be interested in feeding them, peacocks have come to expect food from

their human neighbors.

If they don't get it, they have an unpleasant tendency to start shrieking in an ear-piercing register. If that doesn't get them anywhere, they might even turn violent.

It's increasingly common for LA County residents to return to their cars and find them damaged, but what at first looks to be the work of a vandal turns out to be the work of an angry peacock.

This, among other reasons, is why the area's officials have finally had enough.

They want residents to stop feeding the birds - and they're considering making doing so an offence.

On June 9th, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors gave its unanimous approval to a motion for drafting an ordinance to implement a ban.

That means the ordinance hasn't been written yet, and the ban isn't in place, but it's almost certainly coming.

To put the matter simply, they think the peacock issue has gone too far.

The birds were a charming curiosity when they were first introduced to the area by the eccentric entrepreneur Lucky Baldwin in the late 1800s, but they've fed and bred since then.

Nobody knows quite how many of them there are now, but it's thought to be several hundred. It might even be more than a thousand.

When they're not shrieking at people and damaging cars, they're attacking gardens and, in some cases, household pets.

Even when they mind their own business, the droppings they leave behind are an annoyance for local business owners to clean up every morning.

The next step for the LA County Board of Supervisors is to receive a report from the LA County Department of Animal Care and Control.

That should happen within ninety days, after which the ordinance will be written, and a ban will almost surely be put in place.

The consequences for violating the order may potentially be severe. If someone is caught feeding the peacocks,

they could be fined one thousand dollars even for a first offense.

For repeat offenders, punishments might escalate up to a maximum of six months in jail.

Residents of Arcadia have flouted informal bans and prohibitions on feeding the peacocks before and have become accustomed to defying authorities on the matter.

Whether or not they're still willing to do so when the risks are so high remains to be seen.

While many residents will welcome the fact that the Board of Supervisors is taking action, the consequences of that action are uncertain.

Withdrawing food from the peacocks when they've spent so many generations becoming accustomed to it might turn out to be counterproductive.

They might become angrier, which would lead to even more damage and incidents of them attacking people. It also doesn't do away with the peacocks.

If they're not handed food, they'll find it by scavenging. That's a nuisance for local businesses when they throw out the daily trash.

The authorities haven't countenanced the idea of physically removing the peacocks - a process that's likely to be extremely difficult - so they're still going to be on the streets whether they're being fed or not.

The Board also doesn't approve of citizens taking matters into their own hands by shooting or poisoning the birds, which has been known to happen on occasion.

Even with a ban, there will be peacocks on the streets of LA County. It's just that the peacocks will be hungrier than they have been in the past.

We know that many of our readers love the peacocks and enjoy feeding them, so if you can't bear the idea of not being allowed to do so anymore, this is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Get in touch with your local authorities to register your opinion as soon as you can. Once the ninety days are up, it's unlikely that any minds will be changed.

## ABCUSD Students Awarded TREK Trip by AAUW



**TREKKING:** Clockwise from top: Janelle Vargas of Fedde Middle School; Julianna Castellon of Haskell Middle School in ABCUSD; Sophia Chicas and Sidney Lumsdaine of Walker Junior High in Anaheim UHSD.

BY EDNA ETHINGTON

In March of 2020, La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) chose four middle school girls to attend Tech Trek, a one-week Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) camp sponsored by AAUW California at Whittier College in the summer of 2020.

The girls were nominated by a science or math teacher, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, an interest in math and/or science, interviewed by the branch's Tech Trek Committee. However, Covid-19 shut it down.

Recently, four girls who were chosen by the AAUW to attend: Janelle Vargas of Fedde MS and Julianna Castellon of Haskell MS in ABCUSD, and Sophia Chicas and Sidney Lumsdaine of Walker Junior High in Anaheim UHSD.

The week-long virtual camp will be centered on a morning project-based robotics/engineering/coding class that will meet daily. It will result in a personalized creative project by the end of the week. After a lunch break, campers will hear from inspirational women speakers in the STEM field for one hour. Following the speakers' one-hour presentations, the girls will participate in a required 90-minute workshop, and an optional 90-minute hands-on or interactive STEM workshop.

The required sessions will provide the girls with opportunities to explore the fun properties of water, build a spectrophotometer to explore lights and waves, design and build a wind turbine to raise money literally, in the air, and discover dimensions they never knew they had. There also will be optional evening sessions.

## Commerce City Council Honors Local Companies

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The City of Commerce honored Sandy Cornejo and volunteers from Commerce-based Bridge Publications and 4Earth Farms at their meeting on June 16 for coordinating and serving over eighty boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables to senior residents at the senior complex located at Gage Avenue and Emil Street.

The City commends all the residents, volunteers and business community for coming together for the community and providing much needed assistance. City Council recognized 4Earth Farms for making an unforgettable occasion for the residents of the apartments.

"We are grateful for the many contributions you have made to the Model City," stated Mayor Leonard Mendoza, "May your giving spirit be rewarded."

4Earth Farms was founded in 1993,

since then it and has become one of the largest suppliers of organics in the U.S.

Over the last five years alone, 4Earth has donated over 120,000 pounds of fresh produce to local food banks and charities. "We recognized long ago that although our warehouse is filled with fresh and healthy fruits and vegetables, many of the residents that live in and around our neighborhood live in a food desert or don't have the means to buy fresh produce," says David Lake, President of 4Earth Farms.

In the last three years, 4Earth Farms has donated over \$2.5 million worth of produce to Heart of Compassion, a food bank and social service organization based in Montebello, CA. "We are proud to be of service to an organization whose mission is to alleviate hunger and encourage self-sufficiency to those living in poverty," stated Lake.



4EARTH FARMS recently partnered with Heart of Compassion, Food Forward, and the City of Commerce to deliver nutritious and essential fresh produce to families in need.

## SCE Partners With EV Charger Company in Lakewood

STAFF REPORT

SCE is collaborating with Volta Charging to communicate the benefits of driving electric vehicles (EVs). The ads will appear on charging stations owned and operated by Volta at Vons grocery store in Lakewood.

Among other programs, SCE offers several EV incentives and rebates to customers, including a \$1,000 rebate on a pre-owned EV and the California Clean Fuel Reward, a point-of-sale incentive worth up to \$1,500 on new EV purchases.

According to the EPA, the transportation sector generates the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions which includes primarily gasoline and diesel.

This is a key reason National Grid

and other utilities have joined the EV100 initiative.

EV100 participating companies totaling more than 100 commit to switching their fleets to electric and/or installing charging for staff and customers by 2030.

As an energy supplier for electric vehicles, electric utilities play an important role in growing and shaping the market for EVs.

The Boston Consulting Group estimates that the rise of EVs could create \$3-\$10 billion of new value for the average electric utility.

EVs are also expected to provide utilities with enhanced flexibility in balancing power demand with supply and do so at a much lower cost than traditional energy storage.

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## Discovery Cube now open for safe hands-on lifelong scientific learning

By Laurie Hanson

**F**-forward initiatives inspire educators, students, and all committed to lifelong learning at the Discovery Cube children's science museums in Sylmar and Santa Ana.

For more than 35 years, they have offered Southern California's families and kids' hands-on scientific education through four core initiatives including STEM proficiency, early childhood education, healthy living, and environmental stewardship.

"We are really excited about our newest exhibits that debuted for the first-time last month, like Festivals of STEM, at Discovery Cube Los Angeles," said V.P. of Marketing Erin Warady, who has been with them since 2020. "Sponsored by the Chevron Corporation, Festival of STEM features five STEM-themed areas and 10+ hands-on activities and adventures highlighting the invention and inspiration of STEM-based innovators and industries."

At the height of the pandemic in spring 2020, they launched the Discovery Cube Connect, an interactive web-based STEM platform which connects parents, educators and students with hands-on STEM activities and resources.

"All content on the Discovery Cube Connect site has been rated and reviewed by parents and educators, available free of charge for young learners at home or in the classroom," Warady added.

During the pandemic, both museums in Los Angeles and Orange County have undergone extensive renovations including new health and safety measures plus adoption of COVID-safe guidelines and protocols, according to Warady.

"Each campus location

has several new 'safe science' installations including a MERV13 HVAC filtration system with UV lights, hands-free restrooms, onsite cleaning crews, contactless ticketing system and upgrades to the paint, carpet and much more," she said. "Both museum locations underwent extensive interior and exterior renovations, totaling more than \$10 million, which were unveiled during our reopening in May 2021. Part of reopening highlights include several new, state-of-the-art STEM exhibits, immersive science adventures and interactive gameplay for kids K-6 grade."

The Orange County campus has four new STEM-themed areas with more than 15 new interactive exhibits while Los Angeles debuted five new themed areas and 10+ new interactive exhibits. Both locations also feature many of the STEM favorites as before including, Inspector Training Course, Early Learners, Planetary Research Station and more, according to Warady.

Popular exhibits in Santa Ana's location include the Physics Lab which features hands on wooden race cars on a track, the Science of Hockey Lab which explores what it's scientifically like to be on ice, the Organic's Waste Lab (OWL) which demonstrates the environmentally conscious usefulness of compost for plant growth, the Dino Quest exhibit with life-sized outdoor dinosaur and skeleton models for up close explorations, and the Early Learner's exhibit which allows young children hands on exploration activities such as rock climbing and telescope viewing.

Upcoming events at Discovery Cube in Santa Ana include Camp Discovery, running

### MUSEUM FUN:

The Discovery Cube children's scientific museum in Los Angeles on opening day.

from June 28 to August 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., offered both in person and virtually this year. At this camp, kids learn about animals, dinosaurs, outer space, and all things STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). Back by popular demand is the Code Constructors Camp, a full-week virtual camp which demonstrates what it is like to learn code and be a programmer.

Also, a family-friendly event offered is The Mega Bubblefest and Laser Show held July 2 at 10 a.m. to July 18 at 5 p.m., at the Santa Ana location.

Something unique the Discovery Cube is offering families and groups are onsite sleepovers which includes access to exhibits, interactive activities, 3D movie, snack, and continental breakfast with complimentary access to the Cube the following day.

Science is also brought to life through field trips or offered on location in classrooms at schools throughout Southern California through the Discovery Cube's educational outreach programs, which offer scientific problem-solving and exploratory learning opportunities. Their unique Environmental Program, in partnership with Orange County Waste and Recycling, offers a free on school site assembly for 5th and 6th graders, educating on the importance of going "Green."

Children under age 5 are not left out, either. As part of the Discovery Cube's early childhood educational efforts, parents are given tips to help their little ones learn, grow, and play in scientific ways.

Both the Los Angeles County and Orange County museums are currently open Thursdays thru Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to limited capacity, patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at [www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org).

The community can support the Discovery Cube and the Discovery Science Foundation in through family memberships, volunteering, online store purchases or public and private donations.

**For more information, please visit online at [discoverycube.org](http://discoverycube.org).**



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# Internationally Acclaimed Lightscape at L.A. Arboretum



**CUSTOM LIGHT TUNNEL** from November 12, 2021 through January 16, 2022 the one mile spectacular light show will feature one of-a-kind artistic installations that come alive with color, imagination and sound.

Direct from their sold out run in London and Chicago, Lightscape will head to the West Coast to transform the 127-acre Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden into an enchanting, after dark illuminated walking experience.

From November 12, 2021 through January 16, 2022 the one mile spectacular light show will feature one of-a-kind artistic installations that come alive with color, imagination and sound.

"I had heard about this fabulous light show in the United Kingdom over the past two years," said Richard Schulhof, Director at Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. "I quickly realized it would be the perfect presentation to have for the Arboretum."

"They customize the design to celebrate the uniqueness of each garden. In the case of the Arboretum Lightscape they will be responding to all of the Mediterranean and subtropical plants. Schulhof also invited the Team to look at and incorporate the Hollywood history of the Arboretum, to incorporate the storied chapters of the garden.

"Following the international success

of Lightscape, we are excited to bring this spectacular holiday experience to the Los Angeles community at the Arboretum," said Schulhof, "We look forward to hosting family and friends and providing a safe and festive way to celebrate the holiday season."

Visitors will be treated to an immersive adventure in the garden, wandering into a festive world of wonder with thousands of twinkling lights in various attractions from the Cathedral of Light to the Star Tunnel and the Fire Garden.

The L.A. Arboretum produces Lightscape in association with Sony Music, which amazes millions of people year after year with similar shows in multiple locations across the United Kingdom. In addition, Lightscape is skillfully produced by Culture Creative and promoted in partnership with WAD Entertainment.

Lightscape opens to the public on Friday, November 12, 2021 and runs during select dates through Sunday, January 16, 2022. Tickets are currently available for purchase to the public.

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by a person with the intent to use it as a means of committing a public offense or is possessed by another to whom he or she may have delivered it for the purpose of concealing it or preventing it's discovery." "[The property] tends to show that a felony has been committed or that a particular person has committed a felony."

The warrant gave five days to gather the requested records under eight categories, indicating a wide-ranging investigation involving POV, L.A. County and City Elected officials, and executives at Metro, including the recently departed CEO Phil Washington.

The warrant demanded any and all contracts between Peace Over Violence and the Board of Supervisors and more significantly:

Any and all contracts concerning POV and any organization under the control of the county and or the Board of Supervisors including Metro;

An exhaustive list of call log categories from POV's Off-Limits hotline;

Any written or digital communications between POV and Metro;

Internal [Metro] evaluations or audits concerning the Off-Limits hotline;

Alex Wiggins' personnel file, Wiggins is the former Chief of Security Systems and Law Enforcement for Metro.

An all-inclusive item asking for any reports, forms, documents, notes, photographs, written and digital communications of any internal investigation conducted by Metro involving POV;

Any and all communication between the following persons:

Phil Washington, who is now the CEO nominee of the Denver Airport, and was

the subject of an article by the Denver Post where the Mayor of Denver, Michael Hancock, is on the record saying Washington was not a named in the warrant.

Alex Wiggins, former Chief of Security Systems and Law Enforcement for Metro and Imelda Hernandez, Manager of Transportation Planning who worked under Wiggins.

The document also show Metro's law firm, Kendall Brill and Kelly, LLP attempting to quash the warrant several times in LA Superior court.

**AAPI EVENT** from page 1

Artesia Councilwoman Monica Manalo, former Artesia Mayor Dr. Victor Manalo; Buena Park Mayor pro tem Sunny Park; Cypress Councilwoman Frances Marquez; Advocate for Asian Americans Joann Fields, and Advocate Neil Estrada.

Estrada was among several community members who gathered and mobilized the Solidarity Walk. "I grew up in Cerritos," said Estrada, a businessman who now lives in Orange County. "My parents used to take that walk daily. To see that one of our own got hurt in a city with a large Asian American and Pacific Islander population, it's a shock. This is a rallying cry."

Stop AAPI Hate is a coalition aimed at addressing anti-Asian racism across the U.S. Founded by A3PCON, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and the SFSU Asian American Studies Department.

Marquez added, "Our Asian American Pacific Islander communities are experiencing increased incidences of discrimination and racially motivated violence across the country and in Orange County. It is on all of us to take action and stand in solidarity with our AAPI

neighbors."

Senator Archuleta called Echano the face of bravery and honor, unity, and family "We need to take the steps forward to say this is not right. We have joined with all the cities, one million people in the 32nd Senate District, is getting the message that we will not stand for this type of violence. We are a melting pot. We are the Fighting 32nd. We will not allow anyone to be mistreated. Communities are standing in solidarity."

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designed to be an all-in-one solution to help communities create fun and active play spaces in an effort to revitalize public areas.

The proposed mini-soccer courts come complete with lighting, fencing, goals, benches, lockable storage and American with Disabilities compliant access.

The fields are small, customized hard-court spaces perfectly suited for organized soccer programs and public pick-up games.

The site has yet to be chosen but once selected the fields can be completed in two days.

Once completed, the City can host youth development programs offered through the U.S. Soccer Foundation, with the fields open to the public for year-round use.

The City reviewed several areas where a mini-soccer field, or fields, could be built, including Smith Park's skate park area, an empty Southern California Edison easement lot, or the old basketball court area behind the Pico Park facility.

The areas were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review

at their regular meeting on June 11, 2021 where they voted to recommend the installation of the mini-soccer field(s) at the Pico Park site.

The total project cost is estimated at \$220,000 with the funds coming from a one-time cost savings from the '20-'21 budget

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has health officials reinforcing the ideas that the nation must always be ready for such sudden and dramatic emergencies," wrote the Historical Society of Long Beach [HSLB].

So the HSLB decided it was important to collect stories from those who lived and worked in Southern California to share their stories for a permanent archive. "We want to capture people's stories in their own words. We encourage residents to process and reflect on the situation and to share their experiences in their own voice," added a HSLB representative.

To be a part of this historic documentation, visit hslp.org and click on the Pandemic Project link to share your story.



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# WRD Board of Directors Appoints New General Manager

## STAFF REPORT

Last week, the Board of Directors appointed Stephan Tucker as the new General Manager of the Water Replenishment District (WRD). With his expertise in managing large-scale water infrastructure projects, Mr. Tucker will help lead the District's efforts to build a drought-resilient water supply in the region.

In response to the Board's unanimous vote, WRD Board Vice President Sergio Calderon shared "The challenges posed by California's drought require innovative and steadfast leadership. Mr. Tucker has the skill and vision to build upon WRD's successes in creating a resilient water future."

Mr. Tucker is a successful Program Management Director and mechanical engineer with more than 35 years of experience managing significant programs at the LADWP for most of his career. He was appointed to the role of WRD's Interim General Manager in April 2021. "I have followed Mr. Tucker's impressive career for years and we're thrilled that he can bring his leadership and innovative project development strategies to WRD," said WRD President John D. S. Allen.

Stephan has demonstrated continuous success in developing asset management programs; managing capital planning and budgeting platforms, and developing strategy and work plans for project delivery. In

addition, he has been involved in several development ventures for which he uses his technical skills along with his business management expertise to provide strategies for completing projects that address water infrastructure needs.

"Mr. Tucker's extensive experience and specialized skill in project management holds a promising future for WRD. Our goal is to build a drought-proof supply of water in the region." said Director Rob Katherman.

Director Vera Robles DeWitt shared, "Mr. Tucker's leadership in the water industry will guide WRD to new heights and help us to achieve our goals. I happily welcome Mr. Tucker to WRD and look forward to his continued contributions."

Mr. Tucker graduated with a B.A. in Religion from Morehouse College, a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from California State University, Northridge, and an M.B.A in General Management from Pepperdine University. He also completed a series of leadership and certification programs from the UCLA Anderson School of Business and the Project Management Institute.

"In addition to his strong management skills, Mr. Tucker has led and developed a series of diversity programs," said WRD Board President Emeritus Willard H. Murray Jr. "This demonstrates Mr. Tucker's commitment to leaving a long-lasting and positive impact on the water industry. We are excited to welcome him to WRD and make him a part of our agency's legacy."

In response to his appointment, Mr. Tucker shared, "I'd like to thank the Board for entrusting me with an awesome opportunity to run an agency with such a critical role in the management of groundwater in southern Los Angeles County."

### CITY OF COMMERCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO REPLACE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 711

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on July 6, 2021 before the City Council of the City of Commerce for the consideration of a First Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance Approving an Amended and Restated Development Agreement to replace **Development Agreement No. 711** [Commercial Cannabis Permit] for Commercial Cannabis Activities as required by California Government Code §§65090 and 65867.

**Project Description:** Development Agreement No. 711 allows for Non-storefront Retail Delivery of commercial cannabis products at 5500 E Washington Blvd., Commerce, CA 90040. The amended and restated Development Agreement would include the following primary modifications: 1) Change of Location, and 2) addition of Distribution as a license type. A copy of the proposed amended and restated Development Agreement with all proposed amendments will be available on the City's website and with the City Clerk's Office. The following is the address for the proposed new location:

**Proposed Site Location:** 3019 Vail Ave., Commerce, California 90040

**Environmental Determination:** The proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The proposed project does not include any new construction beyond interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances, in accordance with CEQA Section 15301(a).

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a special City Council hearing on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the amended and restated Development Agreement will be heard.

Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at [www.ci.commerce.ca.us](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us). Members of the public may participate telephonically by calling and submitting their comments at 323-887-4442, or may submit written comments through email at [cityclerk@ci.commerce.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.commerce.ca.us).

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

City Manager  
Edgar Cisneros

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:

**Recommendation by the Cerritos Planning Commission, on a vote of 3-2, to approve the following: Review and consideration to waive full reading of and introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING SECTION 22.48.600 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING AND CLARIFYING REGULATIONS FOR POLITICAL SIGNS, HEREIN REFERENCED AS DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2021-1.\***  
\*Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt from CEQA review. **City Attorney Summary: The City of Cerritos Municipal Code, Section 22.48.600, regulates political signs, as defined, throughout the city. This section regulates, among other items, the allowable and prohibited placement of such signs, the size of such signs, and the duration by which such signs must be removed. This proposed Ordinance will amend Section 22.48.600 of the Cerritos Municipal Code by adding and clarifying regulations concerning political signs. The proposed Ordinance clarifies the allowable placement of such signs on private property and the prohibited placement of such signs on public property and specified areas adjacent to and/or encroaching on public property. The proposed Ordinance sets forth content-neutral design standards that, among other standards, limit such signs to thirty-two square feet in sign area. The proposed Ordinance also sets forth time limitations as to when such signs may be placed and must be removed. If adopted, the Ordinance takes effect 30 days after second reading, at which time the amended regulations in Section 22.48.600 would become operative.** This public hearing will be conducted in-person in the Cerritos City Council Chambers, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, subject to posted COVID-19 protocols, and by teleconference via ZOOM video communications, as authorized by State of California Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20 and N-08-21. Members of the public may provide public comment for this meeting in-person at the meeting or by using any of the following alternate methods: Written correspondence (hard copy or email): Public comments can be submitted via email to [city\\_clerk@cerritos.us](mailto:city_clerk@cerritos.us) or by hard copy to the Office of the City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or hard copy document. All written correspondence received by the 3:00 p.m. deadline will be distributed to the City Council prior to the meeting. During the meeting, your name and summary comments will be read into the record. The document will be retained with the public record of the meeting. Teleconference Participation: Live audio public comments can be made by connecting to the meeting using the information listed below. Public speakers will be queued to provide comment at the appropriate time during the meeting agenda and must be available at the time they are called upon to speak. Cerritos Zoom Meeting online link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81569917087>, Cerritos Zoom Meeting call-in telephone number: (669) 900-6833, Cerritos Zoom Meeting ID: 815 6991 7087. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website [at www.cerritos.us](http://www.cerritos.us). A copy of the related agenda report will be available for download from the website on the Friday prior to the public hearing. Any person interested in this matter may contact the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or participate in the teleconference public hearing. Dated: June 25, 2021 /s/Vida Barone, City Clerk

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**Project Description:** Development Agreement No. 721 allows for Manufacturing and Distribution of commercial cannabis products at 6100 Bandini Blvd., Commerce, CA 90040 by Cannex Holdings, Inc. The amended and restated Development Agreement would include the following primary modification: 1) Change of Name of Business. A copy of the proposed amended and restated Development Agreement with all proposed amendments will be available on the City's website and with the City Clerk's Office. The following is the address for the proposed new location:

**Proposed Business Name:** 4Front California Capital Holdings, Inc

**Environmental Determination:** The proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The proposed project does not include any new construction beyond interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances, in accordance with CEQA Section 15301(a).

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**2021 HMG-CN SOFTBALL ALL AREA TEAM**

**Area Softball Players Rewarded For Their Hard Work During a Condensed Season**

BY LOREN KOPFF  
@LORENKOPFF ON TWITTER

To say that the 2021 CIF-Southern Section high school softball season was unusual would be a huge understatement. Through all the changing of the schedules because of the late start and the rare late finishes to the season, teams made the most of it and are rewarded for their accomplishments during this difficult time. Cerritos High and La Mirada High repeated as league champions while John Glenn High ended an exceptionally long playoff drought with basically a rookie team. Here are the latest members of the 2021 HMG-CN softball All-Area Team.

**FIRST TEAM**

- P-Valerie Alvarez (Gahr High)
- P-Erin Gibbs (Cerritos High)
- C-Quinn Livesay (Valley Christian)
- 1B-Samiya Jones (Cerritos High)
- 2B-Katelyn Caneda (Cerritos High)
- 3B-Josie Dipillo (La Mirada High)
- SS-Jadyn Nielsen (Cerritos High)
- LF-Hailey Sanchez (Gahr High)
- CF-Kristalyn Romulo (Gahr High)
- RF-Camille Lara (Cerritos High)

**SECOND TEAM**

- P-Gabby Ortega (John Glenn High)

- P-Aleyna Urbina (La Mirada High)
- C-Sienna Contreras (John Glenn High)
- 1B-Savannah Adams (La Mirada High)
- 2B-Mika Huskey (Gahr High)
- 3B-Marley Cortez (Gahr High)
- SS-Taylor Stephens (Gahr High)
- LF-Layla Monteon (La Mirada High)
- CF-Lauren Lejano (Cerritos High)
- RF-Skylar Sanchez (Gahr High)

**THIRD TEAM**

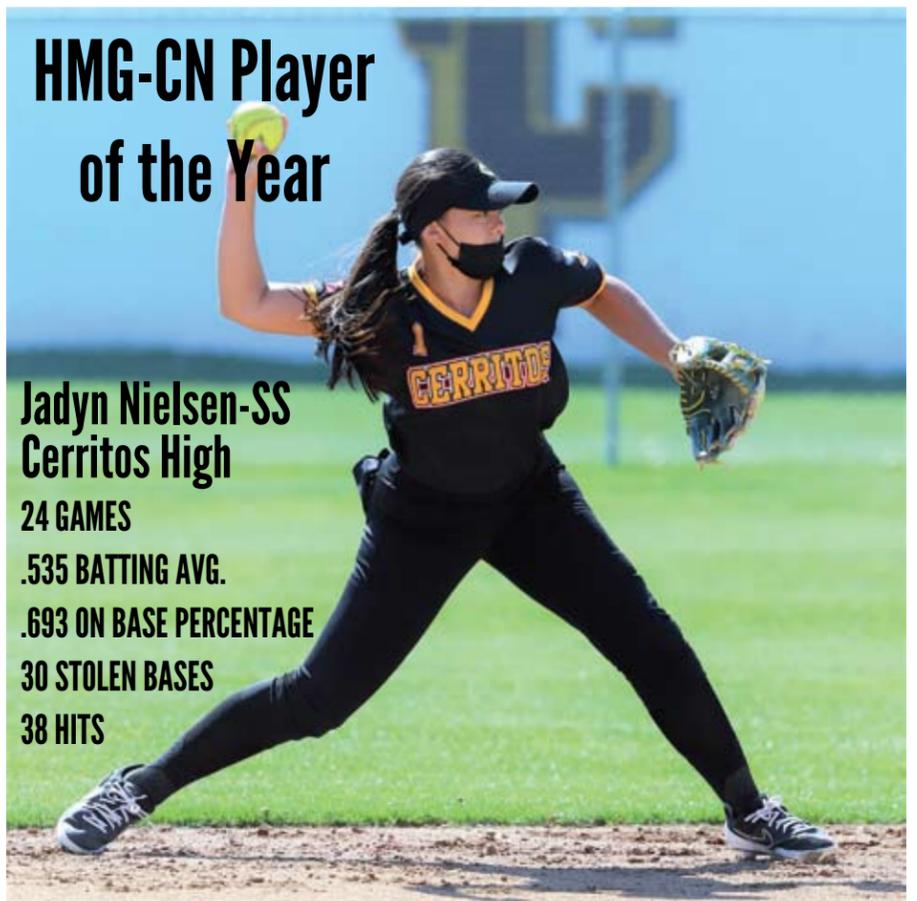
- P-Jailynn Banda (Norwalk High)
- P-Maya Torres (Artesia High)
- C-Toafoalii Pua (Cerritos High)
- 1B-Anais Perez (John Glenn High)
- 2B-Dominique Ford (La Mirada High)
- 3B-Makayla Sur (Cerritos High)
- SS-Alexa Sams (La Mirada High)
- LF-Azalea Herrera (Cerritos High)
- CF-Diana Bravo (John Glenn High)
- RF-Natalia Hill (Gahr High)

**HONORABLE MENTION**

- P-Chelsea Azevedo (Valley Christian)
- P-Ashley Benavides (Gahr High)
- C-Vanessa Soto (Artesia High)
- 1B-Shaylin Riddell-Perez (Artesia)
- 2B-Janessa Leal (John Glenn High)
- 3B-Julia Cole (John Glenn High)
- SS-Beatriz Galvez (John Glenn High)
- LF-Sophia Magcale (Gahr High)
- CF-Rebecca Joy-Simbol (Whitney)
- RF-Gladdi Nagao (Valley Christian)

**Player of the Year:** Junior Jadyn Nielsen of Cerritos High can just about do everything when she steps onto the softball field. The shortstop led the Lady Dons with a .535 batting average, one of three Cerritos players to hit over .500, had 38 hits, a .693 on base percentage and stole 30 bases. Nielsen also had a fielding percentage of .918 and had five errors in 61 total chances at her position.

**Pitcher of the Year:** If she wanted to,



**HMG-CN Player of the Year**

**Jadyn Nielsen-SS  
Cerritos High**  
24 GAMES  
.535 BATTING AVG.  
.693 ON BASE PERCENTAGE  
30 STOLEN BASES  
38 HITS

Cerritos junior Erin Gibbs could have pitched every inning of every game this season. Instead, she pitched all but 18 and two-thirds innings as she helped the Lady Dons to a 22-2 record. Gibbs went 20-2 and posted an earned run average south of 1.30 and was involved in 13 games in which Cerritos did not allow a run.

**Coach of the Year:** There might be a changing of the guard in the 605 League

in the next several years if John Glenn High's Larry Leal has something to say about it. He guided the Lady Eagles to a 10-6 record and a trip to the Division 7 quarterfinals. It was the first time since 1990 that Glenn had reached the playoffs and the third time since 1999 that the program had experienced a winning record. On top of that, Glenn fielded a team of 10 freshmen, two juniors and one sophomore.

**PREMIER GIRLS FASTPITCH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUALIFIER**

**Bats Go Silent For Artesia Punishers 16-Under Squad, Endure Another Two and Out Tournament**

BY LOREN KOPFF

ANAHEIM-After winning one of five games in the Triple Crown Sports Zoom into June Tournament the previous weekend, the Artesia Punishers 16-Under travel softball team was looking to rebound in last weekend's Premier Girls Fastpitch Southern California Qualifier. But just like the Zoom into June games, the Punishers found a hard time with their bats, and their own defense, and lost both games played in the double elimination tournament at Yorba Linda Park.

The Punishers were slammed by the (Anaheim) Orange County Batbusters-Lara/Portesi 10-0 last Friday afternoon, then were bounced out of the tournament by the (Moreno Valley) Athletics Mercado-Carroll 2K5 6-1 the next morning.

This was the final chance the Punishers had to earn a berth in the PGF National Championships next month.

"To be honest, I don't even think they were in it today," said Artesia Punishers head coach Leo Amaya on the game against the Batbusters. "I have no...I have nothing to say about it. I'm stuck."

In the top of the first inning, starting pitcher Mia Mastan (Peninsula High) walked Kiara Cisneros, who then stole second on the next pitch, to begin the game. Brielle Norman would reach on the first of five errors, allowing Cisneros to score. The Punishers avoided further damage when Mastan struck out Casey Fazzini on three pitches, then got Willa Poplawski to fly out to center fielder Nathaly Ochoa (Bellflower High), who immediately fired the ball back to second baseman Autumn Herbig (Kennedy High) for an inning-ending double play.

Unfortunately, the Punishers couldn't feed off the momentum as they wasted a one-out Herbig single in the bottom of the first, then yielded three unearned runs in the second inning, all with two outs. The fielding woes continued in the third when Liana Gonzalez was hit by a pitch, stole second, went to third on an error and made it 5-0 on a two-out base hit from Madison Estep.

"It was felt from the first inning all the way to the last inning," Amaya said. "We were just making error after error after error. There's no sugarcoating it or nothing, it was just straight from the first inning."

Any chances of the Punishers possibly getting back in the game were crushed in the fifth when the Batbusters



batted around and added five more runs to their tally on four hits, one walk and one hit batter. Meanwhile, Ashley Dean retired seven straight following the Herbig hit until Ochoa singled in the third. But she would get caught stealing. After that, Dean would walk Mastan with

one out in the fourth and allow shortstop Anaiyah Yniguez (Bellflower High) to reach on a fielder's choice.

Following the game, Amaya tried to give his team some encouraging words, even though the Punishers would have had to win four games last Saturday in the loser's bracket and two games to garner a berth in the Platinum Division of the PGF National Championships, three to make it to the Premier Division.

"I just told them to attack this one inning at a time," Amaya said. "One inning at a time is gold; just try to get on base. Like I said last [week], just pass the bat. This time it just wasn't happening."

Against the Athletics Mercado, the

first seven batters were retired by Janessa Santos before right fielder Bryanna Solache (Bellflower High) and pitcher Giselle Peralta (El Monte High) each singled. But that scoring threat was squandered and the Athletics would take advantage by scoring three times in the bottom of the second, then two more in the fourth and the last run in the fifth.

"Overall, in [the second game], the girls did really good, to be honest," Amaya said. "They just made one error and they were catching the balls where we were hitting the ball and [they] were hitting the ball in the gaps where nobody was. It was actually a really good game; our girls did really good."

The Punishers thought they had something going in the top of the fourth when Herbig reached and advanced to third on a one-out single from Mastan. But back to back strikeouts ended that opportunity. They avoided the shutout in the next inning when Solache led off with a walk and eventually scored when left fielder Madison Morgan was safe on a one-out error. The Punishers would be limited to two base hits and had seven base runners.

The next major tournament the team will participate in will be the USA Softball Tournament of Champions, which begins on July 8. The Punishers will be one of 42 teams in the 16-Under age group and will play a pair of pool play games on July 8, one on July 9 and two more on July 10. The single elimination playoffs will kick off on July 11 with the tournament ending on July 12. The Champions Cup is regarded as another major college showcase tournament.



Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca 90703 on July 13, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Poyatos Jr. Edgar, Edgar Jr. Poyatos- Household Items, Monica Gutierrez- Household Items, Valerie Veak- Household Items, Miriam Varela Bustamante- Household Items.

The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com). Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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**SUMMONS  
[PROPOSED] (CITACION JUDICIAL)**

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:  
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OWED BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT LAW AND ALL PROCEEDINGS LEADING THERETO, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE CONTRACT, AND THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:  
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
Case No. 21STCV02639  
Assigned for all purposes to  
Complaint Filed: June 15, 2021

**NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond by August 10, 2021. Read the information below.**

**¿AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde antes de Agosto 10, 2021, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.**

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE VALIDATION OF: all proceedings of the City of Pico Rivera and the City Council of the City of Pico Rivera relating to: (i) the adoption of the Resolution; (ii) the issuance by the City of Pico Rivera Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds"); (iii) the approval of a Trust Agreement in connection with the Bonds; (iv) the approval of a Bond Purchase Agreement; (v) the authorization to issue, from time to time, additional bonds of the City for the purpose of refunding the City's obligations related to PERS (the "Additional Bonds"); and (vi) any other related contracts or agreements approved by the Resolution or contemplated by the City Council of the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and Additional Bonds have until **August 10, 2021** to appear and file a written answer to the complaint at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose your rights, default will be entered against you upon application by the plaintiff, and the plaintiff may apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Contesting the legality or validity of this matter will not subject you to punitive action, such as wage garnishment or seizure of your real or personal property.

**You may seek the advice of an attorney in any matter connected with the complaint or this summons. Such an attorney should be consulted promptly so that your pleading may be filed or entered within the time required by this summons.** If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The City of Pico Rivera has brought this action for the purpose of obtaining a judgment validating, among other things, the issuance of bonds of the City for the purpose of (A) refinancing the obligations of the City, evidenced by the City's written agreement (the "PERS Contract") with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (the "Retirement System"), to pay certain outstanding obligations owed to the Retirement System, and to fund the City's normal annual contributions to the Retirement System as evidenced by the PERS Contract for the current fiscal year, under certain conditions, and (B) the authorization to issue, from time to time, the Additional Bonds of the City for the purpose of refunding the obligations of the City related to PERS and/or to refund outstanding Bonds.

**(EN ESPAÑOL)**

PARA TODAS LAS PERSONAS INTERESADAS EN LA VALIDACIÓN DE: todos los procedimientos de la Ciudad de Ontario y el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Pico Rivera relacionados con: (i) la adopción de la Resolución; (ii) la emisión de la Ciudad de su Ciudad de Pico Rivera de las Obligaciones por Pensiones de Reembolso de Bonos, Serie BJ (los "Bonos"); (iii) la aprobación de un Contrato de Fideicomiso en relación con los Bonos; (iv) la aprobación de un Contrato de Compra; (v) la autorización para emitir, de vez en cuando, bonos adicionales de la Ciudad con el propósito de reembolsar las obligaciones de la Ciudad relacionadas con PERS (los "Bonos Adicionales"); y (vi) cualquier otro contrato o acuerdo relacionado aprobado por la Resolución o contemplado por el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad en relación con la emisión de los Bonos y Bonos Adicionales tienen hasta **Agosto 10, 2021** para comparecer y presentar una respuesta escrita con esta Corte y entregar/servir una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica no te protegerá. Su respuesta por escrito debe estar en la forma legal adecuada si desea que la Corte escuche su caso. Puede haber una forma de la Corte que puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estas formas judiciales y más información en el Centro de ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), también en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o la Corte más cercano. Si no puede pagar la tarifa de presentación, pídale la Corte una Forma de exención de tarifa. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder sus derechos, el demandante entrará en incumplimiento contra usted cuando lo solicite el demandante, y el demandante puede solicitar la Corte el alivio que se solicita en la demanda. Impugnado de la legalidad o la validez de este asunto no lo someterá a acciones punitivas, como el embargo de salario o la confiscación de su propiedad real o personal.

**Puede solicitar el consejo de un abogado en cualquier asunto relacionado con la demanda o la citación. Dicho abogado debe ser consultado con prontitud para que su declaración pueda ser presentada o presentada dentro del tiempo requerido por esta citación.** Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogados. Si no puede pagar un abogado, puede ser elegible para recibir servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede localizar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), o contactando a la Asociación de Abogados del Condado. NOTA: La Corte tiene un derecho de retención legal para los honorarios exentos y los costos de cualquier acuerdo de resolución o arbitraje de \$10,000 o más en un caso civil. El gravamen de la corte debe ser pagado antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

La Ciudad de Pico Rivera ha presentado esta acción con el propósito de obtener una validación de juicio, entre otras cosas, la emisión de bonos de la Ciudad con el propósito de (A) refinanciar las obligaciones de la Ciudad, evidenciadas por el acuerdo escrito de la Ciudad (el "Contrato de PERS") con el Sistema de Retiro de los Empleados Públicos de California (el "Sistema de Retiro"), para pagar ciertas obligaciones pendientes con el Sistema de Retiro y para financiar las contribuciones anuales normales de la Ciudad al Sistema de Retiro según por la evidencia el Contrato de PERS para el año fiscal en curso, bajo ciertas condiciones, y (B) la autorización para emitir, ocasionalmente, los Bonos Adicionales de la Ciudad con el fin de reembolsar las obligaciones de la Ciudad relacionadas con el PERS y/o para reembolsar los Bonos pendientes.

**CASE INFORMATION  
(INFORMACIÓN DE CASO)**

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Superior Court of the State of California  
County of Los Angeles – Norwalk Courthouse  
12720 Norwalk Blvd.  
Norwalk, CA 90650-3188

The Court Department is (La corte y el departamento es): Dept. C, the Honorable Judge Olivia Rosales presiding

The case number is (el número de caso): 21NWC00205

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, es):

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DATE (Fecha) 6/22/21  
Sherril R. Carter Executive Officer / Clerk of Court S. Alvarez  
Clerk of the Court (Secretaria) Deputy (Abogado)



NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served  
1  by publication pursuant to court order  
2  by mail pursuant to court order

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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
CITY OF COMMERCE, EASTERN BUS HUB PROJECT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for EASTERN BUS HUB PROJECT and will receive on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, July 20, 2021**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidders responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City's portal on PlanetBids.

The work to be done consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment as shown in the PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Estimated cost is in the range of \$500,000.

Contractor shall have a valid California General Contractor License, Class A, General Engineering Contractor.

This is a Federally Funded Project (FTA, Federal Transit Administration funded).

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids

By order of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California.

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2021-07  
SLURRY SEAL OF SANTA GERTRUDES AVENUE FROM LEMON DRIVE TO  
LA MIRADA BOULEVARD AND HILLSBOROUGH DRIVE  
FROM ALICANTE ROAD TO BEACH BOULEVARD  
IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2021-07. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.crplanwell.com/>. Work includes slurry seal of Santa Gertrudes Avenue from Lemon Drive to La Mirada Boulevard and Hillsborough Drive from Alicante Road to Beach Boulevard in the City of La Mirada.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 10 a.m. on July 22, 2021. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk

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**CITY OF ARTESIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item at the Regular City Council Meeting at **7:00 p.m. on July 12, 2021**:

**Resolution No. 21-2843**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEW REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE VACANT BUILDING AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers in Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701. Public comments can be made in person, or may be submitted by email to [publiccomments@cityofartesia.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofartesia.us), or by voicemail to (562) 865-6262, extension 200. Please submit email and voicemail public comments by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure that the comments are read into the record.

If you challenge the City's actions in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior, to the public hearing.

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City Clerk

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**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS LETTERSHOP AND MAILING  
SERVICES, BID NO. 1428-21**

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, for Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts lettershop and mailing services. Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 14, 2021**. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **"Bid for Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Lettershop and Mailing Services, Bid No. 1428-21"**. No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label. The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law. Bid specifications are available online at [www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid\\_and\\_contract\\_opportunities/bid\\_listings.php](http://www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php) For additional questions please contact Support Services at (562) 916-1318. Dated/Posted/Published: June 25, 2021

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**Notice of Self Storage Sale**

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) on 7/15/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. David Emanuel Burnham; Robert Allen Marks. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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## Save our beaches. Recycle used motor oil and filters.

Recycling keeps hazardous waste out of our water and soil, so we can enjoy a better tomorrow.



Used motor oil and filters are harmful to our water and soil and end up polluting the ocean. When you change your used motor oil, please recycle it at a certified collection center. Do your part for the next generation to enjoy our beautiful beaches.

### Certified Collection Centers Near You

#### Commerce Lube

2432 S. Indiana St., Commerce, CA 90023

#### International Repair

4246 E. Washington Blvd., Commerce, CA 90023

#### AutoZone

11560 Telegraph Rd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670



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