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# Shared Stories: Egypt, 1965

In 1965 Charlene Farnsworth and her parents embarked on an adventure that was rather unique at that time - a world tour, including the Orient. Moreover, the ladies did their traveling in dresses and high heels - even when riding a camel! Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by

#### By Charlene Farnsworth

In 1965, my parents and I took a wonderful 28-day "Around the World" tour. Mom and I kept daily journals, and I often reminisce about our once-in-alifetime trip and the several countries we visited. A particular highlight was our time spent in Egypt.

On October 11, after saying goodbye to Jerusalem, we were on our way to Cairo, Egypt. We flew over the Suez Canal and the Red Sea and saw so much barren land. We arrived in Cairo two hours later and were greeted by an abundance of flies. After we left the airport, the flies disappeared and we were much more comfortable. As we expected, it was quite hot.

Our hotel, the Nile Hilton, overlooked the Nile River, and the Pyramids could be seen off in the distance.

In the late afternoon, we took an unbelievable, hilarious sailboat ride on the Nile River, the longest river in the world. It is 4,000 miles long. Our Arabian skipper was comical, trying every motion possible to get the wind to catch the sails while shouting at one of the passengers to manipulate the rudder.

After about one-half hour of this maneuvering, we were still sitting beside the dock as the sun slowly disappeared. Most of us were hysterical by now. Finally, we were on our way and it was a nice cruise. It took three sailboats to hold our group, and one of these never did get out of its tracks!

After our dinner, we went to a late belly dancing show. We were in a real dive, but the dancing was done in good taste. It amazes me that these gals do not collapse as they perform for one-half hour at a time at a very fast pace. Unfortunately, the comedy acts were in Arabic so we could not join the crowd

The following day, we began our morning tour by visiting the Egyptian Museum which was very interesting. We saw the findings from King Tut's Tomb, discovered in 1922. King Tut was only nine when he took the royal throne and died nine years later. His body was buried in eight caskets. Even his intestines were wrapped in bronze wires and placed in four very small caskets.

From here, we went out to the Sahara Desert and boarded our camels for a ride to the Sphinx and Pyramids. Surprisingly, the camels had very little odor and were quite comfortable riding. Getting on and off was the most tense part as you lunge way forward and immediately way back when the camel is getting up from his knees. My camel's name was Moses.

Mom did not take a camel ride as she was busy swatting flies, changing film and taking pictures while trying to keep cool under the hot, hot sun.

Seeing the Pyramids in reality was breathtaking. They were just as I pictured, but I expected the Sphinx to be larger and thought you would see it first. This is not so as you must travel completely to the other side of the largest Pyramid, Cheops, before the Sphinx appears. It was spectacular sight.

We saw a small opening where a crypt was placed. We were told there are two things that modern times are unable to duplicate: (1) the process of mummification and (2) the dye of the colors in the early Egyptian paintings.

Mom met an Arabian character with a flowery flow of English - "It would be divine for me to take your picture," then kissing her hand. Mom did mount his camel, Canada Dry, to have her picture taken. We learned that this Arabian Food -- for \$5.5 million. gentleman and his camel had appeared in many famous scenes.

We then stopped by a pyramid where we watched a one-eyed athlete scale the pyramid barefooted in seven minutes. They said this would normally take at least 20 minutes. A man in our group had accomplished this same feat in 1915.

It was very warm out on the desert, but what an experience!



# Rio Hondo College uses play to highlight the destructive nature of homophobia

WHITTIER - Director Kirk Vichengrad has waited years to stage a production of "The Laramie Project," and says it seems fitting it is happening on the heels of the tragic killing of 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando and amid one of the nation's most tumultuous presidential

"The Laramie Project" chronicles the life of the town of Laramie, Wyoming in the year after Matthew Shepard, a gay man who attended the University of Wyoming, was beaten, tortured and left for dead in Los Angeles, Miguel Angel 1988. Shepard died six days after the attack from severe head wounds.

The killing drew national attention to hate crimes and led to the 2009 Shepard Act, which makes crimes motivated by actual or perceived sexual orientation a federally recognized hate crime.

"This is a story that is more topical than ever and it's so relevant, especially on a college campus," said Vichengrad, a Rio Hondo College adjunct professor of theatre arts. "In this climate of social unrest and uncertainty, it's important we hold up a mirror to ourselves and say this is what we look like and ask what are we going to do about it."

Vichengrad said the play serves to awaken its audience to the damaging power of intolerance – especially relevant after the June attack in which a 29-year-old security guard killed 49 people and wounded 53 others at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. The incident is the deadliest attack against LGBTQ people in U.S. history.

The play follows a documentary style with dialogue taken from

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# Norwalk buys car wash with plans to replace it with affordable housing

■ The Norwalk City Council also retracted its residency restrictions for sex offenders

By Christian Brown

NORWALK - Hoping to redevelop the commercial stretches along Firestone Boulevard and San Antonio Drive, the city of Norwalk is planning to purchase and demolish the Norwalk Classic Car Wash, located at 11565 Firestone Blvd, and replace it with affordable

In a 4-0 decision last month, the City Council agreed with city staff who believe the 3.1-acre site is a prime redevelopment site, situated at the gateway to Norwalk's historical Front Street.

Using funds from its Low and Moderate Housing Asset Fund, city officials plan to purchase the property site -- which also contains Panda King and Albert's Mexican

Currently, the city has \$11.3 million in its housing asset fund to make property acquisitions.

City Manager Mike Egan said the land purchase allows the city to control the nature and quality of future development at the site. With a redevelopment specific plan for that area already in the works, Egan hopes the city could later attract a patron to construct affordable housing or even a mixed-use project on the site.

the car wash, which is operated by the current property owner, will close down and be fenced off. The city estimates demolition costs to already appealed these residency reach \$581,000.

Mexican Food will continue to operate until their current leases expire in Jan. 31, 2018. The City Council also moved

Panda King and Albert's

forward with the repeal of current city codes regarding sex offender residency restrictions.

In May 2009, Norwalk adopted an ordinance to prohibit any registered sex offender from establishing a residence in a residential zone, which is within 2,000 feet of a public or private school, park, child care center, or recreational facility.

In light of recent studies and reports that indicate these laws do not improve public safety, retract its ordinance.

"The evidence suggests that residency restrictions have the unintended consequences of increasing homelessness among registered sex offenders, thereby actually threatening public safety," Diaz said.

Diaz cited several recent court decisions that have called into question the constitutionality of reclassification to save the city blanket residency restrictions.

"These laws haven't helped,

Once escrow closes on the lot, but makes it more difficult to track sex offenders and that makes them more likely to offend," Diaz said. "Nearly 50 cities in California have restrictions."

> In a 3-1 vote, the Norwalk City Council approved the resolution to retract its residency restrictions, albeit begrudgingly. Councilmember Luigi Vernola voted in opposition.

> The Norwalk City Council also approved changes to midmanagement staff positions on Oct. 18, reassigning the two public services superintendent roles into separate positions entirely.

Previously, the Department of Public Services employed two public services superintendents to assist with day-to-day operations as well as short and long-term objectives.

City officials, however, felt but in fact, increase the threat, it best to alter the positions into City Attorney Roxanne Diaz two distinct roles: public services recommended the city council manager and special projects coordinator.

> The public services manager position will see a pay increase from \$9,950 a month to \$10,837. While the special projects coordinator role will now report to the manager and receives a pay decrease from \$9,950 to \$7,700 a

Overall, the city expects the \$26,000 annually.

# Weekend at a Glance

Saturday 80

#### **THINGS TO DO**



#### **El Velorio**

Saturday - Plaza de la Raza in Los Angeles, 7 pm to 1 am

Multicultural Day of the Dead event featuring mariachis, dancers, book signings, and more. 21 and over



#### Carnival

Saturday - Mt. SAC, 10 am to 4 pm

Carnival games, video game trucks, rides, college open house, and a bone marrow drive.



Real Show L.A. Saturday - The Forum, 6 pm

Hip-hop concert featuring Usher, Ty Dolla Sign, Desiigner, and other guests.



#### Lion King Jr. Saturday - Louise K. Tayler Performing Arts Center in Monrovia

Live stage show of "The Lion King Jr." Performances at 2 pm and 7 pm, tickets \$18 at the door



The Langston Hughes Project Sunday - Walt Disney Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Young L.A. jazz giant Kamasi Washington combines the influences of Coltrane with soul, classical, hip-hop and gospel.

#### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Metro seeks Norwalk opinions on potential I-605 widening project

Adriana Vazquez: Do you know specifically where they are looking to expand? There were some surveyors at my home.

Kristin Munoz LaRue: Yes I I have lived here 17 years and built a business...I would be

Celia Alamillo: Omg, thanks for the heads up.

devastated.

Celest Villagran: If only the map wasn't so blurry.



# Four men charged after ton of marijuana found in boat off coast of Long Beach

LONG BEACH - Four Southern being charged in federal court with

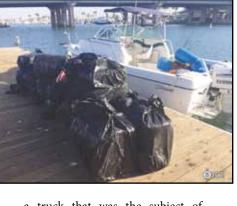
Tuesday on a 30-foot fishing boat in Long Beach. The interdiction represents the third major local maritime smuggling incident in the last month and brings the total amount of marijuana seized to over three tons.

Omar Quintero, 28, of Quintero Jr., 38, also of Los Angeles; Eliasib Ventura, 34, of Alhambra; and Jonathan Ventura, 31, of Pomona,

were taken into custody Tuesday afternoon and were named in a one-count criminal complaint filed in United States District court.

The four defendants made their initial appearances late Wednesday before United States Magistrate Judge Alka Sagar, who ordered the detention of three of the men and ordered the release of Omar Quintero on a \$50,000 bond. All four defendants are scheduled to be arraigned next month.

The four men were arrested intent to distribute marijuana, each California men were ordered held Tuesday afternoon after officers with would face a statutory maximum without bond last Thursday after the Long Beach Police Department's sentence of 40 years in federal Port Police Division alerted Los prison. drug trafficking in relation to the Angeles Border Enforcement seizure of approximately one ton Security Task Force (LA BEST) of marijuana that was discovered investigators that they had spotted



a truck that was the subject of an LA BEST lookout. The truck was hooked to a fishing boat on a trailer at the South Shores launch ramp in Long Beach. LA BEST investigators, including special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), responded to the launch ramp area, searched the vessel and found bundles of marijuana inside, according to court documents.

If the four defendants are convicted of conspiracy with the

"As drug traffickers continue to

use our waters for smuggling, law enforcement will continue to

interdict them," said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. "These arrests and seizures demonstrate the commitment and cooperation across all levels of law enforcement to stemming the flow into the United States, by whatever means."

Tuesday's arrests and seizure came just one day after HSI special agents recovered 44 bundles of

marijuana weighing approximately 3,000 pounds on Santa Rosa Island in Channel Island National Park. LA BEST investigators believe the marijuana may be related to an abandoned Mexican panga discovered by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputies on Gaviota Beach in Santa Barbara Sunday afternoon.

The third recent maritime marijuana interdiction occurred on September 23 after lifeguards with

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#### NORWALK SPORTS



**Photo by William Odis Martin** 

# **PREVIEW:** Norwalk Lancers' Jordan Thomas garners big win against Artesia High

NORWALK – As predicted last week, Norwalk High School football needed a big game from senior Jordan Thomas in order to pull out the must win against the Artesia High School Pioneers.

Head coach Otis Harrison fed the senior running back the pigskin a season-high 19 times for 151 yards and 2 touchdowns last Friday. The Lancers crushed the Pioneers, 40-27, on the road to improve their record to (6-3) overall and (3-2) in Suburban League play.

On offense, Thomas was a workhorse and almost impossible to tackle. He is an anomaly in the backfield because the 6'3, 240lb Thomas even takes pride in being a great blocker but was averaging over seven yards a carry. He knows how to utilize his deceptive speed and brute strength to plow holes whether on offense or on defense.

As a defensive end, Thomas made 10 tackles and had a 50-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Thomas was honored with his fourth Player of the Week award of the season and looks to continue his tear next week against Bellflower.

■ The La Mirada High School Matadors on the other hand are predicted to win the Southern Section Division 3 High School Championship, according to MaxPreps.com. The sports site uses its rankings algorithm to predict the winner by computing the stats of a team and its opponents.

The Matadores had a bye last week which means they had two weeks to prepare all-conference quarterback Tristan Meyer for the regular season finale as they face Artesia High School at Ron Yary Field tonight at 7 p.m. - William Odis Martin, Intern

## **Citizenship clinic at Norwalk Library**

NORWALK - Norwalk Library is hosting a Citizenship Clinic on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 5-7:30 p.m.

Representatives from South Asian Network will provide citizenship holiday gala assistance to participants who will also receive legal review of their Form N-400 applications, study materials, and a fee waiver application. The event is free, but registration is required.

For additional information and a list of the required documents, call (562) 868-0775 or visit the County Library website at colapublib. org.



### **MARIJUANA:**

# Men could face 40 years in federal prison

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the Long Beach Fire Department on marine patrol spotted a pleasure craft in distress.

The lifeguards made contact with the 20-foot vessel and observed suspicious activity on board. The vessel was towed to the launch ramp at Davies Landing, where it was met by officers from the Long Beach Police Department.

An inspection of the boat turned up numerous packages of marijuana weighing more than 1,100 pounds. HSI special agents and LA BEST officers arrested Fernando Rodriguez-Fonseca, 39, and Enrique Mendoza-Rodriguez, 47, both Mexican nationals, at the scene for trafficking in marijuana. Evidence indicates Rodriguez-Fonseca and Mendoza-Rodriguez had sailed from the area of Ensenada, Mexico, to Long Beach.

A federal grand jury returned an indictment on October 11 that charges Rodriguez-Fonseca Mendoza-Rodriguez with conspiracy and possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. Both defendants were arraigned on the indictment on Monday, when they pleaded not guilty and were ordered to stand trial on December 6 in United Stated District Court. If they are convicted of the two charges in the indictment each defendant would face a statutory maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison.

"By using pleasure craft to ferry contraband, smugglers believe they can more easily blend in with legitimate boating traffic along the Southern California coast, which is all the more reason we need the public to remain vigilant and contact law enforcement if they see anything suspicious," said Joseph Macias, special agent in charge for HSI Los Angeles.

# **Soroptimist hosts**

Soroptimist International of Norwalk is inviting the community to attend its annual holiday gala fundraising event on Saturday, Nov. 19, 4-7 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

Tickets are \$40 for the gala, which includes dinner, entertainment, door prizes, a silent auction, and a cash bar. Attendees will also have the chance to purchase raffle tickets to win one of the decorated Christmas Trees complete with gifts.

Proceeds from the fundraising event will benefit Soroptimist International of Norwalk, which contributes money for educational scholarships, domestic violence shelters, prevention of domestic violence, and the Soroptimist Village, a low-income senior housing complex in Norwalk.

To purchase tickets, visit www. sinorwalk.org or call Marilee Stefenhagen at 562-505-0633.



Assemblymember Ian Calderon on Oct. 26 presented Norwalk-La Mirada Unified's Benton Middle School with \$5,000 from the Barona Band of Mission Indians for the school's visual and performing arts programs. The education grant will go toward materials for the drama department, art supplies and a 3-D printer. The Barona Band of Mission Indians created the grant to assist California schools with technology upgrades and to provide additional support and resources.

# **LARAMIE:** Director hopes play eases tensions during a heated presidential election season

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hundreds of interviews conducted with Laramie residents by the Tectonic Theater Project following the 1998 slaying. The original three-act play included eight actors playing 60 parts. Vichengrad's version has two acts and spreads the intense roles over a class of 20-plus students, giving greater access to roles.

Some, like Kechia Bejarano, will portray as many as five different characters.

"I fell in love with this show in high school," said Bejarano, who earned an associate of arts in theatre arts but stayed another semester to perform in the play and serve as stage manager.

Bejarano's characters range from a sympathetic town resident to a lesbian University of Wyoming professor to a Mormon school teacher, all emotionally compelling roles.

"It's been incredibly fulfilling on so many levels, especially in light of recent events, such as Orlando," Bejarano said. "Having these moments when you can sit in someone's truth and honestly and sincerely feel it has been so beautiful."

Classmate Daniel Collazo plays characters with conflicting opinions on homosexuality.

"It's definitely a challenge," said Collazo, a theatre arts major. "I'm jumping from three different people doing three different things, with different ways of carrying themselves and different personalities. It takes a lot of observation. There's a lot of in-the-moment discovery."

Vichengrad said he has watched as the play worked its magic on the cast.

"It's really amazing. I can see it in the students that they are very motivated and aware, knowing that they are doing something that goes beyond a typical school play," he said.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 to Saturday, Nov. 5 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 at Rio Hondo College's Wray Theater, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier.

"This production celebrates what makes Rio Hondo College such an outstanding member of our community: an effort led by an adjunct professor, performed by students and focused on an issue that is of huge relevance today," Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said.

During the play's run, the Wray Theater lobby will serve as an informational center on issues related to gender and sexual orientation. A portion of concession proceeds will benefit the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

"These artists have created a terrific show that blends all the drama you expect with a strong social ssage," Board of Trustees President Mary Ann Pacheco said. "I can't wait to see i

Vichengrad said he hopes audience members gain a new understanding of the power of theater.

"If our play gets just one person to come to the theater who maybe wouldn't and to realize that the theater can do something educational and enlightening and still entertain - that excites me," Vichengrad said.

## Renowned Irish artist Rita Duffy coming to Cerritos College

NORWALK - Northern Ireland's groundbreaking artist Rita Duffy will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 8, to present a global dialogue on a wide variety of topics including gender, patriarchy, and the art of the troubles.

Dr. John Haas, history professor at Cerritos College and founder and director of the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace will host the presentation.

Born in Belfast in 1959, Duffy is one of Northern Ireland's foremost artists.

Her work deals with a variety of themes from the domestic and personal to the political, and ranges with ease from careful realism to kooky expressionism that owes much to the irreal figures populating the paintings of Otto Dix.

In much of her early work Duffy transmutes the raw material of her experiences growing up as a Catholic woman in the spiteful patriarchy of 1970s Ulster, to advance a feminist, liberal agenda.

The event will take place from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. inside the Science Building S-201 at Cerritos College.

Event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact John Haas at (562) 860-2451, ext.





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### Yes to Napolitano, no on M

Dear Editor:

Janice Hahn is a former LA City Councilmember and is getting most of her money from lobbyists tied to LA City or Washington DC. She is beholden to them and not the voters of the 4th LA County Supervisorial District. Steve Napolitano is being funded mostly by local residents and businesses within the district and has raised much less money than Janice

If LA City controls three out of the five positions on the Board of Supervisors, much less money will be coming to Eastern LA County. LA City already has two in Mark Ridley-Thomas and Sheila Kuehl, why should we give them three? Each county supervisor sits on the MTA board and the City of LA has four more positions on that 13-member board. Electing Janice Hahn gives LA City a 7 to 6 majority on the MTA and a majority on several other county boards.

If Steve Napolitano is elected, he will receive a well-funded challenger in four years, no matter how well he represents the district. The list of those who may challenge Steve could include Janice Hahn, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia. This means if he does not do a good job representing all of the residents of the 4th District and earns our votes, he will be replaced. If Janice Hahn is elected she will be the 4th District County Supervisor for the next 12 years, no matter how well she does; the powers that run LA City will make sure she will not face serious opposition.

Those same LA City powers are also behind Measure M which will seriously undermine any progress on transportation issues on the Eastside of LA County.

There will be a permanent half-cent sales tax increase imposed on all LA County residents. For those who do not oppose all tax increases, you should oppose this tax increase for your own self-interest.

First, this tax will not be temporary, meaning that the majority of the MTA board will not have to cut deals to fund areas they do not represent. This means projects like reducing congestion on our freeways will be delayed. Given the amount of money and power that exists in LA City politics and does not exist elsewhere in the County, any attempt to speed up such projects will fail as we cannot raise the necessary funds to force an LA City dominated MTA board to expedite projects that will benefit us in Dear Editor:

Second, the real power in LA City comes from four areas: Downtown This is where the money and votes for LA Citywide offices exists. So the areas benefiting most from this new tax will be wealthy areas near LA City; meaning county tax money will come from poorer areas of LA county and go to wealthy areas of LA City.

In short, we who live and work in Eastern Los Angeles County need to Vote No on Measure M and elect Steve Napolitano to the Board of Supervisors; otherwise we will be handing our county resources to LA City.

**Matt Kauble** Cerritos

# **COMMENTARY**: Whether you vote early or not, remember to get out and vote this year

By Raul Samaniego Contributer

NORWALK - Well, it's finally here. Yes, I'm talking about the 2016 general election.

After a campaign which has seen many interesting aspects, including two which directly affected this writer -- attacking the validity of the election and an equal attack upon the validity of journalistic principles -- I like most of you, look forward to getting on with my life.

I find myself in a very unique position: a volunteer precinct inspector and your mannered local reporter.

Forty seven years ago, I committed myself to "being of service to my community."

That is what is written under my senior picture in the Excelsior High School annual in 1979.

While my definition of Registrar's office is telling voters

myself in the situation where I crowds at the polls. guarantee the legitimacy of both the election process and my reporting of the election results.

The Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters reminds us that the polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Nov. 8.

Voting material is available in multiple languages and can be obtained at the voting precinct. If there are any questions regarding the voting process, you are encouraged to call (800) 815-2666.

Mike Sanchez, communications representative for the Registrar office, also reminded voters they can still vote early at the office at 12400 Imperial Highway here in Norwalk, Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

With this historic election, the

community has expanded, I find to expect longer waits and larger

voter who is in line by 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast their vote.

As always, I encourage each and every one of the readers of this periodical to go out and vote Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Some of us may vote for only one issue or office, while others may take the time to read and learn about the initiatives and the options available to them. Whatever you choose, please

of true democracy the world has Yes, there are challenges which still await this incredibly diverse society, but I know that we have the integrity to overcome anything which may present itself in the

partake in the greatest exhibition

See you at the polls!

about what's happening in our While polls close at 8 p.m., any USA and world.

So many nations with atomic and hydrogen nuclear bomb weaponry have a target on your back with thoughts of death to America. North Korea, Iran, Yemen, China and even possibly Russia are all waiting patiently

Dear Editor:

election calamity. Hillary Clinton has jeopardized our security with her confidential emails allowing the countries mentioned above to know our military secrets of defense and self survival of America. She has been a 30-year political career politician, a lawyer, and Secretary of State, with an I-can't-remember IQ, limited stamina, needs naps should a

crisis occur, and self-worth above

country first.

and silently for our internal

disintegration within our borders.

They are almost forgotten in our

Trump the best

Loyal Americans of all colors,

nationalities and political parties

had better wake up and learn more

candidate ever

Think what you will but Donald Trump is the strongest candidate we have seen in history, taking on all adversaries of his own party, the Democratic Party, four or five TV media networks, and many newspaper chains. All of them against one guy; he stands out like Superman against those odds.

As a proud WWII veteran, I humbly beg you to put country above politicians, for your own good and life. God bless America, now and always.

Joe Cvetko

# Not all great leaders are moral, give Trump a chance

Several great leaders were crude, brash and told it like it is: Winston Churchill who of course saved Europe from a takeover by Germany, Harry Truman who held back no words to tell it like it is and signed the peace treaty with LA's business areas, Hollywood, the San Fernando Valley, and West LA. Japan to end the war with them. A great leader who was alleged to have passed around women like he would a cup of coffee -- John F. Kennedy -- was a great leader of our country.

> Now consider Donald Trump, who tells it like it is although it might not be politically correct, has admitted to saying a few inappropriate things but has apologized, who has some great ideas for getting our country out of the quagmire it's in, but at the debates and in the media is unable to bring forth his ideas because he is constantly interrupted in the debates and the media by happenings 30 years ago about what he said/she said/he done/she done. Come on folks, instead of focusing on trivial matters, allow Trump to address the problems of the nation.

Hillary wants to continue with Obamacare. That in itself should qualify for a no vote.

Martha Morrissy-Call Downey

# Former Downey Mayor Mario Guerra: This is how I'm voting on the propositions

By Mario Guerra

Many of you have asked me how I'm voting on certain propositions and The Patriot asked me to share my thoughts. There is a lot of information to digest but I strongly encourage everyone to at least read the analysis pages of the huge voter information guide sent out by our state. It gives you a recap of who is behind each proposition, their arguments for and rebuttals against.

It's interesting (for a political junkie maybe) to see what the arguments are that some want us to believe. And yes, it can be hard to get to the truth

But we know that TV ads can be misleading, so please do your own research. This is just too important and we will be paying for our actions (literally and figuratively) in this election for many years to come. in California. It is important for me to reflect what my basic values, principals and beliefs are before I vote.

My core beliefs are: I consider myself a moderate. I am for local control and less government. I believe the more money we give the government and politicians, the more they will spend. I am for fewer taxes and consider myself to be fiscally responsible. I believe government needs to provide a safety net for those who cannot take care of themselves. I think the most important responsibility of government is to protect our citizens.

I believe teachers can have a tremendous impact on our youth and education should always be a top priority. I believe schools should be palaces of learning and safety. I believe in incentives versus punishment. I want our government to stay out of our bedrooms, churches and bank accounts. I want everyone to pay their fair share of taxes but do not want anyone singled out or discriminated against. I believe our government needs to have fiscal constraints.

I expect accountability, transparency and promises made by our elected officials to be kept. I expect a fair playing field and opportunities for everyone and the ability to be rewarded for hard work and extra effort.

My general consensus is to think twice about increasing taxes. Knowing a little more than some about government, I do know that the more money we give elected officials to spend, the more they will spend. I ask myself: do we need additional taxes added to our property tax bills or increases in sales taxes like Measure M does in LA County? Is this something we must have or is it wishful thinking? (Want versus need).

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I encourage everyone to look at their homeowners' tax bill to see how prisoners on our streets without reforms. many things we are paying for based on decisions of the past 10-20 years. There have certainly been several measures passed that were worth the expense, but there are definitely others that we regret. So starting with that premise, this is how I am going to vote on most of the propositions:

Measure M - NO: (Infrastructure and Traffic Improvement) It pushes improvements on the I-5, I-605 and 710 freeways back 40 years. The \$121 billion dollar tax increase doubles the current transportation sales tax (Measure R) the voters passed in 2008 and has no expiration date. It's been called a "blank check" for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority with no accountability.

Our local cities have strongly opposed this measure and so do I. Fron Besides the Presidential and Senate races we have 1,000 other elections Downey and Norwalk's standpoint, they have stopped the construction of the 5 freeway extension, which just means more traffic for us for the

> Proposition 51 - NO: (School Bonds, Funding for K-12 Schools and Community College Facilities) Jerry Brown is the most prominent opponent of this measure because he believes it will hurt the school districts that need the help the most. He calls the measure a "blunderbuss

> Proposition 52 - YES: (State Fees on Hospitals, Federal Medi-Cal **Matching Funds**) This is an extension of something that seems to be

> **Proposition 53 - YES: (Revenue Bonds)** Again, don't be misled. The commercials you see on TV are not factual and very misleading. Voter approval from this measure does NOT impact emergency situations and school bonds which are paid back from future tax receipts and general bonds. This refers only to revenue bonds, which are paid back from future user fees from those who use the specific project.

> The two and most likely projects that would ever come before the voters are funding for the high speed train and water tunnels proposed by Governor Brown. I think in cases where someone wants to finance a very large state project, voter approval is a pretty good idea. They should make the case to us voters on things over \$ 2 billion.

> Proposition 54 - YES: (Legislature Transparency Act) Starts the process of transparency. Great proposition that helps us know exactly what is being voted on 72 hours before our legislators vote. It also allows us to see all public hearings online.

> Proposition 55 - NO: (Tax Extension of Temporary Tax Passed in 2012) We need to keep our word, a temporary tax should be temporary. This is an extension of Prop 30 that we passed in 2012. A promise should be kept. Even Governor Brown, who pushed for Prop 30 back then, is silent on this one because he personally made that commitment to the California voters. It passed back then because the State was in a financial crisis. Today we are doing better financially as a state and we need to keep the integrity of what we voters authorized.

> Proposition 56 - NO: (Cigarette Tax) It is a regressive tax that disproportionally impacts lower income Californians. Very little of the new tax will be used for actual smoking abatement programs.

Proposition 57 - NO: (Criminal Sentences) Allows early release of prisoners for certain non-violent crimes. As usual, the devil is in the details. What constitutes a non-violent felony is left to the parole board to decide. There is a reason every major law enforcement organization in the state is opposing this measure and we should too. We cannot afford more and liberties this great country represents.

Proposition 58 - NO: (English Language Education) Put on the ballot by the Legislature, it repeals 1998 voter-approved law to promote English language education in our schools.

Proposition 59 - NO: (California Overturn of Citizens United Act **Advisory Question**) It is silly for us to be voting on something that means absolutely nothing, does nothing and cannot change a thing. This is basically a publicly funded opinion poll to see whether we want to pursue overturning a Supreme Court decision. We cannot allow legislators to abuse the power of propositions to gauge what to do next. It is expensive and sets a bad precedence.

Proposition 60 - NO: (Condoms in Adult Films) This is opposed by both state parties (Democrats and Republicans). Some opponents argue that it allows residents to sue anyone with a financial interest in the production of an adult film. Los Angeles County already passed the requirement to wear condoms in 2012 that does not have the language used in this measure.

Proposition 61 - NO: (State Prescription Drug Purchases, Pricing Standards) Would probably increase prices, not reduce them, for many medicines needed. It sounds good in theory but is not feasible. It only affects state run plans and could actually increase cost for most other Californians.

Proposition 62 - YES: (Repeals Death Penalty) This is where my faith and values have the biggest impact on my decisions. While I certainly have empathy and pain for those families of victims of those serving on death row, we cannot and should not be the judge of life and death. I know the arguments and I am not unsympathetic to the discussions, and know that I would want extreme action taken against anyone who hurt my family. But we as a country should not be taking a life. Even one that has killed someone else. I am very pro law enforcement and I believe in punishment but I cannot vote to continue state sanctioned executions.

Proposition 63 - NO: (Firearms and Ammunition Sales) The Senate passed similar laws just a few months ago. This law was put on by Lt. Governor Newson and has become a political battle within his own party as to who takes the credit for it.

Proposition 64 - NO: (Marijuana Legalization) I wrote an op-ed article last month about this measure. It is a badly written law that has caused much concern. For example, TV smoking ads would be allowed after a 41 year absence. There is no regulation to the edibles that target our kids. Law enforcement is very concerned that there is no basis to what constitutes an impaired driver. Too many questions and not enough

**Proposition 65 - YES: (Plastic Bags)** The revenue a grocer charges for paper bags would not go directly back to the grocery store chain. If there is a charge for paper bags then it should go to an environmental cause and not to the grocers.

Proposition 66 - NO: (Reforms Death Penalty) See my comments on Prop 62 above.

#### Proposition 67 - NO: (Referendum of plastic bag ban)

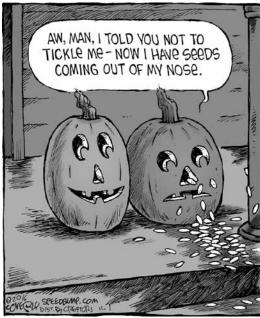
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The Norwalk Patriot Friday, Nov. 4, 2016

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#### **MONDAYS**

1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

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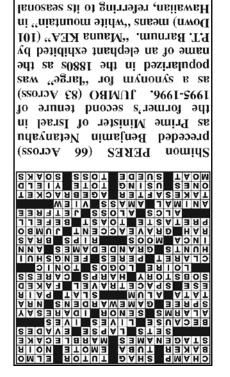
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#### **GOVERNMENT**

CITY OF NORWALK
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NO. 16-1683
ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2016 CALIFORNIA CODES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held October 18, 2016, introduced proposed Ordinance No. 16-1683, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Shryock and Vernola, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor

ABSENT: None

The Norwalk City Council will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 16-1683, which will adopt by reference the 2016 California Codes, in Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA

90650.
The proposed Ordinance No. 16-1683 will amend the existing Sections 15.04, 15.06, 15.08, 15.12, 15.16, 15.24, 15.28, 15.30 and 15.32 of the City of Norwalk Municipal Code adopting by reference and amending the 2016 California Building Code, 2016 California Residential Code, 2016 California Fire Code, 2016 California Plumbing Code, 2016 California Electrical Code, 2016 California Mechanical Code, 2016 California Mechanical Code, 2016 California Existing Building Code. Ordinance No. 16-1683 modifies these codes to provide for specific local climatic, geologic and topographic conditions. It geologic and topographic conditions. It also sets forth regulations that apply to all construction and development throughout the City. The provisions of the ordinance would take effect on January 1, 2017. **Public Comment:** Interested persons are

invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to clerk@norwalkca.gov. If you challenge the proposed Ordinance, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public

More Information: Copies of the agenda report and a complete copy of Ordinance No. 16-1683 will be available for public review at www.norwalkca.gov or at the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Should you have any questions regarding this

matter, please contact Anthony Weimholt, Building & Safety Manager, at (562) 929-5733 or tweimholt@norwalkca.gov.

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Dated this 28th day of October 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC

The Norwalk Patriot 11/4/16

CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES 11800 BLOCK OF CRESSON STREET, 10900 BLOCK OF LYNDORA STREET, 12900-13300 BLOCK OF LEFLOSS AVENUE, AND 12900-13300 BLOCK OF HALCOURT AVENUE

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 2700 Norwalk Boulevard,

Norwalk, CA 90650

Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider petitions filed with the City of Norwalk Department of Public Safety designating the 11800 block of Cresson Street, the 10900 block of Lyndora Street, the 12900-13300 block of Lefloss Avenue and the 12900-13300 block of Halcourt Avenue as preferential parking by residents currently residing in the area. **Public Comment:** Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to clerk@

More Information: Questions concerning the public hearing matter should be directed to Nicole Amescua at (562) 929-5962 or by

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Dated this 4th day of November 2016. Theresa Devoy, CMC

City Clerk The Norwalk Patriot

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CITY OF NORWALK **INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 16-1685U** 

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITY IN THE CITY, PROHIBITING OUTDOOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATION ON PRIVATE RESIDENCES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act ("Proposition 64"), has qualified for the November 2016 ballot. If adopted by the California voters, Proposition 64 will proposition than the proposition 64 will proposition that the same proposition 64 will proposition Proposition 64, will among other things, legalize the use of non-medical marijuana those who are 21 years of age or older and establish a comprehensive system to regulate commercial non-medical marijuana the provisions of Proposition 64 related to the possession, use, and cultivation of non-medical marijuana will become effective on

November 9, 2016. **WHEREAS**, Proposition 64 will permit cities to (1) adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate non-medical marijuana businesses, including, but not limited to, local zoning and land use requirements, business license requirements, and requirements related to reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, or (2) completely prohibit the establishment or

operation of one or more types of marijuana businesses within its jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 will allow for the planting, cultivation, harvesting, drying and processing ("cultivation activities") of up to six marijuana plants in, or upon the grounds of, a private residence. Proposition 64 will authorize a city to enact and enforce an ordinance that reasonably regulates cultivation activities, and to completely prohibit cultivation activities outdoors upon the grounds of a private residence unless

the California Attorney General determines that non-medical use of marijuana is lawful in the State under federal law.

WHEREAS, the Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 801, et seq., classifies marijuana as a Schedule 1 Drug, which is defined as a drug or other substance that has a high potential for abuse, that has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and that has not been accepted as safe for use under medical supervision. The Federal Controlled Substances Act makes it unlawful under federal law for any person to cultivate, manufacture, distribute or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute

or dispense, marijuana.

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015 Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill No. 243, Assembly Bill No. 266, and Senate Bill 643 into law, which collectively are now known as the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (hereinafter "MCRSA"). The MCRSA establishes a State licensing scheme for commercial medical marijuana uses, while protecting local control by requiring that all such businesses must have a local license or permit to operate in addition to a State or permit to operate in addition to a State license. The MCRSA allows the City to completely prohibit commercial medical marijuana activities. In response to the MCRSA, the City adopted Ordinance No. 16-1674 which prohibits all commercial medical marijuana orticities in the City. marijuana activities in the City.

WHEREAS, cities in California have reported negative effects of marijuana cultivation, processing and distribution activities, including offensive odors, illegal sales and distribution of marijuana, trespassing, theft, violent robberies and robbery attempts, fire hazards, and problems associated with mold, fungus, and pests. Furthermore, as marijuana plants begin to flower, and for a period of two months or more, the plants produce a strong, unique odor, offensive to many people, and detectable far beyond property boundaries if grown outdoors. This odor can have the effect of encouraging theft by alerting persons to the location of the valuable plants, and creating a risk of burglary, robbery or armed robbery of the plants and creating the potential for violent acts related to such criminal activity.

WHEREAS, based upon the recitals above,

City Council finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare presented if Proposition 64 is enacted by the voters, because marijuana could begin to be cultivated outdoors on private residences beginning on November 9, 2016. If Proposition 64 is enacted by the 9, 2016. If Proposition 64 is enacted by the voters it could also create the potential for commercial non-medical marijuana uses to be established in the City prior to the establishment of zoning regulations under normal planning and zoning processes of the City. Based on the City's need for additional time to fully evaluate the primary and secondary effects of the activities to be licensed under Proposition 64 the City Council finds that the immediate 64, the City Council finds that the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare requires that this interim Ordinance be enacted as an urgency ordinance pursuant to Government Code Section 65858 and take effect immediately upon adoption, and its urgency is hereby declared.

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council finds that the facts set forth in the Recitals of this Ordinance are true and correct. Section 2. Definitions. Hereinafter in this Ordinance the following words shall have the meanings set forth below, unless the context

otherwise permits or requires:
"Commercial non-medical marijuana activity" shall include the cultivation, possession, manufacture, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, transportation, delivery or sale of marijuana and marijuana products for non-

"Cultivation" shall include any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of

"Delivery" shall mean the commercial transfer of marijuana or marijuana products to a customer. Delivery also includes the use by a retailer of any technology platform owned and controlled by retailer, or independently licensed under Proposition facilitate the commercial transfer by a State licensed retailer of marijuana or marijuana products.

"Marijuana" shall include all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa L., whether growing or not; the seeds thereof the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin. It does not include (a) industrial hemp, as defined in Section 11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code; (b) the weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other product; and (c) marijuana that is cultivated, processed, transported, distributed, or sold for medical purposes under Chapter 3.4 of Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code.
Proposition 64" refers to the Control,

Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana

Section 3. Prohibition.

A Commercial non-medical marijuana activity is expressly prohibited in all zones and all specific plan areas in the City of Norwalk No person shall establish operate maintain, conduct or allow commercial non-medical marijuana activity anywhere within the City. No application for a building permit, conditional use permit, business license, or any other entitlement authorizing the establishment, operation, maintenance development, or construction of any use that allows for commercial non-medical marijuana activity shall be approved during the term of the prohibition established in

the term of the promisers stated this Ordinance.

B. Paragraph A of this section 3 is meant to prohibit all activities for which a State license is required pursuant to Proposition 64. Accordingly, the City shall not issue any permit, license or other entitlement for any activity for which a State license is required under Proposition 64. The City shall also not issue any local license to a non-profit pursuant to provisions of Business and Professions Code section 26070.5.

C. Marijuana shall not be cultivated outdoors upon the grounds of a private residence. Indoor marijuana cultivation will be allowed consistent with State law which permits no more than six live marijuana plants to be planted, cultivated, harvested, dried, or processed within a single private residence or inside an accessory structure located upon the grounds of a private residence that is fully enclosed and and secured. Any marijuana cultivation that exceeds the limits set forth in this subsection is hereby declared

to be unlawful and a public nuisance.

D. Nothing in this Ordinance, or its adoption, shall be deemed to affect any other prohibitions or regulations relating to marijuana contained in the Norwalk Municipal Code, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 17.04.080 of the Norwalk Municipal Code. In the event of any conflict between that Section and this Ordinance, the most restrictive provision shall govern. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect or excuse any violation of Section 17.040.080 of the Norwalk Municipal Code.

Section 4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall

be interpreted to the effect that the City's permissive zoning scheme allows any other use not specifically listed therein.

<u>Section 5</u>. Public Nuisance. Any use or condition caused, or permitted to exist, in condition caused, or permitted to exist, in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be, and hereby is declared to be, a public nuisance and may be summarily abated by the City pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 731 or by any other remedy available to the City.

Section 6. Penalty. Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars

a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine

and imprisonment. Each and every day such a violation exists shall constitute a separate and distinct violation of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Civil Penalties. In addition to any other enforcement permitted by this Ordinance, the City Attorney may bring a civil action for injunctive relief and civil penalties against any person or entity that violates this Ordinance. In any civil action brought pursuant to this Ordinance, a court of competent jurisdiction may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the

prevailing party.

Section 8. CEQA. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the Interim Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment because the Interim Ordinance will only impose greater and temporary limitations on marijuana-related uses allowed in the City, and will thereby serve to prevent potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. The City Council has reviewed staff's determination of exemption and based on its own independent judgment. based on its own independent judgment concurs in staff's determination that the Interim Ordinance is exempt from CEQA. The adoption of the Interim Ordinance is therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15061(b)(3) of

the California Code of Regulations.

Section 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions sentences clauses phrases or portions thereof be declared invalid or

Section 10. Urgency Ordinance. This Ordinance is adopted as an urgency, interim ordinance and shall take effect immediately. This Ordinance will only become operative if roposition 64 is approved by the voters. If roposition 64 is not approved by the voters at the November election, the ordinance shall be null and void and shall be deemed repealed. This Ordinance shall expire, and the prohibition established hereby shall terminate, forty-five (45) days after the date of adoption unless extended by the City Council pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858.

Section 11. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this

Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2016.

/s/ MICHAEL MENDEZ MAYOR

ATTEST: I, Theresa Devoy, City Clerk of the City of Norwalk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held November 1, 2016, as Interim Ordinance No. 16-1685U of the City of Norwalk and said Ordinance has been duly signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and that the same was approved and adopted by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Shryock and Vernola, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor Mendez NOES: None ABSENT: None

/s/ THERESA DEVOY, CMC CITY CLERK

The Norwalk Patriot 11/4/16

CITY OF NORWALK ORDINANCE NO. 16-1681

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK SETTING FORTH ITS FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 351

WHEREAS, the City has received Zone Change No. 351, a request to change the zone designation for properties located at 10502 Cheddar Street (Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 8051-005-001) and its westerly adjoining parcel (APN 8051-005-036), located as the western terminal end of Cheddar Street, approximately 450-feet west of its intersection with Newmire Avenue, from the Residential Horse (R-H) zone to the

Single Family Residential (R-1) zone; WHEREAS, Section 17.02.290.B.3 of the Norwalk Municipal Code (NMC) allows for a Zone Change to be initiated by a verified application to the Planning Commission; and WHEREAS, Section 17.02.290.C of the NMC requires the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing upon the initiation of a

Zone Change; and WHEREAS, Section 17.02.290.D of the NMC requires that the Planning Commission provide the City Council with a written recommendation including the findings constituting the basis for the ndation; and

WHEREAS, this project was reviewed by the Planning Commission at a duly noticed public hearing on September 14, 2016 at which time oral and documentary evidence relative to the applications was received and Planning Commission Resolution No. 16-21 was adopted to recommend City Council approval of Zone Change No. 351; and WHEREAS, State planning law requires

consistency between Zoning and the General Plan; therefore Zone Change applications must be processed to have consistent land use designations with the General Plan Map and the Zoning Map; and WHEREAS, both the Residential Horse (R-H) and Single Family Residential (R-1) zones are consistent with the General Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and as adopted in the City's 1998 local CEQA guidelines to ensure that all potentially significant, adverse environmental impacts associated with the project will be reduced to a level of "less than

Residential: and

significant" or "no impact"; and WHEREAS, according to Section 17.02.290.H of the NMC, following the receipt of a written recommendation from the Planning Commission, the City Council shall see full that the control in the property of the control shall conduct at least one public hearing on the matter: and

WHEREAS, according to Section 17.02.290.I of the NMC, the City Council may approve,

modify or disapprove the recommendation of the Planning Commission; and WHEREAS, Zone Change No. 351 has been reviewed by the City Council on October 18, 2016 at which time oral and documentary evidence relative to the application was received. application was received.

#### THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The proposed Zone Change to change the subject properties to the Single Family (R-1) zone is in compliance with the NMC and the Norwalk General Plan, and the proposed zoning designation is consistent with the existing General Plan Land Use Designation of Low Density Residential. Section 2. The proposed Zone Change will be in the public interest since it will reflect current and contemplated land uses on the current and contemplated land uses on the site and create consistency between the General Plan Map and Zoning Map.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Norwalk hereby approves Zone Change No. 351 amending the Zoning Map as indicated in Evblid: "A"

Section 4. The City Council of the City of Norwalk hereby approves the Negative Declaration for Zone Change No. 351.
Section 5. Severability. If any section, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for

otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional Section 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2016.

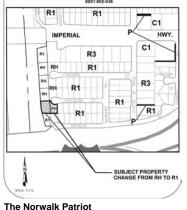
/s/ MICHAEL MENDEZ

I, Theresa Devoy, City Clerk of the City of Norwalk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held October 18, 2016 and adopted as **Ordinance No. 16-1681** of the City of Norwalk at a regular meeting of the City Council held on November 1, 2016 and said Ordinance has been duly signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and that same was approved and adopted by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Shryock and Vernola, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor Mendez NOES: None ABSENT: None

/s/ THERESA DEVOY, CMC CITY CLERK





**ORDINANCE NO. 16-1684** 

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK REPEALING CHAPTER 9.30 OF TITLE 9 OF THE NORWALK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SEX OFFENDER DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PERFOR RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and Intent.

A. On November 7, 2006, the voters of the State of California overwhelmingly approved Proposition 83, the "Sexual Predator Punishment and Control Act" commonly known as "Jessica's Law," so as to better protect Californians, and, in particular, to protect the State's children from sex offenders.

B. Proposition 83, as codified at California Penal Code Section 3003.5 prohibits any person who is required to register as a sex offender per California Penal Code Section 290 et. seq. (hereinafter referred to as a "registered sex offender") from residing within two thousand feet of any public or private school, or any park where children regularly gather (Cal. Penal Code Section 3003 5(b)).

C. California Penal Code Section 3003.5(a), enacted in 1998 prior to Proposition 83, further prohibits a sex offender who is on parole from residing in a "single-family dwelling" with another sex offender during his/her parole period, unless the multiple sex offenders are legally related by blood, marriage or adoption. For purposes of this state statute, "single family dwelling" does not include a residential facility such as a group home that serves six (6) or fewer

D. Section 3003.5 also includes a provision which expressly authorizes further local regulation of sex offender residency: Section 3003.5(c), states that nothing in this Section shall prohibit municipal jurisdictions from enacting local ordinances that further restrict the residency of any person for whom registration is required pursuant to Section 290

E. Following the adoption of Jessica's Law, the City of Norwalk, like many other cities in the State of California, adopted Ordinance No. 09-1616 adding Chapter 9.30, entitled Sex Offender Residency Restrictions, to the Norwalk Municipal Code ("Ordinance") in May 2009. The Ordinance prohibits any registered sex offender from establishing a residence in a residential exclusion zone (i.e. within 2000 feet of a public or private school, park, child care center or recreational facility). Since its enactment, the City has no record of the Ordinance ever being violated or enforced.

F. Studies and reports released after the passage of Jessica's Law suggest that blanket enforcement of residency restrictions have not improved public safety. The evidence suggests that residency restrictions have the unintended consequence of increasing homelessness among registered sex offenders, thereby actually threatening public safety. Convicted sex offenders who are homeless are not only more difficult to supervise than those who have established residences, they are also more likely to reoffend. Additionally, two court decisions, one from the California Supreme Court (*In re Taylor* (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1019) and one from the California Court of Appeal (*People v. Lynch* (2016) 2 Cal.App.5th 524) have called into question the constitutionality of certain residency restrictions and the scope of the authority granted to cities under Penal Code section 3003.5.

G. The Sex Offender Supervision and GPS Monitoring Task Force (the "Task Force") is a multiagency task force created to assist the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to develop a comprehensive approach to sex offender supervision. In October 2010. sex offender supervision. In October 2010, the Task Force released a report based on a review of reports generated by the Office of Inspector General, the California Sex Offender Management Board, best practices throughout the nation, effective use of GPS, as well as relevant CDCR sex offender supervision policies and practices. The Task Force found that blanket resurence restrictions have "not improved public safety and have compromised the effective monitoring and supervision of sex offender parolees." Specifically, the Task Force stated: residence restrictions have "not improved

"There is no evidence that residence restrictions for sex offenders make the community any safer. Since the passage of Proposition 83, residence restrictions

have expanded significantly with an unintended consequence. Transient sex offender parolees have increased by approximately 24 times. Presently than 1/3 of all sex offenders on parole have become transient. Before the passage of Proposition 83, residence restrictions were already in place. Penal Code Section 3003(g) prohibited high risk sex offenders with child victims from residing within 1.2 mile from schools.

Additionally, Parole Agents used discretion to prevent parolees from residing in any housing location that would increase their risk of re-offense. Repealing the

blanket residence restrictions imposed by Proposition 83 will provide adequate housing options for sex offenders while

continuing to provide public safety." H. In October 2014, the National Criminal Justice Association, under a grant from the United States Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), released a report on sex offending and sex offender management. The report was based on a review of available literature on adult and juvenile sex offenders, as well as recommendations from researchers and practitioners. The report found that residency restrictions "that prevent convicted sex offenders from living near schools, daycare centers, and other places where children congregate have generally had no deterrent effect on sexual reoffending, particularly against children." The report also found "a number of negative unintended consequences have been empirically identified [as a result of residence restrictions], including loss of housing, loss of support systems, and financial hardships that may aggravate rather than mitigate offender risk."

I. The California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB), which operates under the jurisdiction of CDCR, is charged with addressing any issues, concerns and problems related to the community management of California's adult sex offenders with the goal of safer communities and reduced victimization. CASOMB in its Year End Report for 2014 made several recommendations to California policy makers including a recommendation to avoid enactment of exclusion zones that apply to all registrants because no evidence shows they are effective in reducing sexual re-offending,

and they may be counterproductive.

J. In February 2016, the CASOMB published its Year End Report for 2015, which was prepared with the assistance of the State Authorized Risk Assessment Tool for Sex Offenders (SARATSO) Committee. The CASOMB recommended a case-bycase approach to residency restrictions and exclusion zones that allow parole and probation departments to make individualized assessments based on factors known about the offense and the offender. The CASOMB opposed blanket residency restrictions being imposed at the local level because "[[]ocal policies restricting where sex offenders can live (residence restrictions) or even be present (exclusion zones) appear to have unintended effects which actually decrease public safety.

K. Underlying all the data cited herein, one of the key questions centers on whether transient status—much of which is created by residence restrictions—increases of decreases the rate of recidivism. The California Department of Justice (DOJ) provided a verbal report to CASOMB regarding a 2016 DOJ/SARATSO research study on rates of sexual re-offense in California. (The expected publication date is 2016.) The CASOMB stated: "Data shows that about 18% of sexual

re-offenses in the probation sex offender group were committed by offenders who were registered as transients at the time of arrest for the new sex offense and that 29% of sexual re-offenses in the parolee sex offender group were committed by offenders who were registered as transients at the time of re-arrest. Yet only

about 8% of registered sex offenders in the community are transient. Obviously, transient status is associated with higher recidivism rates. The number of transient sex offenders dramatically increased when blanket residence restrictions were imposed. CASOMB has long

recommended state adoption of policies that discourage transiency."

L. In March 2015, the California Supreme Court decided *In re Taylor*. The Court held the CDCR's blanket enforcement of the residency restrictions in Penal Code § 3003.5 against sex offender parolees in San Diego County was unconstitutional. (*In* re Taylor (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1019, 1023.) The Court found blanket enforcement of the residency restrictions had "greatly increased homelessness" among registered sex offenders on parole in the county and "hindered their access to medical treatment, drug and alcohol dependency services, psychological counseling and other rehabilitative social services available to all parolees, while further hampering the efforts of parole authorities and law enforcement officials to monitor, supervise, and rehabilitate them in the in public safety." (Id. at pp. 1023, 1040.) The CDCR "conceded in its brief before [the] court that 'the evidence demonstrated that the dramatic increase in homelessness has a profound impact on public safety,' and that 'there is no dispute that the residency restrictions have significant and serious consequences that were not foreseen when it was enacted." (Id. at p. 1041.) Relying in part on the Task Force's October 2010 report, the Court found the residency restrictions, as applied and enforced in San Diego County, "hampered efforts to monitor, supervise, and rehabilitate such parolees in the interests of public safety and as such, bears no rational relationship to advancing the state's legitimate goal of

protecting children from sexual predators." (Id. at p. 1042.)
M. Most recently, on August 4, 2016, the Court of Appeal decided People v Lynch, narrowly interpreting Penal Code § 3003.5 as applying only to parolees. (People v. Lynch (2016) 2 Cal.App.5th 524, 528 ["The placement of Jessica's Law residency restrictions immediately after the previously enacted subdivision (a), which was applicable only to parolees, indicates the intent of Proposition 83's drafters to align and limit the "any person" reference in subdivision (b) to the class of persons identified in subdivision (a)—parolees."].) The City's Ordinance currently applies to "any person who is required to register under Section 290 of the California Penal Code, regardless of whether or not that person is on parole or probation." As such, it is likely that the City's Ordinance is broader than permitted under the Court of Appeal's narrow interpretation of Penal Code § 3003.5(c). N. After careful consideration of the

arowing evidence from experts in the field. including those experts within California state government, suggesting that such policies could threaten public safety in our community, as well as the recent court decisions that bring into question the City's authority to enforce blanket residency restrictions, the City has decided to repeal its Sex Offender Residency Restrictions.

Section 2. Chapter 9.30 of the Norwalk Municipal Code is repealed.

Section 3. The Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption. The City Clerk is directed to codify to the enactment of this Ordinance and to cause this ordinance to be published and/or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2016.

/s/ MICHAEL MENDEZ

I, Theresa Devoy, City Clerk of the City of Norwalk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held October 18, 2016 and adopted as Ordinance No. 16-1684 of the City of Norwalk at a regular meeting of the City Council held on November 1, 2016 and aaid Ordinance has been duly signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and that the same was approved and adopted by the

AYES: Councilmembers Shryock and Vernola, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor Mendez NOES: None ABSENT: None

/s/ THERESA DEVOY, CMC CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NORWALK

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 16-1682
ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH CODE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held October 18, 2016, introduced proposed Ordinance No. 16-1682, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Shryock and Vernola, Vice Mayor Kelley, and Mayor Mendez NOES: None ABSENT: None

The Norwalk City Council will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 16-1682, which will adopt by reference the Los Angeles County Health Code Including County Public Health Licenses Regulation for the Operation of Mobile Food Facilities, in Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Ordinance No. 16-1682 comprehensively updates Norwalk Municipal Code Chapters 8.04 – County Health Code Adopted and 8.08 Public Health Licenses Regulation Adopted. The City of Norwalk is re-adopting these two portions of the Los Angeles County Code, by reference, which are Title 11, Division 1 – Health Code and Title 8, Division 1 – Consumer Protection Business and Wage Regulations - Public Health Licenses Regulation, respectively. The adoption of these two codes will facilitate administration of the Health Code and Public Health Licenses which are enforced by the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Public Comment: Interested persons are

regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted to the City Council prior to the time set for the hearing. Address written comments: Attention: City Clerk at the address noted above or by email to clerk@norwalkca.gov. If you challenge the proposed Ordinance, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered prior to the public

More Information: Copies of the agenda report and a complete copy of Ordinance No. 16-1682 will be available for public review at www.norwalkca.gov or at the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Beth Chow, Senior Planner at (562) 929-5953 or

bchow@norwalkca.gov.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior

Dated this 28th day of October 2016.

Theresa Devoy, CMC

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#### **PROBATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALFRED ROSCOE LANIER Case No. 16STPB05148

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALFRED ROSCOE LANIER A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David McCullar in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David McCullar be appointed as that David McCullar be appointed as

personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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.

grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 16, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles,

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent

creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: STACY L. OLSEN, ESQ. SBN 249661 FINLAY LAW GROUP APC 4685 MACARTHUR CT STE 421 NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660 CN930229 BSC214097 Oct 21,28, Nov 4, 2016

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT OTTO QUINTERO aka ROBERT O.

QUINTERO Case No. 16STPB04930 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT OTTO QUINTERO aka

ROBERT O. QUINTERO

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Angelita Quintero Toscano in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS

ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Angelita Quintero Toscano 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

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# Bellflower schools hosting sister city delegation from Los Mochis, Sinaloa

BELLFLOWER - A delegation who made her first visit to of 21 residents from Los Mochis, Sinaloa, will tour Bellflower Unified's Intensive Learning Center and Mayfair High School on Monday, Nov. 7, to launch the just from the commercials group's bi-annual Sister City visit and news side of it, but who to the local community.

The group, which alternates weeklong visits to Bellflower with city hall, visits area theme hosting visits from Bellflower parks, goes shopping in residents, celebrates the 60th year U.S. stores and always of its Sister City relationship with tours a Bellflower Unified Bellflower this year.

Dorothy Westrup, a Bellflower Sister City Committee member in different grades and visits with its tour of local schools at the Martinez will perform two songs provide a presentation about the

the Mexican city in 1962. "It's to make friends and keep friends in Mexico so they know who we are, not we really are deep down."

The delegation tours elementary school and a "It's about good will," said high school. The group studies what students are learning

that James Robert Royer be appointed as personal representative to administer the

estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to

administer the estate under the Independent

Administration of Estates Act. (This authority

will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal

representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed

action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and

shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 28, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles,

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written

objections with the court before the hearing Your appearance may be in person or by

your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent

creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the

personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a

general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing

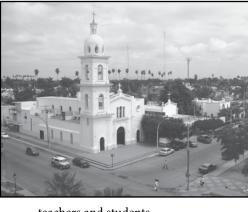
or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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School board considers bond

measure to renovate schools



teachers and students.

This year, the group will begin

at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 7, 2016.

A red carpet will greet the visitors, who will receive paper flowers from kindergarten students and a song from first-graders in the Intensive Learning dual-language Center's immersion program. The a program, started a few students. years ago, extends through third grade this year and adds a grade level annually.

assembling for a performance by marching band. the second grade.

question-and-answer session

Next, the delegation will trek to Mayfair High School to be greeted by cheerleaders and the Next, sixth-grader Eddie school band. Student leaders will

and interest conveyed to and now held

by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of

Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant

Intensive Learning Center by trumpet and Principal Michael school, followed by a tour of the Remland will make a formal campus. Mayfair will highlight its presentation on school programs. health occupations class, one of The delegation will then split into its most popular career pathway two groups to tour the campus programs. The visit will conclude with student ambassadors before with performance by the school's

"We are proud to be able to The visit will conclude with present our incredible academic programs - from our new dualpopular Spanish-English with third-grade dual-language language programs to our highly regarded health career program to our visitors from Los Mochis," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "We hope the school visits and interactions with students provide inspiration for efforts in their own educational community."

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 Nov. 8, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 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

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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LARRY ROBERT EDMISSON aka LARRY

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R. EDMISSON Case No. 16STPB05308 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 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may 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 otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LARRY ROBERT EDMISSON or both, of LARRY HOBERT EDMISSON aka LARRY R. EDMISSON A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by James Robert Royer in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests Special Notice form is available from the

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#### **TRUSTEE SALES**

07105 A.P.N.: 8070-007-008 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE Section 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/6/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below The sale will be made, but without covenant

Council

approves CDBG

spending plan

title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: RODRIGO SANDOVAL AND GLORIA SANDOVAL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Atlantic and Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 7/13/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1544098 in book , page and rerecorded on 4/13/16 as Instrument and rerecorded on 4/13/16 as Instrument No. 20160415663 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Described as follows: Lot 64, of Tract No. 15584, in the City of Norwalk, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 354 Page(s) 21 through 23 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Date of Sale: 11/28/2016 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$506,869.02 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 13054 LIGGETT STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8070-007-008 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgager, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to aversing the parts helder! is intended to exercise the note holder's IS Intended to exercise the note noider's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS SIDM OF THE CEPTITOR WILL BE USED. FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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# Teenage tutors preferred over teachers at Downey High School Writing Center



**■ EDUCATION:** Started in 2013. the Writing Center at Downey High utilizes students for personalized tutoring.

**DOWNEY** – It's Thursday afternoon and a line of students extends out of a classroom door at Downey High School.

About 10 of these older students navigate through the crowd to enter the classroom first, storing their lacrosse sticks, track duffle bags, and AP Biology textbooks to find a seat and settle themselves in for an hour and a half of writers talking with other writers. This is Downey High School's Writing Center, a program that has gone through three years of relocation, revision and refining.

At the conclusion of second semester in 2013, the Writing Center was proud to have completed nearly 500 writing tutorials. Now, as the new school year begins, the writing center has calculated the completion of over 1,600 tutorials last year with projections exceeding 1,700 tutorials for this school year.

It was asserted at a California

Association of Teachers of English (CATE) conference titled, Teaching Practices and Instructional Strategies That Position Students Closer to Reading and Writing Excellence, "the only way for students to get over their fears of writing and to build real confidence and real skill is to write more than four major essays every year."

Students need to write informally every day and formally nearly every week. Then the question arose, how can teachers possibly manage this paper load and still provide students with thoughtful, personal feedback?

one answer to this question; they let students do a lot of this work.

writing centers on their campuses to help support student writers through their college years. Downey Unified has embraced collaboration in the classrooms, help, teacher authority (regardless moving away from teacherdirected time in favor of studentdirected conversation, yet high school writing centers are still a

English teacher Kelly Crespo and more approachable. her English Department colleagues, have found out that strategic planning, several willing volunteers and an empty classroom after school are enough to make some incredibly valuable conversations happen. Conversations that are require writing center attendance, capable of helping teachers in their movements to add volume and rigor to curriculum and conversations that are also individualized, allowing teachers to differentiate for virtually every kind of student.

In late 2012, Crespo and fellow English teachers Josette Bean and Tina Carlson set out to build a makeshift Writing Center, wherein they proposed to take the English 10 intervention funding and redirect it toward building a program would allow them to serve all students more effectively. To that end, they proposed the Downey High School Writing Center.

With the support of Downey High School Principal Tom Houts, along with other administrators, they were able to hire two college tutors and then sought out juniors and seniors enrolled in AP Literature and honors classes. With fellow teachers beginning to offer some extra credit and/or participation points, they were able to build a staff of about 17 tutors with each tutor serving an hour Downey High School has found and a half after school each week.

In 2013, they were then able to open the Writing Center to the Nearly all universities utilize English 10 students when second semester began. Even though many of the teachers encourage students to come by before school, snack, lunch, after school to seek extra of their enthusiasm to help) can create an unintentionally stressful atmosphere.

always beat teachers at being However, Downey High School young, relatable, and, therefore,

Teachers at Downey High School integrate the Writing Center in various ways in their classrooms; yet, regardless of the way in which a teacher chooses to encourage or students with all different strengths and weaknesses visit the Writing Center each day to talk through their writing.

Visiting the Writing Center after school means entering the conversation of about 10 pairs of tutors and tutees-some English learners, some special education students, some honors students, and some fall into those inbetween categories. Nonetheless, the conversation can meet these students where they are in ways a teacher in a classroom of thirtyplus students cannot.

As they approach their eighth semester of service, the Writing Center's staff has grown to 56 tutors including four paid college tutors, and they are now proud to be the "model program" at Downey High School. They have also expanded the Writing Center to serve freshmen, sophomores and juniors, and also have grown the community of teacher supervisors from the original three to eight teachers.

"There is something to starting and ending my day in the center; hearing my own students and those that I don't know talk about their writing, problem-solving, revising, navigating a prompt, doing work of real writers," expressed Crespo. "It's a space that makes sense, we can't talk to our students as often as a team of young tutors can.

"Moreover, although not all of our tutors can point out every comma splice or fragment, they A peer, however, will likely can get our students to talk about their writing in ways we simply



# Bar Louie opens first California location in Downey

DOWNEY -- California's first Bar Louie, located at 8860 Apollo Way, opened at the Promenade in Downey on Oct. 17, with a public grand opening and ribbon taking place last Thursday.

"From business lunches to dinners for one, celebrations, happy hours and late nights with the office co-workers or friends, Bar Louie is a place where people come to connect, regroup and hit the reset button in an environment where they feel comfortable," said Christopher Getz, general manager of the new Bar Louie in Downey.

"We hope that our new neighborhood bar and restaurant will become a place where residents and employees of Downey and the surrounding Los Angeles communities can come together to relax and

Bar Louie opened its first location in Chicago in 1990. It has since grown to 115 location in 25 states.

The Downey location created 80 jobs, officials said.

Bar Louie's menu features a selection of shareable plates, flatbreads, salads, sandwiches, burgers and signature dishes, including a spiked bourbon burger and grilled mac and cheese sandwich.

All cocktails are handcrafted -- no blenders are used. Some of its most popular drinks are the Pineapple Express Sangria, which unites flavored vodka with tropical fruit syrups and juices, topped off with prosecco, or the more traditional Havana Classic Mojito.

Bar Louie is open seven days per week, with its full food menu available until 2 a.m. daily.

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# Raised in India, Cal High School scholar finds second home and academic success in Whittier

WHITTIER - Jashandeep Anand arrived to the United States at 14 years old, apprehensive about the environment he was walking into and struggling to understand an unfamiliar language culture.

Born and raised in New Delhi, India, Anand's worries and concerns began to dissipate when he and his family first walked onto the California High School campus prior to beginning his junior year.

"When I first came to the United States, I was really scared about possible bullying and the new culture and differences and whether I would like it or not," Anand said. "But when I came to Cal, every student and teacher made it feel like it was my home and I'm so grateful that I found my dream high school. I don't even think about going back to India

Affectionately known as "Jash," Anand has been embraced by his Condor family, gaining a reputation for his hard-working nature, optimism and joyful demeanor. Since arriving at Cal, Anand has refined his American English, joined a variety of clubs



Pictured with California High School Principal Bill Schloss, Jashandeep "Jash" Anand receives an Award of Merit from the Whittier Union High School District on Oct. 11 for his significant academic achievements. positive influence and contributions he's made to the school where he's found a second home.

and academically challenged himself to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

For his dedicated efforts to overcome obstacles, Anand was recently recognized with an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees – showcasing the degree to which students can succeed when they embrace the full high school experience.

"With a wide range of interventions available and the numerous ways our students have to get connected on campus, from academies and clubs to academic programs and athletics, Cal offers a highly effective and very supportive, comprehensive high school experience," Principal Bill Schloss said. "Jash is taking full advantage of all we offer and he is an excellent example of the outstanding kids at Cal High."

Anand has been on the varsity soccer team for two years and is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club and Spanish Club. He is also an Academic Mentor and Link Crew leader, helping to tutor and mentor younger students.

Carrying a 4.0 GPA, the straight-A student is taking Advanced Placement calculus and physics, is on his way to earning his Seal of Biliteracy in Hindi and completing his senior project on the subject of world hunger by volunteering at the Beatitudes Catholic Church in La

Mirada, distributing food to local

The avid reader speaks four languages - Hindi, English, Punjabi and Sanskrit - and is learning Spanish.

"Jash specifically chose to attend one of our schools because of the outstanding services, teachers and staff we have available to provide students with the care, support and education they desire as they pursue their personal and educational endeavors," Superintendent Martin Plourde said. "Cal High is lucky to have a student like Jash and we are so glad that he found a home at Whittier Union."

 $An and \, plans \, to \, study \, computer \,$ science at UCLA after graduating - a momentous occasion that will be shared with his grandmother, who is expected to fly from India to attend the celebratory event in

## Book club returns to Alondra Library this month

NORWALK - The Alondra Library's "Classics I Always Said I Was Going To Read" Book Club is reading E.M. Forster's "A Passage To India" for the month of November.

The book follows Englishwoman who travels to colonial India with the best and purest of intentions, but ends up causing irreparable damage to the reputation of an Indian doctor who had been held in esteem by his society.

A discussion about this classic will take place on Tuesday, Nov. are available at Alondra Library, located at 11949 Alondra Blvd.

# Former wrestling coach gets 64 years to life for molestations

TORRANCE - The former head coach of the Torrance High School wrestling team was sentenced this week to a total of 64 years and eight months to life in state prison for lewd acts on 25 students.

Thomas Joseph Snider, 48, of Torrance, was found guilty on Oct. 13 of 26 felony counts of lewd acts upon a child 14 or 15 years old, three felony counts of felony lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14 and eight misdemeanor counts of child molesting.

While working as a wrestling coach in 1995, 1996 and from 2013 and 2015, Snider molested students between the ages of 13 and 16 years old under the guise of inspecting them for skin diseases, according to witness testimony.

During the alleged inspections, the defendant would make the victims take off their clothing and would sometimes touch the victims' genitals, the prosecutors said.

Snider also watched students shower and would massage several of them, the prosecutors added. School officials became aware of the conduct after students told opposing team members about the nude

## **Rio Hondo College board of** trustees endorses Prop 51 and 55

WHITTIER - Rio Hondo College's Board of Trustees has proclaimed support for a statewide ballot measure that would generate \$90 million for Rio Hondo College remodeling and renovation projects.

Prop. 51 on the Nov. 8 statewide ballot, would generate \$7 billion to augment local funding of capital projects at K-12 schools and \$2 billion for community colleges, which project \$29.2 billion in unmet facility needs through 2020-21.

Rio Hondo leaders estimate College facilities needs at \$120 million, including those that would qualify for state matching funds.

"Prop. 51 would have a definite and lasting effect on the ability of Rio Hondo College to provide the best possible facilities for our students," Board President Mary Ann Pacheco said.

'With these funds, we would be able to ensure our students have the tools they need for success."

The Board of Trustees also adopted a resolution supporting Prop. 55, which would extend for 12 years a temporary income tax on wealthy residents previously adopted as Prop. 30 in 2012.

Prop. 55 dedicates 89 percent of proceeds to K-12 education and 11 percent to community colleges.

Rio Hondo leaders estimate that Prop. 30 generates about \$10 million a year for the College. Prop. 55 would generate about \$7 million annually because the measure drops a temporary sales tax hike included in Prop. 30.

"Prop. 55 would ensure California's schools and community colleges 15 at 6:30 pm. Copies of the book have the resources they need to provide outstanding academic programs," Pacheco said.

# Stauffer Foundation gives \$210K in teacher, principal grants to Downey Unified schools

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**DOWNEY** - At Downey Downey Unified has been fortunate CTE and STEM. This grant, totaling Unified's Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night, The Stauffer Foundation presented the 2016 Stauffer Foundation Grants for the teachers and principals within the district.

These grants, which included nine Principal Grants, 11 Teacher Grants and a Robotics Grant, totaled over \$210,000. The Principal Grants were provided in honor of late Downey Unified Director, longtime Stauffer Foundation Board member and beloved community member, Linda Kennedy.

"We would like to send our appreciation to the Mary R. Stauffer continuous support to our staff Unified Board President D. Mark

to receive the annual Teacher Grants from the Stauffer Foundation Lead The Way, FIRST Robotics, which has aided our teachers STEAM15 and VEX robotics and principals expand program related materials and/or programs. offerings to better prepare students for success in their respective college and career endeavors."

The newly established Stauffer provided to principals, counselors and teachers at the elementary and middle school levels, and totaled \$57,925. As stated by Dr. Stauffer, "these funds will be used to motivate students and teachers to fulfill their potential."

Morris. "For the last 16 years Department of Support Programs, within Downey Unified.

\$91,000, will be used to for Project

This year's Stauffer Foundation Teacher Grants focused solely on the middle school level and totaled \$60,940. These grants will provide Foundation Principal Grants were funding for new innovative and creative projects, and renewals of existing successful programs that require additional funding for maintenance, expansion and enhancement.

"These individuals are an inspiration to students and they Also the inaugural year for the certainly all are an inspiration to Foundation for the outpouring of Robotics Grant, which is being me," stated Dr. Mary R. Stauffer. provided to assist in the expansion The 2016 Stauffer Foundation and students," expressed Downey of STEAM related programs, Grants are used to enrich the was given to Downey Unified's learning environment for students

# **Norwalk Senior Center releases** schedule of November events

NORWALK - On Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 10-11 a.m., the city of Norwalk Public Safety Department will discuss steps seniors can take to make sure their secure information is protected via an identity theft workshop.

The Norwalk Senior Center will host a traveling game show on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m., sponsored by the city of Norwalk and HealthCare Partners.

This 45-minute program, designed for seniors and full of competition and entertainment, mimics "Wheel of Fortune," "Family Feud," "Card Sharks," and "Jeopardy" with a holiday theme.

With open enrollment deadlines drawing near, the senior center will address questions about Medicare programs and the benefits that best fit individual

On Thursday, Nov. 17 from 10-11 a.m., this seminar will provide information on options for seniors to help facilitate the process.

Pioneer Medical Group will perform blood pressure screenings to seniors between 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov.

This service is provided by licensed/certified medical staff, with results discussed afterward.

All events are free, open to seniors 50 years of age and older, and take place at the Norwalk Senior Center, located at 14040 San Antonio Drive. For more information or to register, call (562) 929-5580.



