

ELECTION RESULTS

Cerritos College Trustee Area 1  
Martha Camacho Rodriguez 5,567  
Bob Arthur 5,431  
Cathy Godinez 1,991

Cerritos College Trustee Area 2  
Carmen Avalos 7,238  
Tammy Ashton 2,535  
Luis E. Melliz 1,287  
Claudia Murillo 792

Cerritos College Trustee Area 4  
Marisa Perez 9,019  
Ken Glenn 3,440

Cerritos College Trustee Area 6  
Sandra Salazar 5,363  
Rosa Barragan 3,015  
Tom Chavez 2,110

L.A. County Supervisor  
Fourth District  
Janice Hahn 241,961  
Steve Napolitano 189,132

Congress 38th District  
Linda T. Sánchez 110,347  
Ryan Downing 46,359

Assembly 57th District  
Ian C. Calderon 64,515  
Rita Topalian 38,865

Measure A  
(clean, safe parks and rivers )  
Yes 1,519,795  
No 548,326

Measure M  
(transit/traffic improvements )  
Yes 1,451,784  
No 627,510

Prop. 51 (school bonds)  
Yes 4,671,418  
No 3,983,338

Prop 52 (hospital fees)  
Yes 5,960,889  
No 2,604,423

Prop 53 (revenue bonds)  
No 4,317,410  
Yes 4,074,010

Prop 54 (recording Legislature)  
Yes 5,388,898  
No 2,992,650

Prop 55 (education tax)  
Yes 5,360,377  
No 3,269,680

Prop 56 (cigarette tax)  
Yes 5,563,574  
No 3,274,869

Prop 57 (parole for juveniles)  
Yes 5,511,476  
No 3,155,849

Prop 58 (bilingual education)  
Yes 6,257,044  
No 2,379,740

Prop 59 (corporation spending)  
Yes 4,301,047  
No 3,917,656

Prop 60 (condoms in sex films)  
No 4,562,570  
Yes 3,894,706

Prop 61 (prescription drugs)  
No 4,578,190  
Yes 3,939,759

Prop 62 (end death penalty)  
No 4,657,900  
Yes 3,979,047

Prop 63 (ammunition sales)  
Yes 5,460,797  
No 3,259,122

Prop 64 (recreational marijuana)  
Yes 4,966,665  
No 3,895,060

Prop 65 (grocery bag tax)  
No 4,747,948  
Yes 3,831,507

Prop 66 (streamline death penalty)  
Yes 4,217,168  
No 4,065,884

Prop 67 (plastic bag ban)  
Yes 4,482,574  
No 4,142,983

PEREZ, SALAZAR, AND AVALOS WIN RE-ELECTION; BOB ARTHUR LOSES



Marisa Perez



Dr. Sandra Salazar



Carmen Avalos



Martha Camacho-Rodriguez

■ Bob Arthur served on the Cerritos College Board for 20 years. He lost re-election by 136 votes.

By Christian Brown  
Editor

NORWALK – Voters in the Cerritos Community College District selected four women -- three incumbents and one fresh face -- to sit on the board of trustees for the next four years.

With four seats up for grabs on the seven-seat governing board for Cerritos College in Norwalk, voters nearly kept all the incumbents. However, former Norwalk councilman and longtime board member Robert “Bob” Arthur was narrowly defeated in a race that was often too close to call.

In Trustee Area 1, which includes portions of Downey, Norwalk, South Gate and Bell Gardens, Arthur lost to newcomer Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, an education specialist and school teacher.

First elected in 1995, Arthur

was seeking to serve a sixth term in office.

With 100% of the precincts reporting, Camacho-Rodriguez earned 42.86% of the vote (5,567 votes) while Arthur collected 41.81% (5,431 votes).

“Words cannot express what I feel right now, but just know that we have so much more work to do together,” said Camacho-Rodriguez.

“I look forward to collaborating with everyone on the board in order to create the change we all wish to see for Cerritos College.”

In Trustee Area 2, which includes portions of South Gate, Downey, Bellflower, and Norwalk, Carmen Avalos held onto her seat, winning 61.07% of the vote against three challengers. Avalos was first elected in 2012.

Dr. Tammy Ashton, who came in second with 21.39% of the vote, thanked supporters on Wednesday for helping her launch her campaign.

“I will not have the pleasure

of serving our Community as a Cerritos College Trustee,” she said. “I truly had a fantastic experience running my campaign and having the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people.”

The remaining challengers, Luis E. Melliz and Claudia Carmen Murillo, each received 10.8% and 6.6% of the vote respectively.

In Trustee Area 4, incumbent Marisa Perez won reelection overwhelmingly collecting 72.3% of the vote compared to her opponent Ken Glenn, who received 27.6%.

Perez was elected to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in 2012 and will continue representing Trustee Area 4, which includes Hawaiian Gardens and portions of the cities of Lakewood, Bellflower, Cerritos, and Long Beach.

Perez currently serves as the board vice president.

In Trustee Area 6, Dr. Sandra Salazar also won reelection, earning 51.1% of the vote against two challengers who split the

remaining vote.

Rosa Barragan and Tom Chavez received 28.7% and 20.1% of the vote respectively.

“We campaigned with honesty, integrity and more importantly -- we campaigned with a shared vision about what we’d like to see Cerritos College be in the future,” said Salazar.

“The theme always being the great community story that we are always stronger together as community...[we] will restore the word community to Cerritos Community College.”

After completing a year-long research fellowship at the Mayo School of Health Sciences in Minnesota, Salazar received a Doctorate in Medicine from Saint Louis University of Medicine.

She completed her medical training in Los Angeles where she currently works as a family physician.

Salazar was first elected to the Cerritos College board of trustees in 2012.

Hahn picks up Knabe’s seat, Measure M passes

By Christian Brown  
Editor

NORWALK – After a sound victory on Tuesday, Rep. Janice Hahn will replace Don Knabe as L.A. County supervisor in the Fourth District.

With 100% of the precincts reporting, Hahn earned 56.13% of the vote while her opponent former Manhattan Beach City Councilman Steve Napolitano garnered 43.87% of the vote.

The race between Hahn and Napolitano was often heated as the two agreed mostly on major goals, but differed in how to achieve them.

Hahn benefitted from local name recognition based on her father’s tenure as a county supervisor for 40 years -- and her own political career as a Los Angeles city councilwoman turned congresswoman.

However, during the June primary, Hahn fell short of the majority needed to avoid a runoff, winning just 47.1 percent of the vote.

Napolitano, who ran as a local “proven problem solver,” was endorsed by outgoing supervisor Knabe, whom he served as a senior deputy.

“Now more than ever, we need someone who will continue our legacy of being fiscally responsible so that we can provide the programs and services that our 10 million residents demand,” Knabe said in an endorsement of Napolitano earlier this year.

Napolitano is responsible for overseeing eight South Bay communities for Knabe and



has championed economic development, the arts, and education in his campaign.

Perhaps the greatest difference between the candidates was their stance on transportation and how to fix the county’s traffic congestion.

In an October debate, the two disagreed on Measure M, the county initiative to instate a permanent half-cent sales tax to raise \$840 million per year to fund transit operations and traffic decongestion efforts.

Hahn offered her support for the measure, while acknowledging it needed oversight to ensure the funds go towards the cities in the Fourth District.

“I’m very upset about the ballot language, but this will provide \$120 billion, create good jobs, and fast track these transit projects,” she said.

Napolitano opposed the measure, citing the 43 cities that have petitioned against the tax proposal.

“This is a city of L.A.-driven

measure. It’s shortchanging the Fourth District. I’m standing with my cities and voting no on Measure M,” he said.

Nonetheless, the tensest moment of the campaign came when Napolitano sued Hahn for accepting nearly \$440,000 in illegal donations from political action committees, which can only donate \$150,000.

Hahn said she paid the money back, calling the excess donations a misunderstanding of campaign financing rules.

“I am not a millionaire so I had to raise every dollar,” said Hahn who accused Napolitano of trying to buy the seat on the board of supervisors.

Napolitano maintained that the excess money Hahn collected in the primary helped buoy her campaign.

With the election of Hahn, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors stands to gain another progressive voice with similar policy stances to current supervisors Sheila Kuehl, Mark

Ridley-Thomas and Hilda Solis.

Once sworn in, Hahn will represent nearly two million people in the county’s Fourth District, which swings from the South Bay, down to Long Beach, and up through Gateway cities like Downey, Whittier, and Norwalk into Diamond Bar.

Los Angeles County voters on Tuesday also passed Measure M, the half-cent sales tax increase to fund transit and transportation projects.

The ballot measure narrowly earned the two-thirds majority vote needed for approval.

With 100% of the precincts reporting, 69.82% of voters approved the measure while 30.18% of voters opposed it.

When the Measure R tax expires on July 1, 2039, Measure M’s half-cent tax will increase to one cent and remain in place permanently

Nearly 43 cities in LA County came out against Measure M, calling the proposed initiative an L.A.-focused tax proposal that would not alleviate traffic concerns in the South Bay or in southeast L.A. county cities.

“We’ve been saying all along that key projects in our communities are taking a back seat to transportation projects in affluent parts of the County,” said Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez in September.

The new tax is expected to generate a projected \$860 million per year for transportation projects, including a light rail line from Union Station in Downtown LA to Artesia.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 87°



Saturday 84°



Sunday 87°



THINGS TO DO



Los Angeles Beer Fest

Saturday - Los Angeles Center Studios, 12-4 pm

Over 150 beers, food trucks, DJ, live music and surprises. \$45



Vegetarian Food Festival

Sunday - Raleigh Studios in Los Angeles, 10 am to 5 pm

Vegan eats, presentations, live music, fitness activities, and more.



Grove Christmas

Sunday - The Grove, 7 pm

Seth McFarlane kicks off the holiday season with performances by Lea Michele and Rachel Platten.



Mana

Saturday and Sunday - The Forum

Mexican pop band Mana performs live at the Forum.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

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

Ariana Mastain: So it's gonna be another empty abandoned property for all the druggies & thieves & homeless. Just what Norwalk needs. Firestone is already bad as it is. So sad.

Delia Delgado: We don't need affordable housing there, you already have those crazy people living in the building by the 7/11.

Adan Tellez: They should build store fronts and town homes lofts on top. There aren't any investors who would build other than affordable housing because it's guaranteed money from the government.

Money from the state and federal government always comes with conditions for the city. Norwalk should stop taking the government cheese and do what it can to get businesses in the city.

Trish Bohnenkamp Wilson: Affordable for who? That's all we need is more traffic.....plus there are way too many empty buildings and sites that can be used for 'housing' projects.

Mayra Carrillo: Instead of that.. Norwalk should build more business to bring in more tax revenue to make the city a better place.

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The Norwalk Coordinating Council held its annual scholarships award dinner at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex on Oct. 26, awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships to young veterans at Cerritos College. | Photo: city of Norwalk

## Long Beach lobbyist gets one year in prison for tax evasion

**LONG BEACH** – A Long Beach-based lobbyist, whose clients included illegal marijuana stores in Long Beach, was sentenced Monday to one year and one day in federal prison for failing to report to the IRS more than \$750,000 in income he received over a six-year period.

Carl A. Kemp, 43, of Long Beach, the owner of the public relations firm and a one-time candidate for the Long Beach City Council, was sentenced by United States District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez, who also ordered the defendant to pay \$210,661 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service to cover his back taxes.

Kemp pleaded guilty in July to subscribing to a false tax return for the year 2012. On his federal tax return for that year, Kemp reported that he had no taxable income, when his business took in approximately \$180,000.

“For years, this defendant engaged in criminal conduct designed to conceal his receipt of three-quarters of a million dollars – much of which was cash paid by illegal marijuana businesses,” said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. “Failure to fully report income on federal tax returns is a felony offense that can bring prison as well as significant monetary penalties.”

In a plea agreement filed in court, Kemp admitted receiving a total of \$754,783 in income that he failed to report on his taxes for the years 2007 through 2012.

“For six consecutive years, Mr. Kemp, a well-educated professional with a successful business, elected to circumvent the law and cheat on his taxes,” stated Acting Special Agent in Charge for IRS Criminal Investigation, Anthony J. Orlando.

“As the punishment handed down today reflects, no matter what your career or circle of influence, all of us are obligated to comply with our nation’s tax laws.”

## Norwalk Senior Center hosts harvest and holiday dances

**NORWALK** – The Norwalk Senior Center is hosting a special “Harvest Moon Dance” on Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Admission is free with a donation of any non-perishable canned food item. The dance will include an afternoon of music and dancing, with an opportunity drawing and pumpkin pie dessert.

Open to individuals 50 years old and up. No registration required. All canned goods will support the Norwalk Emergency Food Cupboard.

On Dec. 13, the senior center will also host a “Holiday Dinner Dance” from 5-9 p.m. Tickets are \$22 per person and include a prime rib or roast turkey dinner catered by Chris & Pitt’s, followed by a traditional apple cider toast.

Local favorite band “Sangria” will perform live music. Space is limited for this event, but open registration began on Tuesday. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, Dec. 9.

For more details about each dance, contact the senior center at (562) 929-5580.

## Library book sale

**NORWALK** – The Friends of the Norwalk Libraries will host its semi-annual book sale this Saturday, Nov. 12 at Norwalk Library, located at 12350 Imperial Highway.

More than 8,000 books and movies will be up for sale. Sale hours to the general public are 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Items will be sold by the bag. Each bag full of books and movies is \$5. For more information, call the Norwalk Library at (562) 868-0775.

## NORWALK SPORTS



Photo by William Odis Martin

## PREVIEW: La Mirada Matadores counting on standout quaterback Meyer for division win

**NORWALK** – The (8-2) La Mirada Matadores will host the (8-2) Paso Robles Bearcats in a CIF Southern Section High School Football Playoff game tonight at 7 p.m.

The Matadores are seeded #1 and projected to win their division. The team is coming into the game ranked 13th in the state and 104th in the nation.

Led by standout quarterback Tristan Meyer, who is leading the Suburban League in practically every statistical category for QBs.

Meyer has many weapons on offense including two of the biggest and baddest wideouts in the league in seniors Chad Wilson and Jeremy Clark.

The Matadores are coming off a 63-13 win against rival Mayfair to wrap up the regular season. The Lancers football team will host El Rancho High School tonight at 7 p.m. in a first round playoff game. The 2016 CIF Southern Section playoff game is set to take place at Excelsior Adult School.

■ Norwalk defeated the Dons to kickoff the season, 23-12 and are coming into the rematch with the most confidence that they have had all year.

The Lancers finished off their regular season strong by winning the last three straight conference games and are looking to continue to their superior running game.

Jordan Thomas had another stellar performance on both sides of the ball. On offense Thomas has rushed the ball 44 times for 337 yards and six touchdowns over the 3 game winning streak.

On defense, Thomas has been just as effective rushing the quarterback. He has a team leading 17 sacks on the season which includes the seven sacks he recorded over the last three games. – **William Odis Martin, Intern**

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# President-elect Donald Trump’s victory speech

Thank you. Thank you very much, everyone.

Sorry to keep you waiting; complicated business; complicated.

Thank you very much.

I’ve just received a call from Secretary Clinton. She congratulated us — it’s about us — on our victory, and I congratulated her and her family on a very, very hard-fought campaign. I mean, she — she fought very hard.

Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time, and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country. I mean that very sincerely.

Now it’s time for America to bind the wounds of division; have to get together. To all Republicans and Democrats and independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people.

It’s time. I pledge to every citizen of our land that I will be president for all Americans, and this is so important to me.

For those who have chosen not to support me in the past, of which there were a few people...[laughter]... I’m reaching out to you for your guidance and your help so that we can work together and unify our great country.

As I’ve said from the beginning, ours was not a campaign, but rather an incredible and great movement made up of millions of hard-working men and women who love their country and want a better, brighter future for themselves and for their families.

It’s a movement comprised of Americans from all races, religions, backgrounds and beliefs who want and expect our government to serve the people, and serve the people it will.

Working together, we will begin the urgent task of rebuilding our nation and renewing the American dream. I’ve spent my entire life and business looking at the untapped potential in projects and in people all over the world. That is now what I want to do for our country.

Tremendous potential. I’ve gotten to know our country so well — tremendous potential. It’s going to be a beautiful thing. Every single American will have the opportunity to realize his or her fullest potential. The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer.

We are going to fix our inner cities and rebuild our highways, bridges, tunnels, airports, schools, hospitals. We’re going to rebuild our infrastructure, which will become, by the way, second to none. And we will put millions of our people to work as we rebuild it.

We will also finally take care of our great veterans.

They’ve been so loyal, and I’ve gotten to know so many over this 18-month journey. The time I’ve spent with them during this campaign has been among my greatest honors. Our veterans are incredible people. We will embark upon a project of national growth and renewal. I will harness the creative talents of our people and we will call upon the best and brightest to leverage their tremendous talent for the benefit of all. It’s going to happen.

We have a great economic plan. We will double our growth and have the strongest economy anywhere in the world. At the same time, we will get along with all other nations willing to get along with us. We will be...[applause]

We’ll have great relationships. We expect to have great, great relationships. No dream is too big, no challenge is too great.

Nothing we want for our future is beyond our reach. America will no longer settle for anything less than the best.

We must reclaim our country’s destiny and dream big and bold and daring. We have to do that. We’re going to dream of things for our country and beautiful things and successful things once again.

I want to tell the world community that while we will always put America’s interests first, we will deal fairly with everyone, with everyone — all people and all other nations. We will seek common ground, not hostility; partnership, not conflict.

And now I’d like to take this moment to thank some of the people who really helped me with this, what they are calling tonight, very, very historic victory.

First, I want to thank my parents, who I know are looking down on me right now. Great people. I’ve learned so much from them. They were wonderful in every regard. I had truly great parents.

I also want to thank my sisters, Maryanne and Elizabeth, who are here with us tonight. And, where are they? They’re here someplace. They’re very shy, actually. And my brother Robert — my great friend. Where is Robert? Where is Robert?

My brother Robert. And they should all be on this stage, but that’s OK. They’re great. And also my late brother, Fred. Great guy. Fantastic guy.

Fantastic family. I was very lucky. Great brothers, sisters; great, unbelievable parents.

To Melania and Don, and Ivanka, and Eric and Tiffany and Baron, I love you and I thank you, and especially for putting up with all of those hours. This was tough. This was tough. This political stuff is nasty and it’s tough. So I want to thank my family very much. Really fantastic. Thank you all. Thank you all.

And Lara, unbelievable job, unbelievable. Vanessa, thank you. Thank you very much.

What a great group. You’ve all given me such incredible support, and I will tell you that we have a large group of people. You know, they kept saying we have a small staff. Not so small. Look at all the people that we have. Look at all of these people.

And Kellyanne and Chris and Rudy and Steve and David. We have got — we have got tremendously talented people up here. And I want to tell you, it’s been — it’s been very, very special. I want to give a very special thanks to our former mayor, Rudy Giuliani.

Unbelievable. Unbelievable. He traveled with us and he went through meetings. That Rudy never changes. Where’s Rudy? Where is he? Rudy.

Governor Chris Christie, folks, was unbelievable. Thank you, Chris.

The first man, first senator, first major, major politician, and let me tell you, he is highly respected in Washington because he’s as smart as you get: Senator Jeff Sessions. Where is Jeff?

Great man. Another great man, very tough competitor. He was not easy. He was not easy. Who is that? Is that the mayor that showed up? Is that Rudy? Oh, Rudy get up here.

Another great man who has been really a friend to me. But I’ll tell you, I got to know him as a competitor because he was one of the folks that was negotiating to go against those Democrats: Dr. Ben Carson. Where is Ben? Where is Ben?

And by the way, Mike Huckabee is here someplace, and he is fantastic. Mike and his family, Sarah — thank you very much.

General Mike Flynn. Where is Mike?

And General Kellogg. We have over 200 generals and admirals that have endorsed our campaign. And they’re special people and it’s really an honor. We have 22 congressional Medal of Honor recipients. We have just tremendous people.

A very special person who believed me and, you know, I’d read reports that I wasn’t getting along with him. I never had a bad second with him. He’s an unbelievable star. He is....

(CROSSTALK)

That’s right. How did you possibly guess? So let me tell you about Reince, and I’ve said this. I said, Reince — and I know it, I know. Look at all those people over there. I know it. Reince is a superstar. But I said, “They can’t call you a superstar, Reince, unless we win,” because you can’t be called a superstar — like Secretariat — if Secretariat came in second, Secretariat would not have that big, beautiful bronze bust at the track at Belmont.

But I’ll tell you, Reince is really a star. And he is the hardest-working guy. And in a certain way, I did this — Reince, come up here. Where is Reince? Get over here, Reince.

Boy oh boy oh boy. It’s about time you did this, Reince. My God. Say a few words. No, come on, say something.

RNC CHAIRMAN REINCE PRIEBUS: Ladies and gentlemen, the next president of the United States, Donald Trump.

Thank you. It’s been an honor. God bless. Thank God.

TRUMP: Amazing guy. Our partnership with the RNC was so important to the success and what we’ve done.

So I also have to say I’ve gotten to know some incredible people — the Secret Service people. They’re tough and they’re smart and they’re sharp, and I don’t want to mess around with them, I can tell you. And when I want to go and wave to a big group of people and they rip me down and put me back down on the seat. But they are fantastic people, so I want to thank the Secret Service.

And law enforcement in New York City. They’re here tonight. These are spectacular people, sometimes underappreciated unfortunately, but we appreciate them. We know what they go through.

So, it’s been what they call a historic event, but to be really historic, we have to do a great job. And I promise you that I will not let you down. We will do a great job. We will do a great job.

I look very much forward to being your president, and hopefully at the end of two years or three years or four years, or maybe even eight years you will say, so many of you worked so hard for us, but you will say that — you will say that that was something that you really were very proud to do and I can. . .

Thank you very much. And I can only say that while the campaign is over, our work on this movement is now really just beginning.

We’re going to get to work immediately for the American people. And we’re going to be doing a job that hopefully you will be so proud of your president. You’ll be so proud. Again, it’s my honor. It was an amazing evening. It’s been an amazing two-year period. And I love this country.

Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you to Mike Pence. Thank you.

## Mi Familia Vota: Trump will not intimidate the Latino community

Today, across the country Latinos will hold our children and our family members a little tighter. In an election marked with so much hate, Latino voters responded with overwhelming love for this democracy by voting in record numbers. We voted for our future, for the future of our children, for the promise of comprehensive immigration reform, for access to quality and affordable education for our children, for better salaries, for accessible healthcare for all, for voting rights, and for the environment.

But for the future to be bright, we must continue to organize and find a way to unite. This election was significant not just to Latino Americans, but to women, Muslim Americans, Asian Americans, Black Americans, Americans with disabilities, and immigrants. This election was significant to the millions of Americans who felt sickened by the use of hate as a weapon by President-elect Donald Trump. Our children deserve to grow up in a country where equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law is not just a goal, but a reality, and the first step is to realize how much we benefit from each other’s differences.

Mi Familia Vota’s mission is to build Latino political power to enact policies that will positively benefit our communities. President-elect Trump decisively tried to prove that Latino Americans could be scapegoated without consequences. Today, we unquestionably answered back that we will not be silenced or disrespected by anyone who seeks to rob us of our status as Americans and as a vital part of this country’s civic life. In order to form a more perfect union, Latino voters resoundingly rejected the politics of hate.

As Latino Americans, we must reckon with what the results of this election mean for the future of our country. President-elect Trump promised to build a wall around our southern border, negating the lived experience of border communities who suffer more from Border Patrol’s over-militarization than from the fictional account that Donald Trump has popularized.

President-elect Trump threatened mixed status families with a massive deportation program that would cost nearly \$900 billion in lost revenue over 10 years, according to the Center for American Progress. If he and the Republican party believe that they can make these threats a reality, they are sorely mistaken. Our community proved today that we will not be intimidated by the threats of a bigot and a party that has lost sight of the fact that the strength of our democracy stems from our diversity.

The Latino community has already begun to mobilize. The movement that produced record breaking voter turnout will mobilize to protect the Constitutional rights guaranteed to all in the United States. We are not going anywhere.

*Mi Familia Vota is a national non-profit organization that unites Latino, immigrant and allied communities to promote social and economic justice through increased civic participation by promoting citizenship and increasing voter registration and participation.*

## Norwalk apathy

Dear Editor:

Thank you for distributing both the Norwalk and Downey Patriots to Mr. Rosewoods. I eat there at least once each week, they have very good meals by the way, and I pick up my copy of the papers. I live in an apartment so I don’t receive deliveries.

The main reason for this letter is the lack of a column from the Norwalk mayor’s office. I am confident you have requested they write a letter or column informing the citizens of Norwalk on what he or the Council is doing or what is going on in the city.

The Downey Mayor publishes a column monthly and it is very informative. I can only perceive the Norwalk Mayor does not for one of three reasons:

Due to a lack of any progress within the city, he wants to keep us like mushrooms, always in the dark.

There is literally nothing to report, no progress, nothing happening, the Council is simply sitting on their hands. This I don’t want to believe.

Or the most likely reason APATHY -- he and/or the Council just don’t care.

Possibly you could make another request. In any case, keep up the good work, I do enjoy the papers.

Peter K. Allen  
Norwalk

## Veterans Day

Dear Editor:

As we celebrate another Veterans Day holiday it’s my hope that we realize the sacrifices our veterans made to make this holiday (and all other holidays) possible. If not for them we wouldn’t have a country to celebrate anything in.

Several local restaurants are serving free meals to veterans on Nov. 11 and that’s a very nice gesture. We can show our appreciation by telling a veteran “Thank you for your service to our country.”

We owe our veterans a great debt of gratitude. Happy Veterans Day, everybody!

Harold Houglad  
Downey

## Political coverage

Dear Editor:

Want to thank you for your expanded coverage of the election issues and candidates.

John Lacey  
Downey

## SANCHEZ: Equal pay for Latinas just makes economic sense for everyone

By Rep. Linda Sánchez

How would you feel if your paycheck was cut in half? What if you found out that the white gentleman sitting next to you, working the same hours and doing the same work, earned almost twice as much as you?

This Latina Equal Pay Day we are highlighting the everyday reality Hispanic and Latina women face in the United States. Latinas are the most under-paid group in America. On average, we earn 54 cents for every dollar earned by non-Hispanic white men – for the same work.

And the problem is not just for Latinas. The reality is that, on average, all women find themselves making less than their white, male counterparts for equal work. Women overall working full time, year round in this country are paid only 80 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts. In 2014, black women made only 60 cents to the dollar. Asian American women made only 84 cents. Women of every race are paid less than men, and it doesn’t matter if you have a higher education; the gaps persists at all education levels. The gap gets worse as women advance in their careers.

In our own state of California, the wage gap for Latinas is even worse. The National Women’s Law Center found that in 2014 Latina women in California typically made only 43 cents for every dollar paid to white men.

Do you know why Latina Equal Pay Day is November 1st? That is because Nov. 1 represents the approximate day that Latina women must work in the current year to make the same amount of money men did in the previous year. 22 months. It takes Latina women 22 months to earn what white men were paid in twelve.

That means that Latina women are losing \$25,217 a year due to the wage gap. The wage gap isn’t just a number - \$25,000 a year is real money.

\$25,000 a year is the difference between being able to put food on the table and having to skip meals to save money.

In many parts of the country, that is a down payment on a house!

And in my district in eastern Los Angeles County – that’s the difference between having a reliable car and worrying if your car will break down on the way to work.

Based on today’s wage gap, over the course of a 40-year career, the average Latina will lose over \$1 million to the wage gap. This means that Latinas would have to work 73 years to earn what white, non-Hispanic men earn in 40 years – an impossible hill to climb.

But that wage gap also has serious implications on our nation’s economic future. Latinos are expected to be a third of our nation’s population by 2050, and we know that the success of our country depends on the success of the Latino community.

We should strongly be encouraging equal pay for all women. It just makes economic sense. A recent study found that full gender equality in the workplace could boost the U.S. economy by an impressive \$4.3 trillion in about a decade – making it one of the best economic stimulus ideas out there.

More money in the pocket of all women – particularly Latina women whose share of the market has only grown since 2013 – would provide a boost to our national economy since let’s face it, Latinas are usually the ones controlling the purse strings of their families.

This Latina Equal Pay Day, let’s celebrate all hardworking Latina women by standing up for Latina workers and demanding equal pay for equal work.

I stand as a strong supporter of the Paycheck Fairness Act so that we can finally tear down this cycle of inequality. Next year, Congress must make passing equal pay legislation a priority. Ensuring equal pay for equal work makes economic sense. It deserves bipartisan support.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Library book sale - Norwalk Library

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School

12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel

1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office

2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library

1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers

3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 a.m. - Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge

1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village

1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant

2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center

2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers

4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

1:00 p.m. - Adult color club "Color Us Happy" - Norwalk Library

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church

2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge

3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

SATURDAYS

2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk

Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

On This Day...

**November 11, 1620:** The Mayflower Compact was signed by the 41 men on the Mayflower when they landed in what is now Provincetown Harbor near Cape Cod. The compact called for "just and equal laws."

**1958:** Hank Ballard and the Midnighters recorded "The Twist." This version was a moderate hit in 1960. Chubby Checker's cover version gave rise to the Twist dance craze.

**2002:** Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates pledged \$100 million to fight AIDS in India.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Author Peg Kehret (80); Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller (65); Movie actor Stanley Tucci (56); Movie actress Demi Moore (54); Actress Calista Flockhart (52); TV actor David DeLuise (45); Actor Leonardo DiCaprio (42); Football player Victor Cruz (30); NFL star Mark Sanchez (30); and Pop singer Jacob Whitesides (19).

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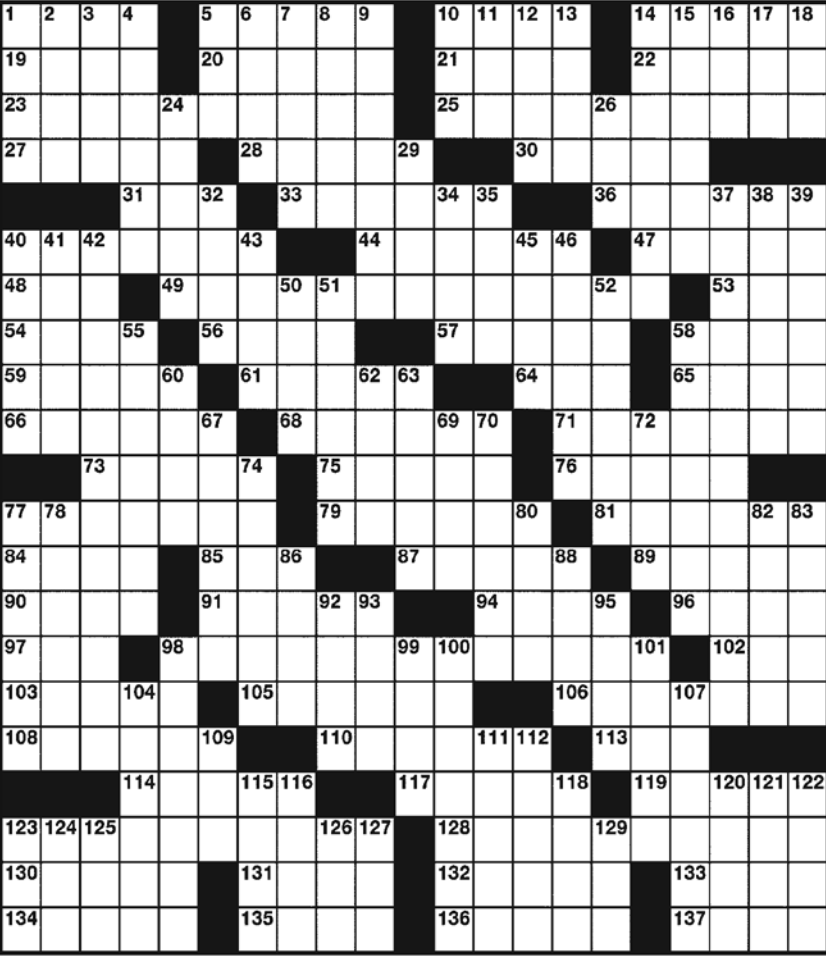
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CERRITOS COLLEGE

# TALON MARKS

## Cerritos College considers gender neutral bathrooms in response to students

By Briana Hicks

NORWALK – With the world constantly evolving California State Governor Jerry Brown recently signed a law mandating that every business with a single stall restroom must now hang signs explicitly stating the restroom is gender neutral.

Undecided major Jessica Summers has been advocating for gender neutral bathrooms to be included on the campus.

Summers explained that the gender neutral bathrooms are similar to the regular ones except there's more privacy.

"I actually ended up going to a Tea Girl Tuesday night at Hamburger Marys and that was my first experience with [a] gender neutral bathroom. It was very open, but at the same time it was very closed [...] there's no way for someone to feel uncomfortable."

She expressed after her first experience using the neutral bathroom, she met with the Title IX Coordinator Dr. Raphael Valyncia to discuss a plan to include the bathrooms on campus.

"Joseph Fierro and Victor Villalobos, two senators currently in seat, approached me and they had no knowledge of any of [the issues regarding transgender students using gender separated bathrooms] so I had to explain it to them," she expressed.

Fierro, who is currently working with Summers to help bring gender

neutral bathrooms to the school, said "So the idea was first brought up by Summers. Our role is to help her in any way we can."

Summers, on the other hand, has admitted that she feels like Fierro and Villalobos tried to take credit for her work.

"It had [come] to my attention that the week before homecoming apparently [Villalobos] decided to approach the idea as something that he had come up with [and] I don't think Dr. Valyncia realizes that people are trying to take credit for the sake of credit.

"Not accomplishing something for the sake of good and quite frankly at the same time, somebody trying to do this outside of the [LGBTQI] community it's not going to hold the same value as having somebody of [the LGBTQI] community trying to accomplish this. That's what frustrated me [...] I don't want somebody going out there trying to do what I'm doing when they're not [going to] have the values that I have coming into this, the understanding of what it actually means," she said.

Summers continued, "It isn't until you're put into that [unsafe] position that you actually know what something like this means."

Fierro admitted that the project was Summers idea.

Concerning Summers' comment Villalobos stated that the issue was never communicated to him, but from her statement within senate, he assumed it was meant for him and Fierro.

"We haven't spoken with [Summers] since we first spoke about the gender neutral restroom. In ASCC, how I've been trained, is when you speak about someone you speak about them not on a personal [level] but on their title. So for me it was etiquette within student government to not use her name and just say student.

"But after she voiced her concern, [...] our wording was misconstrued. Now we [realize we can] say her name, it's okay to give her credit. I'm not trying to steal credit from anyone, I'm just trying to be a guide or support [...] and help her," he said.

Business major Stephon Smalls said that gender neutral bathrooms are a tough situation but, he feels it's important because a student who is transgender may not feel comfortable going into separated men and women restrooms.

Undecided major Alysha Godoy expressed that she's okay with the campus having gender neutral bathrooms on campus only if it will help students who are transitioning feel comfortable.

Liberal Studies Sara Godbee agreed with Godoy and said she wouldn't mind if the school had gender neutral bathrooms, but she sees it possibly being a problem for some students on campus.

"There are people that won't see that [transgender people] identify as something else, as something that they feel. I already know if this is going to be a real thing there's going to be protest probably."

Summers has expressed that she is still working with Dr. Valyncia and does not have a set date for when the restrooms will be available.

Note: This story was originally published in Talon Marks , the student-ran newspaper at Cerritos College. To read the original version, please visit <http://www.talonmarks.com/news/2016/11/01/gender-neutral-bathrooms-in-discussion-for-campus>.



Roosevelt Elementary third-graders in Domitila Millan's class listen intently while Principal Sandra Verduzco reads "Big Bushy Mustache" for a Principal Challenge on Nov. 7 for National Young Readers Week. | Photo: LUSD

## Lynwood Unified principal takes on nationwide challenge to promote literacy

LYNWOOD – From the time Principal Sandra Verduzco arrived at Roosevelt Elementary School on the morning of Nov. 7 until the last bell rang, she did not stop reading her heart out to students in observance of National Young Readers Week.

As a part of Pizza Hut's BOOK IT! Program Principal Challenge, principals across the country were encouraged to spend the week reading to their campuses to demonstrate the importance of consistent reading.

"I have such a special connection with my Roosevelt students, and I know how much they appreciate me reading to each and every one of their classes," Verduzco said. "Reading is so valuable and takes us to so many places you'd never imagine. I want them to always know that."

Co-founded in 1989 by Pizza Hut and the Library of Congress Center for the Book, National Young Readers Week is an annual celebration held during the second week of November to raise awareness about the importance of reading.

Last year, every teacher at Roosevelt Elementary joined the Pizza Hut BOOK IT! Program to motivate students to read, rewarding them with free pizza for accomplishing monthly reading goals.

By reading to all 32 classrooms, Verduzco also entered her school into a drawing for free Kate DiCamillo books for the entire school – about 700 new books.

"Having Principal Verduzco demonstrate the importance of books and literacy in this way emphasizes the commitment our educators have in preparing our students for college and careers," Superintendent Paul Gothold said. "Literacy is pivotal to every student's success and does not just stop after school. It's a lifelong lesson."

Roosevelt consistently promotes reading through its library reading program, in which students are encouraged to read every week and submit book reports for a chance to win an annual library achievement award and prize.

"As educators, we must lead by example – we can't expect our students to enjoy reading if they never see teachers enjoying a good book," LUSD Board of Education President Alma-Delia Renteria said. "Roosevelt is providing its students with skills that will help them long after they leave the halls of their school."

## Cerritos deputies arrest 25-year-old for assault with a gun after road rage incident

CERRITOS – A Torrance resident was arrested last Saturday after an incident of road rage led the 25-year-old to allegedly threaten a

couple with a handgun, police said.

On Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2:25 p.m., Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies from the Cerritos Station responded to the 18900 block of Castle Place in Cerritos regarding a person with a gun call.

A preliminary investigation by deputies revealed that the suspect, Brandon Patrick, was driving west on South Street and east of Studebaker Road behind the vehicle of a Lakewood couple -- a 51-year-old man and his 44-year-old girlfriend.

Deputies say Patrick believed the man, who was driving, "cut him off" leading to a "road rage" incident wherein obscene hand gestures were exchanged.

The couple followed Patrick to a residential neighborhood on Castle Place, where Patrick stopped his vehicle. The couple stopped a short distance away. Patrick allegedly approached the victim's vehicle and pointed a handgun at both the male and female victims, deputies said. Patrick then walked to a nearby residence.

He was later arrested at the residence without further incident for assault with a deadly weapon, deputies said. He was booked at Cerritos station and is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail. No shots were fired during this incident and neither victim was injured.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Cerritos Station at (562) 860-0044.

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