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School board approves translation services

■ NLMUSD approved an agreement with the Orange County Department of Education to utilize their translation and interpretation services for district members with different communication styles.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

NORWALK – The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District voted to pass the Interpretation Translations Trainings Agreement with the Orange County Superintendent of Schools (OCSS) during their board of education meeting Monday evening.

Under the agreement the OCSS will begin providing NLMUSD with interpretation and translation for various district needs, potentially covering individual education plans, parent-teacher conferences and other meetings requiring language services.

The district will manage and schedule these services as needed, paying for no more than \$15,000 for their services.

Board member Robert Cancio raised concerns of fiscal responsibility and argued to utilize district community members as interpreters.

“I was also given the opportunity to meet folks in our district that do have the skill sets and have been tested through HR,” Cancio said. “Give them an opportunity to be able to practice their skill sets and then provide those services to our families and school sites.”

District superintendent John Lopez explained the district needs a translator or interpreter familiar with uncommon languages or communication styles in the event they are used during a meeting.

“If a specific language comes up, we may not have every translator on board. This agreement is for those languages that don’t come up too often to be able to use interpretation services,” Lopez said.

Cancio expressed exploring free services that are utilized by other districts, but the urgency of having a translator available for uncommon languages and specialized communication was noted by the board members including Chris Staples

“We all know, IEPs are special circumstances. When they come up, we need to immediately accommodate our parents in these situations,” Staples said.

The agreement passed with Karen Morrison, Norma Amezcua, Chris Staples and Narcis Brasov voting yes, and Jose Rios, Robert Cancio and Lorena Vidaurre voting no.



Norwalk resident Michael Haltom was charged Wednesday for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol insurrection.

Norwalk man arrested in connection with U.S. Capitol attack

■ Michael Haltom entered the Capitol through a broken window and attempted to kick down a door in the Speaker’s Lobby, according to a federal indictment.

By City News Service

NORWALK – A Norwalk man was arrested Wednesday on multiple federal charges related to his alleged actions during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Michael Haltom, 43, is charged in a criminal complaint filed in the District of Columbia with felony offenses of civil disorder and obstruction of an official proceeding, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

He is also charged with misdemeanor offenses of destruction of government property, knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, knowingly engaging in any act of physical violence against any person or property in any restricted building or grounds, disorderly or disruptive conduct in an act of physical violence in the Capitol grounds or buildings, and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building.

The actions of the crowd that day disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to certify the Electoral College vote related to the 2020 presidential election.

Haltom is expected to make his initial appearance Wednesday afternoon in Los Angeles federal court.

According to court documents, Haltom was identified on the Capitol grounds on Jan. 6, 2021, among a crowd of rioters near the Peace Circle Monument located on the northwest corner of the grounds near the Pennsylvania Walkway. Haltom is allegedly



depicted on video footage moving southeast on the Pennsylvania Walkway in the direction of the Capitol building.

Video footage also apparently captures Haltom closer to the building in the West Plaza area of U.S. Capitol grounds where scaffolding was being constructed in advance of the Presidential Inauguration. At roughly 1:30 p.m., Haltom stood near the police line preventing rioters from further advancing toward the Capitol, video footage appears to show.

Haltom is also seen waving other rioters forward gesturing them to push back on the bike rack barricades used by law enforcement to maintain their defensive line, the DOJ alleges.

According to court documents, Haltom repeatedly pushed on the barricades as police officers attempted to hold back the crowd. Law enforcement officers deployed pepper spray to disperse the crowd, but Haltom remained, using both hands to push against the bike-rack barricade even as police deployed the spray directly toward him, federal prosecutors allege.

Haltom then allegedly moved north from the West Plaza toward the covered scaffolding erected

over the Northwest Staircase. Rioters overran the entryway to the staircase, and he and others pushed forward into the scaffolding and onto the staircase.

The DOJ contends that with Haltom waving rioters forward, at 2:09 p.m., after overrunning multiple police lines, rioters ascended to the top of the Northwest Staircase to the Upper West Terrace area, which provided access to the west side of the Capitol building.

Haltom apparently moved with the crowd up the stairs after police lines were overrun, making his way to the Senate Wing Door entryway on the west side of the building. He was allegedly among the first rioters to reach the area.

At about 2:12 p.m., rioters used a police shield and lumber taken from the inauguration scaffolding to smash the Senate Wing Door. Rioters then climbed through those windows and kicked open the door to allow access to other rioters. Haltom climbed through the broken window at about 2:13 p.m., less than one minute after the first rioter breached the Capitol building that day, prosecutors allege.

According to the DOJ, after entering the Capitol, Haltom made his way toward the Senate side of

the building with other rioters. He eventually reached the entryway to a staircase where he and others confronted a U.S. Capitol Police officer, who was blocking their advance. Haltom and others yelled at and moved toward that Officer, who eventually began retreating up the staircase behind him, court papers allege. Haltom was the second person from the front of the crowd pursuing the officer up the stairs, the DOJ says.

Haltom eventually made his way to the Crypt, the House of Representatives side of the Capitol building, and hallway outside the Speaker of the House’s Lobby, court papers say.

Prosecutors allege that there, in the hallway, Haltom attempted to kick open a large wooden door leading in the direction of the Speaker’s Lobby and House Chamber. Haltom exited the building after being directed out by law enforcement at 2:56 p.m., the DOJ said.

In the 36 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,265 people have been charged in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 440 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement, a felony. The investigation remains ongoing.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	72°	
Saturday	78°	
Sunday	79°	

ON THIS DAY

1915: Rocky Mountain National Park was established by an act of Congress.

1950: India became a republic, achieving full independence from Great Britain.

1962: Lucky Luciano, who was the most powerful chief of American organized crime in the early 1930s and was deported to his native Italy in 1946, died at the age of 65.

1988: Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “The Phantom of the Opera,” a musical version of Gaston Leroux’s melodramatic novel, opened in New York City and went on to become the longest-running show in Broadway history.

1998: President Bill Clinton denied having “sexual relations” with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

2001: A massive earthquake struck near Bhuj, Gujarat, India, killing more than 20,000 people and causing extensive damage.

2009: In Bellflower, Nadya Suleman gave birth to the world’s first surviving octuplets.

2015: Blink-182 co-founder and lead vocalist Tom DeLonge announced his departure from the band, citing conflicts with bandmates.

2020: Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna, and seven others were killed in a helicopter crash in Calabasas.

2022: Spotify complied with a request by Neil Young to remove his music from the platform over his objections to “The Joe Rogan Experience” podcast, which Young felt was spreading misinformation about vaccinations.

BIRTHDAYS

Baseball commentator **BOB UECKER** (90), TV show host **ELLEN DEGENERES** (66), R&B singer **ANITA BAKER** (66), hockey hall of famer **WAYNE GRETZKY** (63), basketball great **VINCE CARTER** (47), conductor **GUSTAVO DUDAMEL** (43), race car driver **SERGIO PEREZ** (34), wrestler **MERCEDES VARNADO** (32) and famous Suleman octuplets **NOAH, MALIYAH, ISIAH, NARIYAH, JONAH, MAKAI, JOSIAH** and **JEREMIAH** (15).

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

It will soon be four (long) years since the COVID-19 pandemic began. We have learned a lot since those early days, including what the virus looks like, its method of transmission, how it mutates, and how to prevent its spread. We have a vaccine to help prevent or minimize infection. We even have a medication that is very good at treating it. However, aspects of it remain an enigma – in some patients, it leads to unusual, debilitating, and long-term medical problems: Long COVID.



Has there ever been a medical condition that has become so controversial and so politicized? As a doctor in this wonderful community, my goal here is to clarify just what actions we can take from here, in order to best keep all of us safe.

Almost one out of four people in Los Angeles County currently has a respiratory infection from COVID, flu, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) or the usual cold and bronchitis bugs. Yes; right now, there are a number of major viruses affecting a very large percentage of the people you and I interact with every day. Note that, while many assume that COVID is just like the flu, it is very likely that mortality from COVID still far exceeds the flu. In addition, COVID is more contagious than the flu. And, COVID can lead to some unique complications, including blood clots, multisystem inflammatory syndrome (which can affect the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes and gastrointestinal system), and long-term symptoms.

The number of COVID cases has put us at the "medium" level of hospital admissions. From the start, the Los Angeles County

Department of Public Health has provided guidance. They strongly encourage (but do not mandate) the following recommendations:

1) Keep current on your COVID vaccinations. An updated vaccine was approved in September and is recommended for practically everyone. Any older vaccination has likely worn off, or will not be effective against the current strains. Vaccinations decrease the risk for infection, and will definitely make your infection milder.

2) Consider masking indoors when you will be within six feet of others.

3) Do not go out in public if you have respiratory symptoms, or at least wear a mask if going out is unavoidable! Whether it is COVID or one of the other disagreeable germs being passed around, please don't share your illness with others. I urge you to consider that even if your own symptoms are mild, an older or immunosuppressed person could become much sicker from those very same germs.

4) If you develop symptoms, get a COVID test. Reach out to your physician. You may be a good candidate for Paxlovid, or another appropriate treatment, depending on your diagnosis.

This post-holiday spike in respiratory infections is all over the news. A reminder: flu also has a very effective vaccine (recommended for almost everybody), as does RSV (recommended for those aged 65 and older). Who among us wants to be stuck in bed (or worse) with any of these unpleasant diseases?

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In Downey, residents and Little League clash over lights

■ A proposal to install lights at Furman Park's softball and baseball fields has divided residents.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Potential plans for additional lighting at the Furman Park baseball fields moved forward on Tuesday although a final decision on whether or not they will be installed is still months away.

According to a report by city staff, approximately four light poles would be added between the west end of both fields and the existing trees, with approximately five additional lights added between the outfield section of both fields and a new tee ball field, along the third base side of the northernmost field near new trees and along the first base side of the southernmost field.

While supporters of Northwest Downey Little League (which plays at Furman) and youth sports have come out in support of the lights for prolonged field access, residents living near the park and its fields have voiced concerns over privacy, parking and nuisance.

Councilwoman Claudia Frometa acknowledged both sides of the argument, emphasizing the need to "balance the need for safety."

"As we look at our parks, it is incumbent on this city council to listen to our residents, yes,



Proponents say field lights will make Furman Park safer but neighborhood residents say it could increase traffic and parking problems. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

but also to ensure that our parks have the proper lighting needed to ensure that our pedestrians, that our community residents that are walking the trails feel safe," said Frometa.

She added that local sports teams should be the prioritized over travel ball teams for field use.

"This is our community park, and therefore the priority is going to be our community, and our community residents, and our community children," said Frometa. "There is no reason why they should be

having to practice in Santa Fe Springs, or South Gate, or any other community when they are Downey leagues, and Downey residents.

"Furthermore, we will ensure that there is no travel ball teams playing in those fields...No, we won't be opening up for travel ball teams, because that is disruptive to our neighborhoods, where you have [games] January through December every single weekend; that does disrupt the lives of our community."

The lights would be a part of the Furman Park Stormwater

Infiltration Project, which was added to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) list as part of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. Plans for the potential lighting are still in the design phase, and no operational details – such as when the lights would be turned off each night – have been decided. The city is anticipating entering a resident feedback period later this year.

The entire Stormwater Infiltration Project is slated to begin early next year and conclude in 2026.



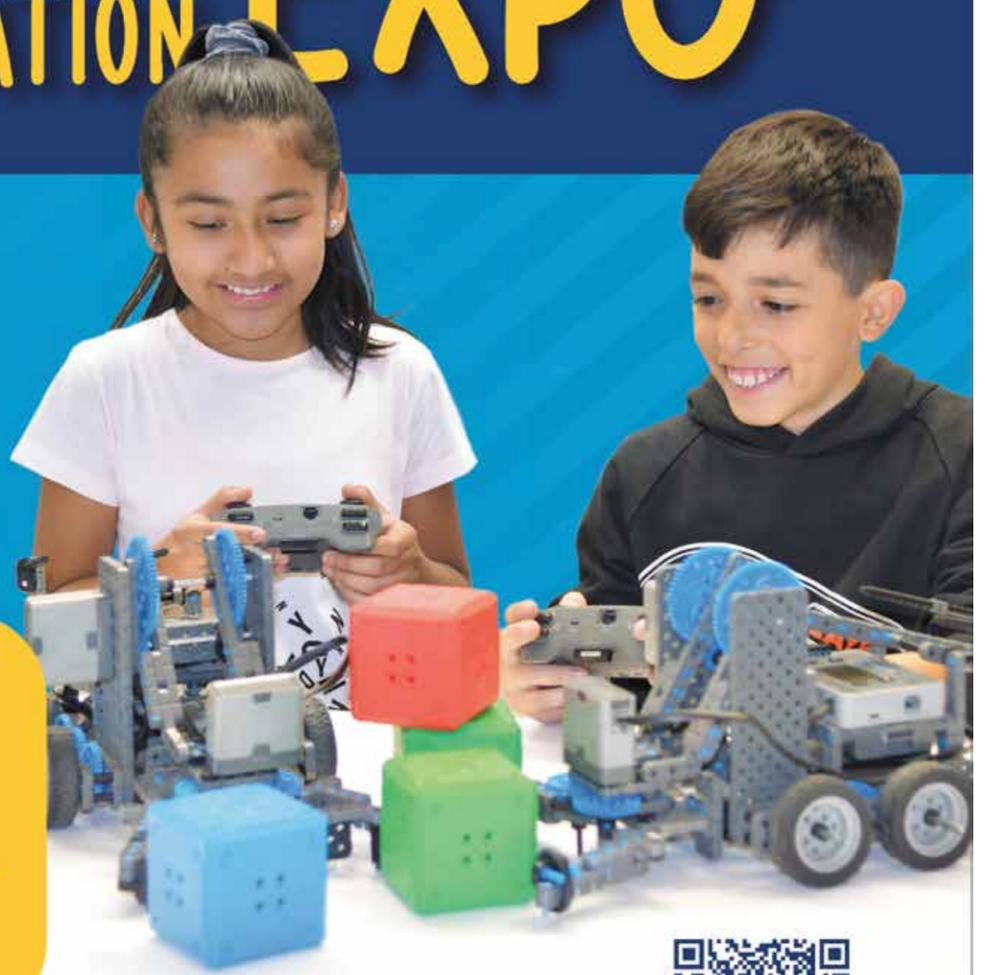
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Why the ‘Barbie’ Oscars snubs are so enraging

To nominate Ken but not Barbie for an Academy Award is height of hypocrisy.

By Sara Stewart

Sara Stewart is a film and culture writer who lives in western Pennsylvania.

Looks like it’s going to be the Mojo Dojo Casa Oscars. (Again.)

Tuesday’s Oscar nominations included eight nods for “Barbie,” the highest-grossing movie of the year — but none for director Greta Gerwig, who created its singular, wildly popular vision, or lead actress Margot Robbie, who was, you know, Barbie. It’s a forehead-slapping pair of snubs that perfectly reflect the movie’s central premise: Patriarchy is baked into every aspect of our culture, and it’s exhaustingly hard for women to get a fair shake.

“Barbie” got nods for best picture, best supporting actress (America Ferrera) and best supporting actor (Ryan Gosling), among others. (“Oppenheimer,” the other half of Barbenheimer, meanwhile, predictably scored nods for director Christopher Nolan and lead actor Cillian Murphy among its 13 nominations.)

Think back to the movie moment where Writer Barbie (Alexandra Shipp) accepts the Nobel Prize in Barbieland with a concise speech: “Thanks. I deserve this!” The line is funny and striking and a little sad because it’s almost unheard of for actual women to make declarations like this. It was also delightful to imagine Gerwig and Robbie quoting it at the Oscars, because of course they would both at least be nominees if not winners. Right?

It’s worth noting that Robbie was nominated as a producer for “Barbie” and Gerwig was nominated for best adapted screenplay, but that doesn’t alter how enraging this all is. There are so many reasons to feel incredulous: Gerwig (who was nominated as best director for “Lady Bird” but was likewise snubbed for “Little Women”) set a new record for highest-grossing female-directed film at the domestic box office, for god’s sake. And yes, the Academy has always seemed slightly allergic to mainstream, feel-good hits, but “Barbie” felt poised to clear that hurdle with its sheer cross-generational appeal. Who didn’t love the movie, besides reactionary right-wing dorks?

Social media quickly lit up with outrage over the slights. Author Brad Meltzer summed it up nicely: “Nominating Ken but not Barbie is literally the plot of the movie.” Stephen King weighed in. This is not to suggest Gosling doesn’t deserve a nod. He was great, as was Ferrera. But it’s hard not to suspect that voters are throwing the film a bone by nominating the actress who delivered an oft-quoted but fairly brief monologue about womanhood while ignoring the woman who created the whole damn movie.

As Gosling put it in a statement to CNN, “I am extremely honored to be nominated by my colleagues alongside such remarkable artists in a year of so many great films. And I never thought I’d be saying this, but I’m also incredibly honored and proud that it’s for portraying a plastic doll named Ken. But there is no Ken without Barbie, and there is no Barbie movie without Greta Gerwig and Margot Robbie, the two people most responsible for this history-making, globally-celebrated film.”

I’ve always been struck by the dissonance between the best picture and best director categories. This happens every year now, because there are twice as many pictures nominated as directors. But this instance seems particularly egregious. Every frame of “Barbie” feels like a Gerwig creation, a sunny yet subversive take on an iconic aspect of

American girlhood. You cannot separate director and picture here. Or I guess you can, but it sure as hell doesn’t mean you should.

There’s just one woman (always just one, if that) nominated in the best director category. This year it’s Justine Triet for “Anatomy of a Fall.” And with no disrespect to that highly acclaimed movie, it’s a small film that most people haven’t seen. “Barbie,” on the other hand, was a colossus. And a colossus that pointed out, with glee, that men under the sway of patriarchy (which may or may not have something to do with horses) are deluded and backwards. It’s tempting to imagine that it feels fine to the Oscars voters to have one woman represented in the directing category: See, they didn’t shut women out!

But the history of the Academy Awards is crowded with examples of female directors being denied the nomination. They didn’t even have a female nominee until almost five decades into the tradition — and then, another 20 years went by before another woman (Jane Campion) would score a nod. Triet, shockingly, is only the eighth woman EVER NOMINATED in this category. For a 96-year-old ceremony. And, of course, there has never been more than one in a single year. As the twice-snubbed director Marielle Heller has said, “...the world doesn’t know how to handle more than one good female director at a time.” Which seems to be as true as ever this year; in addition to Gerwig, Oscar voters shut out Celine Song, director of the best picture-nominated “Past Lives.”

Earlier this year, when the world was abuzz over the newly released “Barbie,” Gerwig offered her thoughts on what it could mean for gender parity. “My hope for the movie is that it’s an invitation for everybody to be part of the party and let go of the things that aren’t necessarily serving us as either women or men,” she told the New York Times. Maybe next year!

3 ways to help struggling Millennials

The cards are stacked against Millennials but there are ways to ease the burden.

By Jill Filipovic

Jill Filipovic is a journalist and author of the book “OK Boomer, Let’s Talk: How My Generation Got Left Behind.”

Millennials, as you’ve probably heard, have gotten pretty screwed.

By some accounts, we’re the most educated generation in American history, but also underwater with educational debt. We haven’t amassed the kind of wealth our parents had at our age, and it’s unclear whether we’ll ever catch up. We’ve been slower to purchase homes in part because Baby Boomers won’t sell theirs, and so we’re throwing our hard-earned cash away on skyrocketing rents, which in turn puts saving for a 20% down payment further out of reach. We’re so financially stressed that we can’t afford to have kids, and by staying childless we’re breaking our Boomer parents’ hearts.

I wrote an entire book on the plight of Millennials, on the many advantages Boomers enjoyed and then hoarded for themselves, and what Boomers and Millennials alike don’t understand about each other. There is much doom and gloom to be found in nearly all of the reporting about Millennial life, and things aren’t looking much better for Gen Z and younger generations. But there are also tremendous opportunities. American Boomers enjoyed unprecedented wealth and opportunity not just out of sheer luck or even sheer numbers, but because the government made unprecedented investments in them: in their education, in their health, in their ability to live independently.

Our country could do the same for Millennials. It may, frankly, be too little, too late for many of us. But it could ensure that the Millennial generation is an unfortunate aberration, and that future generations return to a path of prosperity and upward mobility.

The “how to fix it” list could itself fill an entire book. But here are three priorities:

Make higher education much more affordable

One of the more troubling shifts of the past American decade has been the broad loss of faith in higher education. While 74% of young adults a decade ago agreed that a college degree is very important, only 41% say the same today. Nearly half of Gen Zers say that a high school diploma or GED is sufficient to ensure financial security. And they were the least likely among generations to say that colleges and universities are having a positive effect “on the way things are going in this country today.”

Perhaps unsurprisingly, a smaller proportion of high schoolers are continuing on to college. It’s a decline not seen around the rest of the developed world, where higher education is expanding. At its core, this uniquely American rejection of higher education seems to be about value: Given all we’ve heard about how even well-educated Millennials struggle financially, the price tag on a degree in the US just doesn’t seem worth it.

The truth is, of course, more complicated. A college degree does mean, on average, significantly better wages, and graduates of elite universities do best of all. Those higher wages, though, can be offset by debt. And people who take out loans to go to college but don’t graduate see the worst of both worlds: lower wages and higher debt.

Jobs that require a college degree are also likely to remain higher-paying, while those that do not seem to be in a race to the wage bottom. Life for Americans without a college degree has become more perilous by a range of measures: This is the group most likely to perish from “deaths of despair” and to live in communities rife with alcoholism, substance abuse and financial struggle. And American economic growth and global competitiveness both require a workforce with plenty of college graduates.

This is not a problem that one-time student loan forgiveness is going to solve. We need massive state and federal investment in education: in higher education, to make college much more affordable, and in K-12 education, to ensure that where a child grows up doesn’t limit her prospects for college and beyond. The federal government needs to regulate the student loan industry and end the proliferation of predatory and exploitative for-profit educational institutions. Not every student needs to go to an Ivy League school, but every student should have access to an affordable, high-quality four-year education near their homes.

This is largely a solved problem across Europe. We could make it happen here in the US, too. Doing so would benefit young adults, of course, who could graduate without the weight of five- or six-figure debt weighing them down from the start. But it would also benefit the nation as a whole, equipping us with a more sophisticated workforce better prepared for the technological evolutions of the coming decades.

Provide universal low-cost child care

From my vantage point, the single highest barrier to Millennial economic stability is child care. Millennials are now squarely within childbearing age, and while many of us are forgoing children, most of us are or will be parents — but we’re having fewer children than women of previous generations, and we’re having them later. The reasons behind that are complex, but cost is certainly among them: The United States has some of the highest child care costs in the world.

And that isn’t because American kids are getting better-than-average care; it’s because our government simply doesn’t invest in it. The US government spends, on average, \$500 per child per year on early childhood care costs. The average spent among OECD countries is \$14,436.

Affordable, high-quality, universal child care helps mothers, and particularly low-income mothers, to stay in the workforce, which pays dividends for their families. Child care programs help to prepare kids for school and may keep them more active and socially engaged. As it stands, screens have become a stopgap measure for poor families, with kids in low-income households spending many more hours looking at them than kids in more affluent ones — something that was exacerbated during the pandemic.

Social conservatives often prefer that mothers leave the labor force and stay home with their children, which is one reason there has been such broad resistance to universal child care on the American right. The demand that women stay home seems to be based more on nostalgia and gender traditionalism than evidence, of which there’s plenty, that working mothers bring significant benefits to their children, to themselves and to national economies.

The reality, for many American families, isn’t a well-paid dad who can support a family on a single income and a mom whose primary aspiration is to dedicate herself to raising children, were it not for manipulative feminists and scheming liberals who pressure her into the workforce. Much more often, reality is a complicated mix of mothers who want many sources of purpose and gratification, as

well as the freedom and pride that financial independence brings; couples who need two incomes in order to raise their children in financial stability; and single moms who are the only person bringing home the bacon.

All of these groups would benefit hugely from free or affordable child care. It would radically decrease the stress American parents live under, it would enable parents to provide a higher standard of living for their children and it would give children a leg up.

It might also make having a child, or having an additional child, feel possible for a greater number of young people.

End the housing shortage

America’s housing system is broken, and not just because so many Millennials can’t afford homes. Millennials drove re-urbanization as many of us graduated college and moved to cities instead of returning to the small towns or suburban enclaves in which we were raised. But those cities simply don’t have enough housing units, especially affordable rentals for low-income people or starter homes (and even starter apartments) for those taking a big step into adult life. This housing shortage has expanded out into the suburbs and even rural areas.

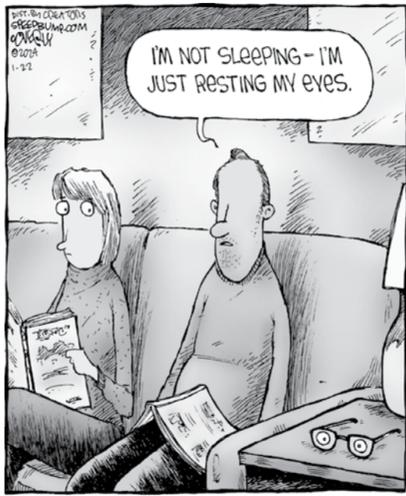
This wasn’t the case for Boomers, in large part because the government invested in a massive expansion of housing stock during their early years. The federal government could do the same now, expanding tax credits and voucher programs. Cities could embrace growth and build, and tax homeowners who do not live in or rent out their units. States could expand aid to first-time homebuyers, ideally lowering closing costs for real estate purchases and making that so-hard-to-amass 20% down payment more doable.

And this is very pie-in-the-sky, but the US is far overdue for a total overhaul in property taxation. We are vastly over-reliant on property taxes for government revenue, which poses a big problem for homeowners who are just scraping by, as well as for retirees who may have paid off their homes but still owe a hefty tax bill every year. Property tax costs are inevitably passed down to renters, who also wind up paying more. And local property taxes, in turn, contribute to wildly unequal funding schemes for public schools, the outcome of which is that the kids in the richest enclaves also enjoy the best public educations — better-paid teachers, nicer facilities, smaller classes, updated textbooks, advanced science equipment, college and mental health counselors — while kids in poorer areas receive far less investment and far fewer educational resources.

This, too, hurts young families, who may spend beyond their means to get their kids in to a decent school district, or who see their children’s opportunities drastically diminished simply because a parent doesn’t make enough to move to a tony neighborhood. And it hurts children, who are, after all, future adults, keeping those who already come from challenging backgrounds at an even greater disadvantage, while giving the best-off an additional leg up. That’s fuel for growing inequality, and a compounding of the problems Millennials face for future generations.

There is much more than should be — could be, must be — done to help Millennials and the generations after us achieve the American dream (or at least financial stability). But there’s no time to waste. The oldest Millennials are in our early 40s, and the window to improve our future is rapidly narrowing. We may indeed wind up left behind. But the US can also refuse to repeat these mistakes and instead choose to invest in something better for the generations that come next.

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Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers
2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church
2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom
2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall

SUNDAYS

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - 12201 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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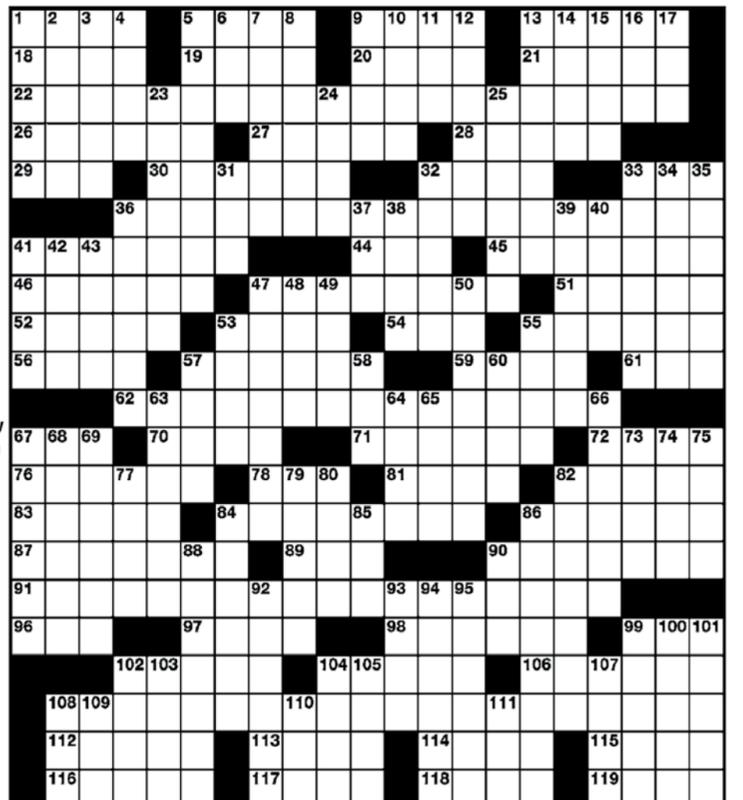
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on (date): 12/20/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/26/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1203035.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023275791

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KORECTUSA, 7801 TELEGRAPH RD STE#E, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 MONTEBELLO. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: DENIDA GROUP INC, 7801 TELEGRAPH RD STE#E, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JOSEPH KIM, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 10/20/2016. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/27/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1204055.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023276369

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: VXQ INNOVATIONS, 14621 TITUS ST. #212, PANORAMA CITY, CA 91402 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VINH QUANG MA, 8518 SALOMA AVE., PANORAMA CITY, CA 91402. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: VINH QUANG MA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 12/20/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 12/27/2023. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1204174.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024000401

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JG SERVICES, 6529 1/2 72ND ST. PARAMOUNT, CA 90723 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JONATHAN GALINDO ANGUIANO, 6529 1/2 72ND ST. PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: JONATHAN GALINDO ANGUIANO, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/02/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1204780.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024000440

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PASTELITO EXPRESS LATIN FOOD, 17705 S WESTERN AVE SPC 56, GARDENA, CA 90248 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ROBERTO STELIO RUEGELES MORA, 17705 S WESTERN AVE SPC 56, GARDENA, CA 90248, LINDA CIELO GIRARDOT MARQUEZ, 17705 S WESTERN AVE SPC 56, GARDENA, CA 90248. This business is conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: ROBERTO STELIO RUEGELES MORA, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/02/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1204781.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024001528

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 76TH COLLISION INSPECTION CENTER, 7601 S. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MAYRA CUEVAS, 7601 S. FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: MAYRA CUEVAS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/03/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1204782.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024001530

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: VIRY'S CLEANERS, 1205 N TAMARIND AVE, COMPTON, CA 90222 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VIRIDIANA LOPEZ MORAN, 1205 N TAMARIND AVE, COMPTON, CA 90222. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: VIRIDIANA LOPEZ MORAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/03/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1204787.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024001564

The following person(s) is/are doing business

as: NS RECYCLING CENTER, 18502 S. NORMANDIE AVE, GARDENA, CA 90248 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: NELSON A. SAENZ CLAROS, 18502 S. NORMANDIE AVE, GARDENA, CA 90248. This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) Signed: NELSON A. SAENZ CLAROS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/03/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: 01/05/2024, 01/12/2024, 01/19/2024, 01/26/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1204788.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023262916

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROBBEN, 15449 MIDCREST DR., WHITTIER CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAIME RODRIGUEZ, 15449 MIDCREST DR., WHITTIER, CA 90604 (2) LAURA RODRIGUEZ, 15449 MIDCREST DR., WHITTIER CA 90604
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/23
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/JAIME RODRIGUEZ, HUSBAND
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 7, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20240004173
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TOTAL TECH SOLUTIONS, 10503 LEEDS ST, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VICTORIA L KINNAMAN, 10503 LEEDS ST, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/23
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/VICTORIA L KINNAMAN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 8, 2024
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Norwalk Patriot 1/12/24, 1/19/24, 1/26/24, 2/2/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2023275708
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DEBT FREE USA LLC, 11839 ALLARD ST, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DEBT FREE USA LLC, 11839 ALLARD ST, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/23
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/DEBT FREE USA LLC, CEO, RUFUGIO GOMEZ JR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 27, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DEBT FREE USA LLC, 11839 ALLARD ST, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/23
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LIEN SALES
Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
10950 Firestone Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650
2/07/2024 1:30pm

Stacy Escamilla Household items

Claudia Lopez Household items

Alice Hudson Household items

Brittany Masse Household items

Jennifer Torres Household items

Alma Romero Household Items

Victor Hernandez Household items

Omair Muro Household items

Christian Cadena Household items

Gloria Chavez Household items

Maria Adkinson Household items

Manuel Florindo Household items

Manuel Alvarez Household items

Sonia Ortega Household items

Carmen Miras Household items

Stacey Bernard Household items

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

The Norwalk Patriot 1/26/24

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 23STCP04603
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GABRIELLE MENDOZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name GABRIELLE MENDOZA to Proposed name GABRIELLE MENDOZA-RIOS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: 26, Room: 316
The address of the court is 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: **THE NORWALK PATRIOT**
DECEMBER 22, 2023
ELAINE LU
Judge of the Superior Court
ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT INTEREST: GABRIELLE MENDOZA
10400 GAYBROOK AVE
DOWNEY CA 90241
(562) 396-2054
GABBYMENDOZARIOS7@GMAIL.COM

The Norwalk Patriot 1/26/24, 2/2/24, 2/9/24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IRMA HORTENSIA SIMMONS Case No. 24STPB00057
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IRMA HORTENSIA SIMMONS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MARIA ELENA MATA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARIA ELENA MATA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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.
Petitioner:
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
JENNIFER N.K. VENABLE, ESQ., SBN 333306
LAW OFFICE OF JENNIFER N.K. VENABLE
26690 MADISON AVE., SUITE 105
MURRIETA, CA 92562
951-380-0430 PHONE
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The Norwalk Patriot 1/26/24, 2/2/24, 2/9/24

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: BRYAN J. SALERNO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
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California offers down payment help to first time homebuyers

■ State assistance up to \$150,000 is available for qualifying first-time homebuyers.

NORWALK – California will give out \$250 million in down payment assistance this spring as it relaunches its widely popular program aimed at helping first-time homebuyers.

Last year, the Dream for All program started with \$300 million and it all ran out in just 11 days.

This year, the California Housing Finance Agency made changes aimed at reaching a more diverse group of borrowers across the state. This time, instead of the program launching on a first-come, first-serve basis, there will be a lottery.

How does the down payment assistance lottery work?

“The next round of the California Dream For All shared appreciation loan program will be focused on first-generation homebuyers and use a lottery system to ensure an equitable distribution of loans,” read a statement from the department. “Interested homebuyers can get started working with an approved loan officer or approved lender now in preparation to submit applications in April for the lottery.”

The state will give up to 20% of the purchase price, or

\$150,000, whichever is lower. The loan will then be paid back, plus a share of the home’s appreciation whenever it sells in the future.

Officials estimate is between 1,700 and 2,000 lottery winners will receive vouchers and will then have 60 days to spend on a home.

Edgar Ramos, a Norwalk-based real estate agent who assists with Dream For All applications, said the program will make homeownership more attainable.

“For many people, especially first time homebuyers, the down payment is the largest deterrent to buying property,” Ramos said. “You should only apply if you’re serious about buying a home. Once you’re approved, the process moves quickly to find a home, make an offer and close escrow.”

It’s unclear if the state will allocate more funds after the \$250 million is depleted. Even so, Ramos said there are other programs available to help with down payments, including CalHFA, Chenoa and FHA, which requires only a 3.5% down payment.

For questions about the Dream For All program, in English or Spanish, call Edgar Ramos at (562) 359-7048.

U.S. approves \$2.5 billion for high-speed rail line connecting SoCal, Vegas

■ The rail line will connect to Metrolink, allowing passengers to board in Santa Fe Springs and catch a connection in Rancho Cucamonga.

By City News Service

A high-speed rail line connecting Southern California with Las Vegas got a major boost Tuesday with the approval of \$2.5 billion in bonds.

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the funding, via private activity bonds authority allocated for the Brightline West High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail project.

The 218-mile rail line will primarily run along the Interstate 15 median with trains capable of reaching 186 mph or more, cutting the trip to 2 hours, 10 minutes -- half the time to travel by car, officials said.

“Today, the Biden-Harris administration takes the next step to fulfill the promise of high-speed rail in the American West, with \$2.5 billion in private activity bond authority to lay tracks, create jobs, and connect American cities,” U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said. “President Biden’s historic infrastructure package gives us the opportunity to build safe, green, and accessible rail systems that will deliver benefits to the American people for generations to come.”

The \$12 billion Brightline West project will be a fully



electric, zero-emission system that officials say will be one of the greenest forms of transportation in the United States. The project is expected to bolster tourism, create 35,000 jobs, ease traffic on I-15 and cut more than 400,000 tons of carbon pollution each year.

The line will include a flagship station in Las Vegas, with additional stations in Apple Valley, Hesperia and Rancho Cucamonga. The Rancho Cucamonga Station will also connect to Southern California’s regional Metrolink service, allowing for connectivity into downtown Los Angeles and beyond.

“As the first true high-speed rail system in America, Brightline West will serve as the blueprint for connecting cities with fast, eco-friendly passenger rail throughout the country,” Brightline Founder and Chairman Wes Edens said. “Connecting Las Vegas and Southern California will provide widespread public benefits to both states, creating thousands of jobs and jump-starting a new level of economic competitiveness for the region. We appreciate the confidence placed in us by DOT and are

ready to get to work.”

The DOT previously approved a private activity bond allocation of \$1 billion for Brightline West in 2020, bringing the total allocation for the project to \$3.5 billion. In December, the DOT awarded a \$3 billion grant from Biden’s infrastructure bill to the Nevada Department of Transportation for the project, and in June, the DOT awarded a \$25 million grant to the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program that will be used for the construction of Brightline West stations in Hesperia and Victor Valley, California.

Brightline officials say the project is near shovel-ready and expected to break ground in early 2024. The tentative goal is to have the line open by 2028, in time for the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

More information about the project can be found at brightlinewest.com.

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