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## College breaks ground on new admin building

NORWALK – Cerritos College officials and the Board of Trustees, elected officials, and community members celebrated a groundbreaking for the new Student Services and Administration Building on Feb. 21.

Consisting of the student services, administration, and bookstore functions, the \$95-million project is funded by Measure CC Bond dollars and a state funding allocation of \$16 million secured by California Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon in 2022.

“Funding higher education has been a top priority for me and the state for the past decade. Our focus has been on supporting community college education, in particular, to help students facing financial struggles, similar to what I experienced. I’m proud to be an active member of this community and will continue to work towards making higher education accessible to all,” said Speaker Emeritus Rendon.

Following the ceremonial groundbreaking, Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro announced that the student services portion of the building will be named in honor of Speaker Emeritus Rendon, a distinguished Falcon alumnus who continues to show long-standing support of the college and the community it serves. The student services portion of the building will house the Welcome Center, Counseling, Student Life, Student Equity & Success, Financial Aid, Admissions and Records, hyflex meeting rooms, and hyflex classrooms.

The 118,000-gross-square-foot project will provide a grand frontage to the college and a welcoming campus gateway for the community.

“We thank our community for believing in the vision of our educational master plan and for voting “yes” on our Measure CC Bond, which allows us to build this new facility,” said Cerritos College Board of Trustees President Dr. Sandra Salazar. “In dedicating this ground, we re-emphasize our commitment to ensuring quality higher education for many more generations of students.”

“We are committed to being responsible with taxpayer funds by continuously exploring other funding sources to maximize our bond dollars and resources,” said Dr. Fierro.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2026.

## Santa Fe High seniors earn full scholarships after being named national scholars

■ Nevaeh Esteves-Parker and Zulema Gamboa both have 4.3 GPAs and will study on the East Coast.

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Santa Fe High School seniors Zulema Gamboa and Nevaeh Esteves-Parker have much in common. Friends since middle school, they have both become top scholars at Santa Fe High and aspire to pursue their higher education in locations where their learning experiences will be embellished by seasonal weather and traditions not common in Southern California.

Gamboa and Esteves-Parker, who share identical 4.3 GPAs, will soon start packing their bags to travel to prestigious colleges across the country after being named 2024 Posse Foundation scholars, earning full-ride scholarships to attend Hobart and William Smith Colleges in upstate New York and Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, respectively.

“It was a surreal moment when I found out I won the Posse scholarship,” Gamboa said. “Being a Posse scholar feels like a blessing to me. In the beginning you think the odds are too great to be named a winner, so now that I have received this honor, I feel so proud and blessed to be able to live this experience. So far, the journey has been great, and the people are amazing.”

The unusual recruiting process of the Posse Foundation centers on a series of interviews with Posse-nominated students in more than 20 cities across the country, students who are looking to secure an admission at one of more than 60 Posse Foundation partner schools, many of which are private universities with small student populations. Posse’s mission is to recruit a small group of students with diverse backgrounds and train them to be the leaders of tomorrow.

As elementary school children, both Gamboa and Esteves-Parker found passions that helped shape their



Santa Fe High School seniors Zulema Gamboa (right) and Nevaeh Esteves-Parker have been named 2024 Posse Foundation Scholars, giving them full-ride scholarships to Hobart & William Smith Colleges in New York and Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, respectively.



character and leadership skills and prepared them for the rigors of the Posse interview process.

Gamboa has been involved in the Associated Student Body (ASB) and leadership since the fourth grade, currently serving in Santa Fe’s ASB executive cabinet. Gamboa hopes to continue in student government roles at Hobart and William Smith.

Likewise, Esteves-Parker discovered a love for softball in the fourth grade and has served as captain on Santa Fe’s junior varsity team for the last three years, though she said she has no plans to continue playing softball at the college level.

Esteves-Parker has her sights set on becoming a children’s

clinical psychologist, a career path she learned about in her AP psychology class.

Her interest in the subject expanded when she joined the school’s Psychology Club, where she participated in stress seminars, including one during finals week where students wrote down their fears on a piece of paper and put it in a shredder as a coping mechanism.

“I’m attracted to this field because I’ve always been a good listener. With my family and friends, I am usually the person they come to talk to,” Esteves-Parker said. “I really enjoy helping people. The reason I stayed on the J.V. team instead of moving to Varsity in my senior year is so

I could continue to mentor the younger players. This is a tough sport, and you can really get down on yourself.”

Gamboa is looking to major in biology on her way to a career as a licensed physical therapist, a career choice inspired by a woman who required extensive physical therapy. Her proudest moment at Santa Fe came when she was the lead planner for the school’s 2023 Top 100 student scholar celebration, an honor that she also received.

“It was my big solo project, organizing the Top 100, and there was so much to do. It’s a huge event, but it turned out really well,” Gamboa said. “It was a big step up for me, because I had never hosted an event of this magnitude before. It was super fulfilling for me and helped me so much with my confidence.”

Both Gamboa and Esteves-Parker said they are grateful for the support they have received from Santa Fe High faculty and staff, excited about their new schools and looking forward to experiencing the four seasons and being in new geographic locations that can lead them to new people, new passions and help shape their identities further.

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 64°

Saturday 62°

Sunday 62°

### ON THIS DAY

#### 1872:

Yellowstone National Park was established by Congress as the country’s first national park.

#### 1875:

Republicans in the U.S. Congress passed the last of the Force Acts, which protected the constitutional rights of Blacks.

#### 1932:

The infant son of American aviator Charles A. Lindbergh was abducted from his home, Bruno Hauptmann being later convicted of the baby’s kidnapping and murder.

#### 1936:

After five years of construction, the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River at the Arizona-Nevada border was completed

#### 1941:

The superhero Captain America made his debut, featured in a comic book punching Hitler in the face.



#### 1961:

The Peace Corps was established by U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

#### 1985:

Ford licensed The Beatles song “Help!” for a commercial, marking the first time one of their songs was used in a TV ad.

#### 1991:

Uprisings against Saddam Hussein began in Iraq, leading to the deaths of more than 25,000 people, mostly civilians.

#### 1998:

“Titanic” became the first film to gross over a billion dollars at the box office.

#### 2005:

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was unconstitutional to execute convicts who were under age 18 at the time of their crimes.

#### 2006:

Wikipedia published its one millionth English article.

### BIRTHDAYS

Film director **RON HOWARD** (70), wrestling hall of famer **BOOKER T** (57), film actor **JAVIER BARDEM** (55), NBA hall of famer **CHRIS WEBBER** (51), “Saved by the Bell” star **MARK PAUL GOSSELAAR** (50), actress **LUPITA NYONG’O** (41), pop singer **KESHA** (37) and pop star **JUSTIN BIEBER** (30).

## Cerritos Library hosts writer’s festival

CERRITOS – A don’t-miss for bookworms and aspiring writers, the first-ever Writer’s Festival to celebrate the magic of storytelling will be presented by the Friends of the Cerritos Library on Saturday, March 30.

The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room. The event is for ages 18 and older.

The festival will include a

luncheon, entertainment, and a six-author panel discussion followed by a book-signing.

The registration cost for the festival is \$60 for the Friends of the Cerritos Library members and \$70 for non-members. Guests can register online at [cerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com](http://cerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com)

Featured authors include Diane Marie Brown, who penned the novel “Black Candle Women”; Melissa

Chadburn, who wrote the acclaimed “A Tiny Upward Shove”; Carolyn Huynh, whose “The Fortunes of Jaded Women” was a “Good Morning America” book club pick; New York Times bestselling author Alka Joshi of “The Henna Artist”; Zara Raheem, who scribed “The Retreat” and “The Marriage Clock”; and Belinda Huijuan Tang of “Map for the Missing.”

Proceeds from the event will support the Friends of the Cerritos Library in its mission to raise funds for library programs and services.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue.

For more details on the event, call (562) 916-1342.

# State files lawsuit to block Kroger, Albertson's merger

State and federal regulators said a merger would result in less competition and higher prices.

By City News Service

The Federal Trade Commission, in conjunction with California and seven other states, announced a lawsuit Monday challenging the proposed \$24.6 billion merger

of grocery giants Kroger and Albertsons.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced the state's involvement in the litigation during a news conference in downtown Los Angeles, later issuing a statement calling the merger "bad for workers, for agricultural producers and for California communities."

"In some markets in Southern California, Kroger-Albertsons is expected to be

the only one-stop grocery option," Bonta said. "Today, we are going to bat for a more just and competitive economy, one where companies need to compete for labor and where prices and service matter. This merger will leave Californians with limited choices over where to shop -- and for workers in this industry, where to work. As many families continue to feel the burden of inflation, fighting corporate consolidation that threatens to increase prices and reduce service is more important than ever."

The FTC is leading the litigation, joined by California, Arizona, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia.

"This supermarket mega merger comes as American consumers have seen the cost of groceries rise steadily over the past few years. Kroger's acquisition of Albertsons would lead to additional grocery price hikes for everyday goods, further exacerbating the financial strain consumers across the country face today," Henry Liu, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, said in a statement. "Essential grocery store workers would also suffer under this deal, facing the threat of their wages dwindling, benefits diminishing, and their working conditions deteriorating."

In a statement, however,

Kroger said the merger would help consumers by lower prices, and the FTC's action will ensure rising grocery costs.

"The FTC's decision makes it more likely that America's consumers will see higher food prices and fewer grocery stores at a time when communities across the country are already facing high inflation and food deserts," according to Kroger. "In fact, this decision only strengthens larger, non-unionized retailers like Walmart, Costco and Amazon by allowing them to further increase their overwhelming and growing dominance of the grocery industry."

"The proposed merger with Albertsons Cos. will produce meaningful and measurable benefits for customers, associates and communities across the country. The combined company committed that no stores, distribution centers or manufacturing facilities will close as a result of the merger, including those divested to C&S Wholesale Grocers. Customers will benefit from lower prices and more choices following the merger close. The company committed to investing \$500 million to begin lowering prices day one post-close, and an additional \$1.3 billion to improve Albertsons Cos.' stores."

The proposed merger was announced in 2022, a deal that would consolidate ownership of Ralphs, Albertsons, Vons



and other supermarket chains. When the deal was announced, Kroger officials said the combined new company would include nearly 5,000 stores, 66 distribution centers, 52 manufacturing plants, 3,972 pharmacies and 2,015 fuel centers. More than 710,000 people work for the two companies.

Rodney McMullen, Kroger chairman and CEO, said in a statement in 2022 the deal would bring "superior value to customers, associates, communities and shareholders."

"Albertsons Cos. brings a complementary footprint and operates in several parts of the country with very few or no Kroger stores," McMullen said in a statement. "This merger advances our commitment to

build a more equitable and sustainable food system by expanding our footprint into new geographies to serve more of America with fresh and affordable food and accelerates our position as a more compelling alternative to larger and non-union competitors."

In its statement announcing the deal, Kroger officials said the combined company anticipates divesting some stores. Those stores will be spun off into a new standalone company established by Albertsons named SpinCo, which is expected to include between 100 and 375 affected store locations.

The proposed merger has been strongly opposed by the United Food and Commercial Workers union, which said the proposal would create a monopoly that would hurt workers and raise prices for consumers.

UFCW officials issued a statement Monday praising the FTC's action challenging the merger.

"UFCW local unions have loudly and soundly opposed the proposed mega-merger of Kroger and Albertsons since day one because the megamerger would have resulted in lost jobs, closed stores, food deserts, and higher prices with reduced food choices -- all of this would have been destructive for workers, consumers, and entire communities," according to the union. "Importantly, the FTC decision recognizes the threat that the merger would have caused goes beyond consumers and calls out that it would also have damaged essential grocery store workers' wages, benefits and working conditions."

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# Nikki Haley needs to drop out

A protracted battle against Donald Trump puts her political career in jeopardy.

By **W. James Antle III**

*W. James Antle III is executive editor of the Washington Examiner magazine and author of "Devouring Freedom: Can Government Ever Be Stopped?"*

It is the end of the road for Nikki Haley. The former South Carolina governor and US ambassador to the United Nations has been the last major GOP primary candidate standing against former President Donald Trump, but her defeat in her home state Saturday night makes clear who the Republicans' 2024 presidential choice is.

Haley had steadfastly maintained that she wouldn't budge if South Carolina Republicans opted for Trump over her. She is still raising money at a prodigious pace and buying advertising space in states that will vote in early March.

## Nikki Haley still has a shot

Haley is the only viable Republican option other than Trump.

By **Geoff Duncan**

*Geoff Duncan served as Georgia's lieutenant governor from 2019-2023. He is the author of "GOP 2.0: How the 2020 Election Can Lead to a Better Way Forward for America's Conservative Party."*

Nikki Haley's defeat in the South Carolina primary was not the desired outcome for her or any Republican hoping for a different choice than former President Donald Trump, but it shouldn't represent the death knell for her campaign. Immediately after the polls closed on Saturday night, CNN projected that the former South Carolina governor had come up short to Trump. It was an outcome that surprised absolutely no one, as Trump had enjoyed a 30-point lead in the polls before the primary, according to the FiveThirtyEight average.

The immediate delegate math and the polls may not be on Haley's side, but believe it or not, many other numbers are. Here are just a few.

First, the money. During the fourth quarter of 2023, Haley out-raised Trump, \$24 million to \$19 million. The number was more than double the amount she raised in the third quarter. In January 2024, as the rest of the GOP field winnowed, Haley's fundraising again bested Trump's, \$9.8 million to \$8.8 million.

Sure, Trump started the year with more cash on hand than Haley — \$33 million to \$14.5 million — but he also shelled out \$23 million dollars in the fourth quarter from his campaign account on legal fees and payment to his own properties. Since then, he has also been assessed roughly half a billion dollars in civil legal penalties (\$355 million plus interest for fraudulently inflating his net worth, as well as

But Haley has won nowhere, including a Nevada primary she lost by 30 points to "none of these candidates." Trump, who didn't compete in that contest, won Nevada's separate caucuses, which actually awarded delegates. She is not favored to win anywhere in the foreseeable future. Polling in Michigan and many of the Super Tuesday states suggests the results will get increasingly worse for Haley from here.

Republicans do have a history of rewarding past runners-up with the nomination in the future. This held true for Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bob Dole, John McCain and Mitt Romney. And Trump's unprecedented legal situation may require Republicans to have a backup plan.

But a protracted primary fight with Trump won't set Haley up well for an attempt at securing the GOP nomination in 2028, or even as an "in case of emergency, break glass" option later this year.

Reagan and the others preceded their nominations by finishing second in genuinely competitive primary contests, which the 2024 race is not. At her current pace, Haley will not go to the 2024 Republican National Convention with many delegates. And given the deep commitment so many delegates have to Trump, Haley stretching out a long negative primary does not make her a likely Trump

emergency replacement.

In the coming days, Haley will hear from many Republicans who don't want the Republican primary to end any time soon. But past primaries have gone on longer because other candidates have kept winning; Haley has no wins on the horizon. Even 2004 Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean, whose famous scream was filled with erroneous predictions of victory, won his home state.

If Haley keeps going, she is likely to lose by progressively bigger margins as the race simultaneously shifts to multiple states and media markets. She may also be blamed for delaying the party's consolidation around and joint fundraising with Trump while Democrats are sparing President Joe Biden from an even semi-competitive primary.

It has been difficult for Republicans to run against Trump this year without being perceived as running against the GOP base. That is the position in which Haley now finds herself. If she plans to help Trump win in November or have a personal comeback in the future, she should heed her home state's voters and pull the plug.

\$83.3 million in a defamation ruling involving sexual assault allegations, which he has denied but in which a jury found him liable for sexual abuse). Even though Trump plans to appeal both rulings, they create headaches for a candidate who has always refused to be forthcoming about the state of his personal finances.

The bottom line: Campaigns typically end when they run out of money, which is not a situation Haley is expected to face anytime soon, especially with at least 10 high-dollar fundraisers scheduled in the days post-South Carolina.

Second, the age factor. Trump (77) and President Joe Biden (81) are a combined 158 years old. Nearly six in 10 voters (59%) believe both frontrunners are old for the job, according to an ABC News/Ipsos poll. Father Time is undefeated, and neither man is getting any younger. Meanwhile, at 52, Haley is a quarter-century younger than both, and much closer to the median American age of 38.9. She would be the first fully Generation X president, breaking Baby Boomers' stranglehold of the White House in the 21st century (except for Biden, whose 1942 birthdate falls in the Silent Generation).

Biden's verbal stumbles are well-documented (most recently his conflation of the presidents of Egypt and Mexico at a press conference meant to dispel concerns about his mental fitness), but lately Trump has been giving him a run for his money, confusing Haley for former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in his attempt to shift blame for the events of January 6, 2021, and mixing up the leaders of Hungary and Turkey.

Third, there's Super Tuesday. Of the 16 states that vote on March 5, 11 are not limited only to registered Republicans. Put another way, of the 874 delegates up for grabs on Super Tuesday, about two-thirds are in states with at least semi-open primaries.

Trump and his allies have grumbled about independents' ability to compete in GOP primaries. In the lead-up to last month's New Hampshire primary, he complained that

state law allowed "Democrats to vote in the Republican primary." The claim was false, but it offers a valuable insight into Trump's worldview: His appeal is extremely limited beyond his base. His low support among swing voters in the suburbs cost Republicans dearly in 2020. A recent NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll found that almost two-thirds of Americans living in suburban areas hold an unfavorable opinion of Trump, and that Biden is leading Trump by 16 points with suburban registered voters.

Finally, and most importantly, there are world affairs. The suspicious death of Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny has laid bare the importance of American leadership in the world. After pledging "devastating" consequences if Navalny were to die in prison, Biden's words have yet to be met by serious action. Not to be outdone, Trump likened Navalny's death to his own self-inflicted legal dilemma. Trump notably declined to condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin.

To her credit, Haley has taken dead aim at both Trump and Putin, accusing the former of emboldening the latter. She called Trump's encouragement of Russia to invade NATO countries that do not meet their defense spending obligations "bone-chilling." In words unlikely to ever come from Trump's mouth, Haley added, "Vladimir Putin is not cool. This is not someone we want to associate with. This is not someone that we want to be friends with."

There is only one viable exit ramp from the Trump-Biden sequel, and that is Haley. During the 2016 South Carolina primary, there were still six serious candidates in the GOP race.

There is no reason for Haley to stop now. Even if the Trump fever doesn't break in time for 2024, there's always 2028, and time for GOP voters to wake up to what might have been, and still might be.

# A new tactic to end the tampon tax

Women shouldn't be punished financially for having menstrual cycles.

By **Laura Strausfeld**

*Laura Strausfeld is the executive director of Period Law.*

You might not have noticed, but last November the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board — the organization responsible for making sales tax collection as easy as possible for its 24 member states — voted unanimously to adopt a new term for "feminine hygiene products."

Now they will be called "menstrual discharge collection devices."

Yuck, you say?

About time, I say.

My nonprofit, Period Law, has been fighting to end the sales tax on menstrual products since 2016. We made our case to the national sales tax group that "feminine hygiene products" is vague and unhelpful. More important, it's confusing to male legislators.

A little womansplaining might be called for: These items — tampons, menstrual pads, cups and liners — are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration as medical devices and tagged by the IRS as qualified medical expenses. They are

essential for health. Like the many other devices and drugs people buy tax-free across the country, they deserve to be treated as the necessities they are.

Our hope is that the clarity of this unwieldy term will end the unfair, unconstitutional "tampon tax" for good. From now on, during hearings in male-dominated state legislatures, feminine hygiene will no longer be up for debate. The question in front of tax, revenue and finance committees will be whether a menstrual discharge collection device (okay, let's call them MDCDs) is a medical device that has been improperly left off the sales tax exemption list. In remarks to the Indiana Senate, bill sponsor Shelli Yoder called the taxing of MDCDs a "60-year mistake."

The name change could prevent a recurrence of what happened during a 2021 Wyoming hearing when a state senator argued before an overwhelmingly male revenue committee that removing the tax on feminine hygiene products "favors one sex over the other" and proposed including male hygiene products, too, such as "soaps and foot powder." The bill unsurprisingly died. The term "menstrual discharge collection device" effectively eliminates the argument about whether there is a comparable category of medically necessary products used only by men. (Spoiler: There isn't.)

After I presented on this issue at last summer's National Conference of State Legislatures, a male state sales tax expert pulled me aside with a tip: "The most compelling thing you said is that people will bleed through their clothes without these products. Some people may not have known

that." It was news to me that all men don't know this, but upon reflection, it makes sense. We women have been very good at hiding the reality of having periods — including that they often start unexpectedly.

If we've received any pushback on menstrual discharge collection devices, it's from women. One female tax administrator called to share that her female colleagues found the term "cringy." Once she witnessed unanimous approval at the November Streamlined Sales Tax board meeting — the majority of attendees being men — she let me know she was now on board.

Already this year, Kentucky and Indiana have introduced bills using the MDCD terminology. All states but Idaho have at one point introduced a bill to end the tampon tax — and the most recent state to end its tax is Texas. The tax comptroller there described the tax as "archaic" and successfully urged the Republican state leadership to stop collecting close to \$30 million a year — but less than 0.01 percent of state revenue — on purchases of these necessities.

In a year of ongoing budget surpluses, there's no reason the remaining states shouldn't follow the example of Texas and the other 19 states that have ended the tampon tax since 2016. As the new name makes clear, MDCDs are nondiscretionary purchases used monthly by women for an average of 40 years. Perhaps if we had called them menstrual discharge collection devices years ago, we wouldn't be fighting this battle today.

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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

Would you like an event listed in the community calendar?  
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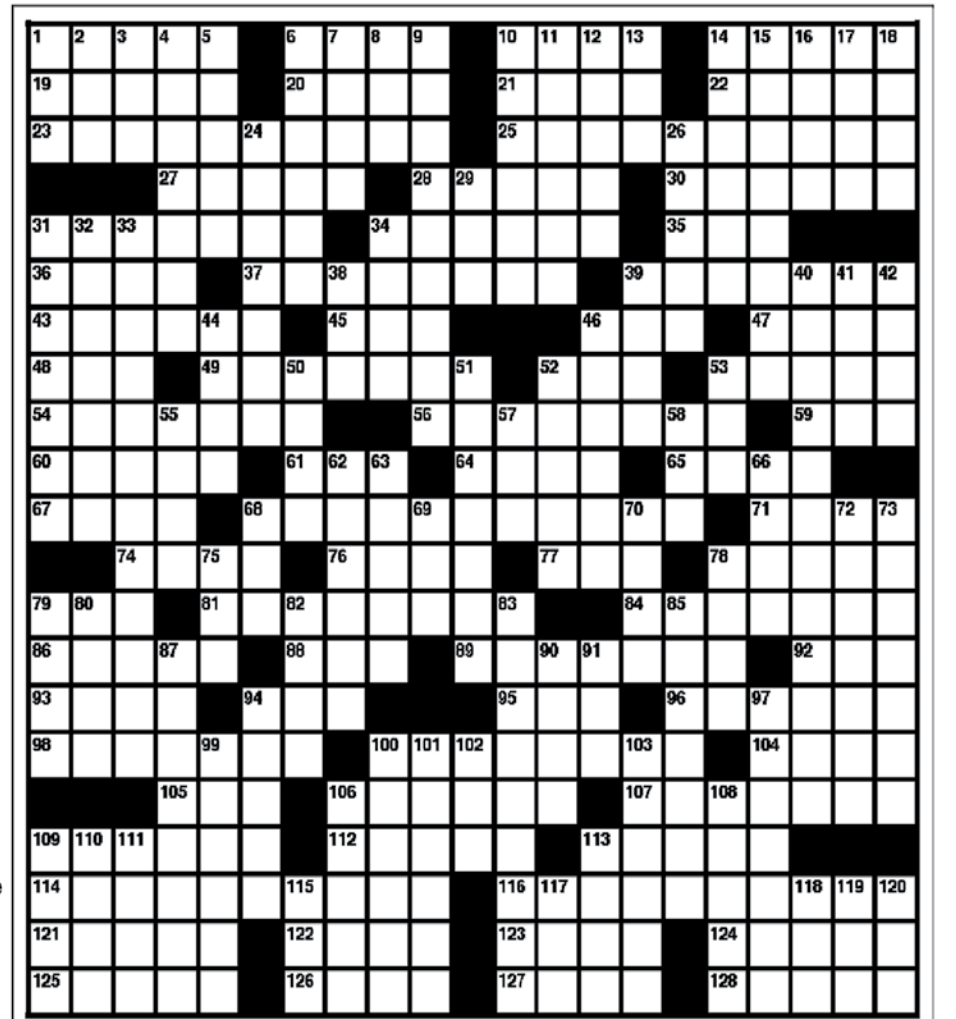
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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEACH CITY NOTARY SERVICES, 222 WEST 6TH STREET #400 SAN PEDRO CA 90731, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2024027768

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KPP, INC., 2 THOMAS IRVINE CA 92618, COUNTY OF IRVINE...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024005222

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: XANDYB EL CHAITO, 3005 CENTURY BLVD SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024005509

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BEXX, 875 S CITRUS AVE, AZUSA, CA 91002 LOS ANGELES...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024007839 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SUNNY SKY BEAUTY SALON, 11614 CHAYOTE STREET, BRENTWOOD VILLAGE, CA 90049...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024009643

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PRCTINA'S CARE SERVICES, 1835 MIDDLEBROOK RD, TORRANCE, CA 90501 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024010849

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MAREN'S MOM LEATHERWORKS, MAREN'S MOM BOUTIQUE, 45120 95TH STREET WEST, LANCASTER, CA 93536 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024014010

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: HADDAD J LLC, 1527 W AVENUE I, LANCASTER, CA 93534 (State of Incorporation/ Organization: CA)...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024015331

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: RUDY'S STEAM CLEANING, 10921 OTIS ST, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024016191

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: VIBE CHECK PRODUCTIONS, 216 CARBONIA AVE, WALNUT, CA 91789...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024017339

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: GP CONSULTING, 5108 GLORIA AVE., ENCINO, CA 91436 LOS ANGELES...

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2024018581 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: STOCK MARKET GUIDES, 2 SWING TRADING CLUB, 3 TRADING CHAT ROOM, 461 W WOODBURY RD #1004, ALTADENA, CA 91001 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024019429

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: 1. STOCK MARKET GUIDES, 2. SWING TRADING CLUB, 3. TRADING CHAT ROOM, 461 W WOODBURY RD #1004, ALTADENA, CA 91001 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024019592

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: E MARTINEZ LANDSCAPING, 12212 223RD ST, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024020141

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ALL PLACES, 1322 N CHEROKEE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024020284

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ENVIRONMENTAL FIRE PROTECTION, 3100 E FOOTHILL BLVD #2011, PASADENA, CA 91107 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024020319

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: EDWIN CAR WASH, 2623 E ALONDRA BLVD, COMPTON, CA 90221 (State of Incorporation/ Organization: CA)...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024020639

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BARK BUSTERS COVINA, 5017 RANGE AVE, ENCINO, CA 91436 LOS ANGELES...

name listed above on (date): 01/21/2024. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/30/2024, NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024022169

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SPIN AVENIDU, ORIENT TARZANA, CA 91356 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024022372

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ACCESA HEALTH, 21730 S VERMONT AVE., TORRANCE, CA 90502 (State of Incorporation/ Organization: CA)...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024022414

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ADELA TINOCO, LSCSW, 1547 E 77TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024022563

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BEACHBOYZ TOYS AND FINE ART, 414 E ELK AVE APT A, GLENDALE, CA 91205 LOS ANGELES...

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 2024032780

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: ENVIRONMENTAL FIRE PROTECTION, 3100 E FOOTHILL BLVD #2011, PASADENA, CA 91107 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024022865

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BINS ON WHEELS, 1001 N.GARDNER ST, APT# 218, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024023022

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: SILVER FOX VENDING, 6012 BRYNHURST AVE UNIT 4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 LOS ANGELES...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024023873

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BE KOOL MARTIAL ARTS, 4913 KESTER AVE 2, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024024914

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MARY BASMADJIAN COMEDY, 968 N. MENTOR, PASADENA, CA 91104 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024025371

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: TACOS BAHIA FISH, 877 E MISSION BLVD, POMONA, CA 91766 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024025379

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: JAI DA'GUY'S SMOKED RIBS, 801 PINE AVENUE UNIT 105, LONG BEACH, CA 90813 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024025460

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: COCAINE SOLUTONS, 2364 S DEL CERRO CIR, WEST HILLS, CA 91064 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024025651

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MONTRÖSE AVENUE INFANT CARE, 3013 MONTRÖSE AVENUE, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214 LA COUNTY...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024025672

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CANNABUSS MESSAGE, 4923 W 130 ST, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 LOS ANGELES...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024025715

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BELLA'S BREAD & BUTTER, 2324 S HOLT AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024026691

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MOD ADVISING, 275 E. GREEN ST, 1451, 2415 GRET IT MOD, ENTERPRISE, 1391 LEMOLI AVE 102, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024026630

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: JET IT MOD, ENTERPRISE, 1391 LEMOLI AVE 102, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024026691

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: AJD ADVISING, 275 E. GREEN ST, 1451, 2415 GRET IT MOD, ENTERPRISE, 1391 LEMOLI AVE 102, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024026650

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BROKERONBOARD MORTGAGE, 888 S. BREA CANYON ROAD UNIT 320, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91789 LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024026650

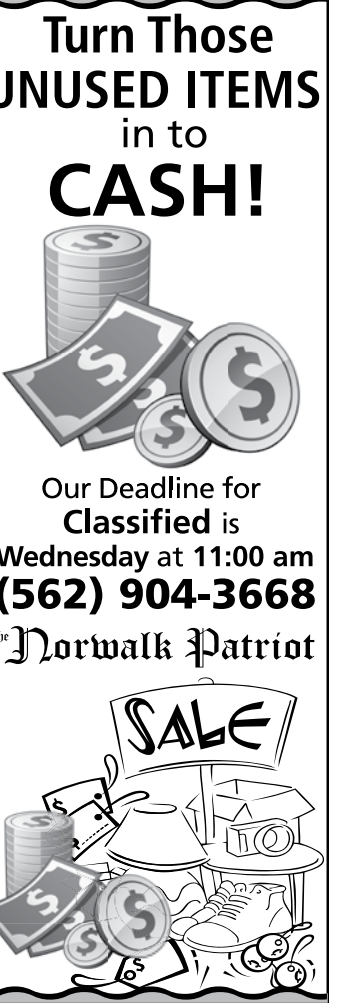
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024026651

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MONTRÖSE AVENUE INFANT CARE, 3013 MONTRÖSE AVENUE, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214 LA COUNTY...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2024026650

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BROKERONBOARD MORTGAGE, 888 S. BREA CANYON ROAD UNIT 320, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91789 LOS ANGELES...







The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SUN FOOT SPA, 8115 LONG BEACH BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 LA. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CHUNFA HUANG, 8115 LONG BEACH BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. 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: CHUNFA HUANG, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/23. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/07/2024. 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: 02/09/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1218343.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2024019921  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOXA ENTERPRISES, 130X BASKETBALL (3)SOUTHEAST GAS AND WATER,10701 BALFOUR ST., WHITTIER CA 90606, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD VICTORIAN, 10701 BALFOUR ST., WHITTIER CA 90606

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A 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/RICHARD VICTORIAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 29, 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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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2024008634

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PLAIN & SIMPLE INSURANCE SERVICES, 13502 WHITTIER BLVD H-101, WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 202359013784 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SIMPLE SOLUTIONS AGENCY LLC, 13502 WHITTIER BLVD H-101, WHITTIER CA 90705

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: 01/20/24 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/SIMPLE SOLUTIONS AGENCY LLC, CEO, LORENA LUGO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on January 12, 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 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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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2024011221

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GO STORE IT - SOUTH GATE, 9830 ATLANTIC AVENUE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GSI SOUTH GATE OWNER, LLC, 6805 CARNEGIE BLVD, CHARLOTTE DE 28211

State of Incorporation: NC 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: N/A 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/GSI SOUTH GATE OWNER, LLC, PRESIDENT, JOE F. TEAGUE, JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 18, 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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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
2024043117

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KUM, 87 NORTH RAYMOND AVE., PASADENA CA 91103 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 202109910174. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JUV FAMILY LLC, 87 NORTH RAYMOND AVE., PASADENA, CA 91103 (State of Incorporation/ Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. 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: JIAMIANG JU, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/22. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/27/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1182566.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
2024013594

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BARBARA GENES' SOUL FOOD CAFE, 4053 W. WASHINGTON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: GRANNY'S BOI LLC, 4053 W. WASHINGTON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. 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: ERIC M. CAMPBELL, CEO. 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) 01/22/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1211175.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
2024015282

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KANE BERNAS CONCRETE PUMPING, 7311 DARBY PL, RESEDA, CA 91335 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KANE BERNAS, 7311 DARBY PL, RESEDA, CA 91335. 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: KANE BERNAS, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 04/01/28. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/01/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1211692.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: AOK EXPRESS, 3965 S WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ELIJAH SHELTON, 3054 S. WESTERN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018. 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: ELIJAH SHELTON, 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) 01/24/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1212932.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
2024019674

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LATINOPTICAL, 5908 VAN NUYS BLVD, VAN NUYS, CA 91401 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: EDGARD CANEVARO, 5908 VAN NUYS BLVD, VAN NUYS, CA 91401. 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: EDGARD CANEVARO, 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) 01/29/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1213715.

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2024020058

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CHICHI, 10014 141 STREET, SUN VALLEY, CA 91352 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SONA SEDRAKYAN, 10901 LULL STREET, SUN VALLEY, CA 91352. 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: SONA SEDRAKYAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/29/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1213801.

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2024021748

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: F45 TRAINING PASADENA, 678 E WALNUT STREET SUITE 120, PASADENA, CA 91101 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 5863327. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: MDC FIT INC., 1648 EL CAMINO STREET, POMONA, CA 91768 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). 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: GABRIEL MARTIN DEL CAMPO, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/24. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 01/30/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1214242.

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2024023389

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: THE HOME OF, 19311 VANOWEN STREET, RESEDA, CA 91335 LA COUNTY. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 0787623. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ATHANS ENTERPRISES, INC., 19311 VANOWEN STREET, RESEDA, CA 91335 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). 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: GEORGE LANE, 8033 SUNSET BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. 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: CARLA LANE, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 07/19/86. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/01/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1216037.

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2024024576

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: HEALING THOUGHTS, 5959 FALCON AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ARASANDY RAMOS, 5959 FALCON AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. 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: ARASANDY RAMOS, 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) 02/02/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1216319.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
2024026298

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LAS SONRISAZ FRUIT BAR, 546 BROAD AVE, WILMINGTON, CA 90744 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSEFINA ORENO, 546 BROAD AVE, WILMINGTON, CA 90744, HUBERTO GONZALEZ, 546 BROAD AVE, WILMINGTON, CA 90744. This business is conducted by: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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: HUBERTO GONZALEZ, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/01/24. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/01/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1216778.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
2024026737

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. FIX AT DOOR - WE COME TO YOU. 2. FIX AT DOOR - BROKEN PHONE? WE COME TO YOU. 3. FIX AT DOOR - WE COME TO YOU! - FIX AT DOOR. 5. FIX AT DOOR - ON THE SPOT SERVICE. 10122 INDEPENDENCE AVE, CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: YAVUZ SELIM AYDIN, 10122 INDEPENDENCE AVE, CHATSWORTH, CA 91311. 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: YAVUZ SELIM AYDIN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 01/20/24. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/06/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1218024.

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2024027363

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: KATHERINE'S CLEANER, 1413 E 65TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: KATHERINE'S CLEANER, 1413 E 65TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. 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: KATHERINE'S CLEANER, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/20/23. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/06/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1218170.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
2024029976

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. CRUZ AND HILL. 2. CRUZ & HILL. 1920 HILLHURST AVE, CRUZ AND HILL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: ANDREW DE LA CRUZ, 1920 HILLHURST AVE, CRUZ AND HILL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027. This business is conducted by: JOINT VENTURE. 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: MARCEL HILL, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/09/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1218904.

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2024030354

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: BARDIC INSPIRATION MUSIC SERVICES, 6407 GENTRY AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91606 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: SARAH BROCKMAN, 6407 GENTRY AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91606. 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: SARAH BROCKMAN, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 11/20/22. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/09/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1219007.

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2024030662

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: CARLA LANE INTERIORS, 8033 SUNSET BLVD, #106, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A.

The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: CARLA LANE, 8033 SUNSET BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. 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: CARLA LANE, 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) 02/01/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1219101.

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2024025995

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: LABASH TRAVELS INCOME TAX AND MULTISERVICES, 3234 ROLLINGRIDGE AVE, PALMDALE, CA 91350 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JESSICA CUERVO HACKELBUSH, 3234 ROLLINGRIDGE AVE, PALMDALE, CA 91350. 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: JESSICA CUERVO HACKELBUSH, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/20/24. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/05/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1220413.

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2024032064

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: TROY'S HANDYMAN SERVICE, 4911 GREENBUSH AVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: TROY STELLICK, 4911 GREENBUSH AVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423. 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: TROY STELLICK, OWNER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 02/20/24. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/13/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1220585.

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2024032214

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: 1. EAT SMALL SOUTH BAY. 2. TWO BACKPACK TRAVEL, 140 E 214TH ST, CARSON, CA 90745 CARSON. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: LAURENCE LUC, 140 E 214TH ST, CARSON, CA 90745 (State of Incorporation/Organization: CA). This business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. 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: LAUREN TAKAHASHI, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on (date): N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 02/13/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1220635.

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2024032416

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JD PAINTING, 10009 COLUMBUS AVENUE, MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JOSUE DE LA ROSA, 10009 COLUMBUS AVENUE, MISSION HILLS, CA 91345. 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: JOSUE DE LA ROSA, 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) 02/13/2024. 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: 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024, 03/22/2024. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1220707.

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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: M & S PAINTING, 10009 COLUMBUS AVENUE, MISSION HILLS, CA 91345 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: VICTOR RIOS, 10009 COLUMBUS AVENUE, MISSION HILLS, CA 91345. This business is conducted by: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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: VICTOR M DE LA ROSA, GENERAL PARTNER. 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) 02/13/2024. 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









# NLMUSD pushes to meet educational goals during mid-year update

■ NLMUSD shared an update on meeting the LCAP goals this academic year and the plan for student success.

By Vincent Medina  
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**NORWALK** – The Norwalk La-Mirada Unified School District received the mid-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) during their board of education meeting on Monday.

The LCAP outlines the district's plan to improve student engagement, education, attendance, accessibility and expenditures. Through the mid-year update, the community is updated on the district's progress to meet its goals this year.

Assistant superintendent Kristine Cvar and coordinator Michelle Centeno presented the LCAP, and began by explaining the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funds and LCFF supplemental/concentration grants. The grants are distributed depending on the needs of students, allowing the district more freedom to decide how funds are spent.

"These go to the districts with our unduplicated pupils (UDP) that are over 55%, and Norwalk La-Mirada has over 55% of UDP," Cvar explained.

An unduplicated pupil is a student who is categorized as an English learner and qualifies for free/reduced meals or is in a

foster program.

The total LCFF funds per the First Interim amounted to \$212,935,352. While the LCFF Supplemental/Concentration Grants were \$39,598,063.

### Goal 1 - Engaging and Responsive Climate and Culture

NLMUSD allocated \$21,733,158 towards improving socio-emotional well-being, aiming to support safety and provide access to counseling services. The district's goal is to achieve a 97.5% attendance rate, reduce suspension and dropout rates. However mid-year data shows attendance at 92.6%, a 3.3% suspension rate, a 2.26% dropout rate and three expulsions.

### Goal 2 - College and Career Ready Graduates

Utilizing the estimated \$11,794,103 towards preparing students for higher education and their career, the district aims to engage in a college-going culture and support personalized learning. The graduation rate has increased from 93.1% during the 2019-2020 academic year, to a projected 93.7% graduation rate during the 2023-2024 academic year. The district aims for a 94.5% graduation rate.

The completion of A-G courses improved, as 47.9% of students met the criteria during the 2022-2023 academic year, passing the goal of 40%. It is also an improvement from the 36.7% of student completion in 2019.

Enrollment in AP courses declined, as 20.13% of students

are enrolled in at least one AP class during the '23-'24 academic year. Approximately 24.07% of students were enrolled in at least one AP class in 2020.

The AP exam pass rate also saw a minor improvement as 45% of students passed, but the district has the goal set at 50% or higher pass rate.

### Goal 3 - Exemplary Staff

Under goal 3, the board of education set the goal of improving professional development and enhancing instructional programs with the investment of \$5,162,255. The district is making efforts to increase academic growth in both English Language Arts and Math, with these efforts measured by student's success rate.

### Goal 4 - Parent and Community Engagement

NLMUSD is working toward increasing parent and district communication and participation. The board has allocated \$575,173 to the endeavor with more opportunities for community input and building stronger relationships between schools and parents.

Approximately 3,685

Parents responded to the Panorama survey according to the 2020-2021 baseline, but the district has set the goal for 4,026 responses this academic year.

The district also aims for a 10% annual increase in parent workshop participation from 1,281 parents in the '20-'21 baseline. As of the mid-year



Members of the NLMUSD school board listens as Assistant superintendent Kristine Cvar explains how the district is working to meet its LCAP goals this academic year.

Photo by Vincent Medina

update there are 546 parents engaging in the workshops.

### Goal 5 - Access to Rigorous Instruction and Support

While the Attendance rate is the only data to measure students' access to high quality instruction with academic and behavioral supports, the district has allocated \$68,738,554 toward the goal of improving English and Math scores. The district also aims to provide a variety of learning supports and necessary interventions and provide students with appropriate technology tools, resources and training.

### Goal 6 - Operational Excellence

The district has invested \$158,962,467 into providing safe and welcoming environments with standards-

aligned textbooks and instructional materials.

The goal is measured by the progress of maintaining schools in good or exemplary repair, as assessed by the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). NLMUSD has successfully maintained 100% of its sites in good or exemplary condition.

The goal also requires 100% of schools report textbooks sufficiency as per the Williams Report, and the mid-year update shows the district met this goal.

Also 1,000 staff members participated in the district's Wellness Program, an increase from the 825 staff members during the 2020 - 2021 baseline.

### Goal 7 - Special Education

The final goal of the LCAP is to enhance support for disabled students. Utilizing the budget of \$159,577, the district has outlined strategies to improve educational outcomes including collaboration between teachers, providing development on inclusive practices and conducting ongoing evaluations to adjust instruction and support.

They set the goal to increase English Language Arts (ELA) and Math scores for disabled students to move from "Very Low" to "Medium" proficiency levels. A new focus on reducing chronic absenteeism among disabled students was introduced, with the district aiming to decrease rates from "Very High" to "Medium."

## LEGALS

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# Norwalk-La Mirada teachers demand adequate compensation

■ Dual-language teachers expressed their demands for fair compensation, while concerned parents called for transparency with the allocation of funds toward district arts programs.

By Vincent Medina  
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Teachers demanded better compensation alongside parents who called for the transparency of allocated funds during the Norwalk La-Mirada Unified School district board of education meeting Monday evening.

During public comments Jose Manso, a dual-language kindergarten teacher at Dolland Elementary School, began by demanding the school district increase the supplemental dual stipends. He was accompanied by additional dual-language teachers in the district including Loren Aguirre, a fourth grade dual-language teacher at Edmondson Elementary School.

Dual-language teachers receive a stipend of \$1,591 a year, according to Manso. He also noted the district offers a stipend of \$3,182 a year to combination teachers,

who teach students from two consecutive grades in one classroom.

"A combo teacher plans for two grades. We plan and translate every day for two languages," Manso said. "Our qualification is that we hold a [Bilingual, Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development] BCLAD credential while the combo teachers don't require any extra qualifications. We should receive the same compensation."

He continued to explain that dual-language teachers must search for additional materials that may not be available in Spanish and need to be translated. Dual-language teachers also translate communication to the families and daily home notes, and some parent conferences must be translated by them as well.

Aguirre also addressed the board, focusing on the new Spanish dual-language program in La-Mirada and illustrated the intricate planning that goes into the program from the teachers.

"For the last four years dual-language teachers at Edmondson have met after school for at least an hour twice a month to plan and collaborate. Our school site has compensated us for that planning," Aguirre



Dual - language teachers and the school district increase the supplemental dual stipend as Benton musical theatre actors watch during the board of education meeting on Monday

Photo by Vincent Medina

said. "However, our principal informs us that due to budget cuts we will no longer be paid for after school planning. Without planning time the momentum of what we have accomplished may not be able to be sustained."

Erin Berry along with parents of students within the NLMUSD arts program also expressed their frustration with the allocation of Proposition 28 funds. Under Prop 28,

California must establish a new ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools starting this academic year.

"As a parent with children who are passionate about the art program of their prospective schools, I have asked my admin, the superintendent and assistant superintendents where the money that our schools should have received has gone," Berry said. "I was given non answers by everyone and sent an email saying that NLM has a strong

arts program but no details."

During the meeting, the board of education was invited to the Beauty and the Beast musical theater production at Benton Middle School by the student actors. Jeremia Berry as The Beast, Lucia Churchill as Lumiere and Elizabeth Chastine as Belle presented the board with their invitations in full costume.

The district was unable to respond to requests for comment.