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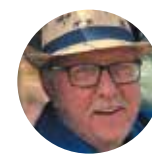
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## LGBTQ flag to fly outside City Hall

■ In a historic 4-1 vote, the City Council votes to fly the rainbow-colored flag for one week.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The LGBTQ pride flag will fly over City Hall for the remainder of the month.

As national Pride month wraps up over the next week, there has been an increased call by many of the LGTBQ community and its allies for the city to raise the symbolic rainbow flag at City Hall as a sign of solidarity.

They officially got their wish in the early morning hours Wednesday, as the Council voted 4-1 in support of the gesture.

Councilman Sean Ashton said that he had "no skin in the game," but added that sometimes "we focus on certain things to show you matter."

"No matter what it is, you matter. Everybody matters, we know that, but you matter at this point in time. That doesn't mean that anybody else matters less; it just means you matter and sometimes it's good to acknowledge that."

"It doesn't mean that you have to say that you agree with everything that they believe in, but if we can't come back just

to say 'you matter,' then it just really kind of brings us back to times where we would take things away because you were different."

There was considerable pushback from the faith-based community, many of which spoke at Tuesday's meeting to voice concerns that the raising of the pride flag would be divisive and not representative of the city as a whole.

These claims drew sharp criticism from Council members Mario Trujillo and Catherine Alvarez, both of whom are part of the LGTBQ community.

Alvarez said that she "felt sad about how churches were thinking about her right now."

"It's unfortunate to say that churches in Downey have closed their doors to me because I'm disabled, because I got into politics, and because I'm LGBT as well," said Alvarez. "Everything divides, and it's unfortunate that one person who is sitting down right here in front of us has told me that no church will open its door to me, and has bullied me several times."

"It's not fair that people that say it's Christian have these things in mind (sic)...We are all the same human for God; we are all the same no matter how."

"I saw so much division today here just because I'm sitting down... We have 53 churches right here in Downey; I never

thought we had so many. I feel bad that no church is willing to open the door for me because I'm an LGTB person. That is not love, not at all."

Trujillo said that he was "surprised that the faith community would come out so strongly against a symbol of hope."

"I'm surprised that the faith community that is supposed to carry a message of love and about loving our neighbors, would see this as a divisive issue," said Trujillo. "But I'm not surprised, because as a Catholic, I struggled with my faith because the Catholic church treats me and my husband like second class citizens, like we're not worthy enough to get married in their church, and that goes for most of your churches."

"I respect your freedom of religion, and you're welcome in Downey...This country is not perfect, but it promises equality and justice for all, but you and I and everybody in the faith-based community should come to accept that this country - when it comes to the LGTBQ community - has not necessarily been fair; it's treated homosexuals as second-class citizens. It's still the country I love, and even though I could easily move somewhere else, I choose not to even though it hasn't treated members of my community fairly and equally, because it's the country I love. It's not perfect, but it gives me



A flag-raising ceremony is scheduled for this Saturday at 9:30 am outside City Hall.

hope, there is hope."

"I hope that our Downey youth who are born gay will feel loved, accepted, validated, and encouraged to dream the American dream just like any other kid born, or who lives in Downey."

Mayor Claudia M. Frometa - the sole vote in opposition - warned that the city needed to "be ready for any other symbol and any other flag that may come through the city."

"The more we continue to place labels on ourselves and to look at different flags, the more we continue to create subgroups.

It doesn't create unity; it creates 'I believe in this, you believe in that, and you believe in that.'"

"I believe we are an inclusive community...My hope as mayor of this city is that regardless of what additional flags we fly outside of our city hall, that we remember we are one community, regardless of where we stand on any issue."

The Pride Flag will fly over City Hall for the remainder of the month. There has been some consideration to flying it over other city buildings for future pride months.

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 83°

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### ON THIS DAY JUNE 24

**1509:** Henry VIII was crowned king of England. Henry is known for his radical changes to the English Constitution, ushering in the theory of the divine right of kings.

**1895:** Jack Dempsey, the American world heavyweight boxing champion from 1919 to 1926, was born.

**1916:** Mary Pickford becomes the first female film star to sign a million-dollar contract.

**1922:** The American Professional Football Association was renamed the National Football League.

**1940:** France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

**1947:** Kenneth Arnold makes the first widely reported UFO sighting near Mount Rainier, Washington.

**1957:** In *Roth v. United States*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment.

**1974:** The Beach Boys' greatest hits album "Endless Summer" was released.

**1997:** The Air Force released a report on the so-called "Roswell Incident," suggesting the alien bodies witnesses reported seeing in 1947 were actually life-sized dummies.



**2006:** Patsy Ramsey, who was thrust into the national spotlight by the unsolved slaying of her daughter JonBenet, died at age 49.

**2007:** Professional wrestler Chris Benoit died by suicide after killing his wife and their 7-year-old son.

**2009:** After going AWOL for seven days, South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford admitted that he had secretly flown to Argentina to visit his mistress.

**2010:** John Isner of the U.S. defeated Nicolas Pietrangeli of France at Wimbledon in the longest-ever professional match: 11 hours, 5 minutes over three days.

**2011:** New York State legalized same-sex marriage.

**Birthdays**  
Basketball hall of famer **Sam Jones** (88), actress and producer **Mindy Kaling** (42), "Friday Night Lights" actress **Minka Kelly** (41), basketball player **JJ Reddick** (37), R&B singer **Solange Knowles** (35), and soccer player **Lionel Messi** (34).

## Downey pays tribute to residents killed by Covid-19

■ Local victims of Covid-19 were remembered at a ceremony Tuesday outside City Hall.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The Downey City Council gathered outside of City Hall with staff and members of the city's religious community on Tuesday to pay their respects to the 301 Downey lives lost to Covid-19 during the pandemic.

The ceremony took place just moments before the council fully reopened its city meeting to the public for the first time in 15 months.

An emotional Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said that she felt it would "be appropriate to take a pause and remember" the community members who contracted and succumbed to the disease.

"Globally, we lost over 3.8 million people. Across the country, we lost 602,000 Americans. Here in Downey, 301 lives were lost due to Covid-19," said Frometa. "That is 301 families whose lives were impacted in more ways than one. These are loved ones. These are friends. These were active community members that were a part of Downey."

"As daunting as these

numbers are, it is important to remember and to honor each person and each life that they lived."

Frometa took the opportunity to emphasize the importance of continuing vaccinations.

"As we turn the corner, and as we stand here and we grieve those that have passed, it is essential to remember that just because things are opening up, it does not mean that Covid-19 has gone away," said Frometa.

"We must continue to encourage those who have not received the vaccine to do so. As we know, we have a new variant, many variants, but one that is very aggressive: the delta variant out of India. In communities with low vaccination rates, the potential for a resurgence in Covid is great."

"We must continue those vaccinations, if not for ourselves, but for our loved ones."

The ceremony included a prayer by Samuel Jebanathan and a performance of *Amazing Grace* by Downey High School Choir senior Jasmin Alvarez.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco, who was mayor at the time that the pandemic hit, also shared a few words.

"Events like these always make an impact; when something tragic happens, we always remember where we were, what we were doing," said Pacheco.



Downey officials paid tribute to Covid-19 victims on Tuesday. From left: Mayor Claudia M. Frometa, Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco and council members Catherine Alvarez, Sean Ashton and Mario Trujillo.

(Photo by Alex Dominguez)

"For this pandemic - this 100-year pandemic - it's almost like the year was lost, like we were living through this nightmare where each and every one of us lost loved ones, each and every one of us knew somebody that had passed away, and each and every one of us felt the impact."

"We all felt like we were never going to get through this, and now we're actually starting to see the light; the light at the end of this dark, dark tunnel."

"We still have a lot to go... but it is with great pleasure that we're having this event today to remember all those lives that

were taken away from us due to this pandemic."

A wreath was placed outside of city hall to honor those who passed.

## City employee charged with embezzlement

■ Maintenance and facilities worker Alex Silva allegedly forged paperwork to pay phony invoices.

**DOWNEY** - A former City of Downey employee was arrested last week and charged with forging invoices to order personal

items and then billing the city over an 18-month period, costing the city more than \$60,000.

According to prosecutors, Alejandro "Alex" Silva, 47, was a lead worker in Downey's maintenance and facilities department.

Beginning in 2017, another man named Mike Shafer, who

worked as a manager for an auto parts store, allegedly ordered items online with a business credit card and then sent invoices to Downey officials by disguising the items as car parts.

Silva is accused of helping Shafer by forging the appropriate paperwork to match the forged documents. As a result of the

scheme, the City of Downey lost over \$60,000, prosecutors said.

Both Silva and Shafer pleaded no contest to one felony count each of embezzlement of government funds, misappropriation of public funds, and grand theft. They are scheduled to return to the Foltz Criminal Justice Center on Aug.

27 for a preliminary hearing.

"No one should abuse their position and betray the public's trust," L.A. District Attorney George Gascón said in a news release announcing the arrests.

The case was investigated by the Downey Police Department.

# Mayor's Corner

By **Claudia M. Frometa**  
Mayor

Hello Downey,

This week marked a significant milestone for our community as we reopened our City Council Chambers to full capacity after 15 months of closure. Before our reopening, I wanted to take a moment to remember the lives lost in our city, a total of 301.

The tragic loss of these lives and the impact on their families, friends, and loved ones will be felt for years to come. We held a brief ceremony outside of City Hall before our city council meeting to remember each life taken. As we celebrate the reopening of our state and our community and the return to all the activities we missed, let us pause and continue to pray for those that suffered a loss to Covid-19.

I am encouraged by the latest figures released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (update from 6/18). The vaccination rate for Downey residents 16 years of age and older is now 66.2%.

For adults 65 years of age and older, it is 87.8%. Thus, Downey is surpassing L.A. County vaccination rates in both categories.

This is significant, and we must continue to be diligent and consider vaccination. Earlier this week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a concerning rise in infections due to the Delta variant (this variant was first discovered in India). L.A. County is already seeing cases related to this new variant. There is a concern throughout the healthcare community and experts that the rise in variants and the resurgence of the spread of Covid-19 will continue as long as people remain unvaccinated. I hope you will consider vaccination.

Our goal in Downey is to surpass 75% before the end of summer and the return to fall and flu season. The return to normalcy will only happen by increasing our vaccination rate, thus allowing us to reach herd immunity. Please call the Department of Public Health Vaccine Center at 833-540-0473. The call center is open daily from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. Information

is available in multiple languages by calling 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. For more information, please visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com)

## Downey's 65th Anniversary

On another note, this year, the City of Downey is celebrating 65 years since it became an incorporated city in 1956. To mark this anniversary, I invited former Mayors for a special commemorative photograph.

Over the past 65 years, strong, ethical leadership provided a clear vision for Downey. Strong cities don't just happen. It was the commitment of these outstanding leaders to reinvent Downey from an aerospace community to a biomedical hub with a thriving business sector that led to what Downey is today, an aspirational city.

Downey continues to be a leader in Southeast L.A. County, a financially solvent, stable, safe community whose residents are active and engaged. The key to Downey's success past and present is and will continue to be its leadership and the vision we provide for our community. Our city has the highest number of churches per square mile, close to 32 non-profit clubs and organizations, and 267 neighborhood watch groups. The residents of this city are committed to a strong Downey.

I will continue to share historical nuggets about Downey in future columns. For now, I want to share with you this iconic photograph that includes Mayors going back 36 years. Unfortunately, at the time of this photograph, former Mayors Rick Rodriguez and the late Meredith Perkins were unable to join us due to health issues. We thank them and appreciate their leadership, as we also remember the late former Mayor David Gafin.

## Concerts in the Park are back this summer at Furman

The City's Parks and Recreation office unveiled the lineup for the Twilight Summer Concert Series. The first concert will take place on Wednesday, July 7th, at 7:00 pm with a patriotic tribute by the First Marine Division Band. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Fourth of July celebrations and illegal fireworks

As we approach the 4th of July, I want to remind our residents there will be strict enforcement and crackdown of illegal fireworks. There are steep fines for possession of these. Please contact our Downey Police Dispatch at 562-861-0770 to report illegal firework activity. I would also urge our residents to bring their pets indoors if possible or provide them with calming tablets. These are available at the local pet store or online. Our Downey Fire Department will be fully staffed leading up to and during the holiday to respond to any potential threats. Please help us celebrate responsibly, keep yourself and your family members and neighbors safe. Every year, second- and third-degree burns and hospitalizations associated with mishandling fireworks increase.

## Regarding Public Events in Downey

As we welcome summer events and activities, please remember there is a process in Downey to host or hold a public event in any of our parks, especially if vendors are involved, even if this gathering is of religious nature. City permits MUST be acquired, and the event must go through an approval process. To prevent any future event from being canceled and the organizers fined, please visit City Hall to ask about the event permit process.

## Ongoing Downey's anti-litter campaign #BINIT:

Let's continue to do our part by putting all trash in its place. To report illegally dumped items to the City of Downey, please call 562-904-1161. If you



would like bulky items removed, please call CalMet at 562-259-1239 (option 3) and save these numbers on your phone. Better yet, I'd like to encourage all our Downey residents to download the Downey App on your mobile device. Through this App, you will be able to immediately report illegally dumped items, street repairs, trash, graffiti removal, neighborhood light repairs, etc.

## Still Available, Rental Assistance

There have been nearly 1,500 applications distributed for the city's rental assistance program. This program has a budget of \$950,000. Close to 1,400 door hangers have been distributed door-to-door to rental properties in the city to ensure the information gets to our renters. New applicants that qualify and go through the process will automatically receive three month's rental assistance. Those that received one month of assistance previously, please contact our Community Development at 562.299.6706 or visit our website at [www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance](http://www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance)

## Speed Enforcement:

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

Thank you, Downey, for allowing me to serve you as Mayor this year. It is a privilege and an honor. Please stay safe, healthy, and be well. Do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns at 562-904-7274 or email me at [CFrometa@Downeyca.org](mailto:CFrometa@Downeyca.org) I also welcome appointments for in-person visits. You can also follow my Facebook page for regular updates at Claudia M. Frometa Mayor, City of Downey, along with our City's Facebook page, City of Downey Government Agency, for regular updates.

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# State eyes closed malls for new affordable housing

■ Legislation proposals would allow developers to build homes on sites of non-operating malls.

**DOWNEY** – California state lawmakers are grappling with a particularly 21st-century problem: What to do with the growing number of shopping malls and big box retail stores left empty by consumers shifting their purchases to the web.

A possible answer in crowded California cities is to build housing on these sites, which already have ample parking and are close to existing neighborhoods.

But local zoning laws often don't allow housing at these locations. Changing the zoning is such a hassle that many developers don't bother trying. And it's often not worth it for local governments to change the designations. They would prefer to find new retailers because sales taxes produce more revenue than residential property taxes.

However, with a stubborn housing shortage pushing prices to all-time highs, state lawmakers are moving to pass new laws to get around those barriers.

A bill that cleared the state Senate last week would let developers build houses on most commercial sites without changing the zoning. Another proposal would pay local governments to change the zoning to let developers build affordable housing.

"There has always been an incentive to chase retail and a disincentive to build housing," said Sen. Anthony Portantino, a Los Angeles-area Democrat who authored the bill to pay local governments. "There is more dormant and vacant retail than ever."

If successful, it's believed California would be the first state



State officials are considering ways to redevelop closed malls and shopping centers to accommodate affordable housing.

to allow multi-family housing on commercial sites statewide, said Eric Phillips, vice president of policy and legislation for the California chapter of the American Planning Association. Developers who use the law still would have to obey locally approved design standards. But Phillips said the law would limit local governments' ability to reject the projects.

That's why some local leaders oppose the bill, arguing it undermines their authority.

"City leaders have the requisite local knowledge to discern when and which sites are appropriate for repurposing and which are not," wrote Mike Griffiths, member of the Torrance City Council and founder of California Cities for Local Control, a group of 427 mayors and council members.

It's a familiar battle in California. While nearly everyone agrees there is an affordable housing shortage, state and local leaders face different political pressures that often derail ambitious proposals. Last year, a bill that would have overridden local zoning laws to let developers build small apartment buildings in neighborhoods reserved for single-family homes died in the state Senate.

Sen. Anna Caballero, a Democrat from Salinas and author of this year's zoning proposal, said her bill is not a mandate. Developers could choose to use the bill or not. The Senate approved the measure 32-2, sending it to the state Assembly for consideration.

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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Like so many, I was optimistic when e-cigarettes first became widely available. Would a vaping device that could taper the dose of nicotine down to 0%, and not endanger others (since the smoke appeared to be clean) be an effective way to satisfy and beat a nicotine addiction? Let's address whether vaping has proven to be a good alternative to traditional cigarettes, as the marketing promised.



How do e-cigarettes work? When the user sucks on the mouthpiece, a heating element vaporizes the solution, which is then inhaled, (vaped). The nicotine content varies; although e-cigarettes do have a 0% nicotine option, to help the smoker wean off of nicotine, nearly all e-cigarette "juice" contains nicotine. Flavors vary from traditional and menthol to a huge variety of fruit and candy flavors.

In 2004, the use of e-cigarettes exploded. Much of their popularity was due to claims that they could help wean smokers off of traditional cigarettes. By 2018, the most recent year with CDC statistics available, there were over 8 million adults (18 and older) in the United States using them. They are used more frequently by men, and are used far more often by those between the ages of 18 and 24. However, note that this CDC data doesn't include those under 18. There are likely more than 5 million middle and high school students who use e-cigarettes at least monthly, and 1 million using them daily.

There do appear to be some advantages of e-cigarettes over smoking traditional tobacco cigarettes.

E-cigarettes likely reduce the substantial risk from traditional cigarettes of cancer, heart and lung disease. However, their safety is still under review and long-term data doesn't exist. Traditional cigarettes release smoke from burned tobacco and contain about 7,000 chemicals,

hundreds of which have been proven harmful. E-cigarettes contain fewer chemicals (although those chemicals can also be dangerous).

Can they help smokers to eventually kick the habit? Research is still mixed. A 2019 New England Journal of Medicine study concluded that those who started vaping are 67% more likely to quit smoking. This indicates that they are twice as effective as traditional nicotine replacements, such as patches or gum. And, in that study, they found that 19% of participants who used e-cigarettes to quit smoking were no longer smoking one year later, compared to 9% of those who used patches or gum. However, 80% of the smokers who used e-cigarettes to quit were still vaping a year later, compared to only 9% of smokers who quit by using nicotine replacement products.

How about the disadvantages?

Vaping among kids is skyrocketing, getting new generations addicted to nicotine and thus introducing them to smoking. Teens who use e-cigarettes are four times more likely to try regular cigarettes than those who do not use them. The U.S. Surgeon General has declared youth e-cigarette use an epidemic. The tobacco industry is well aware that flavored tobacco products appeal to youth, and therefore markets e-cigarettes with fruit and candy flavors. (The FDA is actively banning the sale of all e-cigarette flavors in increasing numbers of states and localities.)

It comes as no surprise that

there are real health risks from vaping. Those who use e-cigarettes have a 71% higher risk of stroke and 40% higher risk of heart disease. Vaping is also associated with an increased risk of blood clots, kidney disease, respiratory irritation, shortness of breath, and more. E-cigarette vapor, like regular cigarettes, produces formaldehyde, which is a carcinogen.

Due to the significant amount of nicotine present in most vaping products, there is an increased risk of developing gum disease such as gingivitis and periodontitis. Dry mouth and gum recession are common, which leads to dental cavities. Vaping has been associated with clenching and grinding of teeth.

E-cigarettes use lithium batteries, which can catch fire or explode. Because of this, airlines do not allow e-cigarettes in checked baggage.

Let's be clear. Vaping was designed to be highly addictive. It was created with flavors to attract a younger population, in order to get new generations hooked on nicotine. Just like the traditional tobacco industry, e-cigarette manufacturers knowingly put their customers at risk. Nicotine products, including e-cigarettes, are unsafe for users of any age.

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"It's always a challenge when you're trying to do affordable housing, because there are entrenched interests that don't want to negotiate and compromise, and we're working really hard to try to break through

that," she said. "I'm trying to give maximum flexibility to local government because the more that you start telling them how they have to do it, the harder it becomes for them to actually do it."

Even before the pandemic, big-box retail stores were struggling to adapt as more people

began buying things online. In 2019, after purchasing Sears and Kmart, Transformco closed 96 stores across the country - including 29 in California.

The pandemic, of course, accelerated this trend, prompting major retailers like J.C. Penney, Neiman Marcus and J. Crew to file for bankruptcy protection. An analysis by the investment firm

UBS shows online shopping will grow to 25% of all retail sales by 2025. The analysis predicted that up to 100,000 stores across the country could close.

Local governments and developers in California are already trying to redevelop some retail sites. In Salinas, a city of about 150,000 people near the Monterey Peninsula, city officials are working to rezone a closed Kmart. In San Francisco, developers recently announced plans to build nearly 3,000 homes in the parking lot that surrounds Stonestown Mall - a sprawling, 40-acre site that has lost some anchor retail tenants in recent years.

Still, the idea of repurposing shopping centers has divided labor unions and affordable housing advocates, putting one of the Democratic Party's core base of supporters against backers of one of their top policy goals.

Housing advocates love the idea, but they don't like how Democrats want to do it. Both proposals in the Legislature would require developers to use a "skilled and trained" workforce to build the housing. That means a certain percentage of workers must either be enrolled or have completed a state-approved apprenticeship program.

Developers have said while there are plenty of trained workers available in areas like San Francisco and Los Angeles, those workers are scarce in more rural parts of the state, potentially delaying projects in those areas.

California needs to build about 180,000 new housing units per year to keep up with demand, according to the state's latest housing assessment. But it's only managed about 80,000 per year for the past decade. That's one reason the state's median sales price for single-family homes hit a record high \$758,990 in March.

"At a time when we're trying to increase production, we don't believe we should be limiting who can do the work," said Ray Pearl, executive director of the California Housing Consortium, a group that includes affordable housing developers.

Robbie Hunter, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, dismissed that argument as just greedy developers trying to maximize their profits.

He said there is no construction project in California that has been delayed because of a lack of workers, adding: "We man every job."

"When there is a demand for workers, we rise with the demand," Hunter said.

Labor unions appear to be winning. A bill in the state Assembly that did not initially require a "skilled and trained" workforce stalled in committee because it did not have enough support.

## POETRY MATTERS

### That Light

Everything is interesting  
if you're of a mind to see it  
in that light. Claude Monet  
probably understood this. The stoners  
back in high school definitely  
understood that everything is intoxicatingly  
interesting if you're of a mind  
to see it in that light. My grandmother  
in the emergency room  
surrounded by doctors and nurses and children  
and grandchildren, was of a mind to see  
the pulse-oximeter on her left index finger  
as the most interesting thing in the room,  
more interesting than anything else in recent  
memory, which was mostly gone  
by then anyway. She cocked  
her head like a bird or philosopher  
contemplating a crumb  
on God's table under the light, that light,  
and said to her children and her children's children  
and all of the strangers working together  
to keep her from dying: "What  
is the name of this thing? It's so interesting.  
I don't think I've ever seen it before."

Paul Hostovsky, *Selected Poems*, FutureCycle Press, 2014

"Poetry is the kind of thing you see from the corner of your eye," says Hostovsky. "Like a star. It isn't life itself, it's a by-product of life, and if you look at your life a certain way you will see the poetry." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

## Downey extends rent moratorium for businesses

**DOWNEY** - The Downey City Council voted to extend its current moratorium on evictions of commercial tenants who have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, however indicated that the time to start paying up may be coming soon.

The current moratorium applies to commercial tenants who have provided notice to their landlord of their inability to pay rent due to financial setbacks caused by Covid. The tenant is also allowed a two-month repayment period for every month that they are in arrears in rent to the landlord.

This moratorium has been in place since June 23 last year, when it was reestablished. It has since been extended three times on July 28, Sept. 22, and Jan. 26.

On Tuesday, Council voted to once again extend the moratorium by a month, albeit doing so with a vocalized desire to see renters start to pay back some of what they owe sooner rather than later.

Councilman Sean Ashton said that he wanted to "specify that you can't pay it all at the very end."

"We want to give the people who are renting the time to pay, but we also need to take care of those who have been patient over this past pandemic time and have lost income because of this pandemic," said Ashton. "We need to help them as well."

Under the original agreement, tenants are expected to make a "good faith effort" to pay back their rent. When the moratorium comes back in about a month's time, it is likely to include language that will require tenants to meet some sort of specified payment plan or percentage, potentially 25%.

Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said that "hindsight is 2020," suggesting that the city was in a better position now to tighten up the terms of repayment.

Alex Dominuez, staff writer

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## Congress must investigate the insurrection now

By Joe Conason

Framing his diplomatic visit to Europe within a broader historical mission, President Joe Biden rightly warns us that authoritarians are eager for democracy to fail. He knows very well that democracy's enemies are active here as well as abroad. Now, he and the leadership of his party must act to fully expose the most overt assault on our system of self-government since the Nixon era.

Congressional Democrats should move swiftly, with Biden's support, to establish a select committee to investigate the Jan. 6 insurrection.

Like many Americans, including Democrats, Republicans, and independents, the president previously expressed his preference for an independent bipartisan commission, empowered by Congressional legislation, to conduct that investigation. But that path was closed last month when Senate Republicans killed the January 6 commission bill that had already passed the House. They did so at the bidding of Donald Trump, the principal investigative target, and of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who articulated one of their more absurd arguments against the commission.

"I think we will know everything we need to know. We were all witnesses," he said. "We were right there when it happened and I simply think the commission is not necessary." When a shattering crime occurs and a major witness then insists that an investigation is "not necessary," suspicion immediately arises concerning that person's consciousness of guilt.

The devious McConnell has aimed to prevent or discredit an investigation of Jan. 6 not because we "know everything we need to know," but because he's scared to death of what we will learn — about the former president and other members of their party. On Trump's orders, the minority leader instructed his caucus to vote down the commission, despite its perfectly bipartisan composition, its pre-midterm deadline and a host of other features demanded by House Republicans.

Of course, this isn't the first time that Republicans have tried to evade scrutiny of a national catastrophe for which they were culpable. The bill establishing a commission to investigate Jan. 6 was modeled on the 9/11 Commission — but that probe itself was nearly killed by aides to President George W. Bush, who feared that he would be blamed for failing to curtail the al-Qaeda plot.

Then-Vice President Dick Cheney made a threatening phone call in the spring of 2002 to Senator Tom Daschle, the Democratic majority leader, warning that any investigation of 9/11 would be seen as a partisan maneuver and a hindrance to the "war on terror." Cheney's intervention is ironic in hindsight since his daughter Liz is among the handful of Republicans who urge a thorough investigation of the Capitol insurrection.

Congress ignored Cheney's whining; Bush reluctantly signed the enabling legislation; and the 9/11 Commission discharged its duties honorably, issuing a report that escaped the "partisan" taint. Now, however, the Republicans have only themselves to blame for shutting down the option of an independent commission on which they would have shared equal authority with Democrats.

Instead, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi can and should create a select committee to investigate the events of Jan. 6. With the House Republicans behaving as if nothing untoward happened that day, the select committee



ought to operate with a Democratic majority and a tough chair who will dismiss obstruction and distraction from the minority. And unlike the commission that Republicans stupidly killed, it would have the power to issue subpoenas without their consent.

No doubt some Democrats in Congress, as well as the White House, fear that any investigation of Jan. 6 will suffer from accusations of partisanship. In a moment of comical hypocrisy, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy — who boasted about the partisan gains achieved by the Benghazi select committee in 2015 — has already leveled that charge against the bipartisan commission. Republicans are never more indignant than when they're faking it.

But who cares what McCarthy thinks anyway? What will matter in the investigation of Jan. 6 is an orderly, comprehensive and undaunted finding of facts, wherever they may lead. It is indeed possible that such an investigation will benefit Democrats in the midterm elections and beyond. That's why Republicans want to stop it at all costs.

Too bad for them. Unearthing the truth about a violent assault on our Constitutional procedures — nothing less than an attempted coup d'etat — is a fundamental duty of Congress that cannot be evaded. Tempted by authoritarianism, the Republicans have chosen to dishonor their oath and cover up a crime against our country. There must be consequences for that, or we will forfeit our democratic heritage, perhaps forever.

*Joe Conason is a journalist and author of several books, including "Big Lies" and coauthor of the New York Times bestseller "The Hunting of the President: The Ten-Year Campaign to Destroy Bill and Hillary Clinton."*

## Joe Biden and the Blessed Sacrament

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

The dispute over whether Roman Catholics who facilitate abortions should be permitted to receive the Blessed Sacrament appears to be coming to a head as President Joseph R. Biden Jr., a public Roman Catholic and public abettor of abortion, continues to attend Mass regularly and receive.

The Church has condemned abortion as being among the gravest of sins. To Catholics, the baby in the womb is a distinct human being who enjoys the right to live, and the Blessed Sacrament is not a symbol; it is substance. It is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and there are necessary preconditions to its reception.

Can a person who facilitates killing a class of innocent human beings worthily receive the Blessed Sacrament? In a word: No. Here is the backstory.

There is no ambiguity in the Church's teaching about abortion. It is the gravest of evils. All humans have the right to live from conception to natural death. It is a core teaching of the Church: "Thou shalt not kill."

Also core among the Church's teachings is that Catholics have a duty to inform their consciences of what the Church teaches, to exercise their informed reason in distinguishing right from wrong and to conform their acts to core Church teachings. A properly formed conscience will conclude that it is always wrong intentionally to kill an innocent human life. I doubt that Biden disagrees with these principles. If he does, he is in the wrong church.

The stumbling block for Biden and other Catholic supporters of abortion is whether or not the baby in the womb is a person. If the baby is a person, then all abortion is homicide. The Fifth Amendment protects the life, liberty and property of all persons, and the 14th Amendment requires the states to do so on an equal basis. Thus, if the baby is a person,

the states cannot outlaw and prosecute only postnatal killings; they must outlaw and prosecute prenatal killings as well.

We know the baby in the womb is a person because she or he has human parents and possesses from conception all the genomic material needed to be viable. Through guardians, the baby can inherit, litigate and own property.

The reception of the Blessed Sacrament is limited to Roman Catholics who are not in a state of grave sin. The sin is facilitating abortions, not politically supporting those who favor them. Here is where Biden would have a sound point — when he argues that this is a private matter — if he were just private citizen Joe, voting for folks who support abortion. Then, his conscience and his beliefs would be mostly a private matter between him and his confessor.

But he is not private citizen Joe. He is the president of the United States who exercises his authority under unjust laws to facilitate and pay for abortions, and that is a grave sin.

What is a grave sin? It is a grievous act of weakness or defiance done with sufficient reflection and full consent of the will. All three aspects of sinfulness — gravity, reflection, consent — must be present for the sinner to have culpability. There is no dispute but that abortion is a grievous matter. Unless Biden's exercise of his presidential powers is not done with sufficient reflection and full consent of his will, he is likely culpable for the sin of abetting the killing of innocent human life.

On the other hand, if he firmly believes that the baby in a womb is not a person, that somehow abortion does not kill an innocent human life, that Jesus in Mary's womb was not God and that Mary could morally have killed Him, then he should leave the Catholic Church. For if he stays, at the least, he is culpable for having a gravely and substantially malformed conscience — one that embraces heresy.

Even the arguments of the preeminent modern Catholic defender of the primacy of conscience, St. John Henry Newman, would not help Biden. Newman was a 19th-century British academic and Anglican priest who converted to Catholicism and rose to the College of Cardinals. At his beatification, Pope Benedict XVI summarized Newman's teaching on conscience as "not a path of self-asserting subjectivity, but, on the contrary, a path of obedience to the truth that was gradually opened up to him."

The key word here is "gradually." This is so because one's conscience — Biden's, yours and mine — discerns more as one's intellect learns more.

Stated differently, no one knows how Biden discerns right from wrong, and could change his mind, but Biden himself. If his conscience tells him that the baby in the womb is not a person — as un-Catholic and irrational as that is — his aiding abortion is still gravely sinful, but he may not be culpable.

Now back to Biden's public dispute with the American Catholic hierarchy. It is profoundly the duty of the bishops to safeguard and protect the sacraments. Traditionally, priests trust the recipient of the Blessed Sacrament not to be in a state of grave sin at the time of the reception.

But one who directly and publicly employs the assets of government to kill babies and then receives the Blessed Sacrament nevertheless — if uncorrected by the hierarchy — will cause grave scandal. As Biden's reception of the Sacrament and his facilitation of abortion are public, his admonition should be public as well.

A retired bishop friend of mine recently put it this way: Do you think it was right for the Catholic hierarchy in Germany to remain silent and permit priests to give the Blessed Sacrament to SS officers whose regime was slaughtering the Jewish people because unjust laws permitted them to do so? The answer is obvious because Catholics who help to kill innocents are Catholic in their own minds only.

*Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Open house signs

Dear Editor:

The article "Open Houses are Back" (6/17/21) unwittingly and unfortunately condones as acceptable practice a violation of sign restrictions of the Downey Municipal Code.

Specifically, the article states in part "...marketing the open house with signs in front of your house *and around the neighborhood*" (my emphasis). Neighborhood signs constitute a direct violation of Downey Municipal Code Article IX, Chapter 6, Section 9612, Table 9.6.1 which states "Open House Sign shall only be located on the site in which the open house is occurring." Repeat: "only be on the site in which the open house is occurring."

Also, most realtors' additional "open house" signs (already a violation by being off site) further violate Downey Municipal Code Article IV, Chapter 1, Section 4118, "Signs on Public Property Prohibited" stating in part "no person...shall erect, place or fasten... any sign...upon any public property within the City, including any roadway, curb, parkway, sidewalk, driveway, etc. (With good reason this code section falls under Chapter 1, "Disorderly Conduct".)

Although most realtors are cognizant of code restrictions on signs, obviously they have been ignored in the past. The result has been city-wide ugly "open house" signs on most weekends before the pandemic, almost all in violation of Downey Municipal Code.

Hopefully The Patriot will peruse future articles to eliminate printing promotion of any sort of code violation.

**Richard Sterling**  
Member, Keep Downey Beautiful

### Fireworks

Dear Editor:

With the Fourth of July nearing, Phantom Fireworks encourages its friends and customers to be considerate of your neighbors when using state legal fireworks. We often get too caught up in the excitement and entertainment of the beautiful fireworks that we forget the noise and lights may have an adverse effect on some people and animals.

Phantom Fireworks asks you to be courteous to your neighbors. Communicate with them. Notify your neighbors before using your fireworks to allow them to prepare themselves and to enjoy your show.

Phantom also asks that you respect your neighbor's property. Keep the area where you are using your fireworks open and away from your neighbor's property to prevent accumulation of fireworks remains in their area. When the show is over, clean up your fireworks debris, particularly any that ends up on your neighbor's property or in the street.

Firework safety is crucial. Always have a ready source of water close by in case of emergencies. Maintain plenty of distance between the site where you light the fireworks and spectators and buildings. It is very important to honor a curfew. Generally professional shows end by 11 pm. Please respect your neighbors by ending at a reasonable time.

Phantom reminds you to follow the law and apply common sense. Read the firework safety tips provided by Phantom to understand the performance and hazards associated with the item. Phantom wants you to be safe, have fun and enjoy your Fourth of July.

**Bill Weimer**  
Phantom Fireworks

Dear Editor:

Every night now there are explosions in Downey as though we're living in a war zone.

What difference does it make whether fireworks are illegal or not if our extremely expensive police force fails to enforce the law?

**Craig Paup**  
Downey

### Colors of the rainbow

Dear Editor:

Let us revisit the seven colors of the rainbow and what each one represents:

Red- This is the first color of the rainbow from top. Red signifies passion, vitality, enthusiasm and security. It is the light with the longest wavelength.

Orange- This light or color is a combination of yellow and red. It is a dynamic color representing creativity, practicality, playfulness as well as equilibrium or control.

Yellow- This is the color of the sunshine itself. It represents clarity of thought, wisdom, orderliness and energy.

Green- This is the middle color of the rainbow and denotes fertility, growth, balance, health and wealth.

Blue- This the fifth color of the rainbow which makes us think of the Unknown. The sky and the wide oceans are in this color and hence it has been associated with Spirituality and Divinity.

Indigo- It is believed that where Blue is calming, Indigo is sedating. Indigo is mystical as it bridges the Gap between Finite and Infinite. Indigo colored gemstones are often used for spiritual attainment, psychic abilities, self awareness and enhancement of Intuition.

Violet- The last color of the rainbow is a mix of red and blue. It is considered the highest element of spirituality. It can ignite one's imagination and be an inspiration to artists. Dark tones of violet are associated with sorrow. Deeper shades of violet or purple denote high spiritual mastery.

Thus, the seven colors of the rainbow are not only a thing of great beauty but also have Biblical/philosophical significance, specific functions and purpose.

The rumor being told that the LGBTQ stole the colors of the rainbow are false. There is no hot pink or turquoise in the rainbow.

**Jamey Goff**  
Downey

### Pride flag

Dear Editor:

We are all one under the flag of the United States of America. There is no need to distinguish between different groups. We are united under a single flag.

**Martha Millard**  
Downey

Dear Editor:

Imaging living in 2021 and voting against flying a pride flag for literally one week. Our mayor is a Trump-loving joke.

**Stacy Rodriguez**  
Downey

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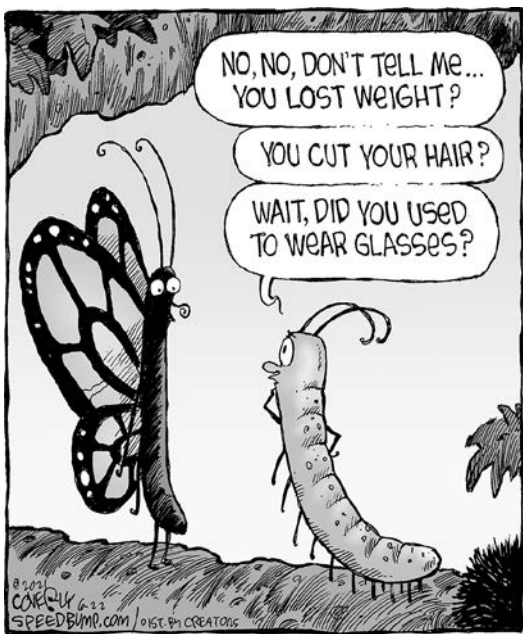
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### CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.  
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3447.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezhualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.  
 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.  
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

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# Juneteenth: Our new federal holiday

■ A joyous occasion as President Biden makes Juneteenth a new federal holiday.

By Carol Kearns Contributor

I am thrilled that the end of slavery in our country will now be celebrated as a national holiday known as Juneteenth. June 19, 1865, is the day Union soldiers entering Galveston, Texas, told enslaved Black people that the Confederacy had actually surrendered more than two months earlier. Slavery had officially ended.

Apparently Galveston was so far away and isolated that enslaved Blacks also hadn't heard about the Emancipation Proclamation two and a half years earlier, and that many former slaves had joined the Union forces as free men.

Juneteenth has been celebrated in the Black community ever since, and it rightfully deserves to be celebrated as a national holiday now. I admit my surprise that the Congressional vote was so overwhelming and non-partisan (House vote 415 to 14, Senate vote unanimous) given the acrimony over the Black Lives Matter movement. But this was the right thing to do and it gives me hope for my country.

The Black community has been celebrating Juneteenth

in various ways ever since 1865. Festivities include public celebrations with music, food, and commemorative speeches. In 1872 a group of Black businessmen and ministers in Houston purchased ten acres for this purpose and named the land Emancipation Park.

Texas named Juneteenth an official state holiday in 1979, and forty-nine other states now officially recognize the event in some form. A well-known activist who has campaigned for national recognition of Juneteenth is ninety-four-year-old Opal Lee from Texas.

In a wonderful coincidence, June is also African-American Music Appreciation Month. President Jimmy Carter, who celebrated performers and music of all genres with numerous cultural events during his time in office, declared June as Black Music Month in 1979. His proclamation was never drafted officially, so in 2000 Bill Clinton signed an official decree after the House passed a resolution.

On June 2, 2009, President Barack Obama, in recognition of the profound gift of African-American music and its impact upon the world, renamed the month in an official Presidential Proclamation—African-American Music Appreciation Month.

If you're looking for a way to commemorate Juneteenth this year, you might consider a visit to Biddy Mason Memorial Park in Downtown Los Angeles. Biddy

Mason and her children were brought to San Bernardino as slaves by Robert Smith in 1852. California was a free state at that time, and Smith wanted to relocate to Texas so he could sell Biddy and others. Biddy escaped with others to the Los Angeles area and her free status was recognized legally.

Though born into slavery and dehumanizing conditions, Biddy went on to become a major contributor to the economy and culture of Los Angeles. She served others as a midwife and nurse, grew her savings with land purchased between Spring St. and Broadway, shared her wealth with the needy through philanthropic efforts, organized a school for Black children, and was one of the original founders of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles.

The Biddy Mason Memorial Park is tucked in between Spring Street and Broadway, just across from Grand Central Market, and with access to the south entrance to the Bradbury building. A timeline of her life is stenciled into an eighty-foot concrete wall designed by artist Sheila Levrant de Bretteville. In 2018, inaugural poet Amanda Gorman participated in a celebration of Biddy's 200th birthday.

You can bring your own refreshments to eat in the park; you can visit one of the many eateries in Grand Central Market across the street; or you can visit the Maccheroni Republic which features handmade pastas and outside dining.



President Biden signing the bill making Juneteenth a national holiday. Advocate Opal Lee is second from left.

Footnote: Biddy Mason was featured in my first post on this blog. Our new national holiday of Juneteenth is a wonderful reason to be mentioning her again.

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# Obituaries



a degree in marine engineering in 1966.

Smith went on to serve in the Vietnam War, where he rose to command the cutters Point Mast and Point Ellis, becoming the first Black officer to command a U.S. warship in close quarters combat. He was honored with a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

After the war, Smith attended law school at George Washington University and taught law at the Coast Guard Academy, as well as coaching the football team. He remained in active duty service until 1979 and remained with the Coast Guard Reserves for another nine years.

In later years, Smith was part of the legal team at Electric Boat, one of the first Black general counsels for a Fortune 500 company.

## Merle Smith, first Black graduate of Coast Guard

Cmdr. Merle Smith, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran who was the first Black graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, died June 16 at the age of 76.

Smith entered the Coast Guard Academy in 1962, playing football for the school as a defensive end. He graduated with

## Mark Peel, celebrity chef and TV judge

Mark Peel, a celebrity chef who founded the Los Angeles restaurant Campanile and appeared on TV shows including "Top Chef" and "Hell's Kitchen," died June 20 of cancer at the age of 67.

Peel was one of the stars of California cuisine, cooking for Spago and Chez Panisse in his early years. He founded Campanile in 1989 along with his then-wife, Nancy Silverton.

The couple also founded La Brea bakery to supply the restaurant's bread. La Brea has since become an international brand.

In 2001, Campanile won the James Beard Foundation Award for Outstanding Restaurant. The restaurant focused on urban rustic cuisine, sourced from local growers.

After Campanile closed in 2012, Peel founded Bomba, now called Prawn Coastal.

He was featured twice on "Top Chef Masters" and was a judge on "Top Chef" in 2009 and 2010. His other cooking show appearances included "Hell's Kitchen," "Knife Fight," and "Kitchen Nightmares."

## Alex Harvill, world record stunt performer

Alex Harvill, a motorcycle stunt performer and daredevil who held a Guinness World Record, died June 17 in a motorcycle accident while practicing for a record-breaking attempt at Grant County International Airport in Washington at the age of 28.

In 2013, Harvill set the Guinness World Record for the longest dirt-to-dirt motorcycle ramp jump, at a distance of 297.5 feet.

He was planning to attempt

to break the ramp-to-dirt motorcycle jump record of 351 feet at the Moses Lake Airshow on June 17.

In the following days, he hoped to break an airplane jump record. Harvill's dream was to jump approximately 500 feet across the Snake River.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

"When I was 10 years old, I was run over by a car that broke my pelvis. After that I knew that not much could be worse than what I experienced," he once said in an interview. "It gave me a lack of fear, I suppose, because I knew what the pain was and that it would go away at some point."

## Heidi Ferrer, television writer on 'Dawson's Creek'

Heidi Ferrer, a writer known for her work on TV shows including "Dawson's Creek" and "Wasteland," died May 26 by suicide at the age of 50 after battling long-haul COVID-19 for more than a year.

Ferrer initially pursued an acting career, but she later turned to screenwriting. "Dawson's Creek" was among her early successes as she wrote several episodes of the popular coming-of-age drama. She also wrote for the short-lived series "Wasteland."

Ferrer's movie screenplays include the Paris Hilton movie "The Hot Chick" and "The Princess," a 2008 film aired on ABC Family.

In later years, she founded the blog GirlToMom.com, where she wrote about her infant son's

progressive infantile scoliosis as well as sharing her comedic writing and other material. The Infantile Scoliosis Project honored her as an advocate with their National Hero Award.

Ferrer had contracted COVID-19 in April 2020 and was still fighting the virus over a year later. Ferrer was "bedridden and in constant physical pain" in May due to long-term symptoms of the virus, including severe neurological tremors.

"In my darkest moments, I told my husband that if I didn't get better, I did not want to live like this," she wrote on her blog. "I wasn't suicidal, I just couldn't see any quality of life long term and there was no end in sight."

## Kenneth Kaunda, politician who liberated Zambia

Kenneth Kaunda, the former president of Zambia, who led the fight to free the country from British rule, died June 17 after a short illness at the age of 97.

Kaunda became involved in Zambia's struggle for independence in the late 1940s, when the country was known as Northern Rhodesia.

He led the Zambian African National Congress, and later the United National Independence Party, advising civil disobedience tactics in the fight for freedom. When Zambia gained its freedom in 1964, Kaunda was named its first president.

In 1972, as uprisings troubled Zambia, Kaunda outlawed all political parties but his own. He remained in power, and a largely popular leader, until 1991, when a multi-party election ousted him

from the presidency.

In later years, Kaunda was remembered fondly for his role in freeing the country and for maintaining relative stability during his time in office.

"Peace, unity, love. One Zambia, one nation. That is what I believe and that is what we have," Kaunda said in a 1991 campaign speech. "Look around Africa, what do you see? Starvation. War. Chaos. Look at our poor brothers in Zaire, Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Uganda. Zambia is at peace, not in pieces."

## Joanne Linville, actress on 'Star Trek'

Joanne Linville, an actress known for roles including a Romulan commander in a 1968 episode of "Star Trek," died June 20 in Los Angeles at the age of 93.

Linville's portrayal of the Romulan commander made her "Star Trek" episode, "The Enterprise Incident," one of the original series' most memorable - fans loved the romantic tension between her character and Spock, played by Leonard Nimoy.

Another notable appearance was on a 1961 episode of "The Twilight Zone," playing a Confederate widow at the end of the Civil War.

Linville also appeared in movies including "A Star Is Born" (1976) and in TV shows including "Gunsmoke," "Hawaii Five-O," "Columbo," "Charlie's Angels," and "L.A. Law."

Also an acting teacher, Linville co-founded the Stella Adler Academy in Los Angeles.

## Leroy Jones, Chargers defensive end

Leroy Jones, a defensive end with the San Diego Chargers in the 1970s and '80s, died June 11 in Casselberry, Florida at the age of 70.

After playing college football at Norfolk State University, Jones joined the CFL and played for the Edmonton Eskimos for two seasons.

He became eligible for the NFL draft in 1975, and he was chosen in the second round by the Los Angeles Rams, who later traded him to the San Diego Chargers.

Jones played for the Chargers until 1983, and he was a member of the team's famed 1980 defensive line known as the "Bruise Brothers." He went to the playoffs with the Chargers in the 1981 season, playing in the legendary "Epic in Miami" playoff game, called one of the greatest games in NFL history.

Jones blocked a kick in that game, which helped lead to the Chargers' overtime victory.

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Eileen Laura Northway Wilkins passed away quietly this last weekend. She is survived by three of her four children and 12 grandchildren. She came close but didn't quite make her 100th birthday goal.

Eileen was a Registered Nurse and moved with her family to Downey in 1953 where her husband started his medical practice as a heart specialist.

In Memory of

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A native Californian, Steve Drobeck spent 70 years in Downey. He attended Rancho Santa Gertrudes Elementary School, East Junior High, and Downey High School. Steve developed his locksmithing skills while he was in junior high as he and his brother worked for their father at Gene's Lock Service. He joined the US Navy in 1970, where he honorably served our country during the Vietnam War. He did 2 tours aboard the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier in the China Seas, just off the coast of Vietnam. In 1973, he returned home and resumed working at the family business with his dad while serving one more year in the Navy's active reserves. In 1981, he opened his own business, Steve's Lock Service, located next to the main Downey post office on Firestone Blvd. Steve was a third generation locksmith and worked hard to earn a good reputation in the city of Downey and surrounding areas for 40 years. Over the years he trained many people who became like family to him.

Steve was a hard working locksmith by trade but willingly volunteered a tremendous amount of his time to charity work and never missed an opportunity to help others. An active member of St. Raymond Catholic Church, he gave much of his time to the church and the Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 362 at St. Raymond, raising monies to help others.

At Christmastime, Steve was known to many as "Santa" when he spent countless hours bringing holiday cheer to children and adults alike. His first appearance was in 1983 at a family gathering and "Santa" could be seen at "Santa's Candy Cottage" on the corner of Horley Avenue & Hondo Street. The Drobeck home became a "must do" Christmas outing for hundreds of families. "Santa" could also be seen at many other community and charitable events throughout the years.

Steve is survived by his wife Charlene Drobeck, brother Richard Drobeck, sister-in law Mary Margaret Drobeck, niece Gina Higginbotham (and husband David), niece Michelle Laven (and husband Lance), nephew Jason Drobeck, and grand nieces and nephews: Emma and Evan Higginbotham, and Samuel, Elijah, and Juliet Laven.

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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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### GOVERNMENT

#### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT PLN-21-00079

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of July, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

**(PLN-21-00079) Special Event Permit:** A request to hold a 16-day circus from July 23, 2021 to August 19, 2021. The applicants are Circus Vargas, and this will be the second time that the circus will take place within the parking lot of the Stonewood Mall located at 251 Stonewood Street. The hours of operation are from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (varies by day). The circus includes a large performing tent and concessions, on property zoned SP-89-1 (Stonewood Specific Plan).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or participate via teleconference to give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Senior Planner Alfonso Hernandez at (562) 904-7154, or at [ahernandez@downeyca.org](mailto:ahernandez@downeyca.org).

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#### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-12 3RD STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (RIVES AVENUE TO PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 15, 2021 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for Capital Improvement Project No. 21-12 3rd Street Water System Improvements (Rives Avenue to Paramount Boulevard).

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the construction of water system improvements on 3rd Street from Rives Avenue to Paramount Boulevard, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed generally consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new main, fire hydrant assemblies, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valves, cross, tees, bends, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of existing service lines and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters, and boxes; clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) and Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 21-12.

Plans and Specifications for this

project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$45.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-12.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid: promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him/her, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C34, "Pipeline Contractor."

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his/her work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his/her sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mrs. Lorena Powell,  
Associate Civil Engineer III, Utilities  
E-Mail: [lpowell@downeyca.org](mailto:lpowell@downeyca.org)  
Tel: (562) 904-7110  
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
City Clerk

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#### CITY OF DOWNEY PUBLIC MEETING RANCHO LOS AMIGOS SOUTH CAMPUS SPECIFIC PLAN (RLASCSP) AND DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT Case No. PLN-21-00063

**Project Location:**  
The Project site is a 172 acre area located in the City's southwest corner, most notably bordered by Gardendale Street to the south, Imperial Highway to the north, Garfield Avenue to the west, and residential neighborhoods and a high school to the east. The City of South Gate borders the Project site to the south and west. The Project site's southwest corner is bisected by the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridor.

**Project Description:**  
The Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Specific Plan (RLASCSP) was prepared to promote future development of the southern portion of the Rancho Los Amigos Campus. The RLASCSP is a City initiated Specific Plan located completely on land that is owned by the County of Los Angeles (County). Multiple concurrent development projects and studies were in process during the creation of the plan and were considered when developing this Specific Plan. The plan prioritizes creating more livable communities with access to both regional transit and promotes alternative transit opportunities.

The Project proposes a planned and programmed mix of transit-oriented residential, retail, and office uses. The RLASCSP consists of four geographical districts: Flex Tech/Bio Medical (FTBM), Regional Public Facilities (RF), Transit Oriented Development (TOD), and Community Serving (CS). A Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts that may result from the proposed RLASCSP. A presentation will be provided to the Planning Commission on both the Draft RLASCSP and the Draft PEIR before they take public comment on both documents.

#### Required Entitlements:

The following are the entitlements and approvals required for the Project, which are filed with the City as Case No. PLN-21-00063:

- PEIR Certification
- General Plan Amendment
- Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Specific Plan
- Zoning Text and Map Amendment

#### Planning Commission Public Meeting

Pursuant to State Law, the Planning Commission will hold a presentation and public meeting to receive testimony, orally and in writing, on the PEIR and proposed Project. The Public Meeting is scheduled for:

Date: July 7, 2021  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Place: City of Downey Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241

For any questions, please contact the Planning Division's Office at (562) 904-7154.

For more information contact Guillermo Arreola at 562-904-7154 or at [garreola@downeyca.org](mailto:garreola@downeyca.org).

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#### CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED

On June 22, 2021, the City Council of the City of Downey adopted the following Ordinance:

Adopted Ordinance No 21-1464, an uncodified Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey pursuant to California Government Code Section 8634 and Downey City Charter Sections 511 and 514 extending the temporary Moratorium on evictions of commercial tenants for nonpayment of rent resulting from loss of income due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and rent repayment period; and setting forth the facts constituting such urgency. AYES: Council Members: Alvarez, Ashton, Pacheco, Mayor Frometa NOES: Council Member: None. EXCUSED: Council Member: None. ABSTAIN: Council Member: Trujillo

Copy of the full text is available in the City Clerk's Office.

M. Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk  
June 24, 2021

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#### LIEN SALES NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 -1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction

conducted on [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) on Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 ending at 10:00am. The personal property including: general household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, CA 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name	Unit #
Benjamin B. Coute	1550
David Garcia	2108
Raul Jimenez	2252
Elvira Martinez	2623
Deborah May	1526
Mario Medina	2907
Robert Mejico	1424
Virginia Soto Padilla	1586
Lakeisha Parker	1405
Olivia Parker	1158
Armando Ramirez	2073
Robert A. Scott	2474
Edith Soden	1102

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 24th day of June 2021 and 1st day of July 2021.  
Self Storage Management Company  
Bond #: WL1254152

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### NOTICES

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00206**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DALIA G. RAMIREZ AND GUSTAVO A. LIZARRAGA ON BEHALF OF DALEYZA MILAGROS RIZO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) DALEYZA MILAGROS RIZO to Proposed name (1) DALEYZA MILAGROS LIZARRAGA  
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: AUGUST 16, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA., 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT  
JUNE 15, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
DALIA G. RAMIREZ  
3140 FLOWER ST.  
HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255  
213-317-5247  
RAMIREZDALIA0115@YAHOO.COM

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00160**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) ORLANDO GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ  
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: AUGUST 13, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA., 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00160**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) ORLANDO GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ  
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: JULY 16, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA., 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four

successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT  
MAY 14, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ  
8110 BERGMAN LN.,  
DOWNEY, CA., 90242  
(562) 213-3133  
ordoming@gmail.com

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00204**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA ARAYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) MARIA ARAYA to Proposed name (1) MARIA RIVERA CASTILLO  
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: AUGUST 13, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA., 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT  
JUNE 14, 2021  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
MARIA ARAYA  
7409 FOSTORIA STREET  
DOWNEY, CA 90241  
323-282-1741

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## SATURDAY, JUNE 26

**Downey Pride March**, 10 am. Downey's second annual pride march returns. Meet at Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

**Downey Pride Night**, 8 pm. Drags, dancing and drinks. Featuring an appearance by special guest Vivienne Vita. \$5 cover. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

**Scarlett and the Fever**, 8 pm. Live music by Scarlett and the Fever, who play a vibrant fusion of R&B, classic soul, reggae and jazz. \$10 admission or \$50 for a front row table of 4. Bastard's Canteen, 11045 Downey Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

**Chamber of Commerce Installation**, 12 pm. The Downey Chamber of Commerce installs its new board officers, including incoming president Sheila Tetangco-Bartolone. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

**Downey Police Citizen Appreciation Parade**, 6:30 pm. Decorate your car and drive by the Downey Police Department to show your support of Downey police officers.

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## SATURDAY, JULY 10

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**, 7 am. Featuring keynote speaker Glenn Leonard of The Temptations. Rio Hondo Event Center, 11627 Old River School Rd.

**Mile-Long Yard Sale**, 9 am to 2 pm. More than 30 homes typically participate in this annual, one-day yard sale on Pangborn Avenue.

**Resource Family Recruitment Event**, 9 am. Find out how you can help any of the 30,000 children in L.A. County foster care. Calvary Chapel Downey (south sanctuary), 12808 Woodruff Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## SATURDAY, JULY 24

**Kiwanis Car Show**, 9 am to 2 pm. Vintage cars, live music, raffles, food, 50/50 drawings, and more family-friendly fun. Downey High School parking lot.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Summer concerts return to Furman Park. No umbrellas, dogs must be on a leash. Musical lineup to be announced soon.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

**Downey Pride Picnic**, 12-4 pm. Downey's first LGBTQ picnic with children's activities, live music and entertainment, raffles, information booths, and free food. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue.

**Backpack Giveaway**, 2-4 pm. Bring your children to receive a free backpack, courtesy of Gangs Out of Downey. Live music to follow. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

**Downey Symphony Concert**, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs a free concert under the direction of conductor Sharon Lavery. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

**Dr. Mary Stauffer Celebration of Life**. A public service for Dr. Mary Stauffer, who died earlier this year at age 103. To receive an invitation with details about the service, fill out the following form online: <https://tinyurl.com/mrsfCOL>

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

**Downey Greek Festival**. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a two-day event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

**Downey Greek Festival**. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a two-day event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

**Clint Black in Concert**, 7 pm. Grammy Award winning country music star Clint Black performs live. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

**31st Annual Rancho Golf Classic**, 11 am. The Rancho Foundation's annual golf fundraiser benefiting patient programs and services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Online registration opens July 1. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr. in Whittier

## SUNDAY, MARCH 20

**Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along**, 2 pm. This interactive presentation of Disney's favorite classic has been customized with on-screen lyrics for all the songs so that audiences can sing along. Your hosts will introduce each performance and in addition, goody bags are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to participate. Add to the fun by dressing up as a favorite character from the film. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

**Willy Chirino**, 8 pm. Combining the musical traditions of Cuba with American rock and jazz, Cuba-born and South Florida-based vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. First of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 2

**Willy Chirino**, 8 pm. Combining the musical traditions of Cuba with American rock and jazz, Cuba-born and South Florida-based vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. Second of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10

**Grease Sing-Along**, 7 pm. Hand jive in the aisles, enjoy specialty treats and drinks and get ready to fall in love with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John all over again as you sing along to "You're the One That I Want," "Beauty School Dropout," "Summer Nights" and all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.



The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey presented each of these six 8th grade students with a \$500 scholarship. The scholarships will help with tuition at their chosen Catholic High Schools. This year's scholarships were awarded on the academic growth the students demonstrated throughout their 8th grade STAR tests. This is a California Standardized test given three times during the year that measures student achievement in math, English-language Arts and Science. We congratulate each of these scholars and wish them the best in their future studies.

Left to right: Paula Mayfield, VP, OLPH Women's Guild; Bianca Alejandra Ureno, Rosary Academy; Sophia Romero, Ramona Convent; Lorraine Norris, Ramona Convent; Itzel Guzman, Rosary Academy; Danica DeSales, Rosary Academy; Enrique Huerta, Loyola High School; Armida Lugo, President OLPH Women's Guild

## SUNDAY, MAY 8

**Mariachi Los Camperos**, 4 pm. Two-Time Grammy award winner Mariachi Los Camperos originated in 1961 and played a fundamental role in the development of Mariachi music in the United States and was the first to take the Mariachi performances out of customary locations such as cantinas and into concert halls. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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