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Gloria Molina dies at 74

By City News Service

PICO RIVERA — As tributes continued to pour in, funeral services were pending Tuesday for Gloria Molina -- the pioneering Southland politician who was the first Latina elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the L.A. City Council and the state Assembly.

Molina died Sunday -- Mother's Day -- of cancer. She was 74.

"It is with heavy hearts that our family announces Gloria's passing this evening," Molina's daughter, Valentina Martinez, said Sunday in a statement. "She passed away at her home in Mt. Washington, surrounded by our family."

"Gloria had been battling terminal cancer for the past three years. She faced this fight with the same courage and resilience she lived her life. Over the last few weeks, Gloria was uplifted by the love and support of our family, community, friends, and colleagues. Gloria expressed deep gratitude for the life she lived and the opportunity to serve our community."

Martinez said that while Molina will be remembered as a trailblazer, the family will remember her "as our loving mom and grandmother, protective oldest sister, wise tía and loyal friend. We will miss celebrating with her on Christmas Eve, hosted at her home decked out in a new theme for the holidays and nourished with handmade tamales and a holiday feast with all the trimmings."

The statement described her as "the strong and selfless matriarch of our family."

Molina, who grew up in Pico Rivera, was active in the early

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Downtown plans holiday events

DOWNEY — Downtown Downey will host an array of public events starting this summer and through the holiday season.

The city council last week agreed to close Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th streets to accommodate the events, which are being hosted by the Downtown Downey Downey Improvement Association (DDIA).

Special events include:

Taste of Downtown Downey - Friday, June 30, 5-9 pm

Fourth of July in Downtown Downey - Sunday, July 2, 3-9 pm

Oktoberfest - Saturday, Sept. 16, 3-9 pm

Downtown Downey Fright Carnival - Saturday, Oct. 21, 5-9 pm

Small Business Saturday - Saturday, Nov. 25, 3-9 pm

Downtown Downey Posadas - Saturday, Dec. 9, 5-9 pm

Each event will feature approximately 77 vendor booths, eight food trucks, live music, and a beer garden.

Each event will be staffed by four security guards and between 2-4 Downey police officers.

Downey installing cameras at all of its parks

Downey is embarking on a four-year plan to equip its parks with security cameras.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY — Security cameras will be installed at Furman Park this summer, the first phase in Downey's long-term plan to install surveillance cameras at every park within city limits.

Furman Park will receive six cameras to monitor the playgrounds, walking trail, entrances to two activity rooms, the parking lot and a portion of the picnic shelters.

In a report to the city council,

parks and recreation director Jason Chacon said the police department will have access to recorded footage.

"The installation of security cameras will help deter criminal activity including graffiti and serve as an additional tool for the Downey Police Department to further park safety," Chacon wrote.

City officials said the goal is to have security cameras installed at all Downey parks by June 30, 2027.

Last week, the city council awarded a \$44,651 contract to BTI Communications Group to install the six cameras at Furman Park. Installation is expected to be completed by July 1.



Furman Park will be equipped with security cameras this summer. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Downey sophomore wins congressional art competition

Grace Barrios' artwork, "Overloaded," was chosen from more than 100 submissions.

DOWNEY — Downey High School sophomore Grace Barrios was named the winner of the 2023 Congressional Art Competition for California's 42nd Congressional District.

Barrios was recognized by Rep. Robert Garcia at a reception last week and will also be honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in June.

Southwest Airlines is providing Barrios and one parent or guardian with roundtrip tickets to attend the reception.

Barrios' artwork, titled "Overloaded," will be displayed

at the U.S. Capitol for 11 months, along with artwork from all participating districts from around the country.

More than 100 students participated in this year's competition. The top 18 pieces were displayed at a reception at the Long Beach Museum of Art.

"Through art, students can learn to communicate their thoughts and emotions in powerful and meaningful ways, fostering empathy and understanding for themselves and others," said Garcia. "Our community has so many incredible students, and I was so impressed by the amazing artistic talent on display from all across our district. I can't wait to showcase a talented young local artist in the halls of Congress."



Grace Barrios and Rep. Robert Garcia

Calvary Chapel brings back Fourth of July fireworks show

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Calvary Chapel Downey has announced the return of its Fourth of July fireworks show.

The event -- to be held at Downey High School on Saturday, July 1 -- will feature kids entertainment and activities, several musical performers, shopping, food trucks, and a 15-minute fireworks show.

Senior Pastor Arthur Reyes, described the event -- called "Freedom Festival" -- as "a community event designed for the entire family."

"Really, [Freedom Festival is] a space where families can come, a safe place, and get a positive message," said Reyes. "Obviously



for us it's gospel centered..."

Reyes said that the message of the festival would be one of hope, while also celebrating "the freedom we have in our country and the freedom we have in Christ."

The event is free and open to the whole community. The

sometime around 2014.

Former Mayor Rick Rodriguez, who had been involved with the event in previous years, said "It's the best way to celebrate."

"Illegal fireworks in our city have always been a big issue because we've had fires," said Rodriguez. "This is the best way to mitigate that, because you have a professional firework company that's working with our Downey Fire Department, that's been hired by Calvary Chapel Downey, to put on a fireworks show that you can see from Stonewood Mall, from the Promenade, from the high school."

"It's really the best way to celebrate, and at the same time it really brings our community together."

Calvary Chapel had put on a similar showcase for many years, however the event ceased

Downey Unified's social studies curriculum open for public review

DOWNEY — Downey Unified invites the public to examine a new Social Studies Curriculum being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in middle school.

The materials selected are in alignment with State Content Standards as required by California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 5, Section 9531(a).

Copies of the materials will be on display for five consecutive weeks, Monday through Friday, from May 15 until June 15, 2023, in the Secondary Education Department of the Downey Unified

District Office. Appointments are requested to be made for any person wishing to review these materials. Please contact the office of Secondary Education at (562) 469-6781 to make an appointment.

The policy of the Board of Education provides that anyone wishing to offer suggestions or criticism about this curriculum proposed for adoption must submit comments in writing to the Superintendent seven days prior to the Board meeting at which this curriculum will be adopted. Adoption will be recommended at the Board of Education meeting scheduled for June 27, 2023.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 76°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 76°

ON THIS DAY

1863: The Battle of Chancellorsville in the American Civil War, a bloody assault by the Union army in Virginia that failed to disperse the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, continued.

1860: Abraham Lincoln became the Republican candidate for the U.S. presidency at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

1896: The U.S. Supreme Court released its decision in Plessy v. Ferguson, and the judgment advanced the controversial "separate but equal" doctrine for assessing the constitutionality of racial segregation laws.

1940: Brussels fell to the invading German army in World War II and was subjected to harsh terms of occupation.

1953: American aviator Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier.

1969: NASA launched Apollo 10, describing it as a "dress rehearsal" for the first moon landing.

1980: Following an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.1 on the Richter scale, Mount St. Helens in Washington state erupted in one of the greatest volcanic explosions ever recorded in North America.

1999: The Backstreet Boys released their third album, "Millennium," with the hits "I Want It That Way" and "Larger than Life." Primarily produced by Max Martin, it sold over 13 million records in America and many more worldwide.



2001: "Shrek"—with voices provided by Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, and Cameron Diaz, among others—had its nationwide release in the United States; it went on to become the first movie to win the Academy Award for best animated feature.

2004: Randy Johnson, age 40, became the oldest pitcher to throw a perfect game, for the Arizona Diamondbacks against the Atlanta Braves.

2012: Facebook held its initial public offering, raising \$16 billion.

Birthdays

Baseball hall of famer **Reggie Jackson** (77), country singer **George Strait** (71), pilot **Jeana Yeager** (71), and comedy actress **Tina Fey** (53).

Gloria Molina's legacy of service

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days of the Chicano movement, becoming an advocate for women's health issues -- which she continued into her elected offices. At one point, she founded a Nurse Mentoring Program through local community colleges to address a nurse shortage.

She first won elective office in 1982, winning the 56th Assembly District seat and eventually leading a fight to quash a proposed prison in East L.A.

Molina won the City Council's First District seat in 1987, and was elected to the Board of Supervisors representing the county's First District in 1991. She was the first woman elected to the board -- once known as the "Five Little Kings" -- though Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, who was appointed to fill a vacancy, was the first woman to actually serve on the board.

Known as a sharp fiscal watchdog, Molina served as a supervisor until 2014, forced out by term limits enacted in 2002.

On her exit in 2014, she recalled her early years on the board, by saying, "Everything seemed like a battle."

Prior to her elected positions, she worked as a deputy for presidential personnel in the Jimmy Carter White House.

In recognition of her leadership, the Board of Supervisors earlier this year renamed Grand Park in honor of Molina. It's now called Gloria Molina Grand Park.

In a statement Sunday night, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass called Molina "a force for unapologetic good and transformational change in Los Angeles" who "advocated for those who did not have a voice in government through her pioneering environmental justice work, her role as a fiscal watchdog, and her advocacy for public health. She shaped Los Angeles in a lasting way while paving the way for future generations of leaders."

Bass' tribute was just one of many.

"Words can't express the loss of Gloria Molina," said Supervisor Hilda Solis, who introduced the motion to rename Grand Park -- a park that Molina championed as an urban green space.

"She was a beacon of hope to many -- including myself. She inspired me to follow in her footsteps and be of service to our community. ... I am heartbroken to lose a champion for Latinos, for mujeres, and for the Eastside. While she may no longer be physically with us, we will forever feel her impact."

Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a statement that Molina "improved the lives of countless Angelenos and Californians and opened doors for generations of women in politics and public service."

"Never losing sight of her roots in community organizing and advocacy, Molina was not afraid to clash with prominent politicians in her fight for working-class neighborhoods," Newsom said. "Her leadership delivered lasting



results advancing social justice for Eastside communities, creating parks and community centers and expanding public transit, among other accomplishments."

L.A. City Councilman Tim McOsker said the date of Molina's passing was significant.

"It's deeply moving that on Mother's Day, the mother of the Los Angeles Latina political movement has passed," McOsker said. " ... Molina was not only a trailblazer, but she held the door open for other Latinas in government to walk through."

Supervisor Janice Hahn issued a statement saying, "It takes an enormous amount of courage to be the first woman in the room and Gloria was the first woman and first Latina in nearly every room she was in across her career. She didn't just make space for herself -- she opened the door to the rest of us. Women in politics, particularly in Los Angeles County, owe a great debt of gratitude to Gloria Molina."

Sen. Alex Padilla said that, "For countless women, Latinos, and young people, there's been no better champion or role model in California politics than Gloria Molina. She dedicated her life to public service, entering political office during a time when few women or Latinos held top roles in public office. ... She was never,

ever one to shy away from a tough fight."

Alberto Carvalho, superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District, said, "Our Los Angeles Unified community mourns the passing of Gloria Molina, a Latina trailblazer in politics and public service. ... Her legacy will be felt for generations to come in the reforms and outcomes she secured for her constituents, as well as the lives of the people she mentored and inspired."

L.A. County District Attorney George Gascón called Molina "a true champion in the fight for equity and justice" and added, "Her commitment to uplifting underrepresented communities and creating a more just society will continue to inspire and motivate us all to work toward a better future."

Archbishop José Gomez, in a tweet, described Molina as "a dedicated public servant, a compassionate voice for the poor, & a leader in working for justice in our society. May God grant her eternal rest & give consolation to her loved ones."

Cardinal Roger Mahony also reflected on Molina's accomplishments, saying, "She was fearless in confronting institutional injustice such as the infamous Exide battery complex in East Los Angeles."

"She continued to point out that companies would readily build dangerous plants and factories in the poorest neighborhoods because they thought those communities lacked the political influence to object," Mahony added. "Gloria Molina proved them wrong over her long political career which always focused on the most underserved members of our society."

Mahony also said that Molina was influential in the ultimate location of the new Los Angeles cathedral after its predecessor was badly damaged in the Northridge earthquake of 1994.

"I am particularly grateful to her and her staff for advising me and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that the large county parcel on Temple Street between Grand Avenue and Hill Street would be an ideal site for our new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels," Mahony said. "Without her outreach to me and her continued work with our team from 1995 forward our new Cathedral would never have become a reality."

The Weingart Foundation, a private grantmaking foundation that partners with communities across Southern California to advance racial justice, released a statement saying, "We join all Angelenos in mourning the loss of a tremendous pioneering leader ... she not only opened doors for others to follow, she transformed lives."

The Committee for Greater LA, a cross-sectoral group of civic leaders working to advance system changes and dismantle institutional racism, released a statement from committee Chair Miguel A. Santana, who said they mourn "the loss of a trailblazer and community champion."

"No matter how challenging the path, Supervisor Molina never backed down from doing what was right and most impactful for the community. Time and again, she exemplified what it means to put community first."

Molina "fought for marginalized communities so that they could have their fair share of basic services after years of disinvestment and neglect," according to the organization.

LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes issued a statement describing Molina as "a champion for social justice" who was committed to creating public spaces for Angelenos. The organization also said it will host a public celebration of life for Molina on July 8.

Molina is survived by her husband, Ron Martinez; daughter, Valentina Martinez; son-in-law, Brendan Curran; grandson, Santiago; as well as nine siblings: Gracie, Irma, Domingo, Bertha, Mario, Sergio, Danny, Olga and Lisa.

In lieu of flowers, Molina's family requests that donations be made to Casa 0101 and LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes in her memory "to inspire and empower future generations through the arts."

POET'S CORNER

Mercy me

said the womenfolk where I was raised, and in my mind mercy was a verb, the action reflexive. Though of course

the wolf in the kingdom of winter does not mercy the elk. The owl does not mercy the hare that has trembled loose from its delicate coat of stillness.

The word has been used since the twelfth century to mean *God's forgiveness of his creatures' offenses.*

Such mercy is not what my father had in mind when he asked me to take a pistol to live

in the wilderness. I didn't. That was not how I imagined my days, strapping its cold weight to my hip, a saunter to the river...

And would I, after all, shoot a bear eclipsing my doorway? Would I shoot a man? Back home, another gun in the safe where my bedroom dresser used to stand. Out there, the news, a loaded gun, returns again and again to the loaded gun. ...

May the wild light get way down in our bones. May we without requital, mercy one another with hands like wings, with unarmed hands.

Corrie Williamson, 2022

Headlines of gun violence reminds us there is gun use and then there is gun abuse. Williamson spent seven and a half months writing and living off-grid in a remote section of the Rogue River in southwest Oregon. She lives in Lewistown, Montana, where she is at work on her third manuscript, *Your Mother's Bear Gun*. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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A toast to Downey's volunteers

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY — On a fair evening after a cloudy day, about 180 volunteers from over 20 Downey organizations gathered at the Woman's Club to honor this year's outstanding members of non-profit groups and service clubs.

The banquet, organized by the Downey Coordinating Council, has always been a meeting place for those who work hard to make life good and a little better here. Former Mayor **Rick Rodriguez** and **Steve Roberson**, who is leading the initiative to build a new Downey Family YMCA, were seen chatting. **Ron Kolar** sat with his pals from Kiwanis. **Tom Hutchinson**, who organized Boy Scout Troop 2 in presenting the colors, connected with Roy Beard. BSA Scouting honored **Dan Fijan** for his work with Eagle Scouts.

Ronnie Fernandez's family came, wife **Joanna**, their daughters from Carpenter Elementary, and Ronnie's mother. Ronnie was honored for his work with Gangs Out Of Downey, and he has taken over from **Darrell Jackson** as director of the 10-20 Club; Ronnie will focus on mental health.

Guests were entertained by guitarist **Larry Sepulveda**, music being one of the trademarks of **Lois Buchanan**, longtime (46 years) coordinator of the banquet. The evening was dedicated to Lois by the hosting Coordinating Council, for all the hard work and gracious touches she has instilled. The Woman's Club provided an elegant background, with its many crystal chandeliers, and the deft services of King Catering provided the succulent chicken with a choice of entrancing sauces- mushroom with sherry, mango, teriyaki.

Outgoing president of the Coordinating Council **Carol Kearns** welcomed the guests, and noted that there was an almost 50% increase over last year's attendance. Social life in Downey is returning, after three years of COVID restrictions.

With Carol's organizing skills, the presentation of the 23 volunteers and the reading of citations for each were on schedule. U.S. Congressman **Robert Garcia's** office gave certificates of appreciation for everyone on the organizing committee. Then first off was the Assistance League, who

chose **Cathy Ballon-Godinez** for her work coordinating the Assistsens. The Catholic Women's Guild of OLPH Church awarded **Linda Maine** for her 35 years of work with the homeless of downtown Los Angeles and her famous Tuna Sandwich Program.

Sal Cervantes was honored for his commitment to the Citizen's Climate Lobby, a group that shares expert opinion with our elected officials, to help us toward a sustainable future. Sal also serves as Membership Chair for the Coordinating Committee, and represents the Downey Toastmasters Club. Sal presented the Toastmaster award to **Monica Gross** for her help with communication and leadership skills.

Rotary Club of Downey, founded in 1924, filled a table, with president **Amelia Sanchez**, Fire Chief **Dan Hurlock**, Stonewood Mall manager **Enrique Martinez** and TLC's **Luz Perez**, to honor **Greg Welch**. Wife **Barbara Risher Welch** led the applause for Greg for exemplifying Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. President Mel was so enthusiastic about Greg that she went off script, describing all Greg has done in more than the 200 words allotted on the printed program.

Downey City Librarian **Claudia Daley** came forward to read the citation for **Daisy Ongay**, a junior at Bell High School. Daisy volunteers for the Children's Program and has designed some amazing crafts. Then long-time volunteer at the library **Elsa Frazier** introduced **Virginia Yoshiyama**, president of Friend of the Downey Library. The Friends operate the Gently Used Book Store in the library's lobby and raise money for community programs.

Another young volunteer, Doty Middle Schooler **Alexis Givens**, was introduced by Downey Patriot editor **Eric Pierce** for her enthusiastic support. During summer vacation Alexis even helps deliver the newspaper. Eric himself was singled out by the Downey Symphonic Society for his work as vice-president, chairing the Marketing Committee, assisting the treasurer with finances, and the president with grant applications. Eric has always given the DSS ongoing coverage in the Patriot.

By now the pattern was emerging: volunteers in any one group cross over, and so

many work together in a web of helpfulness to improve the quality of life in Downey. And they all have fun doing it.

Alistair Hunter president of the Downey Arts Coalition (DAC) said, "I am delighted to present the Downey Arts Coalition Volunteer of the Year 2023 to **Pat Gil**." Busy Pat coordinates the art exhibits in the Downey Theatre at each performance of the Downey Symphony.

"And a shout-out," said Alistair, "to Carol Kearns, President, Downey Coordinating Council and DAC founding member, who orchestrated this DCC celebration. And to all of the DCC volunteers of the year. A tremendous contribution to the fabric of the City of Downey."

"And kudos to Mayor **Claudia M. Frometa**, City of Downey," Alistair added, "U.S. Representative Garcia, **Blanca Pacheco**, **Bob Archuleta**, **Janice Hahn**, who all prepared certificates to the volunteers of the year."

Sheila Tetango-Bartolone was introduced by executive director of the Chamber of Commerce **Michael Calvert** for her work with the Chambers' Ambassadors, and the annual Christmas Parade. Michael is the incoming president of the Coordinating Council, showing again how interwoven the volunteer network is.

A group deeply involved with caring for the needy in Downey, PTA Helps honored **Martha Sodontani**.

"Martha is our rock here and in the community," the citation read. Martha, a former president of GOOD, was introduced by Ronnie Fernandez. If names are appearing multiple times, that makes another point about volunteering: it's contagious.

The DCC banquet evening brings a welcome spotlight to some of the less well known volunteer groups who assist in Downey. The Exchange Club has added Family Support Center to its name, and honored **Mike Iacovitti** for his over 15 years of support, fundraising, donating, assisting with projects. FoodHelp thanked **Teresa Avila**. FoodHelp is the project of the First Christian Church of Downey, and Teresa can be found sorting vegetables and distributing groceries to needy families on Saturdays.

Downey Conservancy preserves Downey's beautiful and historically significant neighborhoods. **Annie Rojas** helps organize home tours and special events, and credits the late **Harold Tseklenis** for opening her eyes to the volunteer opportunities Downey has to offer.

One of Downey's pride and joys is the Rose Float Organization, and **Danielle Storey** has been with them for 20 years, selling tickets for the Parade of Winners and as floral chairperson. The Downey

Historical Society and Museum has documented all these New Year's Day parades, and can answer questions about just about anything Downey that you can imagine, even the one I asked about the day in 1987 when a freight train derailed and several huge stock cars toppled over and lay for days beside the track. Honored volunteer **Roger Miller** is making a video of Downey history as a resource for students.

Two more long-standing service clubs, the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and Soroptimist International Downey, presented members to honor. **Claude Bilodeau** feels that being part of Kiwanis is the best way to give back to the community. His work on the annual Kiwanis Car Show has raised nearly \$100,000 to help build the next Downey Family YMCA campus, another strong base for volunteers. Downey groups work together.

Blanca Rochin in her 14 years with Soroptimist has helped raise thousands of dollars that Soroptimist gives to high school and Downey Adult School students, to help women and children. At Christmas, Blanca is the liason with the Exchange Club's Adopting Families program, and Santa's visit to special needs kids at Alameda School.

The Woman's Club, whose handsome building provided the setting for the evening, is without question the oldest service club in Downey. Founded in 1898 to "promote the social, moral, and intellectual interest of the community and to establish a public library," they did just that. **Carl Olson** was named Volunteer of the Year for publishing the newsletter, doing odd jobs, being club photographer, providing background music for meetings, and security for Bingo.

We all enjoyed the hospitality the Woman's Club provided, on an evening when the web of volunteerism was interlaced even stronger and new names were added to the history of Downey.

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Two decades in prison did not prepare me for the horrors of county jail

By Christopher Blackwell

Christopher Blackwell is an incarcerated writer and a co-founder of the nonprofit Look 2 Justice. He is a contributing writer at Jewish Currents and a contributing editor at The Appeal.

When I was 22 years old, I committed robbery and murder. I plead guilty and was sentenced to 45 years, of which I have so far served two decades. During that time, I've experienced the squalor and dangerous conditions of various state prisons. I've lived in a crumbling penitentiary built in the 1800s. I've been put in isolation for weeks on end because of Covid exposure and infection. Still, I was not prepared for what I found when I was transferred to a county jail for two weeks last December.

Along with people serving short sentences for relatively minor offenses, jails house people who are awaiting trial and either didn't get bail or simply couldn't pay it — people, that is, who have not been convicted of any crime.

Despite that fact, conditions in these facilities are often worse, and sometimes much worse, than those in the prisons where people who are convicted of the worst crimes are confined. Jails throw people together in overcrowded units that may be controlled by the most violent people in the room. Like prisons, jails house a disproportionate number of people experiencing addiction or chronic health conditions but jails lack the resources to treat them and adequate staffing overall. Udi Ofer, a professor at Princeton University who focuses on policing and criminal justice reform, told me that jails "regularly rely on even harsher conditions of confinement" than prisons do.

As a prison writer, journalist and criminal justice activist, I try to communicate to anyone who will listen that the vast majority of incarcerated people will eventually return to their communities. The trauma they suffer on the inside comes with them. Just as a very short time in solitary confinement can cause lasting harm, weeks or months in county jail can have a huge negative impact on people's lives, even after they are released. What happens in jails doesn't stay in jails.

Ethan Frenchman, a lawyer in Washington who advocates on behalf of people with disabilities in jails, told me that while the nation's roughly 1,500 state prisons are operated or overseen by 50 states, the 3,000 or so jails "are operated by who knows how many hundreds or thousands of different jurisdictions," making it extremely hard to get reliable information about what goes on there, or to enforce any kind of accountability.

One data point is unmistakable: suicide rates. Suicides are the leading cause of deaths in jails, where they occur at a much higher rate than in prisons. Big city jails, like the complex on Rikers Island, are infamous for violence, neglect and overcrowding, but

they are not outliers. In fact, research by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics has found that suicide rates in the nation's smallest jails were more than six times as high as those in the largest.

During my recent trip to Pierce County Jail in Tacoma, Wash., where I was sent to await a resentencing hearing that was ultimately delayed, I shared a cell with William Starkovich, a 35-year-old who had never been incarcerated before. He is awaiting trial in Pierce County Jail after an altercation with his siblings over rent money ended in two charges of assault in the first degree.

Mr. Starkovich, who gave me permission to tell his story, has received diagnoses of ADHD, manic depressive disorder, bipolar disorder and autism spectrum disorder. Since his mental illness can affect his ability to maintain his physical hygiene, he is often a target of ridicule and aggression from other prisoners. He has been assaulted by other prisoners and guards alike. Mr. Starkovich told me that guards insisted on transferring him into an open dorm living unit where he didn't feel safe. When he would not step into the unit, a "code blue" was called, meaning that a prisoner was defying an order. He was wrestled to the ground, tased and handcuffed.

Reports from jails across the country, from Rikers in New York to Santa Clara County's Main Jail complex, in San Jose, Calif., have shown that mentally ill people are frequently mistreated. Families have filed lawsuits alleging that corrections officers have severely beaten mentally ill people, or let them starve or freeze to death. A 2014 internal investigation at Rikers found that almost 80 percent of the more than 100 prisoners who sustained serious injuries during altercations with corrections officers in an 11-month period were mentally ill.

Conditions in county jails aren't just bad for people suffering from mental illnesses. Prisoners there are often given so little food that they are hungry all the time and must buy more in the commissary. My meals in prison consist of larger portions and far more fruits and vegetables than my meals in jail. To my surprise, I even found myself missing the flavors and variety of prison food. A prisoner in Maine summed up a typical meal in a county jail well when he asked a reporter to "consider eating ground-up gym mat with a little bit of seasoning." But jail commissaries are so expensive that many people who can't afford bail also can't afford anything sold in them. In jail, I saw people beat each other up over commissary food.

Twenty-four packets of Top Ramen noodles that costs \$6 on Amazon and just under \$8 in my Washington State prison cost \$26.40 in the Pierce County Jail's commissary while I was incarcerated there. A small bag of freeze-dried coffee that costs \$3.34 in state prison cost almost \$13 in County.

Phone calls to our loved ones, which cost just over a dollar for 20 minutes at a Washington State prison, cost nearly \$4 from the county jail. An investigation by the Prison Policy Initiative found that in 20 states, phone calls from jails were at least three times as expensive as calls from state prisons. The calls I made from both state prison and the county jail are managed by the same company, Securus Technologies, and I see no legitimate reason they should be three times as expensive from one facility to another.

And not only the day-to-day living conditions are hard. In state and federal prisons across the country, people have access to positive programming to help them better themselves, educate themselves and take responsibility for the crimes they've committed. I've worked for years in prison to earn an associate degree from Seattle Central College, and I am five classes shy of a bachelor's degree in English and sociology. I have also co-founded a nonprofit, received training in restorative justice practices and worked as a restorative justice facilitator.

None of that changes the fact that I took another person's life. I will live with profound regret about that for the rest of mine. However, one day I will return home. Thanks to the positive programs I have been able to participate in, the person who walks out of the prison gates will bear little resemblance to the person who entered them. Many people in prisons are trying to better themselves. For the most part, people in jail are just trying to survive.

We have to care about what's happening in county jails if we are to make our communities safer. Eliminating cash bail, which puts people behind bars simply because they don't have enough cash on hand, would drastically reduce the number of people in county jails. It would also make jails more humane environments for those who need to be detained for legitimate public safety concerns while they work their way through the court system. And research in states and cities across the country has found that eliminating or curtailing the use of cash bail does not have a negative effect on public safety.

Price restrictions that keep private companies from gouging prisoners and their loved ones could help those incarcerated in county jails get the food they need without resorting to violence. With positive changes, people confined in county jail could come out of their stays better equipped to thrive in their communities.

I may be in prison for decades to come, but Mr. Starkovich, like many men I met in county jail, could be released in the coming weeks. He will carry the memory of hunger, violence and fear with him.

My company introduced a four-day workweek. Guess what happened?

By Mark Mullen

Mark Mullen is the chief executive of Atom, a U.K.-based bank.

Coming out of covid, the digital start-up bank where I'm chief executive needed re-energizing. Lockdowns had been hard for everyone. Strong demand for technology workers as the economy bounced back also threatened to deprive us of some of our best people.

So we switched to a four-day week.

Atom bank is a nine-year-old digital retail bank based in the north of England. We have about 470 employees, and we're proud of our culture. But this move to such a liberal employment regime wasn't a manifestation of "wokeism" gone mad. Far from it. This was a pragmatic response to the employment market and the development of our company. We wanted to increase productivity, not reduce it.

The idea of a four-day week has gathered momentum since the pandemic, in part as a possible way to counter the "Great Resignation." In the United Kingdom last year, a trial of the four-day week involving about 3,000 employees at 61 companies was largely successful. The trial, which was conducted partly by researchers at Boston College, found that employee well-being went up while company revenue was not significantly affected. Other similar pilot programs have found a four-day week can reduce absenteeism and staff turnover.

Before making the decision, we planned it out in great detail to remove the risk of the policy backfiring. We designed new shift patterns and established some core hours that had to be worked.

We looked at studies in Nordic countries that showed it could be done and suggested best practices.

And in November 2021, we introduced the four-day workweek to our staff, cutting 3.5 hours off each employee's workweek while leaving their pay unchanged. We figured this investment worked out at about 9 percent of the cost of each staff member.

And guess what happened? Employees were very receptive, of course. And at first, there was no measurable deterioration in productivity, either. So what does that tell us? I believe there's some buffer in just about every company. I don't believe staff members are lazy. But perhaps having fewer hours in the workweek encourages everyone to be more efficient, streamlining cumbersome processes. This is probably even truer in bigger companies than in start-ups such as ours, where keeping an eye on costs is more critical.

As time went by, we continued measuring the effect of this new work policy. Since we made the change, we have seen a reduction in recruitment costs, a fall in unwanted staff attrition, lower absences because of sickness and higher employee engagement with our brand. We've also seen higher employee productivity, higher profitability and higher customer satisfaction. These are not handpicked, rose-tinted performance measures — they are the fundamentals of building and running a business.

And though we can't be sure of cause and effect — some of the positive trends could be because pressures on staffing eased, or because our company is getting older and wiser — it's hard not to believe our approach to the workweek is contributing in some measure.

None of this is easy for executives at older companies to hear, and I have some sympathy with their position. We have also embraced working from home, which suits our digital business. But that is perhaps easier for a company such as ours than it is for legacy businesses. Senior executives who are not accustomed to working alone, or from home, are understandably unnerved by rows of expensive empty desks in even more expensive and cavernous office buildings.

Certainly, I have felt from time to time a feeling of isolation and a sense of unease at working from home. But I'm convinced that it's only because I didn't design Atom bank to be as remote and self-service-style for employees as it has become. The transition to an entirely new way of working is bound to be uncomfortable, but it doesn't make it wrong.

I've spent the greater part of my 33-year career commuting to and from offices and working five days a week, at least. In common with millions of workers around the world, it wasn't until February 2020 and the outbreak of the global pandemic that — of necessity — my behavior changed.

In the years since, though, I haven't just changed my behavior. I've changed my attitudes and beliefs. It's as though the pandemic broke a spell that had kept us all enthralled to a working paradigm that turned out to be well past its sell-by date.

With the acceleration of artificial intelligence and other technologies, I believe we should all start to prepare for a radically new world of work. In this context, even a four-day week working from home might seem positively outdated.

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It's time to prioritize people over parking

Dear Editor:

I am writing to bring attention to a critical issue that pertains to the development of our city—parking minimums in new housing developments.

The current zoning regulations often require a fixed number of parking spaces for each housing unit built. This policy, originally designed to alleviate concerns about congestion, is now a part of the housing affordability crisis we are facing. It is time we reconsider these regulations in the name of sustainability, affordability, and urban vitality.

Mandated parking minimums inflate the cost of housing. Developers pass on the expense of creating parking spaces—often underground or in multi-story structures—to residents, making housing less affordable. This is especially problematic for those who do not own cars, as they are essentially paying for a service they do not utilize. In a time when housing affordability is a significant concern, it is counterproductive to maintain regulations that artificially raise housing costs.

Moreover, these minimums encourage car-dependency, leading to more traffic, noise, and air pollution. They stand in opposition to the drive for more sustainable urban living,

contradicting our city's efforts to promote public transit, biking, and walking.

Abolishing parking minimums doesn't necessarily mean the end of parking spaces; instead, it allows the market to determine the appropriate amount. This could potentially lead to more innovative parking solutions, such as shared parking garages or on-demand parking, that make better use of space and resources.

Furthermore, eliminating parking minimums provides opportunities for more green spaces, community areas, or additional housing units. It can make room for better urban design that prioritizes people over cars and enables the creation of more vibrant, walkable, and livable neighborhoods.

Eliminating parking minimums can contribute significantly to creating more affordable housing, reducing our carbon footprint, and making our city more livable. Therefore, I urge the relevant city planning departments, policy makers, and the community at large to consider this change.

Jamie Rico
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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CHUBBIES MUNCHIES, 8730 HOLMES AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90002, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADRIANA CAMPOS, 8730 HOLMES AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90002
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ADRIANA CAMPOS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 24, 2023
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S/RASRAJ EXPRESS, INC., CEO, BHAVNA PATEL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 11, 2023
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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council ("City") will hold a Public Hearing on May 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Downey Council Chambers, located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, concerning proposed increases to the concealed carry permitting fees ("Fees").

At the Public Hearing, members of the public will be afforded an opportunity to make oral or written presentations concerning the proposed new Fees. All interested persons may present oral comments and information at the Public Hearing or may e-mail public comments to ccpubliccomment@downeyca.org or submit written comments to the City Clerk's Office in person at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241 no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Public Hearing.

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00141
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LIZBETH SANCHEZ CARRANZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LIZBETH SANCHEZ CARRANZA to Proposed name (1) LIZBETH CARRANZA SANCHEZ
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: JUNE 16, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 319
The address of the court is 6536 SUVA STREET BELL GARDENS, CA 90201
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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 19, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner LIZBETH SANCHEZ CARRANZA
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23CMCP00072
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CESAR IVAN ROSAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) CESAR IVAN ROSAS to Proposed name (1) IVAN CESAR QUINTERO
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: JUNE 16, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: B, Room: 906
The address of the court is 200 W. COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON CA 90220
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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 26, 2023
MICHAEL SHULTZ
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner CESAR IVAN ROSAS
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23CMCP00070
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SAMUEL IBARRA FREGOSO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SAMUEL IBARRA FREGOSO to Proposed name (1) SAMUEL FREGOSO
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 6, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: B, Room: 906
The address of the court is 200 W. COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON CA 90220
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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 24, 2023
MICHAEL SHULTZ
Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23TRCP00167
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SHAHRAM SHORAKA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SHAHRAM SHORAKA to Proposed name (1) ZACHARY BATTEN SHORAKA
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: JUNE 9, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: M, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 825 MAPLE AVENUE TORRANCE, CA 90503
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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 27, 2023
DEIRDRE HILL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SHAHRAM SHORAKA
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23CMCP00056
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LESLIE XIOMARA OSEGUEDA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LESLIE XIOMARA OSEGUEDA to Proposed name (1) LESLIE XIOMARA HOFFMAN
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: JUNE 20, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room: 904
The address of the court is SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD. COMPTON, CA 90220
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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 03, 2023
MICHAEL SHULTZ
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner LESLIE XIOMARA OSEGUEDA
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00142
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANGEL MANUEL MARIN Pelayo, SANDI FERNANDEZ FOR ANAHI YAMILETH FERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ANAHI YAMILETH FERNANDEZ to Proposed name (1) ANAHI YAMILETH MARIN-FERNANDEZ
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: JUNE 16, 2023, Time: 9:30 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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 20, 2023
OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SANDI FERNANDEZ, ANGEL MANUEL MARIN Pelayo
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWC000121
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ADRIANA GARCIA FOR NATHAN IVES GARCIA DAY AND KYLIE EUDOMILIA GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) NATHAN IVES GARCIA DAY to Proposed name (1) NATHAN GARCIA
(2) KYLIE EUDOMILIA GARCIA to Proposed name (2) KYLIE GARCIA
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: JUNE 7, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 319
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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 6, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ADRIANA GARCIA
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To Proposed name (1) ZACHARY BATTEN SHORAKA

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: JUNE 9, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: M, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 825 MAPLE AVENUE TORRANCE, CA 90503
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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 27, 2023
DEIRDRE HILL
Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00160
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JUAN DAVALOS PRECIADO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JUAN DAVALOS PRECIADO to Proposed name (1) JUAN PRECIADO DAVALOS
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 3, 2023, Time: 9:30 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 3, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONAFAYE ISOBEL OLTERSDORF aka DONAFAYE I. OLTERSDORF
Case No. 23STPB04644
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DONAFAYE ISOBEL OLTERSDORF aka DONAFAYE I. OLTERSDORF
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Peter V. Le in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Peter V. Le be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 2, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
JEFFREY D CAVIN ESQ
SBN 164872

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 100460-CA APN: 6174-014-020 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/13/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 6/13/2023 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/25/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2564532 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: J CONCEPCION CARRERA, AND ENRIQUETA CARRERA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4029 VIRGINIA STREET, LYNWOOD, CA 90262-4454 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$188,510.59 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 100460-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. You may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 100460-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

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T.S. No. 096419-CA APN: 6281-001-005 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/26/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 6/15/2023 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/30/2004 as Instrument No. 04 0751481 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JAMES BRUCE WILKINS, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS JAMES BRUCE WILKINS, A SINGLE MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES - NORWALK, 13111 SCYAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1108 CORNUTA DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$188,510.59 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available



(Courtesy photo)

Calvary Chapel wins league after remarkable turnaround

■ After a 3-13 start to the season, the boys basketball team rallied to win their league with a perfect 8-0 record.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY — Since the 2019 season, the Downey Calvary Chapel Boys Basketball team has steadily improved, culminating with an undefeated Western league title this past season.

An undefeated season in league would normally be led by a senior-laden team, but not the young underclassmen Grizzlies.

This year's roster has only one senior out of the 12 players, six juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen.

"Character building through scriptures was the key to our turnaround this season," said fourth-year coach Ruben Campos of the season. "The League Championship was the icing on the cake."

"At Calvary Chapel, teaching kids biblically based values is top priority. Every week we had a new character theme such as humility, listening, responsibility, unity, etc."

The current coaching staff, headed up by Campos, also consists of Alex Pacheco and first-year assistant coach Ennis Lennear.

The Grizzlies started 2023 with a 3-13 record with a tough non-league schedule, but steadily improved from there, finishing up with a 7-3 run after that to finish up the regular season at 10-16.

They advanced to CIF Playoffs but fell in the first round.

For the first time since the 2002 season, Downey Calvary Chapel won league with an undefeated season at 8-0.

"Every day a coach or player would share scriptures related to the theme for the week," Campos added. "As the weeks went by, we saw spiritual growth in each team member. In parallel we were blessed to see the team start winning more."

The rebuilding of the program began before the 2019-'20 season as Campos took over the program, along with his assistant Alex Pacheco. The team finished fourth in league and had tournament wins in the Webb Tournament (win over Ganesha) and Calvary Chapel's own tournament, The Grizzlies Classic (win over Mesrobian).

In 2020-'21 basketball was played in the Spring and Calvary Chapel played Division I, 2 and 3 non-league games, but finished second in league.

The third year of improvement (2021-'22) was a double-digit win season, for the first time in over a decade, culminating with another second-place finish in league.

The Grizzlies coaching staff

Head coach Ruben Campos: Ruben loves God and his family. Nelly Campos is the most supportive wife a basketball coach can have. She does so much to support the young men behind the scenes. Jose, Alma, and Raul are our three adult children who I was able to Coach at different stages in their lives and when they were students at Calvary Chapel Downey. We are blessed to have kids who love God, want to do well in school, and want to serve others in different ways.

Assistant coach Alex Pacheco (Coach Campos' comments):

"Coach Pacheco has been a great assistant coach and family friend. He joined the coaching staff in 2019 when his son Angel was a Senior. He is a blessing to the young men as a spiritual mentor, with their strength and conditioning, and with his expanding basketball knowledge. He is also a leader at his church."

Assistant coach Ennis Lennear (Coach Campos' comments):

"He is a first-year assistant coach in the program. He is a fast learner. He is young at heart and aims to keep things fun for the kids. He is a spiritual mentor and a leader at his church. He has two sons who were a big part of the team this year - Ennis Lennear, Jr. and Joshua Lennear. Josiah Lennear helped behind the scenes with many things."

2023 Downey Calvary Chapel roster

Ennis Lennear, Jr., senior forward/center - Captain, First Team All-League

Ezra Yihunie, junior forward - Honorable mention All-league,

leading scorer

Terrance Gammage, junior forward/center - First team All-league

Israel Bueno, junior guard, Captain

Noah Alvarado junior guard

Nathen Verduzco, junior forward/center

Raymond Ramirez, junior guard/forward

Aiden Escalante, sophomore guard - League Player of the Year

Joshua Lennear, sophomore guard/forward - Second team All-league

Joshua Henriquez, sophomore forward

Jerry Oko, freshman guard

Malachi Corral, freshman guard

Aidan Estrella, freshman guard

What they said:

Asst. Coach Ennis Lennear: "It was a lot of fun with my boys on varsity. Last year Joshua (Lennear) was on JV and was moved up because of his defense. This year they were starters. I had to ask my sons if they would want me to coach. They responded with, 'it's an opportunity of a lifetime.'"

Ennis Lennear, Jr., senior forward/center: "I think this was very good when I transferred in to school. The team was very encouraging to me."

Last year I was more of a defensive player. He averaged

15 rebounds per game. This year I was more offensive, as I was attacking the paint and driving to the basket more."

Joshua Lennear, sophomore guard/forward: "It was an amazing experience playing on varsity with my brother (Ennis Lennear, Jr.) and with my dad (Coach Ennis Lennear)."

"[Coach Campos] is a great coach and really knows the game of basketball."

Aiden Escalante, sophomore guard: "Now that we're having Spring practice, a lot of people are showing up. The chemistry is getting better. Our bench players are coming to practice a lot."

"We learned a lot from our tough non-league schedule."

"I was shocked when I got league Player of the Year. That's what hard work does and a loving coach."

Terrance Gammage, junior forward/center: "There was a lot of doubters last year, but I let my play do the talking. I had to work hard. People thought it was a rebuilding year (2022-'23). It was a good year. All of our non-league games we mostly lost."

"When it came to league, all of the non-league games helped us."

Downey lawyer follows her calling, releases first book

■ Jessica Parra is author of "Rubi Ramos's Recipe for Success," a semi-autobiographical novel for young adults, available now on Amazon.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Jessica Parra went to law school. It is what her parents wanted, but not entirely what she wanted for herself.

So, she sat down and started writing about a girl named Rubi.

In Parra's new and first-ever book "Rubi Ramos's Recipe for Success," title character Rubi tries to navigate many of the complexities and struggles of being a young adult, including love, college admission, living up to parental expectations, and self-discovery.

"My whole thing with this book, you know, so often when we see BIPOC representations in media that aren't penned by BIPOC creators, the focus is so much on BIPOC pain and trauma. So for example, you know when we get stories about brown people it is so often about immigration, and crossing the border, and things like that," said Parra. "I think those stories are very important as well, and there is still always a place for that stuff, but I wanted to spend [Rubi's] joy and celebration and success for young people."

Parra, 41, said that the book is somewhat auto-biographical, taking inspiration from real events and people in and throughout her own life.

"I think I needed to really work on some of my early childhood issues and stuff," said Parra. "Like Rubi, I had parents who, you know, they're immigrants - my mom is from Guatemala, my dad was from Cuba - so, for them the definition of success was going to law school or medical school."

She became a lawyer, satisfying a debt she felt she owed to her parents for their own sacrifices, while suppressing a creative itch that she always had, but did not feel she could act upon.

"I've had readers from India, from Australia, readers from all over the world DMing me how they also feel that struggle, you know, of parents sacrificing a lot for their children to have a quote 'better life,' the pressure they feel to pay off that debt. For me, I felt that so much," said Parra. "That was really the core question that I tried to answer with 'Rubi,' is what does that do to a young person..."

The book is targeted for a young-adult audience, but Parra says adults may also be able to find it relatable. She hopes that 'Rubi' teaches her readers that they can "make new recipes for their life."

"I could say that I lived some of Rubi's journey in the sense that while she's wanting to pursue baking, it could really just be like a metaphor for anything that anyone wants to pursue," said Parra. "For me, part of it was writing, but also, it was me wanting to do some of the things that I felt I couldn't do until I reached these milestones or whatever to make my parents proud, or make myself proud, or make society proud even."

"I like to think that Ruby just got there a lot quicker, because I eventually did end up getting there... If [the book] could just give a kid, or an adult a glimpse into 'maybe I can go for this thing I've always wanted to do and put it on the backburner,' then to me that was like worth those moments of going back and really having to dig into those wounds."

"Rubi Ramos's Recipe for Success" was released May 16, and is available anywhere books are sold.



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<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>CHARMING DOWNEY HOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 beds 2 baths Bonus room off garage 1,464 sq ft 7,394 sq ft lot <p>LIST PRICE \$699,900</p>	<p>IN ESCROW</p>  <p>MULTIPLE OFFERS</p> <p>French Manor Home in Orange Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 beds, 3 baths & den Billiard room & Pool/Spa 3,600+ Sq ft living space Approx 13,000 sq. ft. lot Too many amenities to list! <p>LIST PRICE \$1,499,999</p>	<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>END-UNIT TOWNHOME IN S.F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 beds 2 baths 1,331 sq. ft. Newer central A/C Association pool & spa <p>LIST PRICE: \$585,000</p>	<p>SOLD</p>  <p>ORANGE ESTATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First time on the market 3 bedrooms 1 3/4 baths Formal dining room Family room <p>SOLD FOR: \$875,000</p>	 <p>CORNER LOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 beds 2 baths Living room 1,138 sq ft 6,659 sq ft lot <p>LIST PRICE \$699,900 SOLD FOR: \$730,000</p>	<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>2 UNITS IN EAST LA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 beds 1 bath each 1,536 sq ft total living space Updated floors & counter tops <p>LIST PRICE: \$699,000</p>	 <p>CHRISTINA DAVILAS REALTOR® 562-761-6080 CHRISTINADAVILAS24@GMAIL.COM DRE #01062471</p>	<p><i>Record</i> ↘</p> <p>LOW INVENTORY OF HOMES IN DOWNEY AND SURROUNDING CITIES = TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR HOME!!</p> <p>Call Me Today! I WANT to be YOUR REALTOR 😊</p>
<p>SOLD</p>  <p>LA HABRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beds 2 baths Living room Den with fireplace 1,757 sq ft 9,240 sq ft lot <p>LIST PRICE \$949,900</p>	<p>IN ESCROW</p>  <p>NAPLES, LONG BEACH!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to Long Beach! Spanish style 2 bedroom 1 bath! Walk to the Canals! <p>LIST PRICE \$1,200,000</p>	<p>JUST SOLD</p>  <p>LOOK WHAT OUR BUYER BOUGHT?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beds 3 baths 2,655 sq. ft. 10,710 sq. ft. lot Renovated throughout Large pool & grass area <p>SOLD FOR: \$1,520,000</p>	<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>LIVE IN ONE...RENT THE OTHER!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 beds 2 baths Den (possible 3 bedroom) Plus separate remodeled 1bed/1bath guest house 1,944 sq ft <p>LIST PRICE \$1,149,000</p>	<p>JUST SOLD</p>  <p>SOLD! \$60,000 OVER LIST PRICE!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed in 3 weeks! Call us, when you want to get the best service and price for your home! <p>LISTED FOR \$699,999</p>	<p>JUST SOLD</p>  <p>SOLD \$25K ABOVE LIST PRICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 beds 2 baths 680sq. ft. 5,065 sq. ft. corner lot Updated interior <p>SOLD FOR \$550,000</p>	 <p>PAM LEE REALTOR® 562-537-1134 PAMLEEREALTOR@GMAIL.COM DRE #01750256</p>	
 <p>CARMELA "CARRIE" UVA Downey Born, Raised & Educated! Selling Downey Homes for 29 years!</p>	<p>121 REVIEWS</p>  <p>Angelo & Marie Picarelli PICARELLI</p>	 <p>562-818-6111</p>	<p>IN ESCROW</p>  <p>AN UPDATED CLASSIC!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Beds 1.5 Bath 1,884 sq. ft. 9,500+ sq. ft. lot Bonus space <p>LIST PRICE \$759,000</p> <p>PAMLEEREALTOR@GMAIL.COM</p>				



DOWNEY FOUNDATION

FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM

Dear Downey Patriot Valued Reader,

On behalf of The Downey Patriot, I am thrilled to announce the establishment of the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism, a non-profit foundation launched by the Downey Patriot newspaper. As a cherished member of our community, I wanted to share this exciting news and invite you to be part of our journey.

For several years, the Downey Patriot has been dedicated to providing reliable and unbiased news coverage, championing the principles of journalism, and serving as a beacon of truth in our community. We strongly believe that independent journalism is a cornerstone of a thriving democracy, and it is with this conviction that we have founded the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism.

The Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to ensure the sustainability and integrity of local news reporting, fostering an informed and engaged citizenry. Our mission is threefold: to support the training and professional development of journalists, to promote investigative journalism, and to enhance access to reliable local news for all residents of our community.

To achieve these goals, we are seeking tax-deductible donations from generous individuals like yourself who share our commitment to independent journalism. Your support will play a crucial role in empowering local journalists, enabling them to cover important stories, hold those in power accountable, and provide unbiased information to our community.

With your contribution, we will establish scholarships and training programs for aspiring journalists, ensuring that the next generation is well-equipped to uphold the principles of ethical and accurate reporting. We will also dedicate resources to support investigative journalism projects, fostering in-depth reporting that uncovers truths, reveals corruption, and sheds light on critical issues affecting our community.

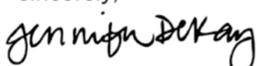
Additionally, the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to address the challenge of access to local news in underserved areas. We will explore innovative approaches, such as expanding our digital presence, partnering with community organizations, and launching initiatives to bridge the information gap for those who face barriers to accessing reliable news sources.

We kindly invite you to contribute to the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism and become a vital part of our mission. Your tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, will make a difference in supporting local journalism and nurturing a vibrant democracy.

Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to the ideals of independent journalism. Together, we can make a lasting impact and ensure that our community remains well-informed, engaged, and empowered. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or provide further information on how your contribution will be utilized. Please contact our office at (562) 904-3668 or jennifer@thedowneypatriot.com.

We look forward to your support and the possibilities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,



Jennifer DeKay
Chief Executive Officer
Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism

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