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## Gil Legaspi enters council race

■ An LAPD officer and civic volunteer, Gil Legaspi said he is looking to restore accountability to the City Council.

**DOWNEY** — Police officer and commercial real estate broker Gil Contreras Legaspi has declared his candidacy for Downey City Council, seeking to fill the vacant District 3 seat.

Legaspi, 48, said his priorities are to decrease crime by hiring more police officers and to expand the city's initiatives to address homelessness.

If elected, Legaspi said he would work to cut "excess red tape at city hall" to help businesses, and to increase transparency between Downey residents and local government.

He is also the only current bilingual candidate.

"We need to invest in technology to streamline things and bring transparency that is fiscally responsible," Legaspi said.

Legaspi is involved extensively in the Downey community. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Downey, an ambassador with the Downey Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Gangs Out of Downey.

He also sits on the board of The Arc, a non-profit organization that supports people with developmental disabilities, and serves on the "Keep Our Children Safe" committee at his church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Professionally, he chairs the Local Government Relations Committee under the Downey Association of Realtors.

"District 3 needs strong leadership to unite Downey," Legaspi said. "We must keep our city a safe place where everyone can enjoy the highest standard of living. "Downey has been my home for decades; I know and love this community, and I have a passion to serve my fellow neighbors, businesses and stakeholders."

Legaspi announced endorsements from Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Councilman Timothy Horn, former mayor Kirk Cartozian, planning commissioner Miguel Duarte, Cerritos College school board member Mariana Pacheco, community volunteer Jesus Torres, War On Lethal Fentanyl (WOLF) founder Lissette Rivera, and community leader Beth Gendreau.

"District 3 deserves a leader we can count on," Assemblywoman Pacheco said in a press release. "Gil brings the experience, knowledge and passion needed to make great things happen for the residents of Downey."

To learn more about Legaspi's campaign, visit his website at [GillLegaspiForDowney.com](http://GillLegaspiForDowney.com) or call (562) 360-4367.

His campaign is also active on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Legaspi and his wife have three children, ages 4, 5 and 6, who attend Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

## End of school year means retirement for dozens of Downey Unified employees

■ Teachers, administrators and support staff head into retirement with close of the 2022-23 school year.

**DOWNEY** — The closing of the 2022-23 school year marked the end of an era for many Downey Unified employees as the district said farewell to 148 staff members made up of both classified (non-teaching) and certificated (teaching) positions.

In early May, the Downey Education Association (DEA) and Downey Unified held a celebration honoring the 97 certificated staff members who will be moving into retirement.

Students and fellow staff members gave their best wishes on the last day of school as the following staff members said goodbye to their school campuses for the very last time:

**Alameda Elementary School:** Carol Echeveste, Janet Hilton, Tina Platt and David Tanaka

**Gallatin Elementary School:** Ann Amy, Cortny Kutzke and Dianna Smith

**Gauldin Elementary School:** Pamela Morris

**Lewis Elementary School:** Karin Beaver, Deena Eichen, Cheryl McCollough and Eileen Mullen

**Old River Elementary School:** Lucy Atlas and Linda Zarate

**Price Elementary School:** Steven Toay and Marie Valdes

**Rio Hondo Elementary School:** Theresa Petit

**Rio San Gabriel Elementary School:** Sandra Aguirre, Lorie Ann Gibson, Deborah Hoetker, Kimberley Mrkonic, Wendy Mucho and Mary Walker

**Unsworth Elementary School:** Wanda Peterson and Principal Kelley Rush-Becker

**Williams Elementary School:** Susan Breit, Carol Carter, Barbara Stapp and Rubina Toriz

**Doty Middle School:** Robert J. Becker, James Bugaren, Robert Mallory, Principal Brent Shubin and Christine Sparangis

**Griffiths Middle School:** Jon Cockrill, Deanne Davis, Mark Nolen, Mark Roberts, Lori Santillana and Laura Taylor

**Stauffer Middle School:** Judy Diulio, Valerie Herz, Karen Korduner and Odette Perreault

**Sussman Middle School:**



Four Downey Unified district office classified staff will be moving on to retirement at the end of June. Seen in the photo holding their coveted retirement clocks are Andrea Iacovitti, assistant director of budget and finance with 17 years of service; Darren Purselglove, director of purchasing with 24 years of service; BethAnn Arko, director of classified human resources with seven years of service; and Christina Aragon, associate superintendent of business services with 5 years of service.

**Non-teaching retirements**  
James Gillespie, Michael Holden, Lorraine Neal, Tamara Olcomendy, John Stendahl and Dawn Weldon

**Columbus High School:** Matthew Simpson

**Downey High School:** Melanie Adams, Kevin Bishop, Andrew Craig, Russell Cramm, Mary Falcon, Bernard Glasser, Debra Kasner, Hans Kruip, Pamela Mullen, Bonnie Roybal, Amany Saad, Larry Shelton, Oriane Shiroma and David Speakman

**Virtual Academy:** Russell Arnold, Lorraine Currier, Deborah Gee, Debora Sanders and Chris Velasco

**Warren High School:** William Austin, Gerald Timothy Brogden, Debra Harr, Kevin Hobbensiefken, Gisele Kinne, Margaret Kroon-Strong, Daniel Latham, Kerry Marie Martin, Jeffrey Orlinsky, Scott Pearson, Timothy Robinson, Monica Schulman, Michael Vance, Jeffrey Welch, Teresa Wheeler and Cyndi White

**Downey Unified District office or assigned to various schools:** Leigh Ann Alexander, Janice Eagle, Teresa Guerrero, John Harris, Clotilde Ibarra-Alvarez, Laura Mc Kee, Leslie Neill, Kathi Thompson, Jennifer Toledo, Lori Zaremski and Julie Zuniga

### Non-teaching retirements

**Alameda Elementary School:** Rebecca Bell

**Gauldin Elementary School:** Adriana Navarro

**Imperial Elementary School:** Olvina Herrera

**Lewis Elementary School:** Ritamarie Anthony-Hester

**Price Elementary School:** Estela Pedroza and Dania Wilder

**Rio San Gabriel Elementary School:** Debbie Macintosh

**Williams Elementary School:** Patricia Schlittenhart

**Griffiths Middle School:** Joyce Barnett, Cecilia Henritze and Pamela Langford

**Sussman Middle School:** Lisa Lang and Lubia Sanchez

**Columbus High School:** Dede Hunt, Nora Ortiz (Food Services), Donald Valdez (Grounds), Martha Valdez, Keith Walton (Grounds) and Deborah Woodcock

**Downey High School:** Martha Pat Amezaga, Virginia Contreras, Maria M. Lopez (Food Services), Sonia Lopez and Debra Mercurio

**Warren High School:** Karen Schaffer and Catherine Waites

### Downey Unified District

**Office:** Christina Aragon (Business Services); BethAnn Arko and Linda Ratzlaff (Classified HR); Ana Thorne (Certificated HR); Lydia Barraza (Communications Center); Devon France (Elementary Education); Milenka Bobic-Torres, Andrea Iacovitti and Karen Quick (Financial Services); Gregory Edge and Craig Karli (Maintenance); Miriam Baker, Efen Garcia, Jose Leal, Mike Telles and Maria Torres (Operations); Darren Purselglove (Purchasing); Judith Duprey and Mary Walsh (Special Education); Erik Hoffman (Technology); Kimberly Abney, Lorena Barrera and Susana Gandara (Transportation)

In all, the employees recognized above represent exactly 3,892 total years of service to Downey Unified students.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, we want to thank each and every one of you for the years of dedicated service you've provided to our students," stated board president Giggy Perez-Saab. "Each of you has had a positive effect on the lives of countless children and you are the reason why Downey Unified is such an amazing district."

"We wish you nothing but the best in this amazing next adventure of life but know you will be missed!"

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 86°

Sunday 85°

### ON THIS DAY

**1613:** During a performance of William Shakespeare's Henry VIII, the famous Globe Theatre in London was destroyed within an hour after its thatch was accidentally set aflame by a cannon marking the king's entrance onstage.

**1767:** Parliament passed the Townshend Revenue Act, sponsored by British Chancellor of the Exchequer Charles Townshend, which imposed on colonists in British America an import tax on tea and other goods and thus brought some colonists one step closer to revolution.

**1861:** English poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning, famous for her Sonnets from the Portuguese, died at age 55 from a severe chill.

**1913:** Following a year of war with the Ottoman Empire, members of the victorious Balkan League quarreled over the division of the conquered territories, resulting in the Second Balkan War when Bulgaria attacked Greek and Serbian forces in Macedonia this night.

**1974:** While on tour with the Kirov (now Mariinsky) Ballet in Toronto, Mikhail Baryshnikov defected from the Soviet Union, citing artistic reasons, and he later settled in the United States.

**2003:** Actress Katharine Hepburn—a spirited performer who introduced into her roles a strength of character previously considered to be undesirable in Hollywood leading ladies—died at age 96.

**2007:** Apple Inc.'s first mobile "smartphone," the iPhone, went on sale, and it revolutionized the industry.



**2009:** American hedge-fund investment manager Bernie Madoff received a sentence of up to 150 years in prison for operating the largest Ponzi scheme in history.

**2020:** Actor, writer, and director Carl Reiner, who created the landmark TV series "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and later directed such popular comedies as "The Jerk", died at age 98.

### Birthdays

Actor **Gary Busey** (79), former Dodgers all-star **Pedro Guerrero** (67), pop singer **Nicole Scherzinger** (45), "Saturday Night Live" star **Colin Hanks** (41), and **Clippers star Kawhi Leonard** (32).

## Concerts in the Park

**When:** Wednesday, July 5

**Time:** 7 pm

**Where:** Furman Park

**Performing:** Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band is an all-volunteer group of musicians dedicated to giving their very best under the direction of Dan Glass.

The LASD Band serves as ambassador for the County of Los Angeles throughout the United States and abroad. The band has performed for presidents, heads of state, law enforcement personnel, and many others. Many of its members are professional musicians who play regularly in local symphonies, radio and television programs, movie studios and prominent "big bands", as well as retired law enforcement, judicial, and fire department employees.



# Even in summer, Downey school campuses remain busy

■ **EYE ON OUR SCHOOLS:** Summer enrichment programs are available to Downey Unified students.

By **Giggy Perez-Saab**  
School Board President

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break as we quickly approach July.

Although many are taking a much-deserved break, many in Downey Unified continue to work through the summer, providing valuable programs and preparing for the upcoming school year. Our summer enrichment programs are in its third week and offering valuable programs for those students opting to participate. All Downey Unified's middle and high schools offer summer school classes and five of our elementary campuses provide a great STEAMworks (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) program centered around the goal of building broader education to our students.

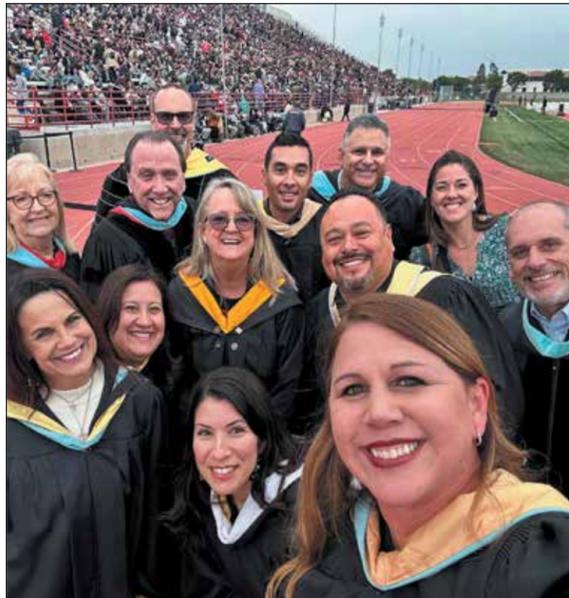
Although other districts offer summer school to their students, I can proudly say that very few (if any) offer a STEAM based program for elementary school students like Downey Unified. With so many amazing enrichment opportunities, we

are proud that over 6,500 of our students are participating in our summer programs from TK through 12th grade.

As we head further into summer, I also want to take this time to congratulate our almost 2,000 high school graduates that celebrated commencement at the beginning of June. We had 20 students who graduated from our Virtual Academy, over half of these graduates were honored for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA and eight were distinguished as Golden State Seal Honorees; 947 Downey Vikings, 37 who finished the 2022-23 school year with a 4.5 GPA or higher; 739 Warren Bears, 27 proudly finishing with a 4.5 GPA or higher and 230 dedicated Columbus Lions.

Downey Unified's vision is to have our students graduate college and career ready, globally competitive, and citizens of strong character, and I know the rigorous education they have experienced during their time with us has provided them with the tools needed to push them toward success in their futures; whether that means going to college or directly into the workforce or the military.

Overall, more than 1,250 students that graduated will be attending a variety of colleges and universities in the fall and



our additional graduates will be heading straight into post-secondary career fields of their choice or attending several specialty and/or junior colleges. As we all know, with your education, the sky's the limit and we truly look forward to all the great endeavors our students will accomplish in the coming years

As we prepare for the new school year, please remember that the first day of school is Wednesday, August 16. Another important fact I want to remind our families about, especially those with little ones, is that our district has expanded our birthdate range for our TK

classes. Many may have heard about the state's expansion of Universal TK, well ours is just called TK and we are opening our doors to most 4-year-olds. So,

if you have a child who will be 4 next school year, please give our district office a call and they will support you in getting your child enrolled or providing additional information.

I will continue to update our families throughout the summer, but I always want to share friendly reminders. Registration will open on July 5 so please be sure to be on the lookout for an email from Downey Unified with additional information on how to complete the process and to ensure your child is ready on their first day of school. If you are new to the district, you can enroll your child at any time throughout the school year, just visit [enroll.dusd.net](http://enroll.dusd.net) and fill out an application today.

To further support families with both the registration and enrollment process, the Downey Unified district office has a Helpline in place with staff available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Helpline number is (562) 249-5205. We always welcome families to call or stop by our district office if you

have any trouble registering or enrolling your student(s). We will also provide a step-by-step registration guide on the parent resources page on [web.DUSD.net](http://web.DUSD.net) in addition to helpful videos on Q-Parent Connect to assist you.

As a reminder, registration can be completed either through the Parent Connect Portal, the Downey Unified App or online at [parentconnection.dusd.net](http://parentconnection.dusd.net)

Lastly, if you want to see photos and videos of all our summer enrichment programs and stay up to date with any district news, please follow Downey Unified on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter. Our goal is always to keep you informed, share encouraging stories and highlight our students.

I hope all of our students have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day holiday as we celebrate our nation.

Sincerely,  
**Giggy Perez-Saab, President**  
Board of Education

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## 4 people, including 3 Marines, killed in Downey crash

By City News Service

**DOWNEY** — Three of the four people killed in a single-vehicle crash on the southbound Santa Ana (5) Freeway in Downey were U.S. Marines, authorities said Tuesday.

All four were pronounced dead at the scene of the crash that occurred about 2:30 a.m.

Saturday. The name of the fourth victim was withheld, pending notification of relatives.

Three of the victims -- Daniel Nichols, 26, Joshua Moore Jr., 27, and Rodrigo Zermeño Gomez, 21 -- were Marines based at Camp Pendleton, KCAL reported, citing information from base officials.

According to the Los Angeles Daily News, two of the deceased

Marines were assigned to Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. The third Marine was assigned to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, according to First Lt. Sean Waterman at Camp Pendleton, the Daily News reported.

Authorities believe that the crash occurred after the driver of a Dodge Challenger lost control of their vehicle for an unknown reason and hit a guardrail on the side of the freeway before slamming into the wall beneath the Lemonran Avenue pedestrian bridge, according to KCAL.

The force of the collision caused the vehicle to split in two, subsequently ejecting the two rear passengers onto the right shoulder," said a statement from California Highway Patrol.

KCAL reported all were ejected during the crash.

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# Lack of affordable housing fueling homelessness crisis, study finds

■ The UC study discovered that most adults living on the streets became homeless due to rising costs in housing.

By Angela Hart  
California Healthline

**SACRAMENTO** — California's homelessness crisis is a homegrown problem that is deepening amid a shortage of affordable housing and emergency shelter, and it's often the brutal conditions of living on the street that trigger behavioral health problems, such as depression and anxiety, researchers found in a comprehensive study on homelessness.

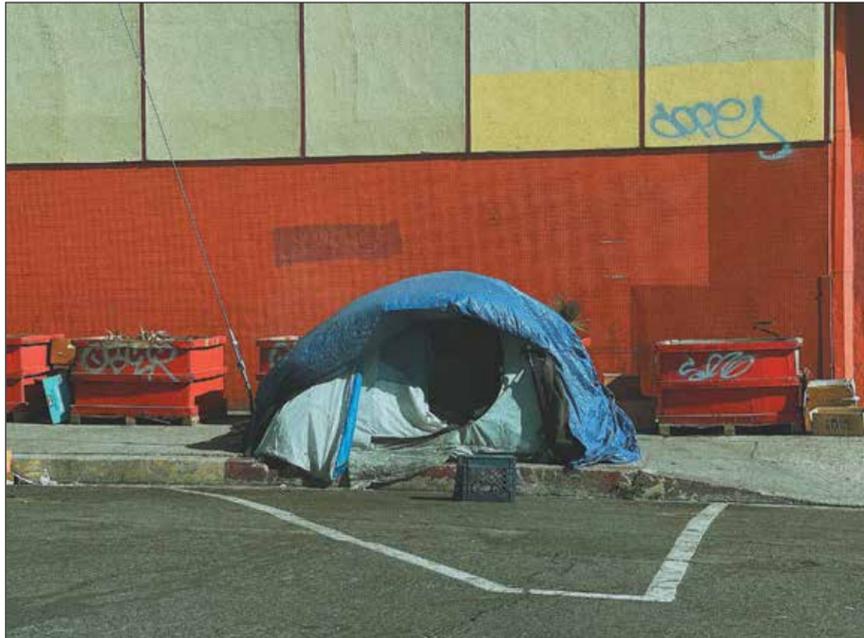
The new findings by leading researchers at the University of California show that at least 90% of adults who are experiencing homelessness in the state became homeless while living in California due primarily to the dire lack of affordable housing.

"This idea that homeless people are rushing into California is just not true," said Margot Kushel, a physician who treats homeless people and the lead investigator of the study for the UC-San Francisco Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. "There's so much myth-making around this magnet theory that people who are homeless flock to California, but this is our own problem."

"These are our own policies," Kushel added, referring to the state and federal governments. "We did this to people."

An estimated 172,000 people are homeless in California, the largest homeless population of any state in the U.S. and 30% of the nation's total, even though California has just 12% of the population. Researchers believe the way the state measures homelessness, though important, represents an undercount because cities and counties tallying their homeless populations in just one day miss people who may be hidden and living in their cars, for instance.

The homelessness study went further than annual point-in-time counts by analyzing the experiences of 3,200 homeless adults age 18 and older from October 2021 to November 2022, then conducted in-depth



A new study blamed California's homeless crisis on a lack of affordable housing. (Naomi August/Unsplash)

interviews with some participants to gain a better understanding of the state's overall crisis.

California Health and Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly, who asked for an analysis of the state's homelessness crisis, said the findings underscore where it must improve. The study could inform the state's approach to expanding its behavioral health system.

"As we drive toward addressing the health and housing needs of Californians experiencing homelessness, this study reinforces the importance of comprehensive and integrated supports," Ghaly said in a statement. "California is taking bold steps to address unmet needs for physical and behavioral health services, to create a range of housing options that are safe and stable, and to meet people where they are."

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and state health officials are steering initiatives that include a 2024 ballot measure to expand treatment for mental health and addiction, including building more residential treatment facilities. Newsom is also leading a new program under the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Act, known as CARE courts, to move people into

court-ordered treatment. And the administration is seeking to add rent payments as a health care benefit available to low-income Californians on Medi-Cal.

Kushel said the findings point to the increasing demands for adequate mental health and addiction treatment — and more low-income housing. While some people reported heightened mental health and substance use problems before becoming homeless, the trauma of being on the streets, Kushel said, can lead to, or amplify, behavioral health conditions, including drug use and depression.

A staggering 82% of people experiencing homelessness said they had a mental health condition or substance use challenge in their lifetime. And 66% said they were currently experiencing mental health problems, such as depression,

anxiety, hallucinations, or trouble remembering things.

"I think that speaks to the despair that people experience," Kushel said.

Sage Johnson, 28, was homeless in Los Angeles and lived for years in shelters before getting into low-income housing. Despite working graveyard shifts at Walgreens and other minimum-wage jobs at the time, she said, she couldn't find anything affordable and experienced heightened depression and anxiety while homeless.

"Being out there unmedicated, without therapy, you spiral out of control," Johnson said, who was among the formerly homeless who helped guide the research.

The report also found: Of California's adult homeless population, 75% became homeless in their county of

residence. Nearly 40% reported being homeless for the first time.

The median length of homelessness was 22 months. In the six months before becoming homeless, people had earned a median monthly income of \$960.

Roughly 1 in 5 became homeless after leaving an institution such as jail. Most people, 78%, reported spending the most time homeless in the prior six months in unsheltered settings: 21% in a vehicle, 57% without a vehicle.

Before experiencing homelessness, 32% had a mortgage or rental lease agreement; roughly 50% did not.

Researchers believe many unhoused people have encountered violence, contributing to the crisis: 72% reported physical violence in their lifetime and 24% said they had experienced sexual violence. Sexual violence was more common among women and transgender or nonbinary individuals.

The homeless population is aging; 47% of all adults surveyed were 50 or older. And Black and Native Americans are disproportionately homeless. For example, just 6% of the state's population is Black, yet 26% of homeless people surveyed identified as Black.

The findings show the limits of California's unprecedented spending to combat its homelessness crisis. Newsom's administration has poured more than \$20 billion into the crisis since he took office in 2019, much of that distributed to local governments to provide services and build housing.

That's on top of billions the state is pouring into improving its mental health system and a

\$12 billion social services-based initiative called CalAIM, which offers housing security deposits and sobering centers to help vulnerable populations, including homeless people.

But the study found that expanding health coverage and adding social services isn't serving all those in need. Specifically, 83% of homeless people surveyed said they had health insurance mostly through Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program for low-income people. Yet more than half relied on the emergency room for care and nearly a quarter said they couldn't access the care they needed. A majority who said they were experiencing mental health problems either weren't being treated or got care through emergency rooms.

In some ways, the policies Newsom is steering may make the problem worse. For example, his administration has backed removing homeless encampments in exchange for shelter and services. But homeless people say those promises are often unmet.

Forced displacement, the report found, and confiscation of belongings when clearing encampments can hurt the state's ability to find housing for people, Kushel said.

"It sometimes feels like one part of government is working against the other part," she said. "We're frantically trying to get people their documents so they can move into housing, and then somebody else throws it all away. That's not helpful."

This article was produced by KFF Health News, which publishes California Healthline, an editorially independent service of the California Health Care Foundation.

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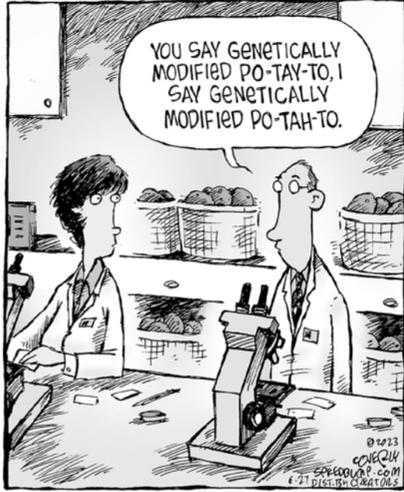
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### CITY MEETINGS

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., 6:00pm: 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.  
 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 Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.  
 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: 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.  
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.  
 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 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
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 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cites 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

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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.  
 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 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.  
 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.  
 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.

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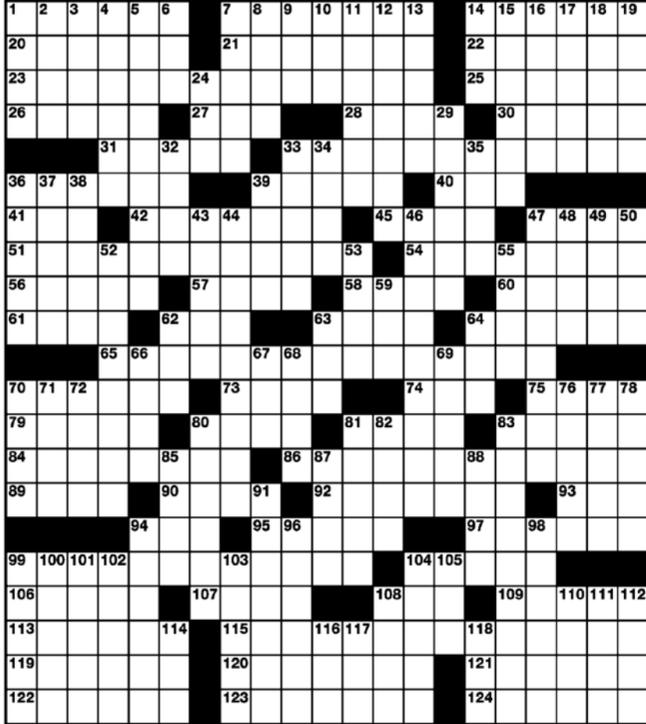
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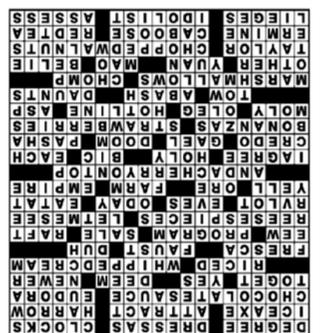
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## Congrats on well-earned retirements

By Eric Pierce

Eric Pierce is editor of the Downey Patriot.

With the 2022-23 school year officially in the books, this space provides the perfect opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude to a dedicated group of educators and support staff from Downey Unified School District.

These individuals have diligently served our schools and community, guiding generations of students towards achieving their dreams. As they take a well-deserved bow into retirement, it seems an appropriate time to recognize their immense contributions.

First, to all retiring staff: thank you. Thank you for the many mornings you welcomed students with warm smiles, for the countless hours spent planning lessons and grading papers, for the tireless efforts in maintaining clean and safe environments for our students to learn, and for the endless support given to students facing personal challenges.

In a profession where your impact is not immediately seen, your tireless devotion to nurturing young minds is the most significant contribution to our society's future. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, remember that you have shaped

lives, influenced futures, and played pivotal roles in the success stories of countless students.

Downey Unified School District is recognized as one of California's top school districts, an accolade that does not come lightly. It is a testament to the professionalism, commitment, innovation, and unwavering enthusiasm of our staff, the true backbone of our district. Your relentless dedication has cultivated an environment that promotes academic excellence, personal growth, and a lifelong love for learning.

To our teachers, your unique ability to transform classrooms into hubs of discovery and inspiration has forever ignited the spark of curiosity in your students. You have instilled in them a love for learning, fostered resilience and empathy, and given them the tools to navigate the world confidently.

To our administrators, your guidance, strategic planning, and leadership have made our schools safe and engaging places for students to grow. Your dedication to fostering an environment conducive to learning has been instrumental in maintaining Downey Unified's stellar reputation.

To our support staff, your often unsung work has been essential in providing the platform for our students' success.

From ensuring smooth operations, to serving nutritious meals, to keeping our campuses clean and safe, your efforts have been invaluable.

Together, your collective contributions have not only enriched the lives of students but have also helped create a robust, inclusive community that values education and collaboration.

Retirement is not an end, but a beginning - a transition from one journey to another. As you step into this new phase of life, remember that your influence extends beyond the walls of Downey Unified School District and continues to resonate in the lives of the students you have touched.

We wish each of you a joyous, fulfilling, and serene retirement, with time to pursue passions and hobbies, explore new horizons, and spend precious moments with loved ones. Remember, you leave behind not just a school district ranked as one of the best in California, but a legacy of excellence and a community forever grateful for your service.

So, here's to the past and all that you have given, and to the future and all it holds for you. From all of us in the Downey community at large, thank you for your extraordinary service and congratulations on your retirement.

## What the fat-shamers don't get about Lizzo

By Danielle Pinnock

Danielle Pinnock, an actress, writer and comedian, stars on the CBS sitcom "Ghosts" and is the creator of the one-woman show "Body/Courage."

I understand why Lizzo took a beat from Twitter.

Last month, the Emmy- and Grammy-winning multi-hyphenate artist — a classically trained, flute-playing rapper, singer, songwriter, actress and fashion mogul — was under attack (again!) from internet trolls bombarding her with vicious messages about her weight. This time, it got so bad that she locked down her Twitter account, writing, "Y'all don't know how close I be to giving up on everyone and quitting."

Lizzo embraces inclusivity for everyone who has a body. She chants the mantra of body positivity for all humans, not just the fat ones. Her songs, including "Good as Hell" and "Truth Hurts," have resonated with millions of people as anthems of empowerment and self-acceptance. She lives freely and unapologetically, whether twerking on the beach with her besties or modeling stylish crop tops from her shapewear brand Yitty.

But for years, Lizzo has faced backlash from people made uncomfortable by her unabashed acceptance of herself — who would rather see her concealed in oversized cardigans and potato sacks.

"What about her weight?" people say. "She's promoting obesity!"

No, she isn't. There's a difference between endorsing obesity and practicing self-love.

When most people think of obesity, perhaps they think of skyrocketing BMIs. Or overweight people with chronic diseases. Or TV shows such as "My 600-Lb. Life," the docuseries that follows people who are morbidly obese as they sink into bed

encased by pizzas, or "The Biggest Loser," which exploited people with weight challenges for entertainment and profit — even as contestants developed eating disorders and struggled to keep the weight off once the cameras turned away.

Lizzo is not promoting any of that. She's just trying to exist while lifting others up.

I've witnessed live concerts where she passionately sings, raps, plays the flute and dances. Her mic is on every night. It takes an astonishing amount of athleticism to perform like this. I challenge her trolls to go on tour with her for even a day to see if they could physically sustain a three-hour set.

"But why is she still fat?" people insist.

Should she share her bloodwork on Instagram? If it shows no issues, what will they say then? And if she does have underlying conditions — is that their chance to say, "Gotcha"?

I want to know: Why do people care?

As someone who has gained and lost and gained weight again, I can tell you: The process is hellish.

At 16 years old, I lost 50 pounds by living on protein bars and diuretics; I received celebration and praise. Then my father died, and in my grief, I gained twice the weight I'd lost. For decades, I struggled to reach an elusive number on the scale, binge eating and battling bulimia. I have tried every diet imaginable, including the notorious "Weigh Down" scam, which encourages people to pray away their hunger.

When I see the doctor, I must strenuously advocate for myself because physicians assume all my ailments stem from my size. Recently, my toenail split because of gel nail polish; my doctor prescribed Ozempic.

My body has endured all manner of suffering. It has been subjected to physical abuse in childhood and adulthood. It has

weathered miscarriages and the challenges of dermatomyositis, which causes muscle weakness and rashes. Worth noting: Most of these traumatic events occurred when I was "skinny."

Fat people know obesity is the leading killer in the United States. I know people have traumas attached to fatness. But you know what doesn't help? All the vitriol directed toward fat people.

Lizzo is out to counter the judgment and shaming. She is public about what she eats (she's vegan) and how often she exercises. She posts details of her routine to TikTok, not to proselytize but to show people how to love themselves.

Lizzo got me back in the gym. Seeing someone who looks like me, not ashamed or hating her body while exercising, changed my entire perspective on fitness.

"It may come as a surprise to some of y'all that I'm not working out to have your ideal body type," she says in one video. "I'm working out to have my ideal body type. And you know what type that is? None of your f---ing business. Because I am beautiful, I am strong, I do my job."

Trying to be strong, to heal, to express ourselves, to do our jobs — this is what all of us deserve to be able to do, without hostility and insults raining down on us.

Lizzo has unlocked her Twitter account again. I'm glad she paused to take care of herself. And if the next time this happens, she takes more than a beat? That's okay, sis. You pour so much out, so let me pour into you: You are worthy and powerful. A gift to this world. Don't let the haters get you down.

## Downey isn't too good for pot

Dear Editor:

The frontpage headline of the June 22 edition of The Downey Patriot asked, "Is Downey Ready for Pot?" To this, one should reasonably answer, "Downey was born ready!"

Downey already has lengthy experience with liquor sales, tobacco sales, junk food sales, night clubs, hookah lounges, abortion clinics, oversized residential and commercial construction, tattoo shops, Section 8 housing, and drug rehab services. New frontiers are a part of Downey's natural progression, so it is not entirely unexpected or unreasonable to hear that it could officially move toward free syringes, bikini bars, pawn shops, pot dispensaries, strip clubs, swingers' clubs, and the Church of Satan.

Thank goodness Downey's sisterhood with the Irish County of Roscommon can guide us through.

Dan Chantre  
Downey

## In support of SEAACA

Dear Editor:

There was a "peaceful" protest, protesting dogs being put down at Downey's SEAACA Shelter.

I have to wonder how many of those who protested took the time to visit the facility and speak with the staff to find out how and why they operate the way they do?

How many of those protesting have financially supported the shelter? Not many I'm betting.

I can personally attest to SEAACA being an amazing shelter. Everyone on staff cares deeply for their animals and does everything they can to care for and find homes for their cats and dogs.

Their volunteers are kind caring people. How many of the protesters have put their time in at the shelter to help? Yeah, not many.

I have adopted three dogs from there over the years. My current best friend was overlooked there for a couple of months. A long time for a dog to be cared for in a shelter. He's the best dog I've ever had!

People protesting at the shelter will detour others from adopting a new pet there. Kind of counterintuitive don't you think?

These days people love to protest just for the sake of protesting. "Yay look at me, I'm making a difference"

Every shelter only has so much funding and that puts a limit on how many animals they can care for.

No one should be protesting SEAACA unless they have visited the shelter and talked to the staff to be sure they have a good understanding of how they operate and why they do what they do.

Make a positive difference. Donate, volunteer, adopt.

John Zander  
Downey

## We're losing freedom

By John Stossel

Every Tuesday at JohnStossel.com, Stossel posts a new video about the battle between government and freedom. He is the author of "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media."

Politicians claim their bills bring us good things. Free health care! Child care! A cellphone for all!

But government isn't Santa Claus. Government is force.

Most every law takes away a little of our money or freedom or both.

The Heritage Foundation ranks economic freedom across the globe. The United States once ranked No. 4 in the world, but we've been in decline. This year, as my new video explains, we're 25th.

"If you care about living a prosperous life, you should care about what government economic policies are," says The Heritage Foundation's Derrick Morgan.

The foundation ranks countries' economic freedom based on things like rule of law, regulatory efficiency, open markets, fiscal health, etc.

The big reason the USA fell in the rankings is that Congress spends so much more money than government can squeeze out of us in taxes.

In addition, politicians ban some of our choices, like future natural gas hookups and gas-powered cars. Many want to ban contraception, TikTok, guns. And on top of that, America's bureaucrats add thousands of regulations, most of which restrict individual freedom.

The world's least free countries have even more smothering governments. India ranks toward the bottom of the freedom list because Indian bureaucrats are empowered to decide whether entrepreneurs may try something new. Investors must get up to 70 different approvals. No wonder India stays poor.

It could be worse. The most repressed people in the world are trapped in countries at the bottom of the freedom list: Sudan, Venezuela, Cuba and, of course, North Korea.

Hong Kong was a great example of how economic freedom makes life better. In just 30 years, people there moved from poverty to prosperity. It happened because Hong Kong's British rulers enforced rule of law but put few obstacles in the way of trying new things. That allowed free people in Hong Kong to get rich and put Hong Kong at the top of many freedom rankings.

Then the British gave Hong Kong back to China. China promised to respect Hong Kong's open society, but a few years ago, China turned Hong Kong into another Chinese police state.

So Heritage dropped Hong Kong from its list. "We got to the point where we could no longer consider them separate from Communist China, sadly," says Morgan.

The freest countries on Heritage's list are Taiwan, Ireland, Switzerland and Singapore.

But wait! Singapore doesn't have free speech. You can't criticize politicians or assemble without a police permit. They recently handed some people for selling marijuana.

"Would you want to live in Singapore?" I ask Morgan.

"Your point is a good one," he responds. "This isn't a measure of freedom overall. It's a measure of economic freedom. Other freedoms are important, religious freedom ... First Amendment freedom."

The Cato Institute's Human Freedom Index, which ranks both economic and personal freedom, lists Switzerland, New Zealand, Estonia and Denmark as the freest countries. Singapore ranks 44th. America 23rd.

"Our point," explains Morgan, "is really to have a data longevity to look at. Does economic freedom over time lead to freer, more prosperous, healthier and cleaner environments? It does."

That's something to remember next time politicians take away your choices or print more money.

"They're going to offer you free stuff," says Morgan. "It's all going to sound good ... but their policies are in all likelihood going to make things worse."

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2022 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).

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S/GLOBAL AA GROUP, INC. CEO, JAMES CHAE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 23, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023132447

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROSE HEALTH CENTER, 3845 E COLORADO BLVD, PASADENA CA 91107, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PHILLIP KILLGORE, 331 E PALM AVE, MONROVIA CA 91016

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: 06/2023

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/PHILLIP KILLGORE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 15, 2023

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where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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### The Downey Patriot

6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023105119

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PINONESTATE, 10343 STRONG AVE, WHITTIER CA 90601, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GUADALUPE PINON, 10343 STRONG AVE, WHITTIER CA 90601 (2) ANTONIO PINON, 10343 STRONG AVE, WHITTIER CA 90601

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017

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/ANTONIO PINON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 18, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023123576

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JOYFULLY YOURS PRODUCTIONS, 4750 IVY ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATRICK JASON FUENTES MANDAP, 4750 IVY ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

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: 04/2013

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/PATRICK JASON FUENTES MANDAP, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 5, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023116652

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VICKY'S CLEANING SERVICES, 10241 WESTERN AVE. APT. C, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANA VIRGINA RIVERA CORDOVA, 10241 WESTERN AVE. APT. C, DOWNEY CA 90241

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: 01/2022

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/ANA VIRGINA RIVERA CORDOVA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 25, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/8/23, 6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2023129512

FILE NO: 2016311586 DATE FILED: DECEMBER 1, 2016 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): H & H LIQUOR MART

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 8808 PAINTER AVE. SUITE 102, WHITTIER, CA, 90602

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAFAT L. LAMAY, 8808 PAINTER AVE. SUITE 102, WHITTIER CA 90602 (2) TALAAAT LAMEY ABDELSHAHID, 8808 PAINTER AVE. SUITE 102, WHITTIER CA 90602

State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A Business was conducted by: Copartners

I declare that all information in this statement

is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/RAFAT L. LAMAY, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on JUNE 12, 2023

### The Downey Patriot

6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023129621

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) H&H LIQUOR MART, 8808 PAINTER AVE #102, WHITTIER CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MF INVESTMENTS INC., 8808 PAINTER AVE #102, WHITTIER CA 90604

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2023

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/MF INVESTMENTS INC., PRESIDENT, MARK Y. HANNA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 12, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023122100

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) XTRA BIONICOS ALEXIS, 1552 W ADAMS BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90007, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SONIA CIPRES GONZALEZ, 1552 W ADAMS BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90007

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: 09/2012

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/SONIA CIPRES GONZALEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 2, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023101186

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRAY CLOTHING STORE, 9140 BROOKSHIRE AVE #234, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAYED AHMED ABOUABDALLA, 9140 BROOKSHIRE AVE #234, DOWNEY CA 90240

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: 09/2021

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/SAYED AHMED ABOUABDALLA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 8, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023133981

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TANDEM 3553 ATLANTIC AVENUE 321 LONG BEACH CA 90807, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BUMBLE BEE PLASTIC INC., 3553 ATLANTIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90807

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/PLASTIC, INC., PRESIDENT, NIGEL COONETILLEKE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 16, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot

6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023136764

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EZ HERITAGE CONSTRUCTION, 10228 DEVERON DR., WHITTIER CA 90601, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EZ HERITAGE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, 10228 DEVERON DR, WHITTIER CA 90601

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company



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JUNE 26, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

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**The Downey Patriot**

6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00215**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GRECIA MARIANA MARTINEZ AND DAVID EDWARD RAUSCH FOR GRECIA ADELE RAUSCH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) GRECIA ADELE RAUSCH to Proposed name (1) AIMEE GRACE RAUSCH

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 14, 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

JUNE 08, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

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6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00200**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ELIZABETH GUERRERO FOR SEVYN NEHOMY SANDOVAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SEVYN NEHOMY SANDOVAL to Proposed name (1) SEVYN NEHOMY GUERRERO

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 28, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**

**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk 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

MAY 30, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

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6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00216**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DAVID ARTURO CORREAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DAVID ARTURO CORREAL to Proposed name (1) DAVID ARTURO PAEZ

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 31, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**

**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk 90650**

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JUNE 08, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

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**The Downey Patriot**

6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00208**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EMILY NOELLE FOSTER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) EMILY NOELLE FOSTER to Proposed name (1) WILLOW NOELLE FOSTER

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 7, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**

**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk 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

JUNE 05, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

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6/8/23, 6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00216**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DAVID ARTURO CORREAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DAVID ARTURO CORREAL to Proposed name (1) DAVID ARTURO PAEZ

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 31, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**

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JUNE 08, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

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6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00193**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LARIZA JUVENTINA DE LEON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) LARIZA JUVENTINA DE LEON to Proposed name (1) LARIZA JUVENTINA CERVANTES

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 21, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**

**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk 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

JUNE 15, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00237**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CARLOTA MARIA TERESA GUTH DE PORTAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) CARLOTA MARIA TERESA GUTH DE PORTAL to Proposed name (1) MARITE GUTH

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 21, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**

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JUNE 23, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

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

**CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00208**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EMILY NOELLE FOSTER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) EMILY NOELLE FOSTER to Proposed name (1) WILLOW NOELLE FOSTER

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 7, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**

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JUNE 05, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court

Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

**EMILY NOELLE FOSTER**

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DOWNEY CA 90242

(562) 413-4558

Emfoster11@icloud.com

**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH A. ZANDER**

**Case No. 23STPB06358**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIZABETH A. ZANDER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by John H. Zander in the Superior Court

of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that John H. Zander be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 July 17, 2023, at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 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:**

**JOHN A BUNNETT ESQ**

**SBN 107690**

**LAW OFFICE OF JOHN A BUNNETT AT**

**8136 2ND ST**

**DOWNEY CA 90241**

CN997503 ZANDER Jun 22,29, Jul 6, 2023

**NOTICE OF HEARING – DECEDENT'S ESTATE OR TRUST**

**CASE NUMBER: 22STPB11594**

**ESTATE OF JOE GOMEZ BASURTO, DECEDENT**

NOTICE is given that STEPHANIE BASURTO has filed a petition, application, report, or account: Confirming sale of real property.

A HEARING on the matter described in 1 will be held as follows:

HEARING DATE: Date: JULY 20, 2023, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept 4 Room N/A at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse

NOTICE If the filing described in 1 is a report of the status of a decedent's estate administration made under Probate Code section 12200, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PETITION FOR AN ACCOUNTING UNDER 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 SYCAMORE 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: 9917 WILEY BURKE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 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: \$142,418.46 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, to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you

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### TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 110719-CA APN: 6359-018-005 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/27/2003. 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 7/27/2023 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/17/2003 as Instrument No. 03 3450472 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: RICHARD J. ROSIAK, AN UNMARRIED 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 SYCAMORE 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: 9917 WILEY BURKE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 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: \$142,418.46 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall

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T.S. No. 100556-CA APN: 6245-002-009 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/19/2007. 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 7/26/2023 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/27/2007 as Instrument No. 20072228415 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ERIC HERRERA, A SINGLE MAN AND MODESTO AVILA AND GRISELDA VIRGEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, ALL 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 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; 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: 7866 MELVA STREET, 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: \$1,442,305.92 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, to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you

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# Downey budget tops \$118M

## Need ideas on where to celebrate the Fourth of July? Read this.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — Downey's Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget will put special emphasis on maintaining quality of services for residents, while still spending over 60 percent of its budget on public safety.

The Downey City Council approved its eleventh consecutive — and first for new City Manager Roger Bradley — balanced budget for fiscal year 2023-24 on Tuesday, projecting \$115,000,000 in general fund expenditures.

The city is also conservatively predicting \$118,188,000 in general fund revenues.

The city will add several new full-time equivalent (FTE) personnel in the coming fiscal year, including an economic development director, homelessness solutions manager, associate traffic engineer, citywide systems engineer, two building inspectors, a plan checker, senior code enforcement officer, two part time code enforcement officers, a fire inspector, and a crime analyst.

Mayor Claudia M. Frometa emphasized that these additions were necessary to meet the five areas of priority that the council had determined in recent budget discussions and goal workshops, those being fiscal responsibility, efficiency and adaptability, economic vibrancy, quality of life, safety, and infrastructure, and public engagement.

"These are truly necessary because the departments that we have currently have been significantly understaffed, and we really are trying to, not just accommodate for growth in our community, but also the services and the expediency of which we are tackling the requests coming to us," said Frometa.

Bradley made note that many of these additions are funded through grants or are "budget neutral."

Downey Police and Fire Departments will receive a vast majority of expenditures, \$43,668,000 and \$27,632,000 respectively; 62 percent of the general fund allotments, and an increase of around 5 percent from last year.

The city will next spend most on community enhancement, comprising the Community Development and Public Works departments, allotting over \$14.7 million.

Quality of life (Parks and Recreation, library) will receive over \$11.3 million (10 percent) of the budget.

There will be an increase of \$2.3 million spending in general government, \$11.6 million overall. This includes the upcoming special elections, and a \$296,000 increase for SEACA services.

Assuming that these projections prove correct and accurate, it is predicted that the city will end the fiscal year with just under a \$3.1 million surplus, and a total general fund reserve total of \$33,748,000.



With Independence Day quickly approaching, here are seven ways you can celebrate throughout the weekend and into July 4, all with fireworks included.

### Freedom Festival

Where: Downey High School  
When: Saturday, July 1 at 5 pm

Cost: Free Admission

Presented by Calvary Chapel Downey, this family event will feature musical artists, speakers, food trucks, and games. Celebrate our nation's independence with a gospel message.

### Whittier's 4th of July Firework Spectacular

Where: York Field, 9110 Santa Fe Springs Rd.

When: Tuesday, July 4; gates open at 5 pm, fireworks at 9 pm

Cost: \$5 for Adults, Veterans and ages 17 and under free

Enjoy food trucks, inflatables, family-friendly fun, and live music by Candela playing pop and Latin hits. Picnics are welcome, but please leave pets and BBQs at home. Additional parking with shuttle service begins at 5:00 PM. Park at Sierra Education Center, 9401 South Painter Ave.

### Fourth of July Fireworks at the Waterfront

Where: Queensway Bay, Long Beach

When: Tuesday July 4, 9 pm

Cost: Free, although several ticketed events offered

Fireworks will be visible all along the waterfront. With prime viewing locations at Lions

Lighthouse for Sight, Shoreline Village, Rainbow Harbor, and Marina Green. The Queen Mary will be the site of a separately ticketed, family-friendly event. Harbor Breeze is also offering fireworks cruises.

### July Fourth Fireworks Spectacular with the Beach Boys

Where: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N Highland Ave, Los Angeles

When: Sunday July 2 thru Tuesday July 4; Doors open at 5:30 pm, performance at 7:30 pm

Cost: Visit hollywoodbowl.com for available ticket options

With dozens of their chart-toppers becoming anthems of American youth—including "Surfin' USA," "I Get Around," and "Fun, Fun, Fun"—The Beach Boys will light up the night with

the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. Half off for kids 12 and under. Ticket limits apply.

### Pittsburgh Pirates at Los Angeles Dodgers

Where: Dodger Stadium, 1000 Vin Scully Ave, Los Angeles

When: Tuesday, July 4, 6:10 pm (Gates open two hours before first pitch)

Cost: Visit mlb.com/dodgers/tickets for available ticket options.

Celebrate America with America's pastime as the Dodgers take on the Pittsburgh Pirates. Fireworks to follow after the game.

### 73rd Annual John Olguin Firework Spectacular

Where: Cabrillo Beach

When: Tuesday, July 4, 9 pm

Cost: Free

A family-friendly event and display that attracts thousands annually. Best viewing locations are along Cabrillo Way, Cabrillo Beach Park, Block Field, Korean Friendship Bell at Angel's Gate Park, and the Cabrillo Marina.

### Theme Parks

Where: Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland, Universal Studios, Six Flags

When: Check park information for showtimes

Cost: Visit each park websites for ticketing information (reservations may be required)

Celebrate America at your favorite amusement park with thrilling rides, fun characters, and festive fireworks shows.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

## Where to buy (legal) fireworks in Downey

**DOWNEY** — There will be 14 non-profit organizations selling safe and sane fireworks throughout Downey starting this Saturday.

Those groups and their locations are:

- Calvary Chapel, located at 12808 Woodruff Ave., in the Calvary Chapel parking lot

- Desert Reign Church, located at 7915 Florence Avenue, in the south parking lot of CVS y Mas

- Downey Free Methodist Church, located at 9245 Florence Ave., in the church parking lot

- Foursquare Church, located at 8008 Firestone Blvd., in the CVS parking lot

- Downey High School Band Boosters, located at 8320 Firestone Blvd., in the Grocery Outlet parking lot

- Dios Con Nosotros, located at 7502 Florence Ave., in the Del Rio Lanes parking lot

- Job's Daughters Downey,

located at 10231 Lakewood Blvd., in the Pep Boys parking lot

- St. Pius X — St. Mathias Academy, located at 7851 Gardendale Ave., in the high school parking lot

- Warren High School Music Parent Association, located at 9001 Apollo Way, in the Walmart parking lot

- Downey Rose Float Association, located at 9200 Lakewood Blvd., in the Ralphs parking lot

- Warren High School Athletic Department, located at 8626 Firestone Blvd., in the Ralph's parking lot

- West Downey Little League, located 7399 Stewart and Gray Rd., in the A&T Mart parking lot

- St. Raymond Catholic Church, located at 12348 Paramount Blvd., in the church parking lot

- Elks Lodge #2020, located at 11233 Woodruff Ave., in the

Elks Lodge parking lot

State Fire Marshall approved "safe and sane" fireworks may only be discharged between the hours of 3 pm and 10 on July 4. Fines for discharge of illegal fireworks begin at \$2,000 for first offense.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

## POET'S CORNER

### Yellow Lab Outside the Coffee Shop

The yellow lab outside the coffee shop today cannot sit still; but instead

radiates the ever-expectant energy of a thousand hummingbirds,

tail sweeping back and forth across the gray, littered sidewalk.

Sits without touching the ground, knowing that any moment

the one who matters most will emerge, slip his worn leash from the bench

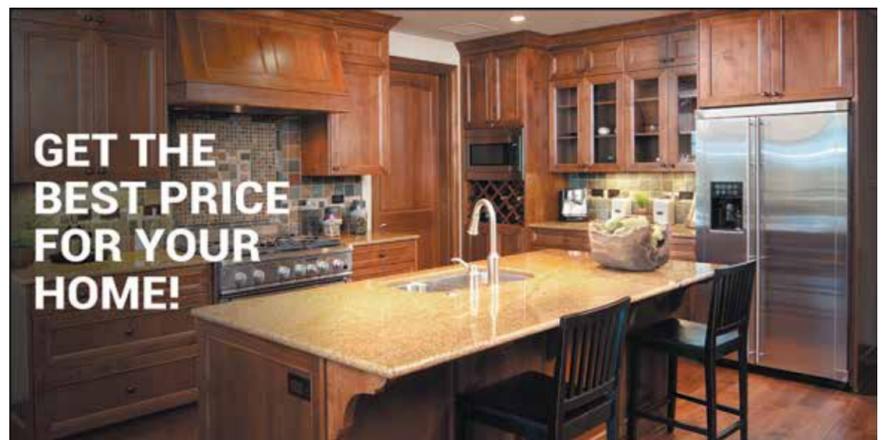
and the day will suddenly fall into place: every sound, sight, and aroma

discovered anew, the sun thrown everywhere at once, with a cool lake

of shadow following, following, as if it had somewhere to go.

Greg Watson, *When the Music Remains*, Nodin Press, 2011

*Ordinary moments caught, pinned down, observed, open into such wide emotional experiences: human love, divine love; creation. The energy field is built up by the tension between the suspense of the first part of the poem and the fulfillment in the last three stanzas. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*



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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.

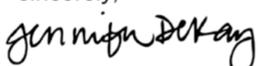
Additionally, the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to address the challenge of access to local news in underserved areas. We will explore innovative approaches, such as expanding our digital presence, partnering with community organizations, and launching initiatives to bridge the information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

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