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## Student detained after school stabbing

■ A Warren High School student is recovering after they were stabbed on campus Wednesday.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – A lockdown at Warren High School was quickly lifted and all students are safe following an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred on campus Wednesday, with one student arrested and another receiving medical care.

According to the Downey Police Department, officers responded to the school at around 12:23 pm following an altercation resulting in one student being stabbed.

The suspect was taken into custody, and the victim's injuries are described as non-life threatening.

Normal instruction had resumed as of 2 pm, although parents were given the option to check their children out from school for the remainder of the day.

The incident is still under

## Pedestrian killed on Firestone

**DOWNEY** – Police are investigating a traffic collision that left a pedestrian dead in the evening hours of April 21.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:40 pm on Firestone Boulevard near Pangborn Avenue. The victim was described as 50 years old and possibly of Bell Gardens.

According to the Downey Police Department, the driver remained on scene.

## Cinco de Mayo festival Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Downtown Downey is hosting a free Cinco de Mayo festival this Saturday, May 4, from 5-10 pm on Downey Avenue, between 2nd and 4th streets.

The festival includes food trucks, live entertainment, a petting zoo, pony rides, photo booths, and dozens of small business vendors.

There will also be a beer garden and bar crawl for those 21 and older.



Fans visit the former home of Richard and Karen Carpenter on Newville Avenue in Downey. City of Downey photo

## Thank you, Downey

By Kathy Perez

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Patriot headline on April 26th stated: "Welcome to Downey" and featured photos of Carpenters fans who had gathered in our city for the celebration of the Carpenters' 55th Anniversary. Most of them have now traveled back to their homes in all parts of our country and the world, and I want to let Downey know that they all indeed felt very "welcomed".

I had the great honor of working with both the organizers of the four-day event and the city to coordinate all of the events that took place here. There are members of our community who deserve to be publicly acknowledged for their involvement. All of them contributed to the success of not only the event, but to projects that will remain for years to come.

Thank you to Mayor Trujillo for all of his help and attendance at the Downey events. As a fellow Carpenters fan, he understands how important it is for our city to honor our hometown heroes and their musical legacy. I appreciate his support and guidance and especially his help in organizing our own Carpenters Downey Committee.

Special thanks to our committee co-chair, Rick Rodriguez, and our committee members Jason Chacon and Monica Ortiz from Parks and Recreation, Michael Calvert the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, Eric Pierce from the Patriot and the Downtown Downey Improvement Association and key community members Patty Russell-Rohrer, Joseph Luisi, and Jeannie Wood.

In addition, thank you to our council members and city staff who listened, responded,



Richard Carpenter tours the Downey City Library on Saturday. City of Downey photo

and helped move all Carpenters requests forward. Thank you especially to Ben Dickow and Dan Martin at the library and Council member Dorothy Pemberton for your extra help and support.

Thank you to Pastor Brad Biggerstaff and the congregation of the Downey United Methodist Church for allowing us to use your beautiful and significant church for the acoustic concert.

I'd also like to thank our school district, particularly Dr. Zegarra for welcoming the fans to Downey High School and Mrs. Andrea Pyle, director of the district's Musical Theatre Conservatory, for involving our youth and passing on the Carpenters Downey story and their music to the next generation.

Thank you, also, to our local businesses, especially the Embassy Suites, Look Dine-In Cinemas, and our historic McDonald's for hosting and accommodating our fans, as well as the downtown stores and restaurants.

A special thank you to the owners of the iconic Newville House for welcoming the fans and the neighboring residents for allowing everyone to descend onto your street. Lastly, thank you to The Downey Patriot staff

for covering the celebration, placing it on the front page last week, and supplying the fans with copies to take home!

I heard nothing but positive comments from the fans about their time in Downey. Here are just a few:

"I'm so impressed that the city of Downey not only allowed us to flood their city, but also strive to keep the Carpenters legacy in the forefront of their lovely city." Doug McComas, Georgia

"Thank you to the City of Downey for ALL they did to make our event happen! It's nothing short of extraordinary! The city was in tip top shape and I noticed how clean it was and how all the landscaping was well cared for. To see so many representatives from the city at our events showed their interest and commitment to our event and the Carpenters." Shari Christenson, Minnesota

"To the City of Downey: I have been making "pilgrimages" to Downey since 1996, but this time was different. The city has finally embraced our dynamic duo and it was a welcome sight. It's wonderful to see them acknowledged for what we have known for decades." Laura Adam, Texas

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## Metro certifies rail line EIR

■ Construction is expected to begin soon on the new light rail line, with a station in Downey.

By City News Service

**DOWNEY** – The Metro Board of Directors Thursday unanimously certified the final environmental impact report for the first segment of the Southeast Gateway Line, a 14.5-mile light rail project that will connect the A Line's Slauson station to Artesia.

With the certification, the \$7.1 billion project is expected to qualify for federal grants, backing up the \$2 billion of local and state funds already committed, according to Metro officials. It's expected to open by 2035.

According to Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, a board member who represents the Southeast area, Thursday's certification vote will enable the 14.5-mile segment of the project -- which will have eight stations -- to enter the construction phase, expected to begin by the end of this year.

Hahn said 44% of residents along the line live below the poverty level, and that construction and operation of the line will create between 37,000 and 46,000 jobs, and generate \$5 billion per year in economic activity.

When completed, the overall 19-mile project -- which will eventually include another 4.5-mile segment -- will serve 1.4 million residents between Union Station in downtown LA and Artesia. It will run through Vernon, Huntington Park, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Downey, Paramount, Bellflower and Cerritos.

Hahn called the project a "game changer for some of the most transit dependent communities in Southern California."

"Most of this line will serve equity focus communities that have some of the worst air quality and suffer from some of the worst congestion anywhere in the entire state," Hahn said. "They deserve high-quality transit, and the Southeast Gateway Line will finally deliver that."

Earlier this year, Metro renamed the project from its previously known name of the West Santa Ana Branch, saying the new name better reflects the people and cities the line will eventually serve.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 66°

Sunday 68°

## ON THIS DAY

**1519:**

Renaissance artist, scientist and engineer Leonardo da Vinci—whose works, notably the paintings Mona Lisa and The Last Supper, were among the most famous in the world—died in Cloux, France, at age 67.

**1536:**

Henry VIII had his second wife, Anne Boleyn, committed to the Tower of London on charges of adultery and incest; although likely innocent, she was later convicted and beheaded.

**1611:**

The King James Version of the Bible was first published.

**1803:**

The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France at a rate of less than three cents per acre for 828,000 square miles, which soon proved to be a tremendous bargain.

**1939:**

New York Yankee great Lou Gehrig ended his streak of consecutive games played (2,130), setting a record that stood until 1995, when it was broken by Cal Ripken, Jr.

**2011:**

Osama bin Laden—founder of the militant Islamist organization al-Qaeda and mastermind of the September 11, 2001, attacks—was killed by U.S. forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

## BIRTHDAYS

Fashion designer **DONATELLA VERSACE** (69), actor and wrestler **DWAYNE JOHNSON** (53), retired soccer player **DAVID BECKHAM** (49), "The Office" star **ELLIE KEMPER** (44), pop singer **LILY ALLEN** (39), sports commentator **PAT MCAFFEE** (37), Clippers star **PAUL GEORGE** (34) and "Love Island" star **OLIVIA ATTWOOD** (33).

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Alameda Tigers won 1st place in the 5th grade division and pose with their coaches, principal and Downey Unified superintendent.

# DUSD's elementary robotics competition grows to new heights

**DOWNEY** – Families poured into an at-capacity Warren High School gym on April 20 to witness their elementary students face off in the fifth annual Robolympics.

The district event that was originally developed due to a generous grant from the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation and has grown steadily over the years into an all-out districtwide robotics exhibition.

Each third, fourth and fifth-grade team was announced and experienced thunderous support from cheer squads, school mascots and families as they entered the arena. Grade levels competed simultaneously in their VEX IQ Teamwork Challenge, showcasing their programmed robots, driving skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship as the crowds followed the robotics action on the big screens.

Thirty-three elementary teams competed in their grade level's preliminary round. The top four scoring teams then advanced to the semi-finals where they battled head-to-head in a single elimination knockout. Winners of the semi-finals advanced to the finals for a chance to compete for first and second place. The top two teams in each grade level received medals, with the first-place winners earning a VEX IQ competition trophy.

The Lewis All-Stars took the top spot among third-grade teams, while the Alameda Tigers took first place in the fourth-grade division. Competition for the fifth-grade trophy was extremely close, with the Alameda Tigers and Old River School Gators tying in the semi-finals. Ultimately, the Tigers prevailed by one point over the Gators in the finals for the fifth-grade trophy.

Preparations for this tournament begin early in the school year. Third, fourth and fifth grade students who choose to join the Robotics club in their elementary campus are tasked with an annual challenge to design, build, and program a robot.

As they gear up for the Downey Unified Robolympics, students collaboratively develop game strategies and continuously iterate their robot design to function at the best of its ability. Students then vie for the limited spots on the team that represents their school in competition.

This year, Downey Unified was also excited to host two female roboticists from Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Sriramy Bhamidipati, Ph.D., and Emily Crowl, who were both on hand to see skills on display and to hand out medals to our district's budding roboticists.

"Every team has so much to be proud of! From the innovative robot designs—we have never had this much diversity in robot builds—to creative game strategies, coupled with teamwork and sportsmanship. Robolympics 2024 was one for the books," said Kirsten Neill, Instructional STEAM Coach, overseeing science and technology initiatives in Downey Unified.

Robolympics is the first exposure to robotics competition that Downey Unified elementary students have before having an opportunity to compete in VEX Robotics at all four district middle schools, as well as FIRST Robotics which is offered at Downey and Warren high schools.

Visit [www.TheDowneyPatriot.com](http://www.TheDowneyPatriot.com) for more photos from the robotics competition.



Rio Hondo Roadrunner team works on their robot before entering competition at the 2024 Robolympics

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## On a motorcycle, Greg Welch traverses America to honor its veterans

Downey's Greg Welch rides across the country every year to honor our country's vets.

**DOWNEY** – Greg Welch comes from a military family and started riding dirt bikes at age 16. He eventually took up motorcycle riding and was later inspired by his wife's cousin, a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient, to try long-distance motorcycling. Soon Greg, the co-owner of Risher Mortuary & Cremation Service in Montebello, California—better known as “Digger” by his fellow riders—will embark on his fourth coast-to-coast ride with the nonprofit organization Run for the Wall.

Run for the Wall's mission, “to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action, to honor the memory of those Killed in Action from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world,” is close to Greg's heart. His father served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War, and his father-in-law served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. Two of Greg's four children also serve: His son Nathan was a pilot in the Air Force, completing nine years and three tours of duty in Afghanistan, and is now a major in the Air Force Reserve. Daughter Kaylie completed the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Alabama and is now a nurse and captain in the reserve.

Greg and his wife, Barbara Risher Welch (co-owner of Risher Mortuary and a member of Selected's Board of Directors), decided when they started a family that he wouldn't ride motorcycles



Greg Welch visits the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on May 28, 2022.

until their children were older. “She's an ER nurse and funeral director and would see what would come through both doors and didn't want that,” says Greg. In 2008, when the kids were older, a three-and-a-half day motorcycle trip from Southern California to Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota hooked Greg on long-distance riding.

Riding for the past 15 years with the Patriot Guard Riders, a volunteer organization that like Run for the Wall is focused on veterans, helps Greg train for endurance rides and focus his mindset. Patriot Guard Riders provides fallen veterans and first responders with funeral escorts. Greg says, “When a hero has fallen, no matter when, where, or how, we assemble at the mortuary home and escort them to the

cemetery, where we provide a ceremonial folding of the flag, ‘Taps,’ and a gun salute, depending on their rank.”

This May, Greg will leave Ontario, Calif., alongside around 500 fellow Run for the Wall riders, spending 10 days on the road until they reach Washington, D.C. Greg rides the Southern Route across the U.S.; an additional thousand riders will simultaneously take Run for the Wall's Midway and Central Routes to Washington. Riders from

all three routes convene at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day weekend. Participants have the option of adding the three-day Sandbox Route from Washington to the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles, Ill., afterwards.

Such a lengthy road trip requires a high level of stamina. “You've got to be in shape and work out to ride a motorcycle,” Greg says. Riders on the Southern Route endure temperature that can reach 115 degrees in parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Their thick protective leather gear and helmets and the additional heat radiating off the asphalt and out the motorcycle's engine make it feel even hotter. Greg doesn't mind. “I love the heat, I love the long desert stretches,” he says. Riders drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration, and a nurse and water truck are on hand to ensure safety.

The riders embark around 5:30 am and conclude in the afternoon, covering up to 600 miles daily. Highly efficient stops for fuel demonstrate the careful logistical planning that goes into the group's preparations. Each stop is determined ahead of time, and gas stations are alerted in advance of the riders' arrival. As part of the fuel team, Greg rides with 20 others ahead of the group to gas stations.

“Hundreds of bikes pull up two by two, and we take the nozzle and fill up the bikes without stopping the pump, one right after another. It's all about expediency. We can fuel 400 bikes in 11 ½ minutes,” Greg says.

Greg's favorite part of the 10-day ride is visiting small towns and connecting with local communities. Run for the Wall riders stop at every veterans' cemetery on their route, placing wreaths for unknown soldiers. They also make presentations to local organizations, Gold and Blue Star families, and elementary schools. “In every town, they're waiting for us, and we don't buy a meal for 10 days because of gracious donations. The Elks, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, churches, and other organizations generously feed us breakfast, lunch and dinner, everywhere we stop.”

Greg rides for the communities he encounters, for his family, and for his fellow riders – most of whom are veterans themselves – and for those no longer with us. “Each rider carries pictures and bios of soldiers who never made it home,” Greg says.

“We take one or two of those pictures on our bike and place them on the wall. We ride for the veterans in every way, in every branch of the military.”

This year, as she's done in the past, Barbara will fly to Washington to meet Greg and together, they'll ride on his motorcycle for five days, visiting Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and journeying through West Virginia and over the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Great Smoky Mountains. Their trip together will conclude in Nashville, where they'll catch a show at the Grand Ole Opry. Afterwards, Barbara will fly home to California, and Greg will ride back solo, at his own pace, taking time to sightsee.

In total, Greg will be on his motorcycle for about a month, making meaningful connections across the country and honoring veterans, a cause so dear to him, his family, and friends.

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## Gangs Out of Downey hosting scholarship gala

**DOWNEY** – Tickets are on sale for Gangs Out of Downey’s annual scholarship banquet.

This year’s event is scheduled for Friday, May 17, starting at 6:30 pm inside the Reagan Center Banquet Hall at The Arc.

Admission is \$100. Formal attire is requested.

The banquet is held annually in honor of late Downey police officer Ricky Galvez and provides college scholarships to Downey students pursuing careers in law enforcement and related fields.

RSVP before May 10 by emailing [info@downeygood.org](mailto:info@downeygood.org)

## Study: Downey home prices outpace income

**DOWNEY** – Downey has the 14th highest home price-to-income ratio in the United States according to a survey released this week.

The median home price in Downey increased by 41.8% over the past five years, and now sits at \$849,745.

Meanwhile, the median income for Downey households is \$85,089, according to figures compiled by Construction Coverage.

On an inflation-adjusted basis, household incomes nationally increased by just 4.5% since 2000, while home prices increased by 59.1%.

## Stonewood Center to exhibit student artworks

**DOWNEY** – Stonewood Center is hosting a Student Art Showcase on Saturday, May 18, from 11 am to 8 pm, part of a collaboration between the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities and Stay Arts.

More than 600 student artworks will be on display, including work from students at Alameda, Carpenter, Doty, Gauldin, Griffiths, Imperial, Lewis, Old River, Price, Rio Hondo, Rio San Gabriel, Stauffer, Sussman, Unsworth, Ward and Williams.

The exhibit is free and will be located between Sears and Toast.

## Neurologist named to 40 Under 40 list

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Antonio Moya, MD, MPH, a physician at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center was named one of 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health for 2024 by the National Minority Quality Forum.

Dr. Moya is a board-certified neurologist, an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the USC Keck School of Medicine, and a member of the faculty for Harbor UCLA’s Neurology Program.

Dr. Moya is a driving force within the Rancho Los Amigos Neurology Division, where he cares for both inpatients and outpatients with an array of neurological conditions and diagnoses. The Neurology Division provides diagnostic and therapeutic care for patients with acute and chronic stroke, post stroke prevention, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, neuromuscular diseases, movement disorders, dementia, cerebral palsy, and spina bifida.

Dr. Moya completed his fellowship at the UCLA National Clinician Scholars Program and his neurology residency at New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center. Prior to residency, he graduated from the UCSF School of Medicine as a PRIME-US Scholar and completed his MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health, focusing on Global Health in Asia.

Dr. Moya was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in the Philippines prior to medical school, researching the potential of telemedicine stroke care in this archipelago nation of more than 7,000 islands.

Additionally, Dr. Moya gives of his time to advance the health of the Filipino and Asian Pacific Islander community, serving on the board of the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians (NCAPIP).

Dr. Moya continues to partner with many Los Angeles based Filipino community organizations, and his research and community work has been awarded multiple grants to prevent stroke, high blood pressure, and COVID-19 among the underserved. He is interested in stroke prevention and treatment, tele-neurology care, and Asian Pacific Islander health disparities.

“It’s a great honor to receive this award from the National Minority Quality Forum,” said Dr. Moya. “We need to support our physicians of minority backgrounds in their work for the underserved. I hope to continue this work for my community throughout my entire career.”

## Mayor elected to board of new LGBTQ association

**DOWNEY** – Mayor Mario Trujillo has been elected to the board of directors of the inaugural Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Elected Officials (LACLEO) association.

The board has been meeting unofficially over the past several months as it worked to officially register the organization as a 504 c4 nonprofit mutual benefit corporation focused on education, advocacy and mutual support.

This was accomplished April 13 when the organization met in downtown Los Angeles at its inaugural meeting and elected Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang as president, Claremont City Council member Ed Reece and Burbank council member Nikki Perez as vice presidents, Pasadena City College trustee Alton Wang as treasurer and El Monte City Council member Martin Herrera as secretary.

In attendance and addressing the group were U.S. Rep. Robert Garcia and State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara.

“With our vast number of LGBTQ+ elected officials in Los Angeles County, we have a stronger voice when we speak with a unified voice,” said Prang. “With the increase in public homophobia and anti-LGTQ legislation opposition to our community here and nationally, it’s vital we have a united front to protect our rights and liberties. As elected officials our voices will resonate strongly as we advocate for policies, programs and legislation that will ensure equality and safety for everyone.”

Los Angeles county is home to over 50 out LGBTQ+ elected officials, including officials elected to serve on water boards, school and college boards, city councils, mayors, as well as city clerks, legislators, county officials and Congress.

## Red Cross holding blood drives in Downey

**DOWNEY** – The American Red Cross has scheduled several blood donations drives in the local area during the month of May.

Appointments can be made online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

May 9, 12-6 pm, Stonewood Center

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## Do the homeless have the right to sleep on sidewalks and in parks?

**Court ruling could allow local authorities across the US to crack down on homeless encampments**

**By Betsy McCaughey**

*Betsy McCaughey is a former lieutenant governor of New York and chairman of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths.*

In a Supreme Court showdown Monday over whether the homeless have a “right” to camp in public, almost no one mentioned the actual victims of that crazy idea. Homeless advocates, including the American Civil Liberties Union, told the court that living on the streets is a “victimless” crime. Victimless?

Everyone who has to step over needles and human poop and navigate around half-conscious humans while walking to work or taking their kids to school is a victim.

Every store owner whose entrance is blocked by makeshift cardboard shelters is a victim.

Every family that wants to use a park and finds it cluttered with sprawling tents is a victim.

The homeless are more likely to commit violent crimes than people who aren’t homeless. The public has every reason to be wary.

Municipalities all over the U.S. are watching City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson, which challenges a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling barring penalties for sleeping with blankets and other paraphernalia on public property. The 9th Circuit – known for its left-wing rulings – says these penalties amount to “cruel and unusual punishment” because the homeless have no choice.

No choice is another whopper. San Francisco

authorities report that 60% of homeless individuals living on the street refuse shelter when it’s offered.

Here in New York City, every homeless person is guaranteed shelter. When Mayor Eric Adams sends outreach teams from the Department of Homeless Services to the tent encampments, only about 5% take the offer for shelter. The other 95% choose living rough.

Justice Clarence Thomas got closest to this practical truth when he asked if the Grants Pass ordinance criminalizes lacking a home, or the deliberate decision to sleep rough instead of going to a shelter.

A big surprise is who is siding with Grants Pass – Democratic pols, including California Gov. Gavin Newsom, and a long list of big blue cities except – you guessed it – New York City.

Grants Pass lawyers explain that the 9th Circuit has “erected a judicial roadblock” affecting virtually every municipality in the West, preventing them from clearing encampments. The results are “crime, fires, the reemergence of medieval diseases, environmental harm, and record levels of drug overdoses, and deaths on public streets.”

Phoenix city officials, in a friend-of-the-court brief, complain that 9th Circuit judges are acting like “homeless policy czars,” usurping what local governments should decide. Justice Brett Kavanaugh echoed that, warning against having “federal courts micromanaging” homeless policy.

That’s what’s been happening. Anti-camping regulations adopted in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Portland, Oregon, were all barred following the 9th Circuit’s precedent. And that precedent has also been cited by courts in the rest of the U.S. as a reason to tolerate homeless encampments.

Grants Pass is so atypical of the larger cities

wrestling with homelessness that the outcome of the case is somewhat difficult to predict. It’s a town of 40,000 with a small, church-run shelter.

But Monday’s argument suggests the justices will rule 6-3 or 5-4 that municipalities can ban sleeping on public property. The ruling will affect the entire nation.

Except perhaps New York City, which is moving away from common sense.

The City Council adopted a “Homeless Bill of Rights” in 2023, making Gotham the only big city with an explicit right to sleep in public spaces. Mayor Adams did not veto it. There would have been no point. The law was adopted unanimously. What are city lawmakers thinking?

Homeless people deserve compassion, but allowing them to freeze to death or succumb to disease isn’t compassionate. Data show they are shortening their own lifespan by 30 years or more.

Jumaane Williams, the city’s public advocate, sponsored the “Homeless Bill of Rights,” blathering that the city must look at the root causes of homelessness rather than “stoking fear.”

But fear is warranted. And the public deserve clean, safe streets.

Fair warning: Williams is eyeing Adams’ job as mayor.

The court’s expected ruling will allow local authorities across the U.S. to crack down on homeless encampments. But the justices cannot command that they do it.

The law-abiding public – the real victims of homelessness – need to elect local leaders who will say “no” to preferring the rights of the homeless over the rights of the rest of us.

New York City voters, it’s up to you.

## Why student journalists matter

**Student reporters are working to keep our elected leaders accountable to voters.**

**By Quinn Mitchell**

*Quinn Mitchell is a high school freshman from Walpole, New Hampshire. He runs a podcast and has attended over 100 presidential campaign events.*

I live in a New England community where town hall meetings foster open dialogue — anyone can openly participate and inquire into public issues. If answers aren’t satisfactory, the audience can ask more questions.

Yet I’ve watched presidential candidates dodge and weave through straightforward questions with answers that never would have held up in town meetings: places where every citizen can be a journalist, seeking public answers and accountability from town officials (who typically answer to the voters gathered).

As a 16-year-old aspiring journalist who’s been called a “clown,” a “disruption” and a “joke,” it might be surprising that these pejoratives did not come from my siblings or classmates — they came from presidential campaign staff and political operatives.

I’ve asked presidential candidates pointed and respectful questions. “Did Trump violate the peaceful transfer of power?” Was January 6 “a danger to democracy?” While I ask questions to candidates on both sides of the political aisle, I mostly attended Republican events this primary cycle with the Democratic Party’s recent stripping of New Hampshire’s first-in-the-nation status.

Still, I’ve been removed from a Republican event by the police and physically intimidated by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis’ security team. At an “Our Great American Comeback” event in New Hampshire, DeSantis evaded responding to my question about the peaceful transfer of power. (His previous remarks stressed the importance of upholding the Founding Fathers’ key principles — the peaceful transfer of power being one of them.) A week later, DeSantis’ guards physically intimidated and removed me after I asked him to follow up on his January 6 “answer” — to which the Florida governor replied, “Come to my next event.”

Last November, I attended another event with former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. Even after following her Q&A instructions, she refused to answer my question, and I was moved along by Haley and her team.

My experiences are just part of a disturbing trend. Gen Z journalists are often shut down by authoritative figures and officials, and student journalists across the country are not guaranteed complete constitutional First Amendment protection — discouraging active participation from students and rousing fear of litigation.

Encouraging my generation to speak up and not be fearful is crucial, particularly with the looming 2024 presidential election in November. Young people have the power to enact real change; a Tufts study found that Gen Z will make up over 40 million voters this year, accounting for nearly one-fifth of the American electorate.

But keep in mind that we don’t know who’s running the show: super PACs or the candidates. Like many in our country, I worry about the prospect of escalating conflict due to growing political, social and economic

divisions. If a then-15-year-old’s questions provoked such hostility, we must pose more challenging questions to politicians, especially on topics they want to avoid or withhold from the public. The obsessive control, management of campaign events and media response I’ve experienced echo a long history of censorship in the US, dating back to the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798, which “made it made it a crime for American citizens to ‘print, utter, or publish...any false, scandalous, and malicious writing’ about the government.”

If officials across the political aisle can’t talk to each other with respect and understanding, how can we solve existential threats to our future? I’ve tried asking how candidates plan to address these issues. While some might think we’re “too young” to be concerned about or understand national policy, these outcomes determine our future: a future that Gen Z is increasingly concerned about.

Many people in my generation feel that we’re inheriting a troubled and burning world: one stripped of resources and devoid of the hope and possibilities that previous generations enjoyed.

Knowing the power of open access and seeing the lack of access on the campaign trail, I continue to explore my passion in journalism: the act of seeking truth from power — especially when that power is dodging and weaving. I decided to recast my experiences as a call to action, witnessing the political process with the critical eye of Gen Z and asking the hard questions that matter to the world around me — even when it gets a little scary.

I plan to do my part by practicing amateur journalism anywhere I can. I want to encourage my generation to participate in the process, to take their seats and to ask the questions that politicians seem most eager to avoid. It’s our legacy, right and responsibility.

## Overcrowding

Dear Editor:

We must focus on building more schools, parks or recreation centers for kids.

This city doesn’t need anymore restaurants, malls, apartments or condos. The City of Downey is completely overwhelmed with too many people.

**Pat Martinez  
Downey**

## YMCA funding

Dear Editor:

The City Council has no problem deciding to subsidize Stay Gallery’s costs another year, why not shift that money over to the YMCA where more Downey residents will benefit?

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

**Cinco de Mayo Festival**, 5-9 pm. Music, family-friendly entertainment, small business vendors, and more. Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th streets

**Poems from the Barrio**, 3 pm. Poet Donato Martinez hosts this live poetry reading featuring Cesar K. Avelar, Oscar Velasquez and David Alvarado. Downey City Library

**Assistance League Spring Fundraiser**, 5:30-10 pm. Assistance League invites all to "Be Our Guests" spring fundraiser event at the historic Casa de Parley Johnson. Event will include dinner, gaming tables, themed raffle baskets and more. Tickets available at Second Tyme Around Thrift Shoppe.

## SATURDAY, MAY 11

**Litter Cleanup**, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Meet at Independence Park

**Downey Street Fair**, 11 am to 6 pm. Live entertainment, small business vendors, food trucks, beer garden, kids zone, business showcase, and more. Brookshire Avenue between Firestone and 5th St.

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

**Mariachi Los Camperos**, 4 pm. An evening celebrating the Golden Era of mariachi music with composers and singers such as Agustin Lara, Maria Grever, Javier Solis and Manuel M. Ponce to more contemporary musicians like Juan Gabriel & Vicente Fernandez. Downey Theatre

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

**Volunteer Awards Banquet**, 6 pm. Downey's annual recognition of those invaluable volunteers who are essential to a healthy, vibrant, community. Produced by the Downey Coordinating Council and taking place at the Azar Event Center in Santa Fe Springs

## FRIDAY, MAY 17

**Gangs Out of Downey Scholarship Gala**, 6-9 pm. Gangs Out of Downey will present its annual scholarship to high school seniors. The black-tie gala will be held at The Arc

**Friday Night Flights**, 7-9 pm. Enjoy a casual conversation about exciting events in aerospace. Talks are geared towards adult audiences but all ages are welcome. Free. Columbia Memorial Space Center

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

**Touch A Truck**, 10 am to 1 pm. Emergency rescue demonstrations, vehicle extraction demonstration, vehicle fire demonstration,

Public Works trucks, police patrol vehicles, K9 unit, fire engines, construction equipment, and more. 10-11 is quiet hour - no sirens, horns or lights for those with sensitive ears and eyes. Independence Park

**Student Art Showcase**, 11 am to 8 pm. More than 600 pieces of student artwork will be on display. Opening remarks begin at 11:30 am. Free art kits for the first 100 students. Stonewood Center, between Sears and Toast

**Mark Yamanaka, Kupaoa, Hoku Zuttermeister in concert**, 7 pm. An authentic Hawaiian concert featuring three talented, award-winning recording artists. Downey Theatre

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

**Amor a Mi Madre**, 6 pm. Folklorico Revolution Dance Company and Mariachi Tierra Mia will be performing Mexican traditional songs and dances in the theme of Mexican Mother's Day. Downey Theatre

## MONDAY, MAY 20

**10-20 Club Golf Tournament**, 11 am. The 10-20 Club will hold its 13th annual golf tournament. Register by calling (562) 294-3315 or email info@1020club.org. Rio Hondo Golf Club

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

**Warren High School Graduation**, 6 pm. Veterans Stadium at Long Beach City College

## FRIDAY, MAY 31

**Woodruff Academy Promotion**, 10 am. Woodruff Academy Garden

**Downey High School Graduation**, 6 pm. Veterans Stadium at Long Beach City College

## MONDAY, JUNE 3

**Doty Middle School Promotion**, 6 pm. Downey High School football stadium

**Stauffer Middle School Promotion**, 6 pm. Warren High School football stadium

## TUESDAY, JUNE 4

**Griffiths Middle School Promotion**, 6 pm. Warren High School football stadium

**Sussman Middle School Promotion**, 6 pm. Downey High School football stadium

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

**Columbus High School Graduation**, 6 pm. Warren High School football stadium

## SATURDAY, MAY 8

**Litter Cleanup**, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful volunteers

in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Meet at See's Candy

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

**Downey Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**, 11 am. The 32nd annual Downey Chamber of Commerce golf tournament returns to the Rio Hondo Golf Club. For details, contact Sarah Sellers at (562) 923-2191, ext. 1.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The band Tease will play Top 40 hits. Furman Park

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The band Tania y Su Nueva Era will play Latin sounds. Furman Park

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The 1st Marine Division Band will play showtunes and patriotic songs. Furman Park

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Knyght Ryder will play hits from the 80s. Furman Park

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The Dreamboats will perform hits from the '50s and '60s. Furman Park

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Mariachi Las Catrinas performs Spanish hits. Furman Park

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Kings of 88 perform piano rock. Furman Park

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**Car Show**, 9 am to 3 pm. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis hosts its fourth annual car show, featuring hundreds of hot rods, customs, classics, lowriders, and more. Plus live music, vendors, raffles, and awards. Stonewood Center (behind Sears)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Concerts in the Park finish with a performance by the Downey Symphony. Furman Park

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

**National Night Out**, 5-8 pm. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Downey Civic Center

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

**Friday Night Flights**, 7-9 pm. Enjoy a casual conversation about exciting events in aerospace. Talks are geared towards adult audiences but all ages are welcome. Free. Columbia Memorial Space Center

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

**Mariachi Divas Reunion Concert**, 5 pm. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding, the original members of the Grammy Award-winning Mariachi Divas are reuniting for a special concert at the Downey Theatre

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**Beyond the Book Festival**. The Downey City Library's annual Beyond the Book Festival features live performances, workshops, author panels, food trucks, and more. More details to be announced in the coming months.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Gangs Out of Downey Golf Tournament**, 11 am. An 18-hole golf tournament to raise funds for Gangs Out of Downey. Rio Hondo Golf Club

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**Legends of Rock 'N Roll Concert**, 3 pm. Mark W. Curran performs his high-energy solo show as he pays tribute to Elvis, Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry and a cavalcade of artists from the Golden Age of Rock and Roll. Downey Theatre

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Downey Christmas Parade**, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade returns to Downey Avenue. Presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and Downey Collective.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

**Mariachi Divas Swingin' Navidad**, 8 pm. The Mariachi Divas are joined by guest vocalist Melinda Salcido and Ballet Folklorico de Los Angeles for a special Christmas concert at the Downey Theatre

# Downey Community Calendar

## 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.  
6:30 - 9 pm: Civil Air Patrol - Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138, at Downey Adult School, Room M104, call 714-402-5157.  
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.  
1st Tues., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
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.  
9 am: Quilters Group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
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 info please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith 861-5222.  
7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
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.  
7:30 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.  
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.

### FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.  
2nd Sat., 9-11 am: Free pancake breakfast, at Trinity Baptist Church in Downey, 8219 Florence Ave.

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1 Fail to win	70 Painter Magritte	4 Blow up: Abbr.
5 Roast beef au ___	71 Old Testament vessel	5 Green stones
8 ___ cost (gratis)	72 Wetland	6 WWW addresses
12 Link to the Web	73 Cuisine with crawfish	7 Farm pen
17 It borders Pakistan	75 Roll-call response	8 G sharp equivalent
18 Second section, perhaps	76 General ___'s chicken	9 Hardware store buys
20 Outfox	77 Diner serving	10 Word on the Canadian province list
21 Puccini production	78 Plug-in hybrids, for instance	11 Grand ___ Opry
22 Go head over heels	79 ___ voce (orally)	12 Sulks
25 Formal agreements	80 Subject matter	13 Milky gemstones
26 Flight-board posting	82 Paris-area hub	14 Say no to a negotiator
27 Till section	83 What many an ID has	15 Art Deco designer
28 Arboreal marsupial	84 Attach papers without staples	16 Sailboat pole
29 Bit of sleet	87 Slip up	18 Box opener of myth
30 Returns to custody	88 Move to and ___	19 Small swimsuits
32 Leaves rudely	89 Thoroughfare	23 Common billing period
33 21-Across performers	90 Unpleasant odors	24 Pitching great Ryan
34 "I'll second that!"	93 Tech support callers	29 Golf standard
35 New York college	96 German mathematician	31 Between ports
36 Armed conflict	98 Thrills, informally	32 Wild thing
37 Puck target	100 Exemplify	33 Keeps out
40 Betray apprehension	102 Start getting paid to play	35 Formally charge
44 Mascara mishap	103 A handful of	36 Whitman of verse
46 Metallic strand	104 EPA-banned pesticide	38 Icicle hangout
49 Much of Chile	105 Dining surface	39 Deuce beater
50 Adversities	106 Be forgotten	41 Trapped by routine
51 Fling with force	109 ___ wrench (workshop device)	42 Highly competitive
52 Brainstorm	110 Cardinal point	43 Justice Kagan
53 Go public with	111 ___-fatty acids	44 Wearing footwear
54 V8 veggie	112 Mambo king Puente	45 "Mass" news sources
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Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his/her sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

**Questions and Comments.** Direct all questions, inquiries, and comments regarding these Plans and Specifications only through the online Q&A at: <https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/finance/vendor-registration-open-bids>, on or before **Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** local time.

**Submittal.** Bids must be uploaded to the City of Downey Vendor Registration and Bid Opportunities online portal: <https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/finance/vendor-registration-open-bids>, on or before **Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** local time.

**Bid Deadline.** Bids received after the scheduled Submittal Deadline. The City reserves the right to extend the Submittal Deadline when it is in the best interest of the City.

**Bid Modifications.** Any Proposer who wishes to make modifications to a bid already received by the City must withdraw his/her bid in order to make the modifications. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that modified or withdrawn bids are resubmitted before the Submittal Deadline.

**Bid Withdrawal.** A Proposer may withdraw bid, without prejudice.

**Proprietary Information.** The original copy of each bid shall be retained for official files and will become public record after the award of a contract unless the bid or specific parts of the bid can be shown to be exempt by law.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

The Downey Patriot  
4/25/24, 5/2/24

## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, SITE PLAN REVIEW, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, DENSITY BONUS, AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PLN-23-00035

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL on the 14TH day of May, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

**Name of Project:** Foster Bridge and Bluff Community Residential Project

**Location:** 7360 Foster Bridge Boulevard

**Background:** On May 1, 2024, the Planning Commission voted on a motion to approve PLN-23-00035, which included a recommendation to the City Council to approve a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change related to the above referenced project. The motion passed on a 3-1 vote, and moves the project and all associated application request to the City Council for consideration on May 14, 2024.

**Applications/Requests:** GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, SITE PLAN REVIEW, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, DENSITY BONUS, AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (PLN-23-00035). A request to construct (33-unit townhome developments) on a 1.29-acre site located at in the northwestern portion of the City of Downey. The subject site is currently designated as Low Density Residential and zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential). The application includes requests for a General Plan Amendment to a Medium Density Residential land use designation and a Zone Change to the R-2-O (Multiple Family Ownership Residential) zone in order to facilitate the development of the proposed multifamily townhome development. The project includes a request for a State Density Bonus, with total of 31 base units and two (2) additional density bonus units. The project is eligible for a State Density Concession and the applicant is also requesting various development standard Waivers pursuant to State Density Bonus Law. The project application includes Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 84168 to establish separate parcels for townhome subdivision purposes.

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts was prepared for the proposed project and was made available on the City's website: <https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/community-development/planning/environmental-documents>

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

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For more information contact Alfonso Hernandez, Principal Planner, or Abraham Luna, Associate Planner at 562-904-7154 or via e-mail at [Planning@downeyca.org](mailto:Planning@downeyca.org)

The Downey Patriot  
5/2/24

## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 22-20 AND 22-21 RESIDENTIAL STREETS PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT, AREA 5 AND 7

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Downey is seeking bids for performing all work necessary and incidental to the completion of **Capital Improvement Project No. 22-20 and 22-21 – Residential Streets Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Area 5 and 7**

The Plans and Specifications can be obtained through the City of Downey Vendor Registration and Bid Opportunities online portal: <https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/finance/vendor-registration-open-bids>.

Electronically Uploaded Bids: Contractors must upload bids to the City of Downey Vendor Registration and Bid Opportunities online portal: <https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/finance/vendor-registration-open-bids> on or before **Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** local time.

Bids received after the above-cited time will be considered a late bid and not accepted.

Bids will not be opened publicly, and the City will endeavor to keep such confidential until a preferred service provider is recommended to the City Council.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on 277 street segments in Area 5 and 7 of the City of Downey. This project includes the application of cape seal and type II slurry seal, reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement, construction of asphalt concrete leveling course, base course, and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes removal and reconstruction of uplifted, damaged, or substandard curb, gutter, cross gutters and spandrels, sidewalk, driveway approach, and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings, and loop detectors; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 22-20 and 22-21.**

Each bid shall be accompanied by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, as guarantee the bidder will, if an award is made to him or her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311 and to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the bid guarantee.

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

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

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

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

Each Contractor submitting a bid for his/her other work shall complete and submit all of the forms included in the Project Specifications, Proposal, including but not limited to the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the bid may disqualify the bid.

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

Pursuant to California Public Contract

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

**Questions and Comments.** Direct all questions, inquiries, and comments regarding these Plans and Specifications only through the online Q&A at: <https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/finance/vendor-registration-open-bids>, on or before **Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** local time.

**Submittal.** Bids must be uploaded to the City of Downey Vendor Registration and Bid Opportunities online portal: <https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/finance/vendor-registration-open-bids>.

**Bid Deadline.** Bids received after the scheduled Submittal Deadline. The City reserves the right to extend the Submittal Deadline when it is in the best interest of the City.

**Bid Modifications.** Any Proposer who wishes to make modifications to a bid already received by the City must withdraw his/her bid in order to make the modifications. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that modified or withdrawn bids are resubmitted before the Submittal Deadline.

**Bid Withdrawal.** A Proposer may withdraw bid, without prejudice.

**Proprietary Information.** The original copy of each bid shall be retained for official files and will become public record after the award of a contract unless the bid or specific parts of the bid can be shown to be exempt by law.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

The Downey Patriot  
4/25/24, 5/2/24

## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-30 WELL NO. 9 REHABILITATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **10:00 AM on Thursday, May 16, 2024** which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 23-30 Well No. 9 Rehabilitation.**

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the well site. Please contact Matt Robertson at [mrobertson@downeyca.org](mailto:mrobertson@downeyca.org) for the site address.

The work to be performed under this Contract consists of the rehabilitation of Well No. 9. The work to be performed consists of sediment removal, mechanical cleaning with nylon brush, post-mechanical cleaning dual-cam downhole video survey, casing patch, chemical cleaning, post-mechanical cleaning dual-cam downhole video survey, sediment removal, initial redevelopment by pumping and surging, post-rehabilitation well testing, oil/sediment removal, well disinfection, and sampling, discharge tanks, associated material, and clean-up, new submersible motor, new submersible bowl assembly, new submersible cable, new Lakewood style check valve, new sections of column pipe, new 1/4" stainless steel airline, gauge and fittings, refurbished discharge head, traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with these Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 23-30.

**Specifications** for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$35.00 per set.** The cost of said Specifications is non-refundable. Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-30.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified cashier's check or by corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid: promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid **State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C57, "Well Drilling Contractor."**

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

April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

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

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

**Mr. Matt Robertson,**  
**Superintendent of Utilities**  
**E-Mail:** [mrobertson@downeyca.org](mailto:mrobertson@downeyca.org)  
**Tel:** (562) 904-7202  
**Fax:** (562) 869-9832

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

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
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4/25/24, 5/2/24

## LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

### PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IMPERIAL CAMPUS NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING

#### A. GENERAL CONTRACTORS B-GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR OR A-GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR

#### B. MECHANICAL SUBCONTRACTORS C-20 WARM-AIR HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTOR C-28 REFRIGERATION CONTRACTOR C-43 SHEET METAL CONTRACTOR

#### C. PLUMBING SUBCONTRACTORS C-16 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTOR C-34 PIPELINE CONTRACTOR C-36 PLUMBING CONTRACTOR C-42 SANITATION SYSTEM CONTRACTOR

#### D. ELECTRICAL SUBCONTRACTORS C-7 LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR C-10 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

#### E. DEEP SOIL MIXING SUBCONTRACTORS A-GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lynwood Unified School District will accept Pre-Qualification Applications to pre-qualify General Contractors, Mechanical Subcontractors, Electrical Subcontractors, Plumbing Subcontractors and Deep Soil Mixing Subcontractors for construction of the Lynwood High School Imperial Campus New Classroom Building ("Project") as described herein.

**1. Project Description.** Project Scope Summary. The Project is a 3-story 156,384 square foot facility with 71 classrooms. The classroom count includes a kiln/multiuse building. The classroom main structure is a steel moment frame with sideplate connections and metal stud infill framing. The kiln/multiuse building is a CMU structure with steel moment frame infill. The main structure exterior includes architectural aluminum panels at overhangs and selected window openings and storming window systems. The lightweight gathering space includes fire curtains. Interiors include corridors, two (2) elevators, fire-rated wall and ceiling assemblies and sealed concrete floors. Sitework improvements include exterior walls and fences throughout, several standalone canopies with metal cladding, landscaping, hardscape, concrete benches, irrigation, fire lane replacement and re-routing of miscellaneous site utilities.

**Deferred Approval Items.** The general contractor will be responsible for completing design and obtaining DSA approval for the following deferred approval items: (i) curtain wall systems; (ii) storefronts or windows over 10'0" in height; (iii) translucent skylights; and (iv) elevator guiderails.

**Project Programming.** Project classrooms will be utilized for general education, special education and career training education programs including culinary, E-sports, medical technology, arts and science.

**Mechanical Scope Summary.** The mechanical equipment consists of variable refrigerant flow (VRF) systems throughout the Project with heat recovery, fully ducted system with general exhaust for applicable space. Science labs incorporate fume hoods and vent hood in culinary spaces. HVAC split units, ceiling, and storming closets and spaces. Mechanical equipment and systems are subject to start-up and commissioning requirements. The estimated Construction Costs for the Project mechanical scope is Sixteen Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$16,800,000).

**Electrical Scope Summary.** The electrical scope of work includes new electrical distribution, various types LED light fixtures (cessed, suspended, wall mounted, etc.), low voltage lighting controls, audio-visual systems, public announcement equipment/systems, telecommunications cabling and outlets throughout and site lighting augmentation. Network connectivity will be by low voltage intermediate distribution frame (IDF) rooms with fiber interconnection to existing main distribution frame ( MDF). Hardware access controls, security intrusion systems with sensors and security cameras and fully automated evacuation voice evacuation fire alarm system are incorporated into the Project. The estimated Construction Costs for the Project mechanical scope is Sixteen Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$16,800,000)

**Plumbing Scope Summary.** Full plumbing throughout with domestic cold and hot water and sanitary sewer service. Science labs incorporate acid waste lines. The culinary area includes a grease interceptor. Natural gas lines serve the science and culinary spaces. A fully automatic fire sprinkler system is incorporated. Plumbing related sitework include new sewer point of connection to city and fire-water service and storm water re-routing. The estimated Construction Costs for the Project plumbing scope is Six Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,800,000).

**Deep Soil Mixing Scope Summary.** Installation of Deep Soil Mixing sub-surface cement slurry stabilization columns. Deep Soil Mixing work includes installation of Deep Soil Mixing columns, verification of relative heights, depths and sizes of Deep Soil

Mixing columns along with testing to design standards, requirements and parameters. The estimated Construction Costs for the Project Deep Soil Mixing scope is Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000)

**2. Pre-Qualification Applications.** The District will accept completed Pre-Qualification Applications for the following:

General Contractors (B-General Building Contractor OR A-General Engineering Contractor)

First Tier Mechanical Subcontractors (including work of the following Contractors License Classifications):  
C-20 Warm Air-Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Contractor  
C-28 Refrigeration Contractor  
C-43 Sheet Metal Contractor

First Tier Electrical Subcontractors (including work of the following Contractors License Classifications):  
C-7 Low Voltage Systems Contractor  
C-10 Electrical Contractor

First Tier Plumbing Subcontractors (including work of the following Contractors License Classifications):  
C-16 Fire Protection Contractor  
C-34 Pipeline Contractor  
C-36 Plumbing Contractor  
C-42 Sanitation System Contractor

First Tier Deep Soil Mixing Subcontractors A-General Engineering Contractor

**3. General Contractor Pre-Qualification.** Bidders who intend to submit a Bid Proposal as the General Contractor for the Project must: (i) complete the Pre-Qualification Application; (ii) provide complete and accurate responses to the Pre-Qualification Application; and (iii) based on the Pre-Qualification Application standards, be deemed a Pre-Qualified Bidder. The Pre-Qualification Application includes statements of the Bidder's experience and completion of public works projects. A uniform system of rating bidders will be applied to determine whether each prospective Bidder is deemed Pre-Qualified to submit a Bid Proposal for the Project. **The District will not accept or consider Pre-Qualification Applications during the bidding process for the Project.**

**4. First Tier Subcontractors Pre-Qualification.** Subcontractors who seek to be a first tier subcontractor (a contractor under direct privity of contract to the General Contractor) must: (i) complete the Pre-Qualification Application for the applicable Subcontract; (ii) provide complete and accurate responses to the Pre-Qualification Application; and (iii) based on the Pre-Qualification Application standards for the applicable Subcontract, be deemed a Pre-Qualified Subcontractor that may be listed on the Subcontractors List of a Pre-Qualified General Contractor ("Pre-Qualified Subcontractors"). **Pre-Qualified General Contractors may only list Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Deep Soil Mixing Subcontractors during the bidding process for the Project.**

**Pre-Qualification Application Form.** All Pre-Qualification Applications shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District which may be obtained from the District at: [dnavarro@mysulod.org](mailto:dnavarro@mysulod.org) OR [purchasingfinal@mysulod.org](mailto:purchasingfinal@mysulod.org)

**5. Latest Date/Time for Pre-Qualification Application Submittal.** The latest datatime for submitting completed Pre-Qualification Applications to the District is: 11:00 AM Friday, May 24, 2024. Bidders are solely responsible for timely submitting completed Pre-Qualification Applications. The District will not review or consider a Pre-Qualification Application submitted after the latest date/time for submitting Pre-Qualification Applications.

**6. Submittal of Completed Pre-Qualification Application.** Completed Pre-Qualification Applications must be submitted to the District by email at: [dnavarro@mysulod.org](mailto:dnavarro@mysulod.org) OR [purchasingfinal@mysulod.org](mailto:purchasingfinal@mysulod.org) or by hand-delivery to the District at: Lynwood Unified School District, District Administration Office, 11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262, Attn: Purchasing Department.

Lynwood Unified School District  
May 24, 2024

The Downey Patriot  
4/25/24, 5/2/24

## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE PLAN REVIEW AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-23-00123

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 15th day of May, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

**Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit (PLN-23-00123):** A request to construct a new 3,481 sq. ft. Raising Cane's restaurant with an additional 717 sq. ft. of covered outdoor dining area. The application also includes a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a drive-thru operation holding a minimum of 17 vehicle spaces. The property is located at 9000 Telegraph Road, on property zoned C-2.

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303 (Class 3; new construction or conversion of small structures).

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For more information contact Principal Planner Alfonso Hernandez, at 562-904-7154 or at [ashernandez@downeyca.org](mailto:ashernandez@downeyca.org).

The Downey Patriot

5/2/24

## NOTICES

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

**CASE NUMBER: 24NWCP00157**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RUDY MEZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) RUDY MEZA to Proposed name (1) RAUL D CALLEZA  
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.

## CLASSIFIEDS

<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>NICE-N-KLEAN</b> Residential &amp; Commercial Cleaning. Call for a Free Estimate. <b>(562) 419-6577</b></p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>FINE ROOFING, INC.</b> Roof Repair &amp; Leaks Free Estimate•Quality Service Senior Discount. Lic 976823 <b>(562) 879-4987</b></p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>FULL SERVICE 24/7 PLUMBING</b> Snr Discount, Bonded, Insured &amp; Licensed C-36 #759646 BBB Grade A+ <b>McKinnon &amp; Sons</b> Plumbing of Downey <b>(562) 904-3616</b></p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>HANDY CRAFTSMAN SERVICE</b> for all your home improvements &amp; repairs. All labor and material guaranteed. <b>(562) 331-0976</b></p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>APPLIANCE TECH HAS ARRIVED</b> House calls. Same day rapid service all major brands. Washers, dryers, ovens, stoves, refrigerators, etc. Senior citizen discount. <b>(562) 866-4291</b> <b>(310) 251-3018</b></p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>GENERAL CONTRACTOR</b> Kitchen &amp; Bath Remodeling Doors, Windows &amp; Floors <b>(562) 307-7315</b> <b>CSLB# 1036011</b></p>
<p><b>ALL ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING WORK</b> Lic 965519 &amp; Bonded Jobs start at \$35, free estimate Call Erik (323) 228-4500</p>					

702.562.3570 (fax)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

YACK CONSTRUCTION, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. MEHINOO IRANI, an individual; DOES 1-10 and ROE CORPORATIONS 1-10, inclusive., Defendants.

CASE NO.: A-22-862961-C

DEPT. NO. XXIII

**SUMMONS NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOU BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff against you for the relief set forth in the complaint.

MEHINOO IRANI  
12343 Chavers Avenue  
Downey, CA 90242

- If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 21 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:
  - File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.
  - Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
- If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
- The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this summons within which to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the complaint.

STEVEN D. GRIERSON, CLERK OF THE COURT  
By: /s/ Demond Palmer  
DATED: 12/22/2022  
Deputy Clerk  
Regional Justice Center  
200 Lewis Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Issued at the direction of:  
BOYACK ORME & ANTHONY  
By: /s/ Edward D. Boyack  
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Nevada Bar No. 005229  
7432 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 101  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89117  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTE: When service is by publication, add a brief statement of the object of the action. See Rules of Civil Procedure 4(b)

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4/25/24, 5/2/24, 5/9/24, 5/16/24

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 23AHCV01804  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL

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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Kim Carlton; and Frederick Carlton  
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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.  
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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Pasadena Courthouse  
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The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):  
Moustafa Harfoush, 100 Pine Street, Suite 1250, San Francisco, CA 94111, Telephone: 415-964-0040  
Date (Fecha): 08/08/2023  
DAVID W. SLAYON, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ CLERK OF THE COURT, J. CALDERON, DEPUTY  
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**TRUSTEE SALES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 18-20560-SP-CA Title No. 180300640-CA-VOL A.P.N. 6365-001-044 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/16/2006. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Vanessa Huerta, a single woman. Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 08/23/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1879656 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: : 06/03/2024 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,260,680.36 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8810 Smallwood Avenue, Downey, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6365-001-044 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address

or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g 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 866-539-4173 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 18-20560-SP-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 website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: 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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," 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 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 18-20560-SP-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 a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

\*Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 04/24/2024 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 866-539-4173; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4815726 05/02/2024, 05/09/2024, 05/16/2024

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T.S. No. 119715-CA APN: 6248-029-001 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/7/2018. 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 6/13/2024 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/16/2018 as Instrument No. 20180827594 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by, LAWRENCE E. ZOWADA AND ROSEMARY D. ZOWADA, TRUSTEE OF THE ZOWADA FAMILY LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2002. 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 ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11827 POMERING RD, DOWNEY, CA 90241 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: \$380,629.03 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 mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g 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 (800) 280-2832 or visit this internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 119715-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. If you are an "eligible bidder," 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.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 119715-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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# Class of 2024!

<b>PROMOTION</b> Class of 2024 - Celebrating the Class of 2024	<b>CIRCULATION</b> 25,000 The Downey Patriot	<b>DEADLINES</b> Space Reservation: May 7, 2024  Camera Ready Artwork: May 16, 2024  Edition: May 30, 2024
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# Downey comes together for the Carpenters

My profound thanks and deepest gratitude to Richard Carpenter who, although no longer a Downey resident, lived here for over 30 years. Richard, accompanied by his wife, Mary, returned to his hometown on Saturday night for the final event of the celebration. He visited the library to see the city's Carpenters Collection and was quite impressed with the beautiful display. He then made his way over to the Embassy Suites and spent over an hour sharing memories of his illustrious and legendary career. Mayor Trujillo presented him with a city proclamation. The plaque which will be installed at Furman Park commemorating Richard and Karen's first public performance together there in 1963 was unveiled. The plaque project is a joint effort initiated by fans and supported by the city. Richard was also given a replica of the plaque and Downey "Future Unlimited" t-shirts. Our city motto has played a very special role in his life since he first saw it on a sign when his family arrived here almost 61 years ago. After posing for a group photo, he stayed to shake hands, sign autographs, and take photos with his devoted fans.

Needless to say, the entire 55th Anniversary Celebration left everyone feeling "on top of the world" here in the "Home of the Carpenters".

*Kathy Crowe Perez is a Downey resident, retired educator and advocate for the preservation of Downey's historic and cultural resources.*



Janice Hahn visits the damage fire station in Huntington Park on Wednesday.

## Blaze damages fire station in Huntington Park

HUNTINGTON PARK – A fire damaged a Los Angeles County Fire Department station in Huntington Park Wednesday, but no one was hurt.

The fire was reported at about 4 a.m. in Station 164, a two-story building in the 6000 block of Santa Fe Avenue, according to the county fire department, which provides firefighting services for the city of Huntington Park.

The flames were extinguished in about an hour and 20 minutes, the department reported.

"I just got to Fire Station 164 and am getting an update from Deputy Chief O'Brien," Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn said in a post on X, accompanied by photos of Hahn touring the damaged facility. "This is one of the busiest in my district -- serving not only Huntington Park, but responding to calls across Southeast LA. ... The smell is acrid. Much of the station is completely destroyed. The ceiling lights have melted."

The cause of the fire was under investigation.



Michael Calvert is administered the oath of office by Martha Sodetani on Wednesday at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center.

## Calvert elected president of Coordinating council

DOWNEY – Michael Calvert was installed Wednesday to serve a second consecutive term as president of Downey Coordinating Council.

The Downey Coordinating Council is a monthly gathering of representatives from various civic and service organizations who meet to share information about their events and activities of interest to the public.

Its membership reflects the broad range of organizations and volunteers serving the southeast area.

Calvert is executive director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and served on the Carpenters 55th anniversary committee.

## Cerritos Library hosting sale

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a one-day book sale from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 in the Cerritos Library.

The sale will be held on the first floor, near the Craftsman area. A large selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue in the Cerritos Civic Center.

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# In Lynwood, 'Dreamer' students learn college options

LYNWOOD – Dreamer students from Lynwood Unified School District were empowered with vital support, resources and the inspiration to chase their higher education aspirations during the district's annual Dreamers Conference on April 19.

During the conference, now in its eighth year,



Lynwood and Firebaugh high schools students heard from inspiring speakers Andrew Roldan, a Lynwood alumnus, community leader Francisco Moreno and entrepreneur Vincent Ortiz, who shared their moving stories and firsthand advice on navigating challenges as undocumented students, known as Dreamers. Informative workshops covered the misconceptions about college access, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), financial aid and scholarships. Students also accessed financial, legal and health resources.

"This event is made to empower DACA and

undocumented students and give them many resources for their future college choices," said senior Kayleen Martinez, president of the Dreamers Club at Firebaugh High School and an aspiring immigration lawyer.

"I hope the students who attended today find their voice and explore their opportunities through the different college resources here," she said. "I want these students to know not to give up and there's always someone you can talk to. You can go to college."

AB540, passed in 2001, holds significance as a pivotal piece of legislation

championed by the late assemblyman, after whom Firebaugh High School is named. The historic law allows undocumented California high school graduates to benefit from in-state college tuition rates, opening doors to higher education for many deserving students.

Students concluded the event with a lively lunch session, where they networked with clubs and organizations that support their journeys at Lynwood Unified, such as the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health, Immigrant Student Success, Cerritos College and Lynwood High School United Dreamers.

"The annual Marco Antonio Firebaugh Memorial Dreamers Conference embodies our District's resolute dedication to supporting and empowering all students," Superintendent Gudiel R Crosthwaite, Ph.D. said. "We envision this event as a catalyst for them to unlock their utmost potential, both academically and personally, and pursue their higher education dreams."

## DFCU HYGIENE DRIVE



With the generosity and support of Downey Federal Credit Union members, partners and dedicated team, the credit union provided 500 hygiene kits to those directly facing hygiene insecurity.

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# Dark Harbor returning to Queen Mary in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – Dark Harbor is returning to the Queen Mary in Long Beach this fall after a four-year absence.

The Queen Mary's Dark Harbor - The Spirits Rise will debut on Friday, Sept. 20, and run select nights through Saturday, Nov. 2.

"Dark Harbor has become an iconic part of our city's

Halloween celebrations, and we are excited to once again transform the Queen Mary into a haunted spectacle for scare-goers," Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson said at a kick-off event Tuesday. "Having brought in hundreds of thousands of visitors to Long Beach in years past, its return is another major step in the Queen Mary's recovery and return to a premier tourist

attraction." Dark Harbor originally ran from 2010 through 2019. After the pandemic lockdowns and a city takeover of the tourist attraction, the area around The Queen Mary was the site of the Shaqtoberfest Halloween celebration the past two years.

Tickets for Dark Harbor will go on sale this summer, with specific attractions for this year's event to be announced later. However, organizers promise "fan favorites from the past as well as many new surprises" among the haunted mazes, live entertainment, themed food and lounges, and experiences aboard the ship.

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